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Words have meanings. The Voice editorshipness (not a word) is teaching me so much. I am examining the proper use of, not just words, but of commas and quotation marks, and grammar. So, how is my grammar? She’s fine, but a bit sad after grandpa died.

Culture also plays a role in defining the meaning of words. Take these words, “God Only Knows.” In our culture today this means, ‘There’s just no way of knowing.’ And it has nothing to do with God. It’s just what people say. However, change the order to “Only God Knows”, and presto, now it is God who knows everything. Check out our last issue. Del Wilson’s working title was unintentionally altered. All attempts at proof reading missed the mark and while I am very sorry this happened, it goes to the point that we can sometimes misread something and start down a wrong path. We recently visited the Museum of the Bible, in Washington, D.C. with Answers In Genesis speaker, Bryan Osborne (below). There, we were struck by the great sacrifices that many “editors” have made to give us God’s Word in our own language. And still we must be prayerfully diligent in interpreting His Word, lest we go down the wrong path. Heed the warning in Matthew 13:13; “Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.”

BTW: Thanks, Del, for your amazing work for us. Praying God has more amazing stuff for you to do.

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Convention Update!

We have a few more names to announce for the exciting 2018 FCM Convention.

With the addition of these names to the dozens of lecturers already coming – this convention will not be one to miss!!

Larry Wirtz
Larry Wirtz is a classically trained “sleight-of-hand” artist from the historic Chavez Studio of Magic as well as a Stephen’s Minister, Certified Lay Speaker and a full-time Inspirational Speaker, Humorist, and Entertainer. Larry has presented programs in over 10,000 schools along with colleges, churches, corporations, and conventions across 32 states and Canada since 1982.

Lamar Yoder
The juggling department is back and in great hands! Lamar Yoder is the president of the Christian Juggler’s Association and will not only be performing, but in charge of the entire juggling track!

Norm Barnhart
Also known as “Normondo The Great,” he is the winner of the America’s Funniest Magician contest in Las Vegas. He’s written books, put out DVDs, lectured across the country, and is, well, just fantastic!

Dale Campbell
Dale Campbell is one of the hottest balloon artists in the country right now. Sponsored by companies like Betallatex, his balloon artistry from headbands to large creations is truly amazing.
Well, finally last night I was able to pull myself away and watch The Greatest Showman. I have to say, it was fantastic! It was a feel good movie of triumph, something I wish more movies reflected.  

The one thing I felt at first was a tinge of sadness that our youngest, Juliette at only 16 months old, wasn’t old enough to enjoy the movie with us yet. Then the more I thought about it, I got sad because she also won’t be able to enjoy the circus the way I did, and we all did growing up. The Ringling Brothers are no more, as well as Barnum and Bailey. That’s a world that our children just won’t know.

That’s when a smile came across my face. Thinking back to when I was young, it wasn’t the circus I remember, it was being 7 years old and stepping into an International FCM convention for the first time. It was bigger than life.

There’s something truly magical about stepping out of your vehicle and seeing a man on a unicycle ride by. Then groups of people juggling, face painting, fantastic clowns, and magic, oh the magic. Each person there, although older and so much...
more experienced, welcomed this young wide-eyed kid with open arms. It was the week I looked forward to every single year. I sat in magic lecture after magic lecture, learned to make puppets, learned to juggle fire torches at 14 years old, and would sit up with the magicians until the early hours of the morning watching tricks and hearing stories of performances. These people, to me, were bigger than life. They were the strong performers and strong Christian people that I looked up to. Looking back through photos, I noticed that I had photos of Sierra (who turned 16 this year at the convention) since she was born doing everything from; juggling the Diablo, at 8 years old, to being a face painting model, at much younger. Although being a teenager changes someone, as driving and social life becomes more important, she still insists it’s her favorite week of the year.

That’s why the FCM means so much to me. As we continue to grow the convention and bring in more and more talent, we can’t lose the feeling of what the FCM convention truly is. I’ve been to numerous large magic conventions and balloon conventions all over the world, but nothing compares to an International FCM convention. So much talent, combined with so much love for Christ and each other, makes the FCM convention full of so much wonder.

Juliette may not be able to enjoy the movie for several years, and she may never be able to see the circus the way we did, but when she steps on to the site of an International FCM convention, there will be a wonder in her eyes seeing things she’s never seen before. For that, I’m thankful for my wonderful FCM family, and can’t wait another moment to get back there.

If you’ve never been to an FCM International Convention, you have to come. It’s an experience that can’t be matched.

Joey Evans
International President
Larry Wirtz

Who is this tricky fellow?
The Long and Short of It

Larry Wirtz is an educational specialist who has presented curriculum based convocations in over 10,000 elementary, middle and high schools across the United States and Canada.

As a lifelong learner, he is currently working on his dissertation for a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership while holding a M.A. in Ministry and Leadership as well as a B.S. in Biblical Studies from Indiana Wesleyan University. In addition to helping students learn, grow and develop, Larry works privately as a leadership consultant helping executives, educators and those in ministry grow in their leadership and organizational capacity through a Christian worldview.

Finally, Larry is a classically trained “sleight-of-hand” artist from the historic Chavez Studio of Magic, as well as a Stephen’s Minister, Certified Lay Speaker and a full-time Inspirational Speaker, Humorist, and Entertainer. Described as intelligent, articulate, and dynamic, Larry delivers an eye-opening, jaw-dropping program that is genuine, dignified, funny, but most importantly, RELEVANT! His popular brand of educational entertainment has won the hearts of all generations, making him a nationally recognized leader in his field.

