

# The Sower

The Lord's Day-----July 16, 2017

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## Arthur Church of Christ

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### Times of Worship

9:30 a.m. (Bible Classes)-----10:30 a.m. (Morning Worship)----1:30 p.m. (Wednesday Bible Class)

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Our apologies to the readers of The Sower that we were not able to publish last week's issue. In fact, today is the first day that I feel I can do it. I have been having a urinary infection in addition to a likely bladder stone, and today is the first day in over a week I am free enough of pain and hasty interruptions to be able to concentrate on publishing The Sower, or doing much of anything. Thanks again for your patience. A special "Thank you" for the many who have included us in your prayers. I'll probably have several more rough days ahead of me, of course, and would appreciate your continued prayer-support.

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***"Keep deception and lies far from me. Give me neither poverty nor riches: Feed me with the food that is my portion, lest I be full and deny Thee and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or lest I be in want and steal, and profane the name of my God." (Proverbs 30:8-9)***

There is always a danger when we have too much. We can think we don't need God or anyone. There is also a problem when we have too little. We may blame God or resent others for our lack. What a great prayer. Lord, don't give me too little or too much. Bless me with whatever amount that will cause me to give You the glory. -David Grubb

# “RULE OVER OUR UNIVERSITIES”

Might you expect that the above title might be a public government-approved prayer in behalf of our nation, a nation on whose currencies we are continually told, “In God We Trust”? If so, you are overly optimistic. Too, if you would be among those who would desire such prayers from our nation’s leaders, you could be called a “nationalist”, “fascist”, “Islamophobe”, and names I’d prefer not to print. You might also be charged with a conspiracy to change our democracy into a theocracy, a move that would surely impose Christian standards—even in our schools, including our universities. What a revolution that would be!

But never fear. No government-sponsored prayers for our nation’s universities, calling for God to rule over them, has been heard. Where in the world, then, would such a prayer dare to be made? The report I received Thursday implicates Poland. To quote the opening sentence: “Last year the government and church in Poland, for everyone to see, formally consecrated Jesus Christ as King of Poland, whose right it is to be king over all nations. Among the prayers offered up, during the ceremony in Krakow, was a plea to our Lord ‘to “rule over our universities.”’ Can you imagine the shock in government-circles and public universities for any in the political system of our country to dare to suggest that Jesus be our King? If I recall correctly, the founders of our nation, having suffered abuse under England’s King George, protested his rule with signs, reading such as “No Other King But Jesus!”

Do our universities need to be ruled by Jesus? Who can imagine the Prince of Peace allowing, and even promoting riots and turmoil within our nation? Would He advocate “No whites allowed on campus” day, as in Evergreen University in the state of Washington? It is reported that they asked the professors “to go easy on the students who didn’t do their class work, or made shambles of it, because they were too busy rioting—or as the provost put it, ‘diverting time and energy from their academic

work to promote institutional change and social justice.” Would the Bible and 10 Commandments be ruled off-limits, lest they influence the thinking and behavior of the students? Also, would King Jesus

dismiss professors who would suggest creation as a possible origin of Creation? Or that marriage must involve a man and a woman, not two of the same sex? Or, any questioning of the heresies of political correctness?

Psalms 33:12a summarizes this issue: “*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD....*” Our nation has foolishly cast Him off as we have devoted our allegiance to the god of political correctness and the god of spiritual darkness. We should add the latter part of Psa. 33:12, however, for we are not without hope: The blessing of God is also upon “*the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.*” Who, today, are these “chosen” ones? The apostle Peter addressed believers in Christ, “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Jesus will one day be seen and acknowledged as “King of kings, and Lord of Lords” at His coming, (Revelation 19:16). Blessed are those who will so-acknowledge Him now. Do you?

--Ron

## *Evidence From the Worldwide Flood*

**Sedimentary rock covers almost three-quarters of the earth’s surface, including the tops of most mountains.** Sedimentary rocks are formed as material settles out of water. These sediments are eroded from previous locations, transported, and then deposited. This is exactly what happens during a flood. If there has been a worldwide flood, it is not at all surprising that geologists would find fossilized shells and sea creatures all over the earth, including the top of the highest mountains.

This evidence is perfectly with the description of the worldwide flood described in the Bible. Theology based on evolutionary assumptions has great difficulty maintaining a logical explanation for the worldwide appearance and extent of the sedimentary rock layers.

**Genesis 7:20 (NIV): “The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet.”** --Logansport (IN) Lifeline

## A MESSAGE FROM GOD

*Sometimes God says, "Slow down.  
I want you to be still and listen.  
Can't you see you're going too fast?  
Know that I am here to take care of you."*

*Now and then your body needs to rest.  
Endless running can wear you down.  
So, rest a while and let healing work,  
Slow down, and let God speak.*

*--Judy Crowe*

**"HOW IS IT POSSIBLE to expect mankind to take advice when they will not so much as take warning?"** (*Jonathon Swift*)

**"CHRISTIANS AS SENT-ONES"** will be today's message, John 17:18-21 being the reading.

**CONTINUE IN PRAYER** for: Lyla; Eva; Nadine; Linda; Rodger; our service men and women; those in authority; and the many being severely persecuted for their faith in Christ.