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<p><b>F.A.Q.</b>  <b>Zine?</b> A light free publication (zines date back to the 1700s).  <b>Why?</b> Because Jesus' Grace and our battles (Epesians 6:12-18).  <b>By?</b> Sinners, saved by and serving the risen Christ Jesus.  <b>When?</b> New issue every 2 weeks.  <b>Where?</b> In print around town and at mustardseedzine.com</p>				<p><b>15</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT or IG: @first.love.church                       * 7pm: Weds Night Worship and Service at First Love Church Costa Mesa (3185 Pullman St.)   <i>Watch a sermon at: mustardseedzine.com</i></p>	<p><b>16</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT or IG: @first.love.church                       * Idea: Watch a movie from the list on page 2.</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT or IG: @first.love.church                       * 7pm: Celebrate Recovery (recover from alcohol, drugs, hurts, habits, and hangups.) at First Love Church (3185 Pullman St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626)</p>
<p><b>18</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT or IG: @first.love.church                       * 830am: Men's breakfast at Dick Church's in Costa Mesa   <i>Watch a sermon at: mustardseedzine.com</i></p>	<p><b>19</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT or IG: @first.love.church                       *9am: 1st Service at First Love Church Costa Mesa.                      *10:30am: 2nd Service at First Love Church Costa Mesa. (Online or in-person)</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT or IG: @first.love.church                       * Idea: Listen to some Christian music on YouTube or Spotify such as "Zach Williams and Dolly Parton There Was Jesus" or <i>Watch a sermon at: mustardseedzine.com</i></p>	<p><b>21</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT or IG: @first.love.church                       *7pm: Men's Worship and Fellowship at First Love Church Costa Mesa (3185 Pullman St.)                       * Idea: Watch a movie from our list (page 2).</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT, and IG: @first.love.church                       * 7pm: Weds Night Worship and Service at First Love Church Costa Mesa (<b>on YouTube or in-person</b>)</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT, and IG: @first.love.church                       * Idea: Read James, the whole book, it's not that long, and it has the power to change your life, if you let it/Jesus.   <i>Watch a sermon at: mustardseedzine.com</i></p>	<p><b>24</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT, and IG: @first.love.church                       * 7pm: Celebrate Recovery (recover from alcohol, drugs, hurts, habits, and hangups.) at First Love Church Costa Mesa.</p>
<p><b>25</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT, and IG: @first.love.church                       * 9am: <b>Saints M.C. Homeless outreach: Distributing warm blankets and socks. Meet at First Love Church</b> (3185 Pullman St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626)</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on IG and YT.                       * 9am: 1st Service at First Love Church-Costa Mesa                      *10:30am: 2nd Service at First Love Church Costa Mesa.</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on IG and YT.                       * Idea: Watch a movie from the list on page 2.                       * Idea: Share this zine with 2 people you love.</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT, and IG: @first.love.church                       *7pm: Men's Worship and Fellowship at First Love Church Costa Mesa (3185 Pullman St.)</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      * Pastor Pete's daily devo on YT, and IG: @first.love.church                       * 7pm: Weds Night Worship and Service at First Love Church Costa Mesa (<b>on YouTube or in-person</b>)</p>	<p><i>We do this for Jesus, because He saved us. This is worship. To make it. To give it. To read it. To share it. Love you Jesus. Thank you Jesus!</i>                       Visit First Love Church online at <a href="http://FirstLoveChurch.net">FirstLoveChurch.net</a> or in person at: 3185 Pullman St, Costa Mesa, Ca, 92626</p>	<p><b>Read past issues at: mustardseedzine.com</b>                       Send your events, movies, ideas, and 'Ask A Pastor' questions to: <a href="mailto:hi@mustardseedzine.com">hi@mustardseedzine.com</a>   <b>God Bless!!!</b>                       © Mustard Seed Zine</p>

How does one get spiritually fit only working out only on Sunday?

### Rad Christian Movies

- Mountain Top** [PG-13] (2017) Prime, AppleTV, YouTube.
- The Secrets of Johnathan Sperry** [PG] (2008) Prime, YouTube, Tubi.
- A Matter of Faith** [PG] (2014) Prime, Tubi, YouTube

Our 'eye diet' is important. We (subconsciously) become what we see and hear most. It's our biology. It's so important, Jesus even spoke about it in Matthew 6:22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are focused on good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are on evil, your whole body will be full of darkness."

Try a different eye diet for 30 days and see what happens. Keep focused on God and His light. Or just see how you feel after one of these movies.

**"Give it a try and if it doesn't work we will refund your misery" ~Pastor Dawn Cropsey**

**Word Defined:** ("Helper" in Genesis 1 in reference to Woman/Eve means: "Strengthened" of man. [in context, it does NOT mean 'servant', as many think.]

