



# The Pearland Harvester

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP  
THE BODY OF CHRIST

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## MORALITY: WHO NEEDS GOD? MAN CANNOT DIRECT HIS OWN STEPS?

By Justin Gonzalez

Richard Dawkins said, "the very idea that we get a moral compass from religion is horrible. Not only should we not get our moral compass from religion, as a matter of fact we don't". Consider the thought process of Richard Dawkins. He says himself that "the very idea that we get a moral compass from religion is horrible". We can see clearly that he, as well as many others with this mindset, are truly closed minded to teachings and guidance that does not come from self and/or does not live up to his own standards.

Look also at the claim that it is fact that we do not obtain our moral compass from religion. Friends, the fact is that he cannot prove this claim as fact. Look to what the Word of God says concerning man's standards: "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer 10:23). The Psalmist says "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way" (Ps 37:23). You see, it is the God of the Bible that gives humanity morality, for man cannot direct his own paths. "A man's steps are of the Lord; How then can a man understand his own way?" (Prov 20:24).

Atheism and Antitheism are foolish and absent, void of any substance. Allow me to explain. Modern evolutionists such as Dawkins say that we have selfish genes that are set in motion to do what they must do. To quote him: "We are survival machines—robot vehicles blindly programmed to preserve the selfish molecules known as genes. This is a truth which still fills me with astonishment." To him and many others, we are just a product of evolution and we are just dancing to our DNA.

We must understand that this type of reasoning works against itself because it lacks substance and truth. Even the author of these quotes works against himself by showing us that his perception of the truth is only a theory. He says himself, "evolution is a theory in a special philosophical sense of science, but in terms of

ordinary laymen's use of language, it's a fact,". Notice how he redefines terms to suit his own desires and his own cause. For instance, science has to change for his theory to work. He states that evolution is a "special philosophical sense of science". This is like me telling you that red is really black in a special philosophical way. What is science? Science is "knowledge about or study of the natural world based on facts learned through experiments and observation". Science is verifiable facts, thus because they are verifiable they become truths. Notice that the very definition of science excludes the idea of theories.

We are not robots or machines. We are human beings who were and are created by God and are known by Him. For the Lord our God has spoken, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations" (Jer 1:5). The inspired Psalmist said it like this: "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well" (Ps 139:13). Yes, only "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God" (Ps 14:1a).

What is "philosophy of science"? Philosophy of Science is "the study of the assumptions, foundations, and implications of science, including such questions as what distinguishes science from non-science, what are the aims of science, or what is a successful scientific explanation of a phenomenon". So you can see that philosophy of science is based on assumptions and not truths. Friends, when Richard Dawkins and those of his belief say "it's a fact" or "this is a truth which still fills me with astonishment", understand that their facts, truth, and astonishments come from assumptions that have been conceived by the minds of men and not of God.

*To be continued next week.*

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Beginning Thursday, October 12, 2017:

Thursday— 2 Timothy 3-4  
 Friday— Numbers 13-16  
 Saturday— 1 Chronicles 20-24  
 Sunday— Psalms 105-107  
 Monday— Proverbs 22  
 Tuesday— Joel  
 Wednesday— John 13-15

For the Record—10/08/2017	
Sunday AM	147
Wednesday (10/4)	N/C
Contribution	\$3,941
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$172,531
YTD Budget	\$232,000

### KEEP IN PRAYER

- **Eddie Parker**, Bobby Parker's relative, will be having a stomach aneurysm treated. Please pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.
- **Ramona Williams**, friend to Kristin Alatrash and member of the church in Yesilanti, Michigan, is struggling with health problems and just had her hours cut in half at work. She is having a hard time with regular living expenses. Please pray for her health and work situation.

### **Our Members:**

Gary Adams, Sarah Brown and baby Prudence, Jared Johnson, Bennie Sue Galindo, Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Haley Biegay, Annette Bumpers, David Clayton, Jeff Coe, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Jo Knight, Wanda Knight, Clifford & Nina Layton, Jan Lemoine, Valerie McHargh, Harold & Alice Moore, Adam Parker, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Chase Shelton, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry.

