

I SINNED AUG. 27, 1963!

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On Saturday, August 24, 1963, my wife and I were married at 8:00 p.m. at Heights Church of Christ in Houston. We spent that night in a motel on the east side of Houston. On Sunday morning we drove our brand-new Ford Fairlane 500 to New Orleans. We checked into the Royal Orleans Hotel, which is still there. We paid cash as we had never even heard of a credit card at that time.

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Know yourself, your Enemy, your Savior

Mankind, having gone its own way, professing its own truth according to its own knowledge and "theories", has elevated itself to not only be caretakers of the earth but also administrators, devising its own solutions and strategies to remedy problems. The administrators have also devised ways to compensate themselves for serving as CEOs of Corporate Earth.

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ETERNAL GLORY

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who

with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Cor. 3:17-18 NIV)

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ROLES IN THE CHURCH

I am not a Shepherd and there are a number of potential reasons why that has been. I could not have been married, did not have believing children, too contrarian, not a good people person, not well versed enough in the scriptures, had some public sins, or just didn't get along well with the existing Shepherds. It doesn't matter which of those or other things were my situation, the net result is I have never been a Shepherd.

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On Tuesday, August 27, we ate lunch at the Court of Two Sisters, which is also still there. We ordered a mixed drink, a Plantation Punch, just to see what it was like. It tasted terrible. It started my saying that Dr. Pepper tastes better than alcoholic drinks and costs a lot less.

The point to all this is that I believed it was a sin to drink alcoholic drinks and did it anyway.

I grew up in a teetotaler household, but nothing was ever said about it. It was just the way it was. My mother occasionally gave me cold medicine which we knew was alcoholic, but we sort of ignored that.

My father-in-law had an occasional bottle of beer on Saturday night, and my wife as a young girl had occasionally sipped it when he was not watching. She was accustomed to drinking alcoholic beverages, and beer tastes better than Plantation Punch.

Fast forward about 3 years and I was teaching the Junior High class at church. A boy asked me "Does the Bible say it is a sin to drink wine?" I said "Certainly it did. I don't know where the verse is right off, but I will tell you next Sunday." I had heard numerous sermons teaching that it was a sin to drink wine with many verses quoted, so all I had to do was to find one or more of them. We were a "speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent" congregation so this shouldn't have been a problem.

That week I found 28 verses which said not to get drunk but no verses saying it was a sin to drink wine.

The next Sunday I told the boy (and the class) that I could not find a verse which said it was a sin to drink wine, but they were underage so it would be breaking the law to drink alcoholic drinks.

This means that I sinned in New Orleans for doing something which I thought was wrong, even though it was not wrong.

The following is a verse which would indicate that if you think what you are doing is wrong, you are wrong in doing it. Romans 14:21-23 NASV "It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles. The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. **But he who doubts is condemned if he eats**, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin." Also, James 4:17 "Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin." NASV

BOIL THE ALCOHOL OUT: Not long after my encounter with the Junior High students a well-respected preacher was sent to straighten me out. His answer was that in the first century, they would boil the wine before they drank it to get the alcohol out of it. I felt sorry for him because I knew he didn't believe what he was saying. If that was God's plan, you would think He would have mentioned it in the Bible.

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LAST SUPPER: Since Jesus drank the wine at the Last Supper in the Spring, the only alternative was fermented grape juice as they could not stop the fermentation. To say that it is a sin to drink alcoholic wine is to say that Jesus sinned (and caused others to sin when he turned water into wine during the wedding in Cana, His first miracle). Not a good plan.

WHO MADE IT A SIN TO DRINK WINE?

Thomas Bramwell Welch and his son Charles Welch were from Vinland, New Jersey. The Welch's first pasteurized Concord grape juice in 1869 as an alternative to fermented wine for church communion services.

A favorite saying from one shepherd was "Drink one drink and you are one drink drunk."

Welch's Grape Juice was originally marketed as Dr. Welch's Unfermented Wine, Pure Grape Juice. Up until that time it was hard to flatly say it was a sin to drink wine because the only option for communion was usually fermented wine. When Welch learned how to pasteurize the grape juice, it allowed those who wished to condemn drinking alcohol to say that it was a sin to drink wine.