### Things Jesus DID NOT say

**1. 'Live your truth.' —> Nope.**  
Jesus said "I am the Truth." And thusly, if "my truth" ends up being not actually true/real/objective truth, I would be living a lie (and breaking one of the 10 commandments) and creating a reality that is not in alignment with God and His Holy Spirit. If we are not in The Holy Spirit, we are in the other of the two spirits, the Satanic spirit. This is why Satan and his army of demons use deception as their first tool. Read Genesis 3 to see how satan/the serpent casts doubt on the meaning of God's Word. Satan/the serpent is using the same tricks today, by getting people to doubt God's Word by saying the Bible (God's Word) is 'flawed' or "inaccurate". It's true and alive.

^^ (There is a great series on War of The Seeds at [www.mustardseedzine.com/warch](http://www.mustardseedzine.com/warch))

**2. 'Follow your heart.' —> Nope.**  
Jesus said, "follow me." Also, God says in Proverbs 28:26 "He/She who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered." because God says in Jeremiah 17:9-10 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked". And that doesn't mean the heart is bad, it means that the enemy uses it to deceive us... and we must protect it... because God tells us that "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

### Relationship v. Religion

There was no Christianity as we know it today in the day of Jesus before he was crucified. Jesus came to make direct relationship with Him/God possible for everyone who believes in Him.

He came and battled against those who called themselves 'religious' but did not actually do the things they preached.

You don't have to go to church, but we do go because we are asked by Jesus to fellowship with others who love Him -- and to worship -- though going to 'church' is not something Jesus says we must do. We are saved through faith in Jesus and repentance from our old ways -- at first -- and consistently repenting and doing our true and honest best to live as Jesus asks.

### What Does Jesus Ask of Me?

Jesus asks many things of His followers, in addition to the 10 Commandments, all outlined in The Bible.

Yet, many don't know what these are.

Each issue we cover what Jesus asks of us.

First, it's important to remind that Jesus did come to fulfill the law contract of the Old Testament and create/make a new contract/covenant/agreement (the New Testament).

Following Jesus' commands is not how we are saved (because we are saved through our earnest Faith in Jesus as our crucified, risen, living King, Lord, and Savior -- and thus, by His Grace) but we are given the choice to follow His commands (do our best to) because it is how we tell Jesus that we love Him. And it usually makes our lives and the lives of those around us, WAY BETTER. I say usually because, Jesus also tells us we will suffer and we will be persecuted (and to stay joyful in those times) so I don't want to speak a false-prosperty gospel here -- following Jesus IS NOT all ice cream and sunshine. It is challenging. Jesus tells us this. And, it is part of a personal and massive spiritual war happening in our world right now. And that is why Jesus came to call us, teach us, and ask/instruct us on some very specific things -- things that can change your life. Each issue we will feature one or more of Jesus' 76 asks... 10 Commandments + Jesus' instructions in the New Testament). Here's Jesus' ask for this issue:

**Cannot Serve Two Masters**  
"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" [money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than the Lord]. (Matthew 6:24-26)

### New Age Rebuke

Mainstream culture has normalized satanic/demonic practices such as witchcraft, occult, false-religions, etc. These are things that are actually fundamentally NOT of the Holy Spirit, and of the other spirit, the satanic spirit. There are only two spirits, and everything is of one of them, either the Holy Spirit or the satanic spirit. Each issue we will rebuke one new age practice that denies and greives the Holy Spirit. Today, it is, Astrology -- which is not God, not of God. It is a tempting deception of the devil and his demons. It is in fact a false-god, an idol, and a form of divination. Scripture is very clear on the dangers of false idols and gods (Matthew 24:24, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Exodus 20:3). od cleary says that astrology, a form of divination, is "an abomination to Lord" (Deuteronomy 18:9-14). When you read your sign or chart, you are coming into agreement with demons about the future they want for you and you want for you - outside of alignment with God's will). The bible specifically warns against astrology, yet astrologers take it out of context and use part of the verse to claim that the bible (falsely) supports and allows astrology. **It does NOT.**

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[...continued] God specifically forbids worshipping the "host of heaven" (Deuteronomy 4:19). And in Isaiah 47:9-15, God says "...calamities will come upon you, despite all your witchcraft and magic. You felt secure in your wickedness. 'No one sees me,' you said. But your 'wisdom' and 'knowledge' have led you astray, and you said, 'I am the only one, and there is no other.' So disaster will overtake you, and you won't be able to charm it away. Calamity will fall upon you, and you won't be able to buy your way out. A catastrophe will strike you suddenly, one for which you are not prepared. 'Now use your magical charms! Use the spells you have worked at all these years! Maybe they will do you some good. Maybe they can make someone afraid of you. All the advice you receive has made you tired. Where are all your astrologers, those stargazers who make predictions each month? Let them stand up and save you from what the future holds. But they are like straw burning in a fire; they cannot save themselves from the flame. You will get no help from them at all; their hearth is no place to sit for warmth. And all your friends, those with whom you've done business since childhood, will go their own ways, turning a deaf ear to your cries." [||] Also, Jesus points out that we cannot serve two masters, such as God and astrology. See the next column (right).

