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CHRISTMAS ANGEL

This Christmas angel is for you. It used to be mine and now it is yours. When it was mine I prayed over it and asked our GOD to use this angel to help excite our students about angels in their personal lives.

This Christmas angel has a double use, both natural and spiritual. In the natural realm it is a refrigerator magnet in the shape of an angel.

In the spiritual realm your Christmas angel is bringing an important message to you.

Psalm 91:11, " For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

What a shame that the devil quoted that verse and turned it into a half-truth when he tempted JESUS. A half-truth is often more dangerous than an outright lie. AS a result some Christians have become afraid of angels. A few have even erroneously thought that Paul's message about angels should be taken as a warning to stay away from angels altogether.

Col. 2:18, "Let no man beguile you of your reward in (by) ... worshipping of angels."

If you let someone trick you into worshipping angels - you will loose your reward. And what is your reward concerning angels?

Hebrews 1:14, "Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

I like that! Our GOD has told our angels to take care of us and be our ministers. A minister is a servant (see Strong's). Many students have already started to use their personal angel. It is a bad thing to let someone trick you into worshipping your own servant.

"Wait a minute," an astute Bible student says. "Doesn't the Bible say man is a little lower than angels? Doesn't that mean that we should do what angels say - not tell angels what to do?"

No it doesn't - because that erroneous idea is from a translation error.

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Hebrews 2:7 is a quote from Psalm 8:4-5 which should read, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than God (ELOHIM)."

But the Septuagint erroneously translated the passage saying, "Thou made him (man) a little lower than 'angelos' (a Greek word for angels)." The text used ELOHIM, the Hebrew word for God, but the translators chose the Greek word for angel. How sad!

The priority order really is: first GOD, then men, finally angels. But the erroneous translators made it: first God, then angels, lastly men. Also, church tradition has not helped us to learn truth about angels. It is one thing for God to send his angels to help you out of a jam and/or give you a message. It's quite another thing for you to send your angel minister on an errand for you. Don't let Satan or the translators scare you out of dispatching your angel servant on business that will help you.

My Christmas prayer for you this year is: May our GOD use this Christmas angel to help teach you to wholesomely master your relationship with all angels.

My responsibility is to be a good, steward with the money that our GOD has trusted me to oversee. So I searched for a Christmas gift that is both practical for you and inexpensive for this ministry. This angel magnet is so practical for you that it may last you through the whole coming millennium. It meets both your needs and mine because it cost our Bible School less than a postage stamp, due to the large quantity purchased. Remember, its the thought - not the cost of the gift that counts. You know that this engineer turned Bible student and teacher is practical and frugal. So I am super happy to send this Christmas angel present to you.

Praise GOD! The end of the year has come again and we are not behind in the payments on any of our bills. In addition to prayer to GOD (EL ELYON) in the name of JESUS CHRIST, we also dispatched our personal angels to help us this year.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR INCOME
TAX DEDUCTIONS RESULTING FROM YOUR GIFTS TO
THE DAVID EBAUGH BIBLE SCHOOL

Generally, any amount in excess of the fair market value of materials and/or services, that you may have received as a result of your contribution to the DAVID EBAUGH BIBLE SCHOOL, is tax deductible under section 170 IRC of 1954, per Rev. Rul. 67-246.

OUR TAX NAME AND NUMBER

Our tax name and number is, "DAVID EBAUGH BIBLE SCHOOL, COR, IAOGI, IRS GEN. 1621." You may need this information (but you may not need it) if you itemize your contributions to us on your income tax forms.

BIG TAX CHANGE

But, to tell the WHOLE truth, the law deceptively changed around 1986, and that shift adversely affected people who give to ANY non-profit organization. Formerly, anyone who gave could receive a tax deduction. Now, the only people who receive tax deductions for contributions are those who file schedule "A." Generally, they also must have total deductions exceeding 30% of their total income. The IRS says only 1 out of 10 people are in that class. You can still get a tax break if you give to the DAVID EBAUGH BIBLE SCHOOL (or most other religious groups), but now you must be in that special class of people who file Schedule "A."

TOO COMPLICATED?

The tax change is so complicated that many church officials will not discuss it publicly for fear that people will not understand. They may think that something has gone wrong with their church. Nothing went wrong with the church in tax matters; it went wrong with our government in Washington. The effect of that covert change in the law is that now, fewer than 1 out of 10 church members receive any income tax deductions from tithes or gifts they made to ANY religious groups.

A HALF TRUTH

Our government told us they reduced our taxes for the last several years. That's a half-truth that is more dangerous than an outright lie. The WHOLE truth is that our government removed the normal tithe and/or gift deduction for more than 9 out of 10 givers, resulting in more taxes for Christian givers and less tax for non-givers.

The government took the tax increase that was paid by church people (mostly Christians) and passed it back to non-givers in the form of a Standard Deduction (of 30%) for them. Your neighbor paid less and you paid more and the government got about the same amount from the whole transaction. But Washington claims they reduced taxes, so the TV & newspaper reporters parrot the half-truth. Neat political trick?

GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Many churches still continue to say that gifts to them are tax deductible, playing the government tune. That's just not the WHOLE truth, anymore. That's misleading unless you know the WHOLE story.

For the record, this is not a request for more money and/or another offering. This is an information letter about the tax changes that stealthily removed your deductions and raised your taxes, while lowering taxes for people who do not give. Most church people still don't know these facts.

HALF TRUTH OR WHOLE TRUTH?

The serpent told a HALF truth and Grandpa Adam and Grandma Eve believed it. Now look what a mess it caused us. I told you the WHOLE truth. Nine out of ten Christians don't get a tax break for gifts to ANY church, anymore. Nearly every person who gives to any ministry in order to get a tax break is in a sorry mess now.

Are there other ministries in the U.S. that teach this WHOLE truth about the tax mess? If this information about the hidden change in the tax law causes you to lose any peace then you should ask your attorney, C.P.A. or tax advisor about it. That's why they are there.

FOR YOUR

ATTORNEY, C.P.A.

AND/OR TAX ADVISOR

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Please pray for us.