

## Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Morning

**Laugh it off:** Recently, a police officer stopped Chuck Norris. The officer got off with a warning. -- Chuck Norris once kicked a horse in the chin. His descendants are known today as giraffes.

**God's Comfort: Prov 24:23-25** 23 These things also belong to the wise: It is not good to show partiality in judgment. 24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," Him the people will curse; Nations will abhor him. 25 But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, And a good blessing will come upon them. **Psalms 134:1-3** Behold, bless the Lord, All you servants of the Lord, Who by night, stand in the house of the Lord! 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord. 3 The Lord who made heaven and earth, Bless you from Zion!

### **Pray daily - God is easy to talk to:**

Dear God, please help me to forgive those who have hurt me. Help me to see them as you do, made in your image. Help me to relinquish the anger I have experienced and bless me with the fruits of your spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Help me to heal, to release any bitterness I may be harboring, and give me guidance so I can handle things as you approach it in the way that is most pleasing to You. Help me God to do Your will. Thank You, and in Jesus' mighty name, I pray.

**National Day Today (May 7):** Barrier (disability) Awareness Day, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, National Day of Prayer, National Day of Reason, Roast Leg of Lamb Day, World Password Day.

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**Question Mark** (*Polygonia interrogationis*). A silvery question mark on the underside of its mottled hind wings gives this member of the Anglewing group of the Brush-footed Butterflies its name. The edges of its wings look ragged and often have a purple hue. Able to lay its eggs in

any number of trees, particularly elms, the Question Mark is able to thrive in many places east of the Rocky Mountains, from Canada to Mexico. The adults frequently feed on fermented fruit, leading sometimes to the butterflies' becoming intoxicated!

## **Thursday May 7th - Coping with Covid - Noon**

**Laugh it off:** Whenever Arnold says, “I’ll be back” in any of his movies, he means that he is just going to quickly ask Chuck Norris for advice. -- Chuck Norris went skydiving and his parachute did not open. He went back to the store the following day to claim a refund.

**God’s Comfort: Matthew 9:35-38** 35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

**Historical Perspective (May 7): 1429** - Joan of Arc breaks English siege of Orleans. **1833** - Johannes Brahms born. **1840** - Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky born. **1847** - American Medical Association organized in Philadelphia. **1885** - Gabby Hayes born. **1901** - Gary Cooper born. **1915** - The Lusitania sunk. **1933** - Johnny Unitas born. **1940** - Winston Churchill becomes Prime Minister. **1941** - Glenn Miller records Chattanooga Choo. **1950** - Tim Russert born. **1982** - Diana Ross gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame.

**Writing for Fun:** Using 100 words write a Noir (i.e. Sam Spade) piece with a snake charmer (character), that takes place now. Incorporate a movie theater, keychain, and class reunion.

**Sample Noir:** The night was dark. The movie theater was dark. My heart was dark. The lump of lead from a .38 special made a snapping sound as it flew past my head. Dropping my keychain and reaching down to get it saved my life. On the floor in the dark I knew it was the Snake Charmer. Who else would still remember a High school challenge made 25 years ago? Who else would use the cover of our class reunion to exact his revenge? From the black hole of the balcony a slurred voice spoke, “Scham, Scham, the Schnake Charmer is here!”

**Your Sci-Fi Story:**

# Thursday May 7th - Coping with Covid - Supper

**Laugh it off:** We are finally certain why the universe expands. It is trying to get as far away from Chuck Norris as possible. -- Fear of Friday 13th is called friggatriskaidekaphobia. Fear of clowns is called coulrophobia. Fear of Chuck Norris is called common sense. -- Before the Boogie Man goes to sleep, he checks his closet for Chuck Norris.

**God's Comfort: Genesis 1:9-13** 9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

## **Quotes/Other Wisdom:**

"What is drama, after all, but life with the dull bits cut out."  
- Alfred Hitchcock

"God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well."  
- Voltaire

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."  
- Plato

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