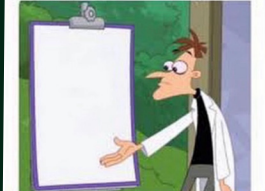
### DON'T BLAME GOD FOR YOUR PROBLEMS



When their bumper sticker says "I Love Jesus" and their driving says "I wanna meet Jesus"



Here's a list of all the times God has failed me



**1 Corinthians 13:4-13** Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

**THANK YOU:** God, Jesus, Holy Spirit. Thank you to everyone who read this, who shared it, and who allowed us to place it in their store, restaurant, church, office, etc. Thank you to the team who helped get this issue out. Many years ago, there were 2 successful (by world standards) versions of a zine using the same format before this one. We are using the same format but this time, making it for Jesus! We pray that if it is God's will, this zine becomes a bridge to bring people out of the enemy's false-light (remember, Lucifer was the angel of light before he fell to earth, so he knows how to make things look like love and light when they are dark) and into the true light of Jesus!

### Ask a Pastor: Yin Yang?

**QUESTION:**  
Is Yin Yang real / is it compatible with Christianity? Is there good and evil in God?

**ANSWER 1 (By Pastor Pete Cropsey):**  
Yin Yang comes from Taoism and Tao Te Ching, which is not a religion it is a philosophy -- as it has no god, only a series of philosophical principles. Being a hippie kid from the sixties I actually was a Taoist.

Regarding the question about evil... See Genesis chapter 3 where sin and evil clearly enter the world through the manipulation of God's Word by the serpent. The serpent tricked Adam and Eve and then through Adam sin entered the world.

**ANSWER 2 (By Pastor Ben Hooker):**  
Yin and Yang is not Christian at all.

Yin Yang is an idea based in Taoism stating that opposites are needed to offset each other "for harmony to exist."

God did NOT create evil: 1 John 1:5 says "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all!" (1 John 1:5)

Sin and evil entered the world through man: "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—" (Romans 5:12)

So, it's US HUMANS who bear the burden of sin in this world, and our enemy, Satan, seeks to influence humanity and strip Heaven of the souls God so lovingly came to save through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ.

.....See related followup question (below this)

**FOLLOWUP QUESTION:**  
Why does Isaiah 45:7 (NKJV) say God created "evil"?

**FOLLOWUP ANSWER (By Pastor Pete Cropsey):**  
The word evil in Hebrew is RA, which is better translated to "catastrophe". Remember Isaiah is a Jewish book and they would have never translated it that way. What Isaiah is saying there is that God allows certain situations in my life that might seem catastrophic. Read James 1.

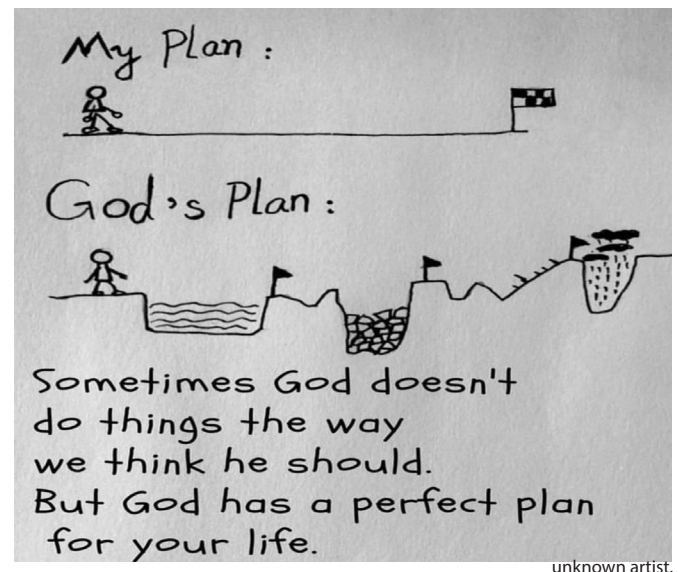
### Scientists Study 40,000 People

We are reprinting this story from the last issue because more people need to see it: A comprehensive study of 40k American men & women found that those who read the bible 4x per week had lower odds of these key soul-destroying behaviors:

- Pornography = 61% lower
- Gambling = 74% lower
- Getting drunk = 57% lower
- Sex outside marriage = 68% lower
- Any of these habits = 57% lower

View full study w/fancy sciency charts at ---> [MustardSeedZine.com/studies](http://MustardSeedZine.com/studies)

I am a sinner.  
Saved by the Grace of Jesus, alone.  
I do good works to praise and glorify him, not to be saved or gain anything -- because that would be fundamentally selfish -- and Jesus tells us to die to self, and be reborn, by the Grace of Jesus.



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