Now the Rest of the Story

It all began at the age of seven when I had asked Santa Clause for a unicycle – a one-wheeled bike – how cool - they would never catch me! Instead I received a magic kit. At the time, I never knew such things even existed. After playing with it for a while I was ready to present my very first “magic show” for a very receptive audience – mom and dad. I was forever hooked! Growing
up in an area void of any magic shops or knowing of any other magicians, I learned as much as I could from library books, magic trading cards found in Wonder Bread (1974) and even magic tricks found on Dixie Cups (1976). By the time I was in middle school, parents started to pay me to go to parties. How awesome, as I knew kids that were paid to leave. (lol) I was paid to attend and eat pizza and cake! In the words of Harry Anderson, “I saw my future before me like a well-made suit!” My first school assembly program was part of a humanities project where I was to create a Say NO to Drugs program to present at a local elementary school. This single event turned into school presentations throughout Northwest Indiana. Looking back, this was foundational in the creation of a long career presenting in schools across the country.

After high school, I was presenting the Say NO to Drugs program throughout the state of Indiana and Illinois. However at that time, the market place became saturated with a multitude of programs with the same theme. This was largely due to Nancy Reagan’s First Lady Initiative with a focus on substance abuse with a theme, Just Say No. Federal grant money was made available to schools to offset the cost for such programs, which in turn created an overabundance of school assembly programs with the same theme. In order to keep busy, I had to create a unique selling position (USP). This was an easy choice as all through school, I loved science, and there was a void in quality science assembly programs offered to schools, hence the creation of The Magical World of Science! - a perfect blend of scientific theory, sideshow stunts and “magic tricks” to serve as visual object lessons to help illustrate abstract concepts. In time, this program, lead the way to the creation of six other science programs.

Experience has revealed that schools are reactionary towards culture and current events. On Tuesday morning, September 11th, life as we all knew it, was forever changed when terrorists hijacked four commercial airline jets and proceeded with a suicide mission against the United States. School assemblies came to a complete stop. In reaction to the uncertainty, schools went so far as to cancel programs...
throughout the 2001-02 school year. Again, I had to find a USP. This time the direction was clouded as the markets I served froze. However, on a return trip from a benefit show in Nashville, Tennessee, that was to raise money for the children of first responders who lost their lives during the 911 terrorist attack, I recalled the reaction of schools during Desert Storm in 1990. The eight hour drive home yielded, *Red, White, Blue & YOU!* A mailing for this school assembly program (that dealt with character education, citizenship and patriotism) went out in November that year and the calendar was filled for 2001-02 school year by December. From there, schools started to request additional programs regarding character education, thus the creation of *Follow the Leader – Bully Prevention & Character Education* assembly program. While still offering all of the science and character education programs, the current state of affairs is much like the days of Nancy Reagan’s *Just Say No*, leaving the marketplace saturated with bully prevention programs. Once again, it is time to research and find that new USP!

**Life Long Learning**

As scripture reminds us “the heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, the ears of the wise seek it out” (Proverbs 18:15 – NIV) Lifelong learning is more than a good idea, as for me, it has been a way of life. In my early twenties I had the privilege of attending the Chavez College of Magic in a unique way. The Chavez course of study focuses on classic “sleight-
of-hand” skills and stage manipulation. At that time Neil Foster and Chris Jakway were conducting classes in small groups of four to six students. However, when I attended, it was a private situation. From there, I was one of three Chavez graduates who were invited into the advanced, “post-graduate” course of study. Throughout my Chavez studies, I maintained a full performing calendar, and upon completion, I assisted with personal instruction at the Michigan studio. Currently, I am the lead contact person and head instructor for the Chavez Studio of Magic.

Always wanting to go back to college, but leaning on the excuse of not having the time, I prayed to God that if it is in His plan, I would obey. That being said, God (in His remarkable way) removed all obstacles and objections and created the opportunity for me to pursue a higher education. I am not saying it was void of challenges or hard work, but He has created the opportunity for me to receive additional training for His purpose. That being said, I completed a B.S. in Biblical Studies from Indiana Wesleyan, a M.A. in Ministry and Leadership from the Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan, and currently entering the dissertation phase of a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Indiana Wesleyan. Looking back, I can see how each step along the way has been used to better serve Him and advance His Kingdom.
Living an Unplugged Life
One of the greatest blessings of having an atypical career is the autonomy and diversity in which I can work and live my life while serving God. Presenting school assembly programs has been my “bread and butter” market. However the years have provided the opportunity to work in a multitude of venues and markets across the United States and Canada. The diversity crosses the spectrum from corporate social functions, working the trade show floor and national meetings to casinos, cruise ships and comedy clubs. As each experience reflects a various season in my life, God has taken my secular performing and speaking experience and works continuously to transform it for His purpose. In this chapter of my life I have found a home working with churches and faith-based organizations. Whether it is speaking, preaching or entertaining to consulting from a Christian perspective on leadership issues and church growth, it is humbling that God is using me to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a needy world.

