

ABOUT YOUR MOTHER!

One of the difficult situations to handle during a personal evangelism process is the person who indicates that he or she believes, but does not want to make the statement that his or her mother or father is going to Hell. If they are to follow the New Testament pattern as if it is important to do so, then they will effectively be saying that their mother or father is going to Hell.

This is difficult sometimes when the mother or father has passed on, and is often more difficult when they have not. Can you imagine the pressure of going home and telling your mother or father that they are going to Hell?

Possibility a better question is how developed telling someone else that they are going to Hell was our responsibility?

You must understand what the Bible teaches us to understand that some clearly were falling from grace (Gal. 5:4) and broad is the way to destruction (Matt. 7:13). You must make a personal judgment that a person's eternal destiny is at least at risk so that you know who to take the gospel to, so we are certainly charged to make some judgments. But our judgments are limited.

We understand the clear Biblical teaching that you should be immersed for the remission of sins as a consenting adult (Acts 2:38) and would encourage everyone that that is the appropriate thing to do. Why would you not follow simple New Testament teachings and not put your salvation at risk.

At the same time we need to understand that God allowed the simple New Testament teachings to be hidden from the people throughout most of the Middle Ages. A whole lot of sincere people who believed in God were not immersed because God allowed the instruction to be hidden from them.

A reasonable answer to this is that God did not automatically condemn all people to Hell for a thousand years—He will see them all on judgment day and will judge them on their situation. (Rom 2:14)

Similarly we need to learn how to say that your mother is not going to Heaven or Hell based upon whether or not we are going to Heaven or Hell. She will see God on judgment day, and will be judged by God with respect to her opportunity to follow the scriptures.



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If she never had the scriptures available, she will likely be judged on Gods natural moral laws. We simply do not know, but we do know it is not simply “sentencing day”, it is “judgment day”.

First let’s presume that you believe the “Church of Christ paradigm” that all revelation was given by the end of the first century and that not following these revelations some were falling from grace.

Let’s presume you mother is a good hardworking Methodist—the group from which a Methodist minister told me that “As God updated the Old Testament with the New Testament, the Methodist Council updates the New Testament”. And that he was as sincere as your mother is.

Your mother is following a paradigm which is not in agreement with New Testament teachings, and as being a member of that group is teaching those practices to others.

You have 4 basic choices:

1. Obey the Gospel and be humble about it.
You mother will likely be offended, but not much. Either
 - A. If she also converts, everyone will be happy, or
 - B. If she does not convert following your example and goes to the wrong place, she will at least think you tried but she was too hardheaded.
2. Obey the Gospel and be obnoxious about it (basically go tell your mother she is going to Hell).
She will likely be mad and there is little chance she will be converted. In the afterlife

she will be angry that you knew the truth but presented it in a way that would only get a negative reaction.

3. Your mother has already passed and you obey the Gospel. If your mother is in difficult circumstances in the afterlife and is aware you converted, It is difficult to imagine that she would not be happy for your.
4. Your mother has already passed and you do not obey the gospel to honor her. She is possibly looking up from her difficult circumstances and wants to scream at you to wake up. No mother would want to know that someone thought it was an honor to them that you go to Hell.

It is a bit odd to speculate on what your mother might think, so let’s take another point of view. Presume we are talking about you and your daughter. You have passed and are in the Hadean world waiting on judgment day, but realize what is likely to happen to you as you did not follow the Gospel. If you had a daughter who was following the same path to “honor” you, what would you say to her. I cannot imagine that you would realize that you had done it wrong and would want your daughter to follow you.

If that doesn’t do it for you, would you like your grand daughter to follow in your daughter’s steps and do the same thing. When would you like it to stop. You know the truth and there is only one place you can stop this. It is now, by doing what you know should be done.

We want to suggest that you honor your mother by following Jesus’ plan, and if she has not passed do your best to set an example she would like to follow.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION: MOTOR BOAT PROPELLER

As a mechanical engineer, rotary shafts and seals have always been fascinating. In all the “impossibles” suggested herein, a dream has always been to produce a rotary shaft like engineers use. It would be like a crowning blow to atheistic evolution if it were ever to be found.

We have birds which can swivel their heads 360 degrees and likely some more, but they always see the limits of the rotation. Wouldn't it be nice to see a living device which would turn continuously. We have accepted that this would be impossible to find, because it seemed impossible that God would have implemented such a structure.

