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## Maudie's Naughties



### Old Bones

A scientist and his wife are touring the museum at Big Bone Lick State Park and the man decides to test a janitor who works there by asking how old the bones of a certain mammoth displayed are.

"Ten thousand, seven years, six months and seven days," replies the janitor without hesitation.

"That's an awfully exact number," says the scientist. "Just exactly how do you know their age so precisely?"

"Well," replies the janitor. "I've been working here seven years, six months and seven days, and they were ten thousand years old when I started."

### Wrong Answer

A husband and wife are getting ready for bed. The wife is standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself. "You know, dear," she says, "I look in the mirror, and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, my butt is hanging out a mile, I've got fat legs, and my arms are all flabby."

She turns to her husband and says, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself."

He thinks about it for a bit and then says in a soft, thoughtful voice, "Well, there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

Services will be held for him Saturday in Richmond.

### Brave at the Dentist's Office

The Smiths are shown into the dentist's office, where Mr. Smith makes it clear he is in a big hurry.

"No fancy stuff, Doctor," he orders. "No gas or needles or any of that stuff. Just pull the tooth and get it over with."

"I wish more of my patients were as brave as you," says the dentist admiringly. "Now, which tooth is it?"

Mr. Smith turns to his wife. "Show him your tooth, Honey."

### Just Rewards

A woman is arrested for shoplifting. When she goes before the judge he asks her, "What did you steal?"

She replies, "A bracelet."

The judge asks her why she had stolen it, and she replies that she thought it was pretty.

The judge then asks her how many stones were in the bracelet. She replies, "6."

The judge says, "Then I'll give you 6 months in jail."

Suddenly her husband stands up in the courtroom and says, "She stole a 27-stone necklace, too!"

### Pay Lake

A man from the city who is fishing at the pay lake, sits down to fish beside Pa. The man notices after awhile that Pa has caught a basket full of fish when he hasn't even gotten a bite. "How can you catch so many fish?" the man asks.

"Because I've gotten smarter from eating fish heads," replies Pa.

The man decides to try that; so, Pa cuts the heads of the fish he has caught and sells them to the man for \$8 apiece.

The next week the man shows up again at the pay lake and says, "Hey, I don't think eating those fish heads made me any smarter, and I just found out I could have bought the whole fish for \$4 each."

"See," says Pa. "You're smarter already!"

### Chickens

Pa sends Junior to a neighbor's farm down the road to buy some chickens, but Junior drops the crate on the way home and the chickens go scurrying off in every direction. He finally makes it back home just before dark and Pa meets him at the gate.

"What took you so long, boy?" says Pa. "I had to milk all the cows by myself."

"I dropped the crate," admits Junior. "But I ran all over the neighborhood and managed to find all twelve of them."

"That's pretty good," says Pa. "Considering you left the neighbor's with only seven."

### Close Shave

A cowboy walks into a barber shop, sits down on the barber's chair and says, "I'll have a shave and a shoe shine."

The barber begins to lather the cowboy's face while a beautiful and most desirable woman kneels down and begins to shine his shoes.

"Young lady," says the cowboy. "You and I should go and spend some time together."

She replies, "I'm married and my husband wouldn't like that."

The cowboy says, "Just tell him you're working overtime, and I'll pay the difference."

"You tell him," she says. "He's the one shaving you."

## Arrangement of stars and planets on September 23rd

# No one knows when the end of time will be

Dear Editor:

There has been some speculation about the arrangement of the stars and planets to occur on September 23, 2017. Some are saying this is a sign of the end of time and I would like to comment to the effect that no one knows when the end of time will be based on the words of Jesus (Mat. 24:35-44). Those who are advancing this idea use Revelation 12 as Biblical support for the theory, but this chapter does not support such a notion. So, what's it all about?

Revelation 12 speaks of a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon at her feet, with a crown of 12 stars, giving birth to a man child who is caught up to God and his throne. The theory being considered says the woman is the constellation Virgo because, on September 23, the sun will be at the shoulder and the moon at the feet of Virgo. In addition, the constellation Leo with its typical nine stars plus the three planets of Mercury, Venus, and Mars, will be at the top of Virgo representing the crown of 12 stars. Also, Jupiter will be in the midst of Virgo representing the man child who is born and becomes a King. Supposedly, this means there is an earth-shaking event about to take place, possibly ushering in the end of time.

However, from the scientific perspective, the sun being in Virgo and the moon at her feet happens every single September based on the movement of the moon and the stars. Jupiter in the midst of Virgo occurs every 11-12 years based

on the orbit of Jupiter. Leo at the head with his nine stars is not unusual, but why just nine? Leo is sometimes represented with 10 stars and it has many more than that. The ones advancing the theory say the three planets around the head of Virgo have not been in this position with all the others in their place in 7,000 years. However, experts say this has occurred at least four times just in the past 1,000 years, each time in September: 1827, 1483, 1293, and 1056. It just so happens that one of those years also held a total eclipse of the sun: 1293 (which was 724 years ago).

From the Biblical perspective, the study of the stars and planets (called Astronomy) is a noble pursuit (Gen. 1:14-19, Job 38:31-33). But, the idea that the stars predict or guide the future (called Astrology) is without support (Isaiah 47:11-15, Dan. 1:20, 2:27-28). Also, trying to use the book of Revelation to predict the end of time is to miss the theme and purpose of the book. Revelation is mostly about things that "must shortly come to pass" and the events were "at hand" (Rev. 1:1, 1:3, 22:6, 22:10). Taking the book out of its context makes it meaningless for the early Christians to whom it was originally addressed. It was given to encourage them to remain faithful in the face of persecution and they would be victorious (Rev. 2:10, 3:5, 3:21). That same message is what we benefit from today as well.

The meaning of Revelation 12 probably has to do

with the birth of Christ and his ascension into heaven to the right hand of God where he sat down on his throne (see Acts 2:29-36). His birth came about according to the promises of God through the Old Testament family of God (the woman portrayed in a glorious, God-given role) and his followers are called the remnant of the seed of the woman. Her seed is said to be those "who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 12:17). And they are able to overcome the great red dragon "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11).

In conclusion, Revelation 12 has nothing to do with the movement of the stars and planets to take place on September 23 and it is not a sign for the end of time. We can be certain about this because the Bible positively says there will be no signs given for the end of time. Many say there are signs, but there are none. Mat-

thew 24 is often quoted, but mistakenly so, for the signs mentioned in that chapter had to do with the destruction of Jerusalem which occurred in A.D. 70. The early Christians were forewarned by Christ about this event, saw the signs, and escaped harm during that horrible desolation. But concerning the time when heaven and earth shall pass away, Jesus said, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Mat. 24:35-36). Further, our Lord said his second coming will be like the days of Noah when they knew not when the flood was coming until it came (Mat. 24:37-39). What we are taught to do is "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.... Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Mat. 24:42, 44). May God bless us all as we live in this world trying to follow his word to a better place.

Sincerely, Tony Belcher

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