

Where do I start?

Recipes

Produce dispersal

Who among you would use these additional ingredients in the recipe set forth before you? And who among you would partake of the finished product that includes these additional ingredients?

Kelly Bagby spoke of “Bible in a blender”; in other words a thoroughly Incorporated range of disparate chapters and verse in an incoherent fashion.

Upon venturing into the produce section of any grocery store one does not necessarily pick through all the bins haphazardly and choose items that are not called for in a particular recipe. and if one is choosing from a particular bin of produce one does not just reach into the bin and pull an item out without exercising care and discernment as to the condition of said item. Most people examine the fruits or vegetables that they are going to purchase through visual inspection, squeezing, tapping, and sniffing.

And when you venture through the grocery store you either follow a practiced pattern in a known store or you follow the signs that give guidance. Most people do not wander through the grocery store aimlessly searching for the items they need unless they have no idea what they need with which to begin. In this case these people would require a tool that helps them arrive at the information they need in a more orderly fashion, in a timely manner, and with an end result that is fulfilling.

My wife, Lorna, creates a shopping list where the items are grouped together in an orderly fashion that follows the pathway in which we move through the grocery store from one end to the other. And as long as the grocery store refrains from mixing up items in aisles and conducting reorganizational redecorating then we are able to conduct our business in a rather efficient manner.

One must have the tool in order to discern properly the information that is placed before them. One must also know how to utilize this tool.

Right division is not a tool of my own making but I am giving it to you with an explanation in hopes that it comes with understanding and clarity. How to use this tool is one of the keys essential to determining what is meant for us in Scripture.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

What is the mystery?

Following is the answer from Oscar Baker.

This question has been asked many times. The subject is new to so many people. I think it well to go over and over the material on it so that all may understand. The mystery was a secret. The Greek word is *Musterion*, meaning a secret that is hid until a time comes to reveal it. The mystery that we consider here is the one that Paul especially emphasizes it in Ephesians and Colossians.

The secret was given by special dispensation of God to the apostle Paul. Paul was to make it known to the Saints and faithful in Christ Jesus. All this happens after Paul has completed his three missionary Journeys and after his arrest in Jerusalem. It could not have been before, for at Jerusalem Paul declared that up to that time he had taught nothing beyond what was in the law and the prophets. What he had taught was no secret but the mystery which was his theme later was one that had been hid from the ages and generations and had been hid in God.

One phase of the mystery which had been hid was that God would someday deal directly with the Gentiles instead of through Israel. From the time Israel left Egypt until 8 years after the death of the Lord, it was impossible for a Gentile to be saved except by being circumcised and becoming a Jew. In Acts 10 Peter used the keys given to him to unlock the door of the Kingdom to the Gentiles. This happened at the home of Cornelius. None of the 12 had preached to Gentiles before this, nor did they after this.

Peter prepared the way for Paul who is the Apostle to the Gentiles. However during the rest of the Acts, the Gentile was a grafted in Olive branch, a wild one. He received his Blessing and position from the root, which was the Jew. It was a time when the Jew was first.

But when the mystery was made known, the Jew was no longer first. The Gentile had no dependence on the Jew for any blessing or position in the church which is the body of Christ. Jew and Gentile are equal. Jew and Gentile are both joint heirs with Christ on an equal footing. Another thing that had been kept secret was the members of the body would be sealed unto the day of redemption. This sealing is the witness of the Holy Spirit. This seal cannot be broken. This is all accomplished without any requirements such as Church membership, ordinances, payment of dues, or any other thing man may think up to impose on one whom the truth has set free.

1 Peter 3:15 (KJV) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Having a measure of discernment when studying the Bible is important In order to understand:

what is spoken

what is written

by whom was it written

to whom was it written

with what words

at what time

where was it written

what was the intent

what were the circumstances at that time

and, considering What Goes Forth and what follows after.