Certainly if science had found such a device, they would have admitted it rather than basically hiding it. **It exists!!!!**

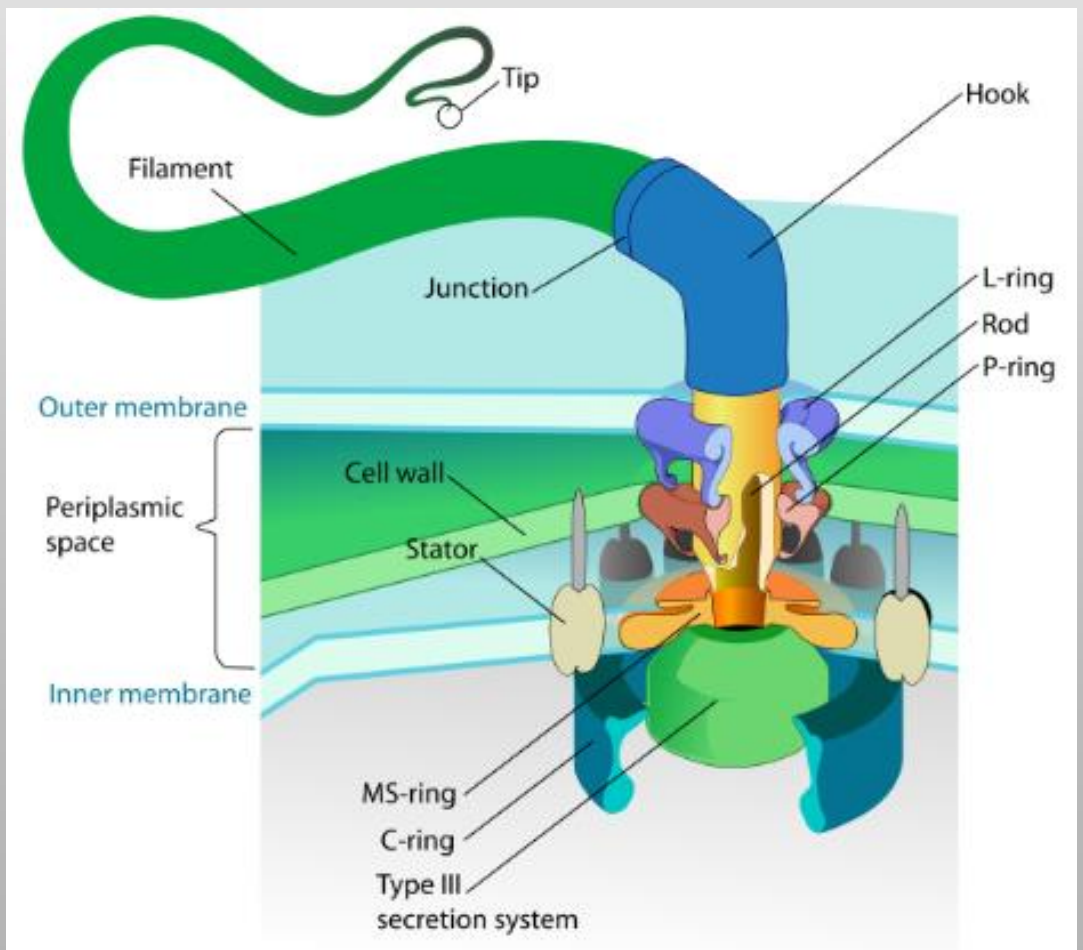
Remember the little graphics of the male sperm swimming like a tadpole to get to the egg to fertilize it. That's not what it looks like. It, among other things, has a tail called a Flagellum. The filament in the graphic is the flagellum and is about 20 nanometers in thickness. If it is hard to imagine that size, you would have to lay 423 million of them side by

side to be as thick as a sheet of notebook paper.

If you remove the filament and hook as seen in the graphic, the remaining rotor will rotate from **6,000 to 17,000 rpm**. If you attach the hook and filament it only runs at **200 to 1000 rpm**.

Apparently the direction of rotation of this high speed motor can be changed almost instantaneously.

The engine is powered by proton motive force, i.e. by the flow of proton (hydrogen ions) across the bacterial cell membrane.