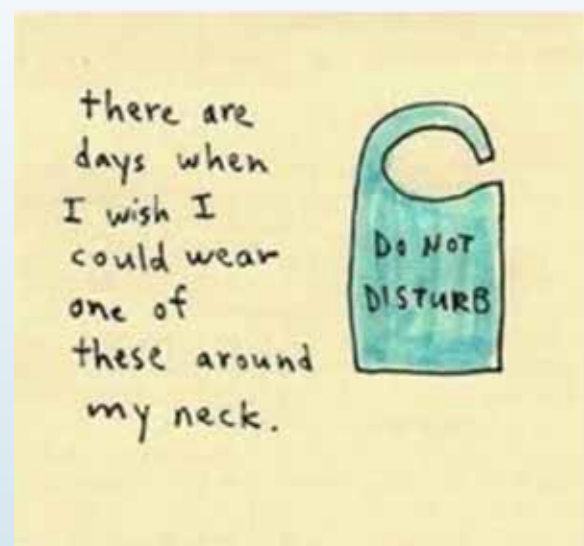
SO WHAT?

Today, few people would say that it is a sin to drink wine, although drinking too much (drunkenness, being "given to much wine") is clearly prohibited in the Bible. A Bible class teacher, referring to Jesus turning the water into wine, once said, "I wish He hadn't done that, but He did." We are called to take the Bible as it was written, not to rewrite it to our own specifications.

So how do we reconcile non-drinking traditions with what the Bible says? It is a good thing to not drink alcoholic drinks, including wine. It sets a good example. However, if everyone in a congregation chooses to not drink wine, that common action (or inaction) could easily become interpreted as truth that it is a sin to drink wine.

Because of my responsibility to be a good example and strengthen, now weaken, others' walk with our Savior, I seldom drink alcoholic drinks, but I do drink a glass of wine occasionally. We need to be cautious about what we teach, both by word and by example. I constantly keep in mind that I have a friend who is a recovering alcoholic; if my drinking should cause him to fall again into that sin-trap, I would bear some of the responsibility for leading his soul in the wrong path.

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We also need to reaffirm and be constantly vigilant with the statement "Speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent."

Another issue where this can be a problem today is with the doctrine of the Trinity. (See lesson 8.5 at www.occg.institute) You may have other topics where we need to be closer to the scriptures. If you have a suggestion on a topic we need to study, let us know at info@occg.institute.

The following are a few verses which we as a society tend to ignore. All are from NASV.

1 Peter 4:3 "For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, **drunkenness**, carousing, **drinking parties** and abominable idolatries."

Romans 13:13 "Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and **drunkenness**, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy."

1 Peter 5:2-3 "shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock."

Romans 1:27-32 "and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed,

evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them."

Matthew 19:9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery and Matthew 5:32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

Benton F. Baugh, Ph.D., P.E.



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History records many national leaders who elevated themselves to the status of “gods” who administered with absolute authority and oversight of national religious beliefs and traditions in order to distinguish themselves and the nation claiming superiority over and apart from all others. They endeavored to expand the scope of their influence over their neighbors / competitors by all means available – including war. A few examples include the ancient Egyptian Pharaohs, the Assyrians, Nebuchadnezzar, Incas, Roman Emperors— and “contemporary” god imitators such as Adolph Hitler, and Communist Authoritarians who condemned the very notion of God, devoting considerable national resources to eradicating even the knowledge of God among the territories under their control, making no pretense of their lust for power over people hailing the doctrine “Might make right - Survival of the Fittest.”

The earth- jewel of the cosmos, world without end and site created by God to share the glory of his works with Man, whom He created in His image, became a place defiled by fallen man who laid claim as occupants of the “garden of the gods”. This perspective of man’s worldview helps to explain disobedient man’s “vision and mission” for his time here, his strategies for governance and his necessity to “control the narrative”.

