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THINGS NON-PENTECOSTALS DON’T KNOW

— About The Rapture & *The Magic Twins*™ —

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From #rap-9—

Passivity might be okay for those hoping for a participation trophy. But God rewards those who seek Him **DILIGENTLY**. At least that is what is written at Hebrews 11:6.



Among the critical lessons I have learned since I decided to start studying the scriptures for myself and not simply taking the word of Bible “experts” is this: Many, many of those “experts” haven’t done even their basic homework.

So how did they learn what they preach to the rest of us? They got it from other “experts,” most of whom learned it from other “experts,” many of whom hadn’t done their basic homework, either.

If you have been paying attention (really paying attention), that is no surprise to you. Human nature is, in fact, the Sin nature. Formally educated folk are just as burdened by it as are you and I. It is like water—always follows the course of least resistance.

So what does all that have to do with the air and the clouds of 1 Thessalonians 4:17?

Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.

Is that the air where birds and planes and kites fly and where some really, really special Christians may fly? If it were, Paul would have written the Greek word, *ouranos*^{G-3772}; e.g.: “...the fowls of the air^{G-3772}...” at Matthew 6:26.

This is Strong’s definition of *aēr*, the original text word for the KJV, “air,” at 1 Thessalonians 4:17: “the air, particularly the lower and denser air as distinguished from the higher and [*thinner*] air...[i.e.] the atmospheric region. From *aemi* (to breathe unconsciously, i.e. respire; by analogy, to blow).” Sensible Conclusion—

What we’ll be *caught up* into won’t be our atmosphere, but “**the breath of life!**”

How about those clouds? Are they like those gorgeous white puffy clouds that young lovers enjoy watching from their picnic blankets in the afternoon skies? Well, no. Per Strong’s, that KJV word “clouds” is from the transliterated Greek word *nephelē*^{G-3507}, which is singular:

Nephelē is a cloud; e.g.: the cloud that moved in front of the Hebrews to guide them through their wilderness travels.”

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.

—Exodus 13:21

See, also, Numbers 14:14 & Deuteronomy 31:15.

That same mistranslated KJV word, “clouds^{G-3507},” also appears at Matthew 24:30 and 26:64, Mark 13:26 & 14:62, 2 Peter 2:17, Jude 12 and at Revelation 1:7. In each of those verses, the KJV word “clouds” should be “cloud.”

Is that an indictment of the KJV? You may have noticed that almost all of our scripture quotes are from the KJV. So we do not intend to underestimate the value of the KJV: It is still the best English translation of the Bible that’s available to us today.

If you wish to confirm that, get yourself a copy of New Age Versions, by G. A. Riplinger:

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There, you will find credible confirmation that many of the most popular versions of the Bible are not translations, at all. Some are paraphrases, some are heavily-biased sectarian commentaries and others show strong evidence of Occult interference in the “translation” process. It’s a minefield, so be careful!

Will You Be “TAKEN” or “LEFT BEHIND?”

In the “Left Behind” series, all the good guys got *taken* and all the bad guys got *left behind*. That is the typical message in our evangelical churches, too, especially in the U.S. Bible Belt region.

Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two [women shall be] grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

—Matthew 24:40,41

The context within which that is typically preached is, “If you are not Rapture-ready when Jesus splits the eastern skies, you’ll get ‘left behind’ to endure The Great Tribulation!”

But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were

(pursuing their usual routines) ...until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the son of man be.

—Matthew 24:37-39

Were the good guys *taken* or *left behind* to ride out that time of tribulation on the ark?

Gather ye together first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

—Matthew 13:30

Save me a “left behind” seat!