FCM
The Fellowship of Christian Magicians (FCM) is a wonderful organization for spiritual growth, skill development, and encouragement through fellowship. It has always been a privilege to be able to share and help others with their ministerial journey through this Christ-centered organization. I have had the honor of working with past-Presidents Steve Varro and Del Wilson, in addition to retired editor Mike Stenberg, on various projects for the FCM. I am excited to continue this relationship by working with the new generation of FCM leadership under the direction of President Joey Evans and The Voice editor, John Swomley. I am humbled to share that I will be a part of the 2018 International FCM Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana that will take place July 8th through July 13th. As of this writing, my involvement dates have not been finalized. That being said, I will be delivering the worship message at an Hour of Power service, lecturing on Leading Your Ministry in the 21st Century and performing on one of the evening shows during that week. Looking forward to meeting you there!
Salvation String

What the Audience Sees
The magician shows a length of thick string. The middle is cut indicating the damage of sin. The “pieces” of string are held in a spectator’s hand. After a moment, the string is removed and shown to be completely restored!

How It Works
You are using an old principle in which the middle of the string is unraveled to create fake ends. Read on and it will all become apparent to you. The idea was first conceived by magician, Joe Berg, in the 1930’s and has been seen in numerous magic books. But, I’ve used this method for large groups and in close-up and it gets a great response!

Needed
- Utility twine (soft cotton… sometimes called Kitchen Twine) it’s twine that is actually several strands of string twisted together. It can be purchased for a few dollars from your local hardware store — make sure it’s made up of at least 6 or more strands of string.
- Glue stick (get the kind that dries clear).
- Scissors.

Preparation
- Cut out about 3 foot section of twine and trim the ends at an angle.
- In the middle, separate the strands between your fingertips of your right and left hands — try to get an even number of strands at each of your fingertips and pull the strands apart. (Fig. 1)
- Let go of each part and the strands will immediately re-twist themselves and appear to be the “ends” of the twine.
- Add a few extra twists on each of the fake ends. (Fig. 2)
- Apply a small amount of glue stick on the actual ends that have been cut at an angle. (Fig. 3)
- Overlap the cut ends by just a fraction of an inch and roll the cut ends together and allow them to dry.
When held according to the picture it will appear that you are simply holding a length of twine, looped with the ends held at your fingers.

**To Make it Work**
- Display the twine.
- Using scissors, cut thru the part of the twine that is glued together.
- Place the fake ends into a spectator’s hand.
- Pull the real ends tight (this makes the fake ends unravel and return to the actual middle of the twine).
- Remove the twine from the spectator's hand and show that it’s restored.

**Message**
*This is a fairly straightforward “Sin, Forgiveness and Salvation” message.* Although, you might find a way to apply a number of different concepts and lessons to a cut and restored string.

(Display the twine) “Have you ever heard of ‘string theory’? It’s this idea about particles that connect and a bunch of science stuff that even some of the smartest people in the world haven’t been able to figure out! And yet, we live in a world where this ‘string theory’ is at work. Did you know there are people who have made the idea of forgiveness impossible to understand? I can’t figure out ‘string theory’ — but the Bible makes it really clear when it comes to sin and forgiveness. In 1st John 1:9 it says: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.’ That means, even if we love Jesus and we sin (cut the twine), there is a method for forgiveness.”

(Place the ‘fake ends’ of the twine in someone’s hand and have them close their hand into a fist around the ‘fake ends’) “If we confess… He forgives! Seems like a pretty straightforward thing! I don’t understand HOW Jesus is able to forgive, and yet, I get to live in a state of forgiveness. When I’m willing to say, ‘Lord, I’ve sinned and I need your forgiveness…’ (pull the string so it ‘restores’) He forgives and gives me another chance!” (tug hard on the string during your last statement to demonstrate the complete restoration).

You can find resources related to this routine at: [JamieDoyle.com](http://JamieDoyle.com) click on the Christian Magicians tab and use password: ‘focus’ You will find the downloadable print routine, video links with Jamie giving a performance demo and explanation.

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For most gospel magicians, the idea of using a trick like the Patriotic Ropes for a lesson on the trinity is nothing new. It is an obvious connection of magic effect and message concept.

What you are about to read is my handling and patter for such a lesson. I realize some magicians understand the trick can be used to illustrate the trinity, but struggle with patter and presentation. My hope is gospel magicians will find it helpful to be able to read what someone else has done with the concept.

What happens?
Three ropes are tied together. Each rope is a different color. After wrapped around the magician’s hand, then unwrapped again, they are seen to have become one rope, composed of the three colors. This is used as an example of how God is three, yet one.

How it’s done?
The Patriotic Ropes is a classic effect. It is available from most magic dealers. It is inexpensive and easy to do. The design is clever. Fundamentally, the magician does nothing more than keep two small knots hidden in his hand as he wraps the ropes around his hand. By way of the setup and gimmick of the trick, that’s all there is to performing the illusion.

Because it is a low cost trick, some overlook it or undervalue it. The effect is superb.
Required
Patriotic Rope trick (Highly recommended).

Setup
Standard handling of the ropes. They are preset and ready to go.

Presentation
Start with the ropes in your hand. Hold them up so the audience becomes interested in what you are about to do with them.

“Here is a very important question; how many Gods are there? Would you say there is only one? Let’s think about it. These ropes will illustrate the proper answer to the question. In Scripture we read about God the Father. The blue rope will help us think about Him.”

Untie the three ropes at a knot point and then apparently tie the blue rope to the white rope. Leave the red rope dangling down.