Ever since the eyes of man’s mind were opened to know good and evil, man has fallen to temptations to “be like God” and “rule over the earth” like God, without knowing the plans of God, the ways of God or the will of God! Man has ignored and/or forgotten that God is a

living active God, fully aware of our thoughts - even before we begin to think. God is also very patient and aware that Satan, prince of the air is roaming around “crouching at our door” waiting for us to do what is not right. Fortunately, God has established boundaries to limit Satan’s harm to the righteous who reject Satan and choose to trust and obey God alone. Finally, God has set a deadline, known only to God, for rebellious man to acknowledge His love, His plans to prosper mankind and His gift of His Son and Son of Man, Jesus Christ who faithfully sacrificed Himself to overcome the curse of death – and seal the defeat of Satan - keeping His promises of eternal life for all who believe on Him and follow in obedience to His commands. The presence of the Holy Spirit lives within each disciple to help prepare them to inherit the New Earth.

Jesus came to correct man’s world view of God. This is why He calls people to Himself to be “reborn” to a new life in Him through baptism to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and be transformed into His likeness for all the world to see and behold the awesome power of He who declares “I AM”. No one can be “like” God, but may reflect the likeness of His character, produce fruit of His Spirit, and imitate the character of God who created man in in His own image.

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The Apostle Paul explains that Christ is unveiled by our likeness. "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Therefore, we should always test for the Spirit and be known by the fruit of the Spirit. If we should falter, test ourselves, and find we are barren of fruit of the Spirit, we have been deceived, and should ask God to purify our hearts to allow the Spirit to live freely within us.

This is why we delight in singing to the Lord "Search my heart O God. Make it ever true. Search my heart O God, may I be like you."

Gods Infinite Power

is

Known by all that has been made

Perfected by His Holy Spirit

Gifted through Sacrifice of the Son of God

To All BELIEVERS who follow Him

Seek God

Praise God

L. S. Grubbs, Harrison, Ohio

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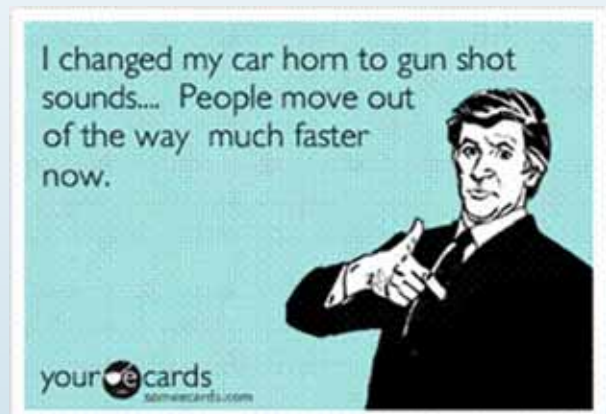
"We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through...we were crushed and overwhelmed..." (2 Cor. 1:8f NLT) Paul's message is, "Do not lose heart." We have a higher calling, beyond the everyday trials and difficulties. Our view is mired down in the temporary, physical, seen world but our calling is the unseen eternal glories of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. It is essential to look beyond our troubles and aim for God's transforming power in our hearts. Ask for his wisdom, training and discipline so that you will become all that he wants you to be. Don't give up, look up and be renewed.

17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. Now this is, at times, beyond our comprehension. How could our troubles, which do not seem light and momentary to us, ever be used for God's glory? Keep on keeping on, trust that God has a plan.

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Cor. 4:16-18 NIV) We never give up. Our bodies are dying but our spirits are being strengthened for eternity. Will you stop relying only on self? Rely on God who graciously answers prayers.

Elizabeth Brown, Texarkana, TX



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In my case, it has been my understanding that I have been blocked from being a Shepherd or assuming any significant role which would shape the evangelistic program of the congregation.

The point to this is that the following article is discussing women who also are not allowed to be Shepherds in a scriptural congregation. I want to suggest that the discussion applies to men who are not appointed to the role of being a Shepherd just like it applies to women.

Like women, men may be blocked out of doing certain activities, but we are certainly not blocked out of doing service for Jesus.

