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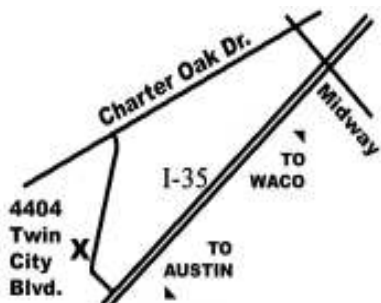
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WHEN WE MEET

Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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Who Knows?

“...Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” - Mordecai to Queen Esther (Esth 4:14)

God’s providence is a topic of much discussion. On the one hand, some people see God’s hand in every minor circumstance of life – from the unexpected cash found in an old coat pocket to getting the ‘close up’ parking spot at Wal-Mart. On the other hand, we find those who discount any Divine intervention – God set the ‘clock’ in motion at creation and hasn’t touched it since.

But, what does the Bible say? The Bible certainly points to God’s care for His creation. He not only is aware of the smallest details of it (Mt 10:29-30), but continues to have His angels actively involved in it (He 1:13-14). And, why would He direct His children to pray for Divine intervention (1 Ti 2:1-2, Ja 5:16, etc) if such intervention would never be forthcoming?

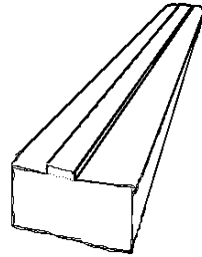
So, how far does that Divine intervention go? It clearly is NOT a Divine faucet, poised to satisfy our personal lusts (Ja 4:1-4). But, how far DOES God’s providence go? When it comes to the details, perhaps Mordecai’s view should be our view: *“Who knows...?”*

Another Perspective

Did Noah Need Oxygen?

Skeptics try to discredit Noah's Flood, so it is important to know how to defend its record in Genesis.

Q: If climbers need oxygen tanks to climb Mount Everest, how was Noah able to breathe if his ark floated above the highest mountains?



A: There are a number of aspects that need to be considered. First, at the time of the Flood, mountains like Mount Everest were not necessarily the height they are now. In fact, the earth's highest mountains have fossils of sea creatures at their tops, showing that they were once under the sea. Either the sea rose to cover the mountains, or the mountains were once under the sea and have risen out of the sea – or both things occurred.

Second, measurements indicate that Mount Everest is currently rising at six inches per year. This movement was probably much greater in the past – particularly at the end of the Flood. So, its formation can easily be explained from the time of the Flood.

Third, as the water rose during the Flood, the atmosphere would have risen as well. The difference in pressure for Noah's family would have been equivalent to standing on top of 100 foot-high building.

- from *Answers Update* (edited)

Just Thinkin'

We have all read the warning in the rear view mirror: 'Objects in mirror are closer than they appear'. And, while humorists have had a field day with it, the warning serves to remind us that depth perception really does make a difference while driving.

A similar warning should be mandatory on all calendars: 'Dates on calendar are closer than they appear'. It is a Biblical admonition, similar in effect to Romans 13:11, "*...now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.*" Like the rear view mirror, it is a warning that we ignore to our peril.

And, what dates are closer than they appear? Certainly birthdays would qualify. It may seem unbelievable to a teenager that his/her 30th birthday is just around the corner, but it is (God willing). And, it may seem inconceivable that the day of our death will come as quickly as the dissipation of a morning fog, but it will (Ja 4:14).

And, while these thoughts may strike some as being 'negative', to a Christian they spell 'h-o-p-e' (Ph 1:23). Think about it.