“I ask you again, how many Gods are there? Do you still say there is only one? Well now, the Bible also tells us about God the Son. This red rope will help us think about Him.”

Untie the other knot point and apparently tie the red rope to the white rope. The effect is that of having knotted together three different colored ropes; a red one, a blue one, and a white one.

“This white rope will help us think about God the Holy Spirit. Now yet again, how many Gods are there? You still answer, one? That is good! It is exactly what the Bible teaches. There are not three separate gods. There is only one. This is the great mystery we call the Trinity. God eternally co-exists within Himself as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The three are only one. The one is yet three.”

Start wrapping the ropes in your hand, removing the knots in the process and preparing to show the ropes as only one length of rope.

“This is difficult to understand, but it is nevertheless what the Bible tells us. It is like this rope…”

Unwind the rope from your hand and show it as only one rope...of three colors.

“We no longer have three individual ropes tied together. Instead, it is just one rope composed of three colors. So it is, with God. He is only one, yet he eternally exists as three persons. What you have just seen me do is only an illusion. As an illusion, it is a simple reminder of an eternal reality.

When seeing this illusion, you wonder, how did he do it? You know it is not possible to turn three ropes into one, but you also see that I have some means of making it seem to happen. When we think about God, we wonder, how can He be three, yet one, and one, yet three? We do not know how that can be, but we do know that God made us, we did not make Him. He does many things we do not understand. God is who He is and He is able to do anything He chooses to do. God has told us, in His Word, that He is three in one. Because He is God, we can trust that He is exactly who He says He is. The Scripture teaches it, so we believe it. It is one of the great doctrines of Christianity. We call it the Trinity. It means God truly is three in one.”
What About the Magicians in the Bible?

By Rod Robison

Adapted from the book Unmasking the Masquerade: Three Illusionists Investigate Deception, Fear, and the Supernatural by Rod Robison, Dr. Toby Travis, and Adrian Van Vactor.

“When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” – Jesus of Nazareth

In Chapter 2 of the Old Testament book of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar was awakened by a troubling dream. He was so upset by the nightmare that he immediately summoned his top magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers to consult with him.

“I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means,” he demanded of them.

“O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it,” they replied.

You can imagine what the king must have thought at that point. Maybe
something like, If they're such great miracle workers, why don't they just tell me themselves what my dream was? Why would I have to tell them? They should be able to read my mind. The king’s terse reply let them know that he was, in fact, on to their tricks.

“This is what I have firmly decided,” he angrily shot back. “If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble.” Then he added this enticing incentive. “But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor.”

If any one of them could have, at that point, told the king the details of his dream, he surely would’ve stepped forward. But no one did. In one last gasp effort to placate the king, they replied, “Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will interpret it.”

Of course, they knew that they had no ability to tell the king the details of his dream. Nebuchadnezzar knew it, too.

“You have conspired to tell me misleading and wicked things,” he said. “Tell me the dream and I will know that you can interpret it for me.”

They sheepishly responded, “There is not a man on Earth who can do what the king asks.” Even under penalty of death, none of them were able to do the real thing. They came clean only when they knew there was no other recourse.

Even the “miracle workers” admitted that no man can read another man’s mind. What an opportunity for Satan to have demonstrated his powers by reading the king’s mind. But he didn’t—perhaps because he couldn’t.

In I Kings 18, there is another telling account of the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. If ever there were an opportunity for Satan to demonstrate miraculous powers, this would have been it. Elijah challenged, even dared, the false prophets to beseech their god Baal to rain down fire on a prepared altar—and why not? Baal was known as the “God of Fire.” Mount Carmel, the location of this showdown, was the holy mountain of Baal worshipers.

Yet after hours of chanting, nothing happened. Then Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder,” he suggested sarcastically. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” Out of desperation, Baal’s prophets shouted even louder, slashing themselves with swords and spears for hours, shedding their blood in an effort to appease their god.

Nothing happened.

"By ascribing more power to Satan than God has given him, we allow ourselves to be fooled into fearing him.

Then Elijah prepared his own altar to the one true God. He had gallons of water poured over the sacrifice, and then beseeched God to rain down fire as a miraculous sign. The altar was immediately consumed by a fiery display—a poignant reminder to Israel, and a warning to the worshipers of Baal, of God’s incomparable power.

Another example is the encounter of Moses and Aaron with the magicians in the Pharaoh’s court. To demonstrate the authenticity of His message, God instructed Moses to throw down his staff, and it would change to a snake. Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: Each one threw down his staff and it became
a snake. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs (Exodus 7:10-12).

But did they really perform a miracle? In his book *Powers: Testing the Psychic and Supernatural*, illusionist Dan Korem described the means by which the magicians could have counterfeited God’s miracles on a smaller scale. Turning a rod into a snake, for instance, is easily accomplished by the same method modern day magicians turn a cane into a flower or handkerchief. Magicians will, undoubtedly, recognize the method as that utilized with the Fantasio cane which Korem suggests could be accomplished with material available in ancient Egypt.

I’ve personally witnessed the cane-to-snake trick performed by my good friend, magician Allan Rasco. We were performing a show together for a youth event. Rasco recounted the story in Exodus, then said, “I am fairly certain that what I’m about to show you folks is along the exact same lines as how they probably did their trickery.” An assistant handed him a cane. Rasco twirled it like a baton and handed it back to the assistant. Facing the audience and showing his left hand completely empty, he then took the cane back from the assistant. The moment he grabbed the cane’s midsection it instantly turned into a real snake. Rasco walked to the front row and allowed the audience an up-close and personal look at the wriggling black serpent.