Gender Roles in the Church

Embracing the Freedom of Womanhood

by Erica Fitzgerald

Egalitarians (the doctrine that all people are equal and deserve equal rights and opportunities.) believe banning women from leadership restricts them from fully serving God and exercising their spiritual gifts. They interpret 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:11-12 as cultural. They might argue that my agreement with complementarianism is influenced by the "patriarchal" church culture I'm accustomed to, but perhaps their views are influenced by the secular culture we are swimming in. (Complementarianism is the teaching that masculinity and femininity are ordained by God and that men and women are created to complement, or complete, each other. Complementarians believe that the gender roles found in the Bible are purposeful and meaningful distinctions that, when applied in the home and church, promote the spiritual health of both men and women. Embracing the divinely ordained roles of men and women furthers the ministry of God's people and allows men and women to reach their God-given potential.) If those pas-

sages were only applicable in the first-century Roman Empire, what else did Paul write that we should now dismiss since times have changed? Would egalitarians say homosexual behavior is now within the bounds of acceptable Christian conduct now that our culture no longer considers it wrong? Calling Paul's teaching on gender "cultural" is a slippery slope.

All that aside, I have found that being a woman in a complementarian church doesn't have to feel restrictive; in many ways, it's freeing. Here's why:

1. I am free to serve the Lord without having to shoulder the weight of leadership and decision making.

At home and in the church, the buck stops with the husbands and elders. It is they who will one day answer to God for how they led their families and flocks. That is a grave responsibility. The apostle James wrote, "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness" (James 3:1-2a). Women do teach in many capacities, so this verse is a warning to many of us too. But it is also a sobering reminder of the gravity of the task of preachers and elders. Teaching from the pulpit and bearing the responsibility for the health of a local church are not privileges for men; they are solemn duties received with great trepidation. I do not envy the men who accept them.

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It is freeing to know I can trust and follow the decisions my husband and elders make, even if there are some decisions I disagree with. When I stand before the Lord, I don't believe he will hold me accountable for what someone else decided but for how I lived my own life and whether I conducted myself honorably, even in the face of decisions I disagreed with. Submitting to a godly husband or elder is relatively easy most of the time; it's the husbands and elders who have the more fearsome task of making sure the decisions they make on behalf of others are really what God wants, knowing they will answer to him for what they decided and how it affected others.

The apostle Peter wrote, "To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away" (1 Peter 5:1-4, emphasis added).

The godly elders of our congregations will receive a special reward from the Lord, and rightfully so. Their job is not an easy one. It is one for which they sacrifice their lives, their comfort, their free time, and often their sanity. When I stand before Christ's judgment seat, I don't think he will say to me, "Well done, good and faithful servant—but I'm a little disappointed that you didn't turn out to be an elder or preacher. You really squandered your gifting. No crowns for you!" I believe he will evaluate me for how well I lived out his particular calling on my life—as a woman, a wife, a mother, a mem-

ber of my church body, a lover of people, and a proclaimer of the gospel. A lack of rewards will be due to my shortcomings in godly character and Christian service, not because I didn't hold a leadership position in the church.

2. I am free to exercise my spiritual gifts in almost every way imaginable.

There are approximately 112 waking hours in a week. Of those, I spend maybe two hours sitting in a formal gathering in my local church—the only setting in which women are not to teach, according to the New Testament (1 Tim. 2:12). So during 98 percent of my waking hours, I am free to serve the Lord however I want, as he provides opportunities. Beyond ministering to my own family (which has an eternal impact of its own), I can share the gospel with my male and female neighbors, teach groups of women and children, exhort my brothers and sisters in Christ, disciple younger believers, exercise hospitality, sing, and write blog posts for Biblical Eldership Resources.

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We women are not pew-warmers; in many ways, we are the backbone of the church. While you won't see any women listed as elders in a complementarian church, there are women who do much of the same work as the male elders: shepherding and counseling, visiting the sick and elderly, teaching Bible studies, preaching the gospel, and praying faithfully—just to name a few. Women have ample opportunities to use their spiritual gifts to build up the church.

In Biblical Eldership, Strauch writes, "First-century Christian women played an indispensable role in the Lord's work. Some of Paul's co-laborers in the gospel were women (Rom. 16:1-15, Phil. 4:2-3). Yet their active role in advancing the gospel and caring for the Lord's people was fulfilled in ways that did not violate male leadership in the home and church. When the local church gathers, men are to take the lead in teaching and governing the church family. In this way, the local church displays God's wise design for men and women in the home and 'the household of God.'"