### **Others:**

Christian Bazil, Daniel Ingram, Judy Moore, Thomas Mauney, Mike Humphries, Michael Smith, Jim Alford, Leona Anderson, Catherine & Cecilia Bailey, Octaline Beaupierre, Erica Matte Blair, Jeffrey Buesch, Linda Bynum, Raquel Castillo, Debbie Cook, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Judy Dame, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Roger Farmer, Gwen Fikes, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Robert Hudman, Kaliya Kelly, Elaine King, Kerry Lemoine, Martha Locke, Austin & Celia Matthews, Jim & Julie Maxcey, Shirley McWhorter, Mary Means, Pat Miller, Lewis Moss, Jean Nudelman, April Parker, Wilma Parker, Mark Pridgen, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trena Russell, Everett Sanderson, Butch Sapp, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Andrew Shock, Tony Smajstrla, Andrew Smith, Michael Smith, Rick Stone, Erin and Elijah Timmons, Leon Vanderveer, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Anthony Young, Lesli (friend of Heather Brown's friend).



## Those to Serve

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<b>Wednesday Evening    October 11</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening    October 18</b>
<b>Building Lock Up—</b> C Lindelof	<b>Building Lock Up—</b> K Scarsdale

Morning Worship    October 15	Morning Worship    October 22
<p><b>Opening Prayer</b>    James Maxcey</p> <p><b>Song Leader</b>        Greg Fabian</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presiding</b> Bobby Parker</p> <p>Wendell Romain    Josh Hundley</p> <p>Chris Wallace        Jeremy Brown</p> <p>Derek Mauney        Jake Satterwhite</p> <p><b>Announcements</b>    Chris Lindelof <b>and Closing Prayer</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nursery Attendants</b></p> <p>Molly Godwin        Laurie Maxcey</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ushers</b> (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Lynn Adams, Phil Godwin, Jimmy Terry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters</b></p> <p>Kevin &amp; Maresha Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Audio/Projector</b></p> <p>Bob and Mitzi Williams</p> <p><b>Building Lock Up AM /PM</b> Bob Williams</p>	<p><b>Opening Prayer</b>    Zack Williams</p> <p><b>Song Leader</b>        Wendell Romain</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presiding</b> Kevin Scarsdale</p> <p>Mark Holmberg        Bob Williams</p> <p>Alan Pearson         Russell Genaro</p> <p>Grayson Townzen    Tom Langford</p> <p><b>Announcements</b>    Chris Lindelof <b>and Closing Prayer</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nursery Attendants</b></p> <p>Appeal Byers         Angela Parker</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ushers</b> (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Paul Hamilton, J Carriere, N Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters</b></p> <p>Kevin &amp; Maresha Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Audio/Projector</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</p> <p><b>Building Lock Up AM/PM—</b> J Maxcey</p>

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
<p><b>Song Leader</b>    Blake Williams</p> <p><b>Communion</b>    Alan Pearson, Zack Williams</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer</b> Daniel Brown</p>	<p><b>Song Leader</b>    Bobby Parker</p> <p><b>Communion</b>    Gheath Alatrash, J Terry</p> <p><b>Closing Prayer</b> Chris Lindelof</p>

<p>Worship Times:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday</i></p> <p>Bible Study .....9 am</p> <p>Morning Worship.....10 am</p> <p>Evening Worship.....6 pm</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm</p>
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*Gary Adams    281-797-2575*  
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### DEACONS

*Bobby Parker*  
*Bob Williams*

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*Justin Gonzalez    Minister*  
*Zack Williams      Youth Minister*

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*Paul Tohionon - Bohicon*  
*Pascal Djedatin - Dassa*  
*Blaise Atta - Bétérou*  
*Clément Djebede - Okéwo*  
*Gaston Nda - Natitingou*  
*Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou*  
*André Assogba - Gobé*  
*Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé*  
*Paul Kouagou - N'Dali*  
*Jonas Sambieni - Kaboua*  
*Gabin Agbeci - Savalou*  
*Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies*  
*Lewis Romain*