In his book *Paranormal Lies and Wonders*, magician Toby Travis makes this astute observation about the other “miracles” performed by the court magicians:

“As you recall, even though the magicians lost their pet snakes that day, Pharaoh was not too impressed and sent Moses and Aaron on their way. The Lord then told Moses to strike Egypt with what would be the first of ten plagues. This plague devastated the watery pride of Egypt when the Nile River was turned into blood. Again, the magicians created an illusion that appeared to duplicate the work of Moses. Of course, there was a large supply of blood around now for them to use. And it would not take too much ingenuity to figure out a way to spoil a bowl full, or

Logically, if the magicians had used supernatural powers to create frogs, a far more complex creature than a gnat, then they should have been able to conjure up gnats or flies which were the fourth plague. Something just doesn’t seem right here.
even a pond full, of fresh water with blood. After the magicians had appeased Pharaoh with their demonstration, the Lord then brought on a plague of frogs that overtook the land. Again, but for the last time, the magicians also presented an illusion of producing frogs. But notice as you read the account in Exodus that after the frog production, the magicians were at a loss to create illusions that duplicated the mighty hand of God. An overwhelming infestation of gnats was plague number three."

Korem points out, “Logically, if the magicians had used supernatural powers to create frogs, a far more complex creature than a gnat, then they should have been able to conjure up gnats or flies which were the fourth plague. Something just doesn’t seem right here.” Travis continues, “Something doesn’t seem right because creating illusions to represent the first two plagues on a small scale is relatively easy to conceive using the tools of the magicians’ trade. How many times have you seen a magic show today where the magician produces a box full of flowers, or a previously large empty Plexiglas box that instantly produces a pretty girl or a six hundred pound Bengal tiger? How much easier it would be to produce a bunch of frogs. But when the gnats come along you are talking about a completely different animal literally and figuratively. How do you capture gnats? Keep them alive until just the moment you need them? Contain them in a sealed secret hiding place and then release them on cue? It would be no easy trick.”

It’s interesting to note that after the plague of gnats, even Pharaoh’s magicians admitted, even at their own peril, “This is the finger of God.”

In the New Testament, there are two magicians described. Both cases have been used by some to offer proof of supernatural powers ascribed to men. The first is Simon the Sorcerer. Acts Chapter 8 tells us he amazed the citizens of Samaria, who called him the “Great Power.” He obviously had quite a reputation. The Greek word mageuo, used to describe what he performed, simply indicates that he practiced magic and does not suggest any supernatural powers. It appears from the text that Simon was just a good magician who passed himself off as someone who had powers.

The other was named Elymas the sorcerer. The account of his encounter with Barnabas and Paul is found in Acts Chapter 13. The word rendered “sorcerer” is magos and only suggests that he was considered a “wise man” in the same sense as were the magi that visited Jesus in Bethlehem when he was a toddler. Elymas is also called a pseudoprophetes or false prophet. Paul rebuked Elymas and accused him of deceit and trickery, but did not suggest any miraculous powers.
Second Thessalonians 2:9 states that when the Antichrist comes on the scene, “This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles.” Note that Satan’s own right-hand man of the end times will only be able to perform deception, not miracles.

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Another source of confusion regarding whether or not Satan has miraculous powers centers on the Greek and Hebrew words translated in some versions as “miracle.” In reality, our English word “miracle” with all of its supernatural connotations does not exist in Hebrew and Greek. For instance, the Greek word semeia is translated in Revelation 13:13 as “miraculous signs” performed by one of the beasts of the end times.

Is all of this to suggest that Satan has no powers? The Bible is quite clear that he does possess powers, but that they are greatly limited by God and do not even approach God’s ability to do the truly miraculous. However, Christians are to be aware of Satan’s power to tempt, incite division, and distract us from God. We are told in Ephesians Chapter 6 to “put on the whole armor of God” so that we won’t fall into Satan’s schemes. But nowhere in the Bible are we told that Satan has the ability to give humans supernatural powers.

Why is this distinction important? Throughout Scripture and in our present time, there have been many who have claimed to have supernatural powers. It is a deceptive seduction to think that we can share powers God reserves only for Himself. From the time of Eve, humans have been taken in by Satan’s lie that we can “be like God.” New Age gurus hold out promises of supernatural powers like levitation to would-be gods. Even some alleged Christian teachers, popularized on television, offer their followers the promise of performing the miracles of Jesus and becoming “little gods” by speaking the right words in faith or “speaking into existence” desired things and circumstances.

One of Satan’s greatest powers is the power to deceive people—even Christians who should know better. By ascribing more power to Satan than God has given him, we allow ourselves to be fooled into fearing him. If we believe that Satan can make people levitate and display all manner of supernatural manifestations, then his power to intimidate us is greatly increased. We unwittingly become more vulnerable to his lying schemes.

Jesus unmasked Satan when he said in John Chapter 8, “He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” Satan is a much better liar than he is a miracle worker. If we are to “…not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world,” as we are admonished in 1 John 4:1, we’d be well-served to understand the truth about the limits of Satan’s power and the limitless power of the Creator God.
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This is a simple but effective illustration about one of Christ’s teachings from the Sermon on the Mount.

