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No Spin Report

I returned home late Saturday night from my motorhome adventure to and from Texas. It was a great trip, well worth the expense, but still quite tiring. Only one somewhat major problem was encountered with the motorhome and that had to do with the solenoid that ran all the gauges in the coach and burned out early in the trip.

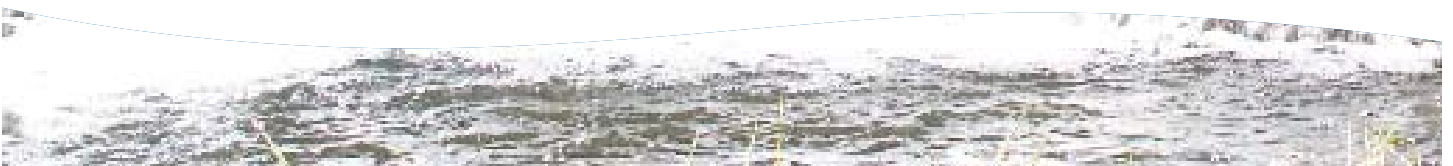
The manufacturer recommends that you use a 100 amp continuous duty solenoid. We quickly found out and they are not normally available through auto parts stores. We were able to get an 80 amp through NAPA, which worked fine for the last thousand miles or so. There is a question whether the other stores sold us something that didn't last, because they could, or whether their computers really didn't give them the proper information. The NAPA people found that theirs was and 80 amp continuous duty using something

from a bygone era known as a "book."

For those unfamiliar with a book, it is a source of information printed on paper and bound in an order so that the information can be accessed and evaluated.

As I stated in the last post at the beginning of the trip, virtually all the land we traversed was formed and shaped by water, most of it in the form of vast oceans. Much of that ocean bottom now is located 6000 8000 feet above current sea level.

The landscape looks like there were huge quantities of sand and mud under water. The land rose quite rapidly and the water just ran off, causing the truly unique features that cover most of the North American west. Once dry land, this mud and sand hardened into sandstone or other forms of rock. Much of it is still just sand and dry soil, sans water. It really just doesn't look that old.



To say that this happened slowly over eons of time doesn't make any sense, simply because the physics of moving water just doesn't work that way. I guess I don't have enough faith in evolutionary science to be a believer in its presuppositions. But the question also comes forward, were these evolutionary theories formed by observations of reality, or were they formed in the sandstone buildings of enlightened human thinking and then transposed upon the natural environment.

Some place in a book I read a story about a lot of water that came down in a short period of time and covered the earth. Then it ran off quickly and formed the world which we now see. Where was that? Talk about climate change!

Oh yes, now I remember that story is in the Bible, in the Book of Genesis. It is generally known as the Genesis Flood. That story really looks like what happened, there is really only one problem, the whole flood thing was caused by God to destroy corrupt human society. Just how primitive of a story is that? First of all it speaks of human degradation, sin, and corruption, definitely not something in which modern man can believe. Then there is the real stumbling block, that concept of a supreme being. God? That simply is beyond the pale of orthodoxy of the religion of evolutionary materialism.

So why is this voice of the science of the Genesis Flood not heard in the land? Simply because the church doesn't believe the Bible that it claims as it's authority. Actually for most of the church the Bible isn't a book of the revelation of God and His absolutes anymore. It is really a collection of moral teachings that help one to live a better life in a rapidly evolving world.

First you get rid of Genesis, then the cross of Jesus Christ and you have a perfect religion for modern man. We can save ourselves if we truly work together and make this world a better place. A place called Babylon follows shortly after the Biblical flood gives us a good model.

Yes sir, we sure are making this world a better place. There seems to be two camps currently in the United States. First there is the doomsday religious cult. At the present time, that camp seems to be centered in the disorganized sic

environmental movement. The goal of that cult seems to be if we could eliminate all the humans except for the enlightened??? the world would work in some sort of ecological utopia.

The other camp seems to say if we just create enough money to buy all the different sorts of stuff, then we can build and extract the things we need so that we can all become happy, healthy, and wise.

In both religions there is no need for God, humanity can save itself, from itself. You truly can't argue logic with that type of circular reasoning, all you can really question, is that limited universe truly representative of the real world? I would submit it really doesn't work anywhere, and it is only a viable urban religion where there is an illusion that we really have it all together.

Now most of the discussion today from either camp is rapidly centering on the natural environment, why is that? Simply because any voice that we can't save ourselves, from ourselves, is not heard in the land. The Christian church has joined forces with everyone else. Therefore, its voice is no longer relevant, who cares. The gospel of Jesus Christ has become a gospel of saving yourself, from yourself and feeling good about it.