He points out all the activities Christian women should be undertaking, including exercising their spiritual gifts, studying the doctrines of Scripture so they can defend the faith and instruct others, witnessing, engaging in mercy ministries, serving the local church, teaching domestic skills to other women, showing hospitality, praying and prophesying, and caring for their husbands and children. If I am doing all of those things faithfully, I have zero time to fret about what I can't do.

May we each "serve the Lord with gladness" (Ps. 100:2) in whatever context he has placed us. "Whatever you do," he reminds us, "work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the

inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:23-24).

Note: The preceding copied article is taken in whole from Biblical Eldership Resources with some congregational information removed and definitions of egalitarianism and Complementarianism added. The quoted portion is in italics.

For myself, I have found engagement in producing this newsletter, building the website www.occg.institute with all the information included, teaching Bible Classes, keeping congregational statistics, working with the Greater Houston Campaigns for Christ, writing a couple of books and a few other things. There are a lot of things to do in the church. You should focus on what you can do rather than what you cannot do, and you will be a busy Christian.

I happen to be a self-starter, but many men and women are not. Congregations would do well to assist those who are not self-starters to find their role in the congregation. A non-involved member is a member at risk of declining interest and attendance.

Benton F. Baugh



The Origin of America's Favorite Nursery Rhyme

Davy Crockett's older sister, Effie Crockett was invited to help some mothers in the Muskogee Tribe. Once she arrived in camp, Effie laughed at what she saw. The Muskogee Tribe had a custom of cradling their papposes among the swaying branches of birch trees. This protected their babies from ground insects, the sun, and wild animals.

After first finding it funny, she soon learned all the great reasons for this practice and marveled at the beauty of it.

Effie watched the swaying and soothing motion of the topmost branches of the trees. She loved how each baby enjoyed nature, how they listened to the songbirds, observed every ladybug, and smiled at the colors of a butterfly, every little breeze was felt and enjoyed by these young ones; each babe seemed perfectly content.

One of the Tribal mothers began to sing a song to the children in her native tongue. As the Muskogee mother sang, Miss Effie observed a small tear running down the mother's cheek.

Lulu se pepe i le pito i luga o le laau,
A agi le matagi e luluina le moega pepe,
A gau le lala e pa'u ai le moega pepe,
Ma o le a sau i lalo pepe, moega pepe ma mea uma.

Effie translated the words and kept the tune. She shared it with everyone and it soon became a wildly popular nursery rhyme among the Colonies.

The English translation:
Rock-a-bye baby on the tree top,

When the wind blows the cradle will rock,
When the bough breaks the cradle will fall,
And down will come baby, cradle and all.
Why did the Muskogee mother cry?

A "bough" is simply a tree branch, and its breaking was used by the Muskogee mothers as an analogy of their little baby growing up. Their little baby would soon outgrow his cradle. With each gently rocking wind, time was passing. One day, little baby would no longer need the protection of his mother. One day, the "branch" would break because her little baby had become too heavy. The "cradle" would fall to the earth – the child, no longer a baby, would dust himself off and grow into a man.

The now famous lullaby was first printed in Mother Goose's Melody. The rest is history.

FROM Glen Lochte / Johnny D Baptist .

Note:

Lol. Effie Crockett (4 March 1856 -January 7, 1940), also known as Effie I. Canning, also known as Effie C. Carlton, was an American actress. She is credited with having written and composed the lullaby "Rock-a-bye Baby"; despite the words being in print in 1765. And not David Crockett sister.



Take you pick.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #145: AVIAN BREATHING

In issue 186 we discussed Impossible 142: BASICS OF BREATHING. In issue 187 we discussed Impossible 143: ALVEOLI which are the millions of tiny air sacs in the lungs where oxygen is given to the blood and CO2 is taken from the lungs. In issue 188, impossible 144, we discussed how the lung design takes advantage of DIFFUSION in delivering oxygen into areas of the lung which are not reached by air flow.

In this issue we will discuss impossible 145: avian breathing. Avian breathing gives testimony to how complex the design of it is, evidenced by how hard it is to figure it out from all the graphics and discussions on the internet. Our graphic is simplified to help you understand.