There are many people that glean particular scriptures from the Bible in order to mold the words around their life. Without reading what comes before a particular verse, or even chapter, or what follows that verse or chapter, oft times a scripture is taken out of context and mistakenly seems applicable to a person's circumstance.

This is not rightly dividing the word of God. The opposite of rightly is unjustly.

The Greek word for "rightly dividing" is orthotomounta, which is made up of the words ortho meaning "right or proper" and tomounta meaning "to cut".

2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV) All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

From cover to cover the Bible It's all about revealing Jesus and his purpose and the love that God has for us.

John 3:16 (KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

This brings me to another subject that is not necessarily disparate from the subject of right division, rather it brings the matter of right division to the forefront.

Sometime back I presented a study entitled ***John 5: verse 4, Is It Needed or Not? The tip of the Iceberg!***

The premise for the study was the realization of omissions inversions of the Bible since the 1611 KJV.

let us revisit John chapter 5.

John 5:1 (KJV) After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

John 5:2 (KJV) Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

Pay attention to the word pool and porches in this scripture for it is important later on.

John 5:3 (KJV) In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

John 5:4 (KJV) For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

This appears to be a stumbling spot and a great amount of time is spent pondering this verse and its omission from some translations of the Bible. Not only is this whole verse omitted but in John 5:3 the line, waiting for the moving of the water, is also omitted.

The relevance of inclusion regarding John 5:4 is supported by John 5:2 and the entirety of John 5:3 by way of referencing the pool and the water. Definition is contained within these three verses.

Now when we jump to John 5:5-6 maybe it is a little clearer as to the importance of John 5:4.

John 5:5 (KJV) And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

John 5:6 (KJV) When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, **Wilt thou be made whole?**

There might be a little confusion over the term porches in John 5:2 and I believe you don't have to go too deep to understand the definition. They were a presentation, a presentation to what, a presentation to the pool, therefore an access way to the pool. Now someone might say 'wouldn't it have been easier just to say there were five sets of steps leading into the pool?' This may be easy for us now but at the time that language may not have existed in the same fashion as it does now. That being said, you have brought the language into the subject matter and now you have a definition that makes you understand what is happening in John 5:2.

The same can be said for the pool that was talked about in John 5:2 as well as John 5:4. The answer is in the verse, for an angel went down at a certain season into the pool and troubled the water, full stop as Cecil says.

You may feel inclined to run down the rabbit hole in search of the carrot but I say slow down, take a few steps back and look around you. You may find the carrot is closer than you realize.

Now we will look at the deeper controversy surrounding John 5:4.

Regarding the ESV and NIV - The verse John 5:4 is missing from these two and other versions of the Bible. The interesting thing is that rather than just shifting everything one line and continuing on using 1 2 3 4 5, 4 is missing out of these versions and they both jump from three to five.

The disputed text indicates that an angel would agitate the water of the pool, and the first invalid into the water after that would be healed. This has raised some theological questions, such as why God would make healing into a contest, or create such a routine expression of miraculous power.

Without the last portion of verse 3 and all of verse 4 it becomes apparent that Jesus's question in verse 6, **wilt thou be made whole?** becomes lacking and baseless without a substantive subject in order to draw an answer therefrom. Therefore verse 3 and 4 in their entirety give substance to Jesus's question to the infirmed man.

Let me read from the NIV these verses that we are discussing. I will read verses 2, 3, 5 and 6.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda^[a] and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. **3** Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. **5** One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” When I read this out of the NIV the first thing that came to me was how the man would answer, no sir I am quite content with my current state and this is a good viewing point for all those people enjoying the water....here's your sign.

By all means I do not want to be disrespectful to Jesus but the phraseology utilized in the NIV seems to have reduced his position to that of a traveling healing elixir salesman.

Why were they waiting by this pool? Is a question that comes up regarding the NIV phraseology.