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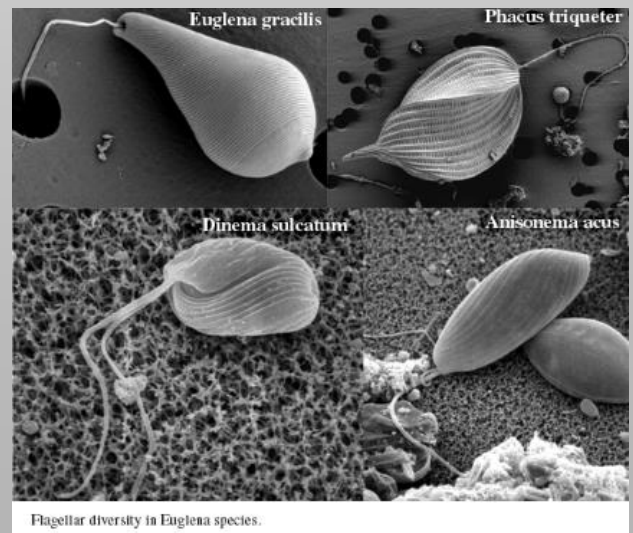
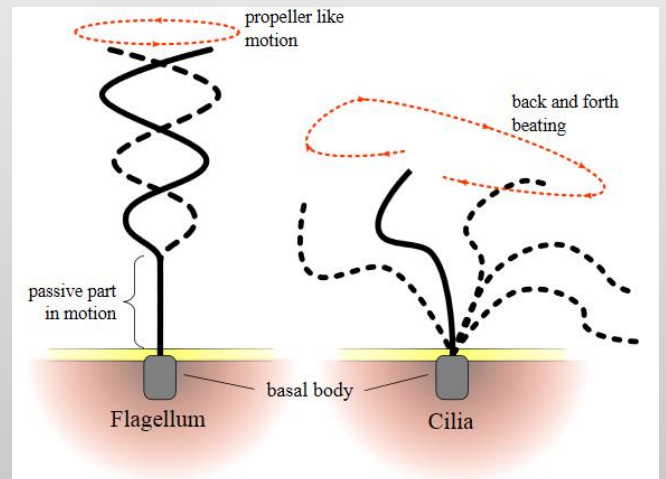
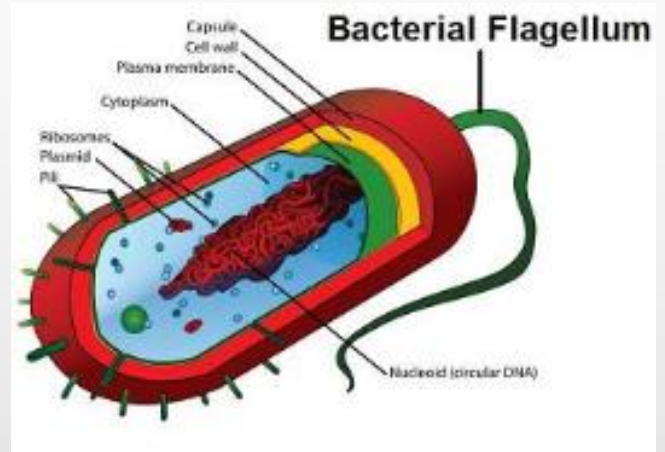
Some of the cells powered by the flagellum can achieve 60 cell lengths per second. At this speed it would take the cell 245 days to cover a kilometer (392 days for a mile, or 8.9 min/inch for most of us). As a comparison, a cheetah can run about 25 body lengths per second as the fastest mammal on earth.

This information is collected from Wikipedia on a Google search for Flagellum. The related graphics on this page come from the same search. There is a lot of other information on the website, including their conclusion that the flagellum simply evolved from simpler systems.

When you believe in the religion of atheistic evolution, what else can you say. Either you pass this off as another simple set of evolutionary steps or you must admit that there is an intelligent designer.

It is clear that what is functionally the equivalent of an electrical motor with a rotor and stator which can spin at up to 17,000 rpm is not an accident of unguided evolution. It is the design of a someone really smart and creative. That really smart and creative person is God.

Anton van Leuwenhoek in 1675 observed the beating cilia. Rotating flagellum were identified in 1973. It was learned by us in 2013. It just makes you wonder how many really interesting things there are out there we simply do not know about.



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“I TELL YOU THE TRUTH.”

It is vitally important that we learn to discern truth from error. Our lives depend on knowing the truth today and for eternity. How can we know when someone is telling the truth?

Jesus said, repeatedly, “I tell you the truth.” We find that little phrase twenty two times in the gospel of John. We might simply take Jesus at his word; after all, he is the Messiah. But many in his day, and many today do not believe he spoke the truth. How can we know for sure?