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus was on a mountain side teaching His disciples and the crowd that had gathered around Him. Jesus said; “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

To what exactly Jesus was alluding concerning salt was probably better understood at that time than we can know today, but there are many ideas we can consider.

In those times, salt was very valuable, in fact, Roman soldiers were paid in salt. Jesus could have been saying that as His followers, we are most valuable.

Salt is a wonder preservative. Those who were fishermen knew that their catch would quickly spoil if not treated with salt. Again, those of us who have committed to following Christ act as a type of preservative in this decaying world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, our actions counter the evil that continues to exist.

Salt was also used, as it is today, to enhance the flavor of food. Lead by the Holy Spirit, any good that we do brings hope to those around us and leads them, as well, to the salvation we experience. When we love even our enemies, this brings a special flavor to a world so seasoned with hate.

Some theologians make the point that salt, being pure white, indicated purity.

So, all of these attributes may have been what Christ had in mind when He used salt to metaphorically teach truth about our actions as believers.

What then did He mean when he said “But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can
Fig. 4

Fig. 3

it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”? Was Jesus talking about his Disciples losing their salvation? The truth is, salt, which is Sodium Chloride, is a stable substance and does not itself lose its ‘saltiness’. If, however, it was possible for this to happen, it wouldn’t be valuable, it wouldn’t enhance the flavor of food, and it wouldn’t act as a preservative. It would indeed be practically useless. If we as Christ Followers become apathetic and no longer follow the teachings of Christ, we too become useless. Yes, our salvation may be intact, but our impact on this dying world is diminished.

Christ wants us to embrace the wonderful opportunities to be the salt to people around us. As valuable believers, He wants us to bring out the flavor in a tasteless society, to preserve goodness and refresh those who are broken. We are the salt of the earth.

With these points in mind, I’ve performed the following in intimate settings such as at a dinner with guests or when out eating with friends; both believers and non-believers. I share it here in hopes that you’ll find it a valuable object lesson.

I almost always carry a thumb tip with me just in case I find myself in a situation where I am called upon to do some magic...especially Gospel magic. (Instant, in season and out! 2nd Timothy 4:2)

So, if you’re eating out with some friends and you feel led to do so, quietly obtain your trusty thumb tip and get one of the table napkins. (A cloth napkin works best, but a paper napkin will do if you handle it with care.) You can hide the thumb tip inside the napkin (Fig. 1) as you casually mention that Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth.” Then talk about the various possible meanings of Jesus’ words in Matthew 5:13 As you do this, have someone remove the lid from a salt shaker. With the thumb tip on your right thumb, drape the napkin over your left fist and then make an indentation using your right thumb, (Fig. 2) leaving the thumb tip inside of the napkin gripped by your left fist. Take the salt shaker and pour just a little into the thumb tip inside of the napkin saying, “Jesus’ said that if the salt has lost its saltiness, its good only to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

Hold up the napkin by two opposite corners (the thumb tip on your thumb is hidden behind one corner as in Fig. 4) showing that the salt is gone. Wait a couple of seconds for this to register in everyone’s mind. Then slightly bundle up the napkin as you push the thumb tip into the bundle and you say, “But Jesus desires that we remain ‘salty’. That we preserve and enhance all that is good and holy in this world.” Pour the salt from the thumb tip bundled inside the napkin into your hand. Retrieve the thumb tip from the napkin after dumping the salt onto a plate and then casually fold up the napkin as you ask, “Are you salty?”.
As you may know I started a new project a while back called Wes Iseli’s Magic of Giving Project, in which I set out to give back to the community or someone in the community in a magical way each and every month.

During a brainstorming session with my publicist, I mentioned it would be awesome to produce a car for someone in need. I knew I could do the magic, but the hard part was getting the car and finding just the right person. Fast forward a few months and Natalie (my wife), and I are out of state performing; and I get a text from my publicist asking if I was serious about producing a car, because, she thinks she has the other pieces of the puzzle already put together. She (my publicist), was in talks with a charity who definitely had someone in need and the charity was in talks with a car dealership about donating a car.

The girl in need, Kylie, was from Pennsylvania and is now living in Charlottesville, VA at a home for Children in Medical Crisis to be closer to the top heart doctor for children in America. Her little girl had just received her second heart transplant and the car they were using had a list of problems, like no heat and constantly breaking down, but it had recently blown up and was going to cost thousands to get fixed.

Natalie and I met with the dealership to look at the car and figure out a location for the magic trick and my sponsor, Vit Hit, with Pepsi, sent over a few guys to help the morning of the event. We got there at 8am and it was really cold (around 20 Degrees) and we still had to run through the effect several times before the media and Kylie showed up at 10am. I am so glad we had run-throughs, because I thought I thought of everything, but no. After only 4 run throughs we were all excited and we knew it was going to work.