Now to me this makes a lot more sense in that it is complete. Omitting verses and their representative number makes about as much sense as having a 20 story building and when you get in the elevator the highest number is 21 because they've omitted the 13th floor button due to superstition. If you count the floors, there is still a 13th floor.

And when you continue to read verse 7 through 47 of John chapter 5 you learn of Jesus's discussion with the Jews who want to slay him for having performed this miracle on the Sabbath. These verses support not only the importance of inclusion of verse 4 but the reasoning of the first six verses to be intact . In order for the conversation in verses 17-47 to have been conducted between Jesus and the Jews the events in the first 6 verses were necessary to occur as a precedent.

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I believe that this pattern within the NIV and ESV Bibles lends tremendous credence to the content in whole, of the KJV by virtue of the fact of not putting the number 4 Verse in their Bibles. Thus, not wanting to be out of line in this chapter with the KJV, they continued the numbers with five and so on, therefore placing a lot more importance and validity on the KJV.

I would implore all of you too study it yourselves a little bit. it won't take doing everything that I did, rather all you need to read is a few lines of scripture that have been altered to realize the implications. So don't just take my word for it.

Further on in my study at that time regarding these emissions also included a lot of lines of scripture that were omitted from various versions of the Bible. It is no small measure

that I might add in so much that I have a spreadsheet which shows the omissions and some of the verbiage that is altered.

The conclusion that was drawn from this study about omissions is that these exclusions are all about the importance of Jesus's time here on Earth and his deity.

So now we not only have a Bible in which two rightly divide the word but we also have a myriad of Bible versions following the KJV that raised the flag of caution and are there for themselves highly applicable to write division.

You folks are very intelligent and you have intelligent family members, friends, and work Associates. I might not be telling you anything new. You may be already aware of some of these things and you understand right division. but not everyone around you does. All I am doing is redistributing the tool necessary for proper discernment and understanding of scripture. Sometimes it can be difficult to answer certain questions from people around you regarding your faith and your belief. One of my hopes is that I've paid it forward to you in such a manner that it enables you to present a word fitly spoken.

A word fitly spoken is that which is appropriate for the day and is fashioned in such a way as to not just be heard but to be understood and to be edifying to the receiver.

Proverbs 25:11-12 (KJV) A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver. **12** As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so *is* a wise reprovener upon an obedient ear.

To reiterate what I have said before, my belief and a divine being creating all that we see and experience is no more or less ridiculous than the idea of everything evolving out of nothing of its own accord or for no apparent reason. Scripture gives me the reason. The one thing I do have in my belief is Hope and reasoning for my existence other than just being.

Rightly dividing -In its simplest form it is a very easy concept to understand. We rightly divide almost every day in our lives. Whether it is information we are receiving in the newsprint, or on the TV, or from someone in person, We rightly divide that information to determine accuracy, truth, and to what it truly pertains.

Once we understand rightly dividing in the events around us, then we can go back to all scripture, and when understood it will fortify our foundation of faith, belief, and Hope. We will be able to understand what is addressed to us and know that what is not addressed to us is for instruction.

The events conveyed to us in the Bible are in ways colorful, awe-inspiring, and Epic. One of my favorites has always been Jonah. In these events we must look at the message being delivered such as the importance of the three days that John has spent in the belly of the fish. This message equates to Jesus laying three days in the sepulchre. Again the

tool of discernment is helpful in understanding what is spoken and written, by whom and to whom it was written, and what was the intent.

The mystery is not so mysterious as long as you have an open heart and open mind for the information that God puts before you. As we may walk up to a stream and have thirst, if we do not bow down and scoop from the water to quench our thirst we will never know how this will benefit us having not tried.

They who may view our way of belief, faith, study as being somewhat of a cult - I say, we defined do not require anyone to conformity, supplication to a group or human leader, conveyance of one's wealth to the control of others as a sign of obedience. We study, teach, discuss according to the scripture, neither diminishing what message has been given to us nor adding to the message with the intent of ill contrivance or embellishment.