Jesus message was verifiable. He often told his disciples what he was going to do or what was going to happen. Every time his word came true verifies his message. “You may say to yourselves, “How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?” If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken...” (Deut. 18:21, 22)

Jesus had witnesses to confirm his message. John came as a witness to testify concerning Jesus. (John 1:7, 8) “In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the one who sent me – the Father.” (John 8:17, 18)

Jesus behavior was always consistent with his message. He did exactly what he said he would do. He was light and that light was the illumination of truth. Without Jesus we would live in darkness. “Jesus answered, “I am the way-and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) Our goal is to walk in His truth.

Elizabeth Brown

THE BASIC PREMISE OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IS THAT:

- 1. ALL CHRISTIAN REVELATION WAS GIVEN IN THE FIRST CENTURY, &**
- 2. FIRST CENTURY REVELATION INCLUDES SOME INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE NOT OPTIONAL TO IGNORE.**

ANOTHER WAY TO SAY THIS IS “SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS, AND REMAIN SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT”.

ANOTHER WAY TO SAY THIS IS REV. 22: 18-19: ¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The old law tells us of the seriousness of God’s judgment.

The new law tells of God’s expectations of us today.

The church of Christ attempts to follow God’s instructions rather than contemporary preferences to be sure you will be pleasing to God on judgment day.

Would you want to be anyplace else?

All we need to do is to effectively communicate that.

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FAILING A TEST WITH DIGNITY

Steve is driving his car. He is travelling at 60 feet/second and the speed limit is 40 mph. Is Steve speeding?

He could find out by checking his speedometer.

DO
YOU
BELIEVE
THE
BIBLE?

The first century church taught that church officers were to be married.

If your religious group teaches something else, you might like to visit your local Church of Christ.

The Churches of Christ attempt to speak where the Bible Speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent. (Rev. 22:18-19)

Quotable Quotes

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS NOT

A local group of Christians who believe that the Bible can be updated by contemporary council decisions.

A church which receives the permission from an earthly headquarters to plant a new congregation.

A church which attempts to duplicate a 19th or 20th century pattern for a church.

A church which believes you can pick and choose what part of the Bible you want to believe and follow only those parts.

A church which believes that we should judge that we are all in a community of believers as long as we say we believe in Jesus, irrespective of what we do and preach. A church which should assure all others that they are saved.

A group who makes decisions based on popularity rather than scriptural basis.

A group which simply skips over Acts 2:38.

A group which finds more convenient ways to simulate baptism.

A group which votes on what it suits them to believe and preach or a group which believes that they are still getting direct revelations from God.

A group who believes we are here to entertain ourselves.

For those bound & determined to change the church of Christ to be the Christian Church, wouldn't it be easier to simply join the Christian Church.? Is the problem that your conscience won't allow you to join the Christian Church, but if you can reduce the church of Christ to being the Christian Church you will not offend your conscience?

WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS

The church of Christ is a local group of Christians which try to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent.

The church of Christ tries to reestablish the first century pattern and teaching of the New Testament era at each location.

The church of Christ tries to reestablish the scriptural organization of the church at each location.

The church of Christ has members who believe they are following the scriptural teachings as best they can.

Church of Christ members believe that we should not judge others' eternal reward, but that it is not reasonable to give comfort to others who follow their own preferences rather than teachings of the Bible.

A non-instrumental body as instruments were available in the first century and not used, and not used for several centuries.

A group who teaches Acts 2:38.

A group which teaches baptism by immersion for the remission of sins as that is what is taught in the Bible.

A group which believes all revelation was given in the first century.

A group which believes we are responsible to take the Gospel to the world.

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AREA WIDE ACTIVITIES

10/8-10/10 Lectureship at Oklahoma Christian University

10/12 Area Wide Singing, Memorial

2nd Tues. Preacher's Luncheon, confirm with Dale Foster at dalefost@gmail.com for address.

December Annual Sacred Harp Singing

5/22/14 Foster's Home For Children Golf Tournament, Blackhorse

July 2014 Area Wide Campaign for Christ

YAHOO GROUP

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The Christian Array Newsletter

This newsletter will be sent to members of the church on a monthly basis as an attempt to promote scriptural teachings, area wide activities and church growth. If you do not want to receive this newsletter, send an e-mail to info@thearray.org and it will be stopped.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

A goal of this newsletter is to develop a mailing list of as many members of the church as possible and to communicate church related information to as many members as possible. In that light, we would appreciate:

1. Your forwarding the church member e-mail addresses which you have.
2. Sending the directory of the congregation you attend or any other directories which you might have.
3. Give us an idea of how to collect church member e-mail addresses.

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