Birds need more air (oxygen) than mammals do because of the extreme activity of flying. Likely if birds had a lung design like humans there wouldn't much flying, though bat lungs are similar to human lungs, so it is possible.

The first graphic shows how avian breathing works. When the bird inhales, fresh air comes into the trachea, fills the posterior sacs, and flows into the lung. The air in the lung is pushed into the anterior sacs.

When the bird exhales, air in the posterior sacs is pushed into the lungs and the air in the lungs and the air in the anterior sacs is pushed out of the trachea.

What this means is that air is continuously flowing in through the lungs in the same direction.

The avian lung is not like normal mammalian lungs, which have air partially flowing into and out of small alveoli as shown in the second graphic.

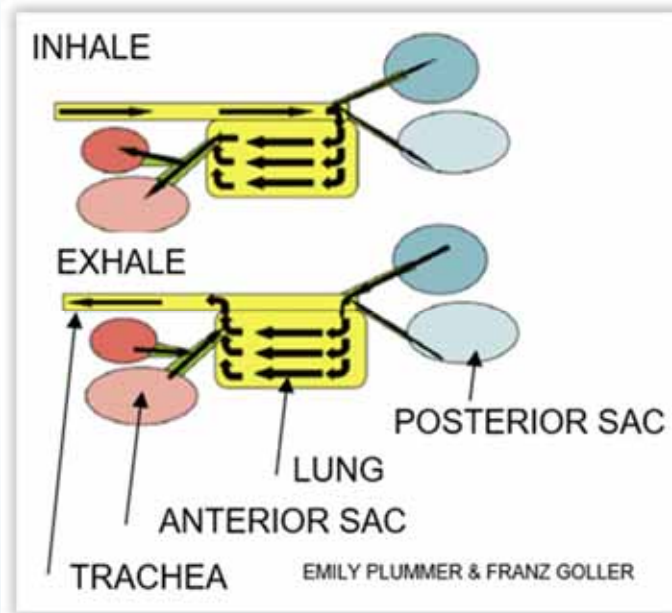
The air in the avian lung continuously flows through small air capillaries or air tubes in amongst blood capillaries for O2 and CO2 exchange so the system is highly efficient. That is continuous flow of air next to capillaries rather than depending on diffusion to deliver the O2.

Like we have said before, when the male bird fertilizes the female egg, the resulting zygote DNA contains all the information to form this spectacular design. It cannot be a slow half-finished evolution of a mammalian lung. It is complete or the new bird does not survive.

It depends upon highly complex reprogramming of the computer code like DNA.

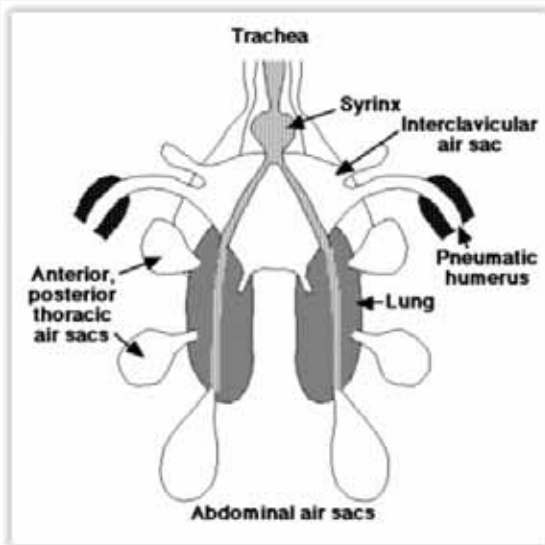
This system cannot be an accidental happening, it is a complex proof of an Intelligent Designer. That Intelligent Designer is God.