When the media got there (ABC & NBC news) Natalie had them set up in designated locations so they would have the best shot of the magic. Once Kylie got there they sent her over to me and told her a magician had something for her. Once
she walked over to me I said, “Hi, I’m Wes Iseli magician and I have a few things for you, but first I want a picture with you. Is that ok?” You could see a completely empty parking lot all around me. That was the cue for my guys to bring in my logo banner behind me. We posed for a picture then I gave her two t-shirts from Vit Hit, a 4 pack of Vit Hit, and I told her from Mason’s Toy Box (the charity) and Valley Honda (the dealership) I had one more thing for her. I then opened up a cardboard box to reveal it completely empty. I then put the lid back on and shook the box, you could hear a rattle and I reopened the box and pulled out a toy car and I said “A car! Well, not this car.” Then I pointed behind me and said, “This car!” The guys removed the banner and it revealed a new car with a huge bow on it. Everyone watching this live started applauding, but she wasn’t really understanding everything, just yet.

The charity had worked out a deal with a car rental company to let her borrow a car over the holidays and Kylie was told that they may have worked out something similar at the dealership. Once I produced the car for her I can only imagine her thinking that was a lot to go through for a loaner. Then the manager of the dealership told her that the car was donated to her and her family and that’s when she cupped her face and teared up.

Another surprise for her was when the manager was showing her the car, I asked him to pop the trunk and the Vit Hit guys had loaded the trunk with 12 cases of Vit Hit.

This was an amazing thing to be a part of. I was tested in magical knowledge, patience, and having to do magic in the cold. I am so blessed that Natalie is by my side always and that her magical knowledge has grown so much since we met in 2005. If she wasn’t there, the effect that I was able to pull off may not have even happened at all. If you are ever tasked to do something on a scale this big remember to breathe, try to think of everything that could possibly go wrong and work out the kinks, and rehearse until you can do it blindfolded.

Thanks so much for spending a few minutes with me and remember if you ever have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me anytime. I love hearing from you. I look forward to our next visit together.

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I hope you enjoyed telling people about how & why Jesus is your Superhero! As we strive to share our faith while performing, I am reminded of Colossians 3:17 - “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Card Clone
Liam Montier (BBM)

Effect
Everyone loves Color Monte. Card Clone has so much going for it as a trick - with JUST 3 cards used and a climatic final phase that actually does bring the trick to a new level. Color Monte is classic of magic for a reason, so Card Clone became an updated trick by using a presentation hung on the modern phenomena of credit card cloning and twentieth century fraud.

Thoughts
Any time I can get a “card-less” prop in my hands, it’s great! Even though these are printed on cards, having the credit card look makes it feel not like a card trick. I was hoping for them to be plastic instead of normal playing card stock. Included presentation is decent, almost a Tommy Wonder ‘Ring, Watch, Wallet’ tone to it. Grade: A-

Skill Level
Beginner to Intermediate. There is nothing new as far as the moves go. It literally uses the same exact motions and sleights as the original Color Monte, which makes it nearly easy to do for almost any level of the practicing card magician, including first-timers. [In fact, the 3 phase routine can be adapted to almost any presentation, if one acquires blank cards; see Joey Evans “Christmas Card” trick from Nov/Dec 2016 issue of The Voice as an example]
Smart Guillotine
Tenyo

Effect
The magician invites a spectator to insert her finger into a hole that passes through a transparent frame. He then slides a solid blade into the top slot and lowers the blade. Magically, the blade penetrates completely through the spectator’s finger! It looks exactly as if the finger has been sliced through, but when the magician lifts the blade up, the spectator’s finger is completely unharmed.

Thoughts
Every year, Tenyo releases 4 or 5 tricks first thing in January. There is always an “eh” one, a few “good” ones, and then a “WOW” one of the bunch. This year, Smart Guillotine takes the “WOW” award home. The method is a first for a basic finger chopper-type prop; allowing for a see-thru holder of the ‘blade’. COMPLETELY SAFE! No actual sharp edges are used. The demo video is a must watch. Grade: A+

Bottled
Taiwan Ben

Effect
Another classic effect that’s been updated with a “why didn’t I think of that” method. Place the cap on the palm of your hand. Quickly bring the bottle down onto your hand. The cap is now inside the bottle!

Thoughts
It does not get any cleaner than it reads; this is how a cap in bottle should look. It takes no magnets or PK rings; no special bottle or cuts in bottle. There have been other gimmicked caps created (ala folding coin), but this is also a new type of cap gimmick for this routine. Normally, this would be used on a vanishing bottle ;) Grade: A.

Skill Level
Intermediate/Advanced. Previous knowledge on how to switch caps and/or coins is useful here to ring in and out the gimmicked cap. One routine uses gimmicked cap from the start and switches in the real cap to end clean. Holding the bottle for the penetration can be a bit awkward. Please note, that the bottle and cap can be (and should be) borrowed.

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Gospel Application/Ideas

Two routes to take this month, looking back at “Card Clone.”

Here’s How I Would Do It
Both of these ideas are still being workshopped as the effect is pretty new on the market and to this magician’s repertoire.

After displaying the kicker card with all the items on it, can lead into the story of the rich young ruler who would not give up his Earthly possessions to follow Jesus. [It is easier for a camel to go thru the eye of a needle…]


However, examining the overall structure of the effect, it is verbatim of “Color Monte”. When I was in high school, I had made up my own Gospel Set using a “bad” card which showed drugs & alcohol, a “good” card showing the 10 commandments, and a “kicker” card with Christ’s portrait on it. My patter was about making bad choices, good choices, and the Ultimate choice. [Because just reading the Bible, going to Church, being a moral person doesn’t get you into Heaven, but rather accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior does]

Enjoy!
Magic Matt

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

Hebrews 13:2
Now that I am retired I have some free time and I have always wanted to create some silk images for teaching. I have had some art training in my background and I wanted to put it to good use. I asked around and got some information so here is what I learned. I know there are markers you can use for clothing and I have not tried them, I use Sharpies. The ultra fine tipped ones are good for small details, but you have to work with a very light touch.