Let me reiterate the phrase by Oscar Baker:

But when the mystery was made known, (And therefore is no longer a mystery) the Jew was no longer first. the Gentile had no dependence on the Jew for any blessing or position in the church which is the body of Christ Jew and Gentile are equal. Jew and Gentile are both joint heirs with Christ on an equal footing.

Another thing that had been kept secret was the members of the body would be sealed unto the day of redemption. This sealing is the witness of the Holy Spirit. this seal cannot be broken. This is all accomplished without any requirements such as Church membership, ordinances, payment of dues, or any other thing man may think up to impose on one whom the truth has set free.

We can put all our faith and all our hope in God's hands but until we are ready to believe, to what end will it benefit us? I was blessed with two legs, not to be carried, but rather to walk with my own stride. I drive a car, but I do not say Lord steer me in the right direction and then release the steering wheel. You may be surprised to find yourself running into another car or a pole or off a cliff. The wisdom to wield the knowledge you have been given must be practiced by oneself. God blesses you with particular attributes in order to do things for yourself with his guidance. If you are not willing to lift a hand, to put one foot in front of the other, or to steer the vehicle, how can you be successfully guided?

I understand that this message and the veracity of this presentation is difficult for some to fathom.

Again one of my hopes is that this presentation affords you a way to pay it forward, to have an answer, to convey this message to those who may be having some difficulty in comprehension.

Rightly dividing is the key and I AM made it possible.

Ingredients

For this chocolate cake, you'll need the following ingredients.

- **all-purpose flour**
- **sugar**
- **unsweetened cocoa powder**
- **baking powder**
- **baking soda**
- **salt**
- **espresso powder – I give more information on the espresso powder below**
- **milk – you can also use buttermilk, almond milk, oat milk, or coconut milk**
- **oil – you can use vegetable, canola or melted coconut oil**
- **eggs – when baking, I like to use room temperature eggs**
- **vanilla extract**
- **boiling water**

Cucumber

Ingredients

Beef stew

- **2 pounds stewing beef trimmed and cubed**
- **3 tablespoons all-purpose flour**
- **½ teaspoon garlic powder**
- **½ teaspoon salt**
- **½ teaspoon black pepper**
- **3 tablespoons olive oil**
- **1 onion chopped**
- **6 cups beef broth**
- **½ cup red wine optional**
- **1 pound potatoes peeled and cubed**

- **4 carrots cut into 1 inch pieces**
- **4 ribs celery cut into 1 inch pieces**
- **3 tablespoons tomato paste**
- **1 teaspoon dried rosemary or 1 sprig fresh**
- **2 tablespoons cornstarch or as needed**
- **2 tablespoons water or as needed**
- **¾ cup peas**

Watermelon

Mom's Pistachio Pudding

1 package of Jello pistachio pudding

1 large can diced pineapples

3 cups miniature marshmallows

3/4 cup chopped nuts (pistachios?)

9 ounces of Cool Whip

Jalapeno

Ingredients for pumpkin bread

1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree

4 large eggs

1 cup vegetable oil

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup water

3 cups white sugar

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking soda

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cloves

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground ginger

Bell pepper red

Ingredients for Minestrone soup

- 2 medium carrots (diced into small cubes)
- 2 small zucchinis (diced into small cubes)
- 1/2 large onion (diced into small cubes)
- 6 celery stalks (diced into small cubes)
- 2 cloves of garlic (minced)
- 28 oz [canned diced tomatoes](#)
- 32 oz [vegetable broth](#)
- 15 oz [canned great Northern beans](#) (drained)
- 15 oz [canned Kidney beans](#) (drained)
- 1 tbsp [Italian seasoning](#)
- 1 tbsp [dry basil](#)
- 1/2 cup [noodles](#)
- 1 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 2 cups water

Banana

Ingredients for a Vanilla Milk Shake

- Milk
- Vanilla Ice cream
- Vanilla extract

Onion