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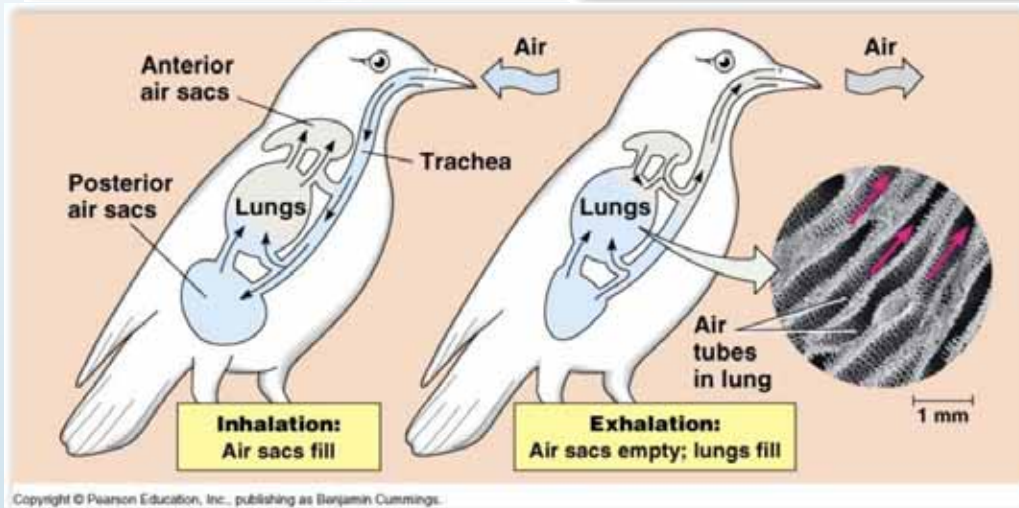
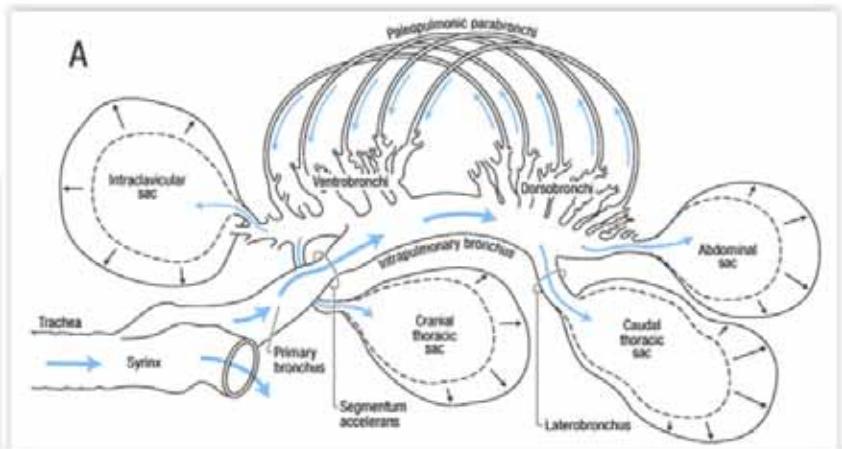
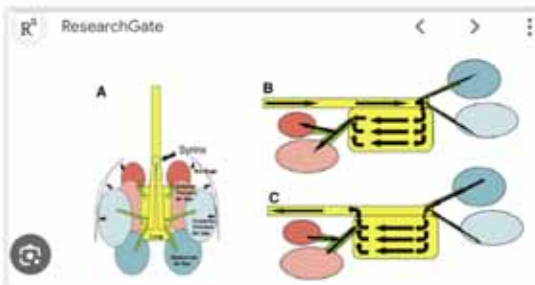
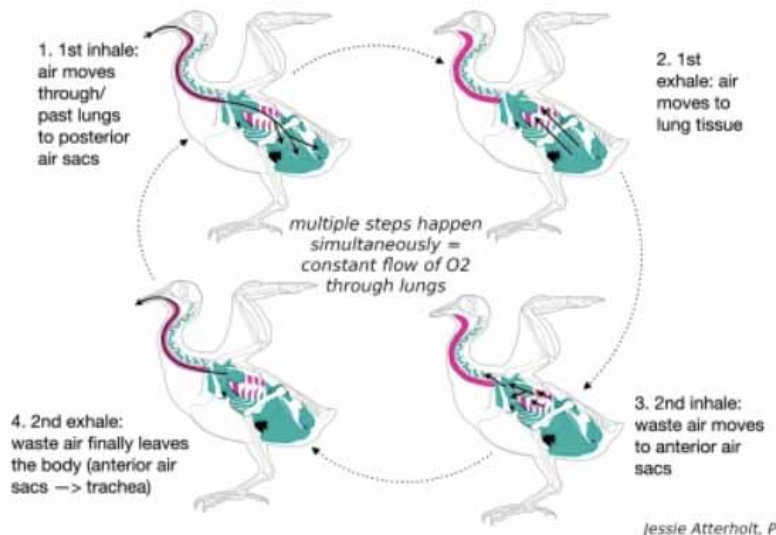


IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #145: AVIAN BREATHING

We commented on the previous page that the avian breathing system was difficult to figure out and then provided a simple easy to understand graphic. This page shows some of the online graphics which were hard to figure out.



