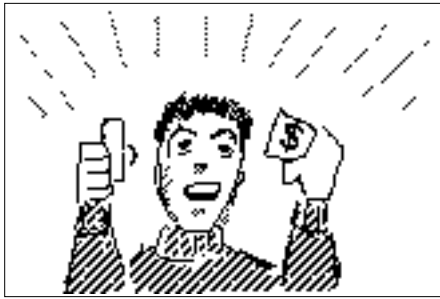


"I Prayed, God..." #17



...So, Why Didn't I Win The Lottery?!"

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Well, maybe this is a legitimate question? After all, the Bible says "ask and ye shall receive." I've known people who have said that they "prayed for things" and didn't get them, and so, they don't believe in God!

What's going on here? Well, did you know this? One of the most powerful weapons that the enemy (Satan, the devil) has, is money. The enemy wants people to be completely dependent on money. He wants people to spend most of their time worried about it, seeking it, and lusting after it. The Bible says "The love of money is the root of much evil."

And obviously, the enemy has many people stealing and plotting and murdering for money.

But, less obviously, the devil has many, many people caught in bondage to money.



That is, spending all their time either seeking money, or worrying about it, or daydreaming about having it. You see his plan is simple. He just wants you to think of anything but God, anything to turn your back on Jesus!



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The God of Self



There are many people today who "believe in themselves." Well, self-confidence is a good thing, but, there are many who are taking this idea to an extreme, and creating a "God of Self."



Jesus said in Matthew 24: "Watch that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name claiming "I am the Christ", and will deceive many."

There are those who believe they can heal themselves thru meditation, and being in touch with their "inner self."

There is some sort of an idea that we can "perfect" ourselves. Some even go so far as to say that Jesus Christ was just a person who perfected himself-

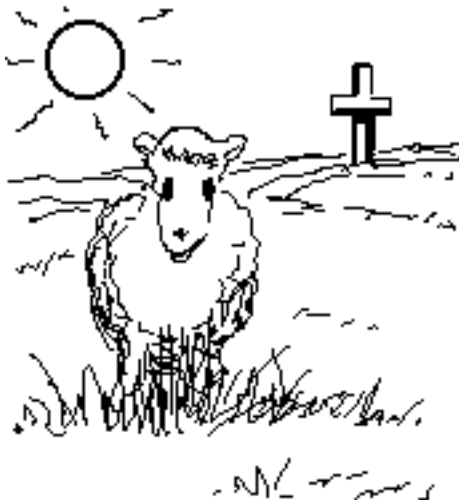
There's only one problem-



Everyone dies, even these "perfected" people-and as far as I know- no one has ever risen from the dead....

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The Lamb



In His covenant with Israel, God told the Jewish people to take a young lamb from the flock each year....



.....have the priest pray over this special lamb.

This lamb who was completely innocent, would bear the burden of the sin of all the Israelites in God's eyes.

Then the pure innocent lamb was slain and its' blood was shed to cleanse the Israelites of their sin for that year. This lamb was the "scapegoat" taking the blame, the punishment for the sin of the people. But this sacrificial act was only a precursor to the true act of sacrifice that was to come.



John the baptist said "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." Jesus, who was God in human form, came to the world, lived among us, and did not sin at all, His entire life.