

# THOUGHTS

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## **TWO DOWN, THREE TO GO**

Two of the five new languages of TWT starting in 2024-2025 are now airing! The five languages that will be added are Albanian, Nzebi, Shona, Teluga, and Limbu! It will cost \$78,000 per year for TWT to carry these languages. It is a big commitment, but the Lord has given zealous people the means to support it!

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Every person you share the work of TWT with becomes a potential partner. Let people who love Jesus but are frustrated by the politics, inefficiency, and worldliness of the Church know about The Word Today. There are still great Christian ministries doing the Lord's work!

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## **JUST LIKE THAT, \$.5B DOLLARS GONE**

The man threw out the disc drive containing half a billion dollars in Bitcoin. Easy come, easy go! Now he is paying the government to dig up the landfill in a desperate attempt to recover it. Doesn't this seem like a real-life story Jesus would use?

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## **I WISH I HAD INVITED MORE PEOPLE**

Recently, as I walked into the health club to start my session, a younger man who had maintained running after he exited school enthused about his first half marathon. He made an impressive showing, finishing 69th out of more than 1,000 runners! He invited two friends to watch and commented that afterward there were food trucks and it was a lot of fun. He said, "I wish I had invited more people!"

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I wonder if we will have a regret in Heaven for not inviting more people?

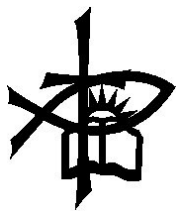
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## **BONKERS for CONKERS**

There are allegations of cheating at the World Conkers Championship in England! What should we expect when ever-devilish humans elevate the activity of breaking a seed to high art? It's as weird as hobby horse racing. Yet, these are benign activities if the participants don't cheat!

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Bonkers vaguely reminds me of a toy that was popular when I was young called Clackers. A clacker consisted of two hard plastic spheres on strings that could be propelled by rapid hand motion to make them crash into each other, or "clack", then rebound to repeat the process. When the user made the hand motions rapidly enough, the balls clacked at a high rate. The skill was rapidly getting the balls to clack, and then maintaining it through quick, consistent hand movements. The game started to lose its appeal when some of the plastic balls began to shatter! It would not be fun to be injured by high-speed shards of plastic!



*The Bible is God's Word...Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh...  
His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.*

The people who really are bonkers are the wicked, those bent on evil. They use their time, creativity, and energy to perpetrate crimes and defy God. They are spiritually unhinged to think they will get away with it.

<https://www.foxnews.com/sports/cheating-scandal-rocks-world-conkers-championships-england>

**LET'S ADD MicroRNA TO THE MIX**

It's not a mixture, as the word implies a random aggregate. In using the word mix, I mean the collection of variables involved in forming and maintaining cellular life. Just as there are many elements in a studio bringing together the performance, reproduction, and playing of recorded music, so there is a mix of information and biological structures involved in cellular life.

Victor Ambros, a co-winner of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Medicine for the discovery of MicroDNA, described it as a "communication network amongst genes that enables the cells in our bodies to generate all kinds of different complex structures and functions." MicroRNA influences single-strand messenger RNA as it is decoded and translated for the creation of proteins. Proteins are the building blocks of cellular life.

Without a shred of hard evidence that this system of MicroRNA evolved, the statement in the article referenced below states, "... all animal life relied upon the mechanism for more than 500 million years." That is nonsense! It is the typical boilerplate evolution that is slapped onto research papers and popular science news articles, and it is worthless. You can safely ignore such statements.

One might think that as yet another layer of complexity that is fundamental to life is explored, Darwinists might weaken in their commitment to Naturalism, the belief that only the physical world exists. Considering that before MicroRNA was discovered, already the accidental formation of life was statistically untenable. Now that another layer of complexity has been found, it makes clinging to Darwinism even more obtuse.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/nobel-prize-medicine-goes-u-094121064.html>

**FLEDGELING LUDDITE CLUBS ARE POPPING UP**

A counter-culture subset of teens disdain smartphones and learn to live without the electronic tether. They read secular works by Boethius, Camus, Vonnegut, and Hunter S. Thompson. If they really wish to be free, they need to start reading the Bible.

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING LEGAL AND BEING HOLY**

We were studying Hebrews 12:14, about the difference between legality and holiness. I was struck by the thought that having a right does not make a person righteous! Only the forgiveness of God through our Savior, Jesus makes us righteous!

Blessings,  
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