Draw out what you want to make. Place the silk over the picture and draw it with a pencil.

Once you have your design, put the silk in an embroidery hoop. Don’t stretch too tight, as you will make runs in the silk, but you must have it firm. Sharpies are the best I have found. Now you have to work lightly and quickly. Move too slow and the marker ink will bleed out and the line will get wide. The quicker you draw and the lighter the touch, the finer line you will create.
My dad recently had a heart attack and went to his heavenly home. Dad was almost 91 and lived in memory care. Three weeks before he died, we got a call from an aide who shared with us that dad had been telling several others there about how to know they could go to heaven. What a blessing that was to us. Throughout this time of human grief, I have been blessed by hearing from friends and family how God used dad to His glory throughout his life. It reminds me that I need to be sharing the wonderful news of the gospel every moment of my life in the way I live and in what I say to others. May we all “sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever”.

CELEBRATIONS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

Paul Booker, ON, shares this update on his daughter Holly. “The good news is that the pacemaker has stabilized her blood pressure and improved her breathing. However, the improvement is not enough. A new medication has been added, but if more improvement is not seen by the end of March, she will need to go on the transplant list. Please pray that the medication and cardiac rehab result in enough improvement that a transplant is not needed. Thank you.”

Roger Johnson, TX, gives praise that his contract with Chevron has been extended to June 30, 2018 and it looks hopeful that it will be extended until the end of the year.

John and Carol Alexander, MI, praise the Lord, writing “We have had a challenging year. Carol had arthritis affecting her walking. Prayer, medications, diet, and God have healed her. She was also diagnosed with uterine cancer and had surgery. Praise the Lord she is now cancer free. Then, I had a stroke. I was in a wheelchair. I also had a double-hernia repaired. God answered prayers and I now walk with a cane, and paint to keep my right arm strong. A local church had us paint murals on their walls. We are so thankful for prayers and for God’s healing.”

HOME WITH THE LORD

Paul ‘Hoby Tyler’ Ricksecker, OH, passed away January 1, 2018. Paul was employed by RCA from 1954-1970, and Whirlpool Corp. from 1970-1994 as an Industrial Engineer. Paul held past positions as; Board Chairman of the Senior Center, Board Chairman of the City Mission, board member of the Clyde/Findlay credit union, Ohio defense corps, President of...
Findlay Solo Parents, Mayor Carlin tax committee, and President of the Ohio chapter of the FCM. He was a member of Findlay 1st Nazarene Church and the Gideons. Paul was known as ‘Hoby Tyler’ clown magician and had performed since 1958 in several states and 6 countries. He holds the Guinness Book of World Records title of “World’s Fastest Magician”. He was a member of the FCM and I.B.M. since 1979. Paul is survived by his wife, Barbara, daughter Debra Neville, son Michael (Teresa) Ricksecker, stepsons Jeff (Ellen) Melick and Steve Melick, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bunnie Gasperini, FL, went home to heaven January 12, 2018. Services were held January 18, 2018 at Wellspring Community Church, Ruskin, FL.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

David Ginn, GA, asks for prayer for his wife, Lynne. “Lynne had back surgery Jan. 31 to stop pinched nerve pain which she has endured for many months. Please pray for her recovery to an active lifestyle and her work as assistant to the music minister of a large church.”

Joe White, IN, reports that his recovery from heart surgery is going well. He asks for prayer for God’s blessings on mission trips to Guatemala in May and India later in the year.

Brent Coggins, MN, writes “The past couple of years my faith has been tested. Bullying, abuse, loss of job, psych ward, several members of my family have passed away including both dads, my wife had a severe stroke, and my mother has Alzheimer’s. I have had to retire to care for my wife and mother. However, my faith stays strong. I have a passion for people and am thinking of running for mayor. Please pray for the Lord’s guidance in this decision and His blessings if elected. Thank you.”

Gerard Dietrich, ON, requests prayer for his wife who has had a steady migraine for 10 months. He also asks for prayer for his own recovery from a recent fall.

Noel Ascencio, LA, asks for prayer “We do Hispanic children’s ministry and gospel magic. We have over 100 kids coming each week. Please pray for more wisdom and creative ideas in our ministry. Also, for mission trips I am doing this year in Uruguay, Mexico, and Texas. Thank you.

Please continue to remember in prayer those of our FCM family who are dealing with health, family, or financial issues including Jack Hart, Bill Branson’s brother-in-law, Tom Bohacek’s daughter and daughter-in-law, John Spragues sons, the Von Seggens, and many others too numerous to mention.

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Lola Sager, USN, daughter of Gary Sager. She is serving on the USS Bunker Hill.

Major Scott Frazier, USAF, son of Pam and Sam Frazier. Their grandson, Matt Harrell is also in the service.

Jeremy Geiger, son-in-law of Bud and Louise Whitacre.

Kent Stahlman, Navy; Kraig and Christy Stahlman, USAF; and Geoffrey Forney, USAF, and Amber, USAF. Kent and Kraig are sons of John and Gayle Stahlman, Amber is their daughter, and Geoff is their son-in-law.

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