As a consequence the only arena where the wisdom of humanity has not yet prevailed totally is in the field, the field of the environment.

As the data continues to emerge there is virtually no evidence of human caused global warming from greenhouse gases. Truthfully, if there was a Genesis Flood there are some really scary things that have happened on this earth not all that long ago. Like the creation of fossil fuels themselves, but thinking in those terms will not save us from ourselves, nor will it allow us to get rich as a consequence.

According to the Bible, the good book, the gospel of Jesus Christ is about God's external and foreign righteousness saving humanity from itself. The rest of the Bible is pretty much about vain, self centered human attempts by various people and communities to save themselves from their own debauchery. As you rarely hear in sermons anymore, sinners sin. So you really can't blame sinners for sinning if they have never heard of a better solution. The church is supposed to be that voice of the only solution.

The problem with the world today is that the church of Jesus is no longer the church of the Jesus Christ of the Bible. Most if not all the big and small edifices of Christian evangelicalism in the United States are really irrelevant, because they no longer perform their God given mission. Therefore that responsibility will one day, in a not too distance future, bring judgment upon the leadership of these expensive mausoleums of dead men's bones. Go out and buy your own warm fuzzies, but they will not help.

How could this change?

The only way is by somehow we must realize that we individually, and also communally are not going to save ourselves. But that is really not going to happen in a serious way if all our reinforcement comes from society and culture that continually points to the lie that we are well on our way to creating heaven here on earth. This problem is also probably unique to the United States, because many if not most of our Christian forefathers came to these shores to create just that natural shining city on a hill. These failed attempts still are a strong part of the genre of American Christianity.

That shining city on a hill does not exist in the wildness of creation however. Only if you look seriously at the disconnect between the God of the Bible and the God of creation are you going to realize that this is the true fracture in human reasoning. This fissure is not found in the Bible, it is an artificial fabrication of "enlightened" human reasoning and gross simplification.

By gross simplification to paraphrase Forrest Gump, "I mean that just because I don't know no better, I can learn others what I learned, and as such we can be stupid together. Stupid is, as stupid does."

Are you afraid to die?

I recently heard that a survey of a major Protestant denomination showed that most of the members were afraid of what would happen to them when they passed on. I would suspect that this is true not only within that denomination but all of Christianity as a whole, as well as the rest of the world population.

Jesus, the Christ, beckons those who follow after Him to come and die to the old self and to be resurrected into the new life in Him. If death to your present life still has a sting of regret or worry, perhaps you truly haven't entered into the new birth that true Christianity says to offer.

Even more serious, if you attend church regularly and have never heard this message, perhaps you may be only a Christian only in a religious name.

So here is a practical simple test, offered in the common grace context that if you are afraid to die, chances are that you are not truly living either.

Can you spend a full 24 hour day completely alone in creation?

That means alone, no agenda, no schedule, no watch, no TV, no iPod, no cell phone, no Bible, no books, no newspapers, nor other amusements, just you with the God of creation, His natural law and common grace, and His created flora and fauna.

You can take all the food and shelter you deem appropriate, but you are completely dependent upon the grace of God to keep you from freezing to death, dying of heat stroke, being eaten by a bear, or bitten by a rattlesnake, or dying of boredom the most perceived threat .

A similar right of passage from childhood to adult status was conducted among many primitive indigenous people groups. If we are so advanced we really should not have a problem with such a simple task. In many groups this passage include something similar for both men and women.

In order for the world to get it together, first the Christian church needs to get away from the world and its programs of evolutionary enlightenment through materialism. Once the churches begin again to teach that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, by Christ alone, for God's glory alone, will we see the harmony between true natural reality and God's Word, the Bible.

This change for the most part will come from the laity, because Christian leadership, just like the leadership in the rest of the country is entrenched and serve at the good graces of those who are doing quite well in a total material world of their own making. They can't take it with them to the next world, which really is the reason that this whole thing is so stupid.

Changing the way the world works is not going to occur as the wisdom of humanity to change itself. It is going to come as a divine work of God through the gospel preaching of Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected.

You can be part of that program or you and your stuff are expendable. Chances are it will occur naturally first through the loss of some or most of your stuff. That means floods, tornadoes, and other means of stupendous change we have written about at length. After that, the continued demise of economic standards, because of humanly contrived and manipulated energy allocations, rather than modeling our economy upon creation's reality and energetics.

Where you fit in this is up to you, in the place you are planted. That is the no spin report for today. It is not news, it is based upon truth and that is all you really need to know.