Avian Respiratory System



"The challenges ahead of you can only be measured by the ability inside of you."

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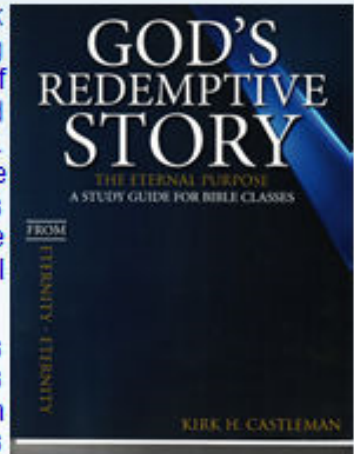
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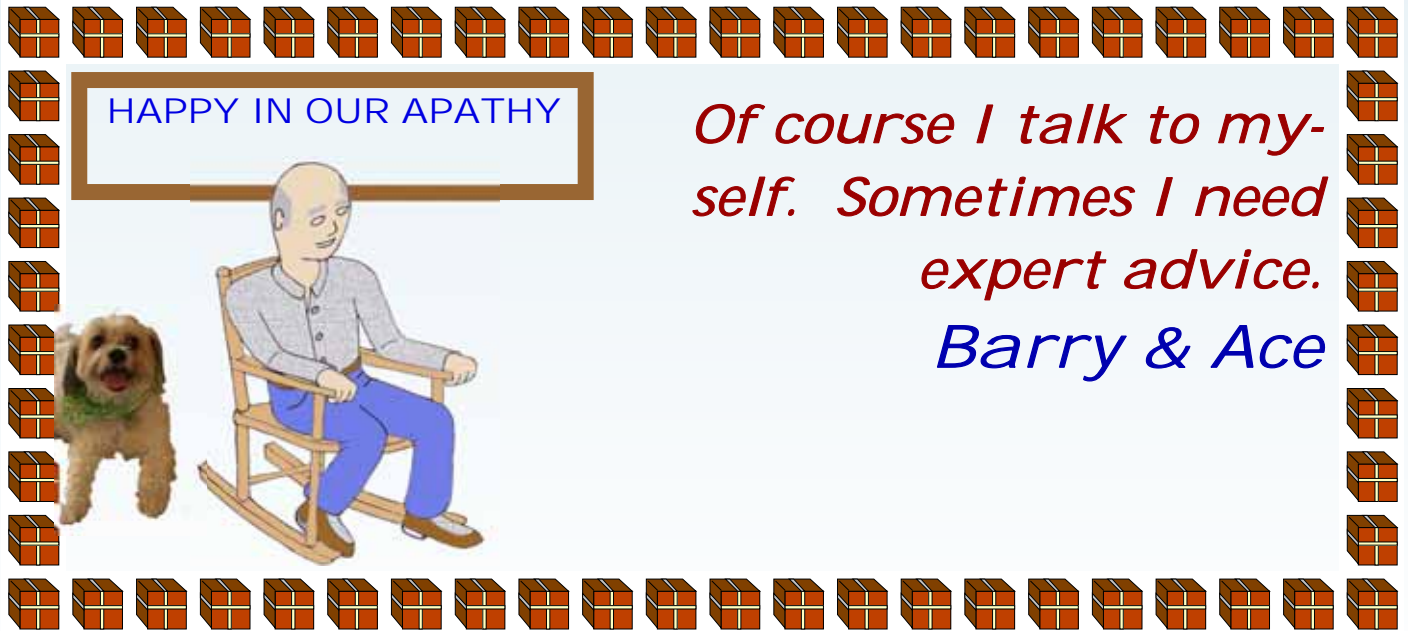
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