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Baby chicks . . . those words jog my memory of springtime, growing up on the farm in the 1950s. The arrival of the fuzzy yellow chicks was a high point of the season.

As soon as the windy month of March came in like a lamb, I knew that Dad would soon be going to Christophers' Farm Supply to pick up the baby chicks, sometimes a hundred of them, for our brooder house. I was so excited when they arrived.

Baby Chicks: The High Point of the Season

I would hurry home from school and change into my farm clothes and run to the brooder house. Most of the time, Dad would already be there preparing a place for the baby chicks. Dad would say, "Be quiet when you open the door, if you make too much noise the chicks will run around in circles and pile on each other; then they will smother."

I would carefully open the door according to Dad's orders. I remember how quiet it was when the door was opened . . . the chicks would stop chirping. They would cluster together near the heat lamp for warmth. When they realized things were ok, they would start chirping again. I loved picking the baby chicks up and holding them close to my face. The yellow fuzzy feathers were so soft and delicate.

Dad always told me that the first six weeks of a chicken's life were the most important. The feed hoppers and water containers have to be kept clean.

We usually fed a mix of cracked grains and dry mash. Quality feed and fresh water is very important for the growth of new baby chicks.

When the day the chicks arrived, the brooder house had to be very clean, the lamps ready; and Dad placed a retaining ring of cardboard to keep the chicks near lamps. It was round with no corners where the chicks would not pile up and smother one another.

Raising chicks was a big undertaking on the farm and required a lot of work from all of us. I became attached to them very quickly. Now the sad part . . . when the chicks became broilers they were slaughtered, picked, dressed and packed in ice and taken to the Purina Company in Paris to sell.

We also had roosters, and hens that we kept for laying eggs. I had the job of gathering eggs. It was a major chore just trying to gather the eggs from

the cantankerous old hen that wanted to set. I've been pecked on the hands a many a time gathering eggs. At first I was afraid of the old hens; but Dad told me, "You have to go in the nest with authority; pull her off the nest." I was only five or six years old, but I soon learned how to get the bluff on all the old hens.

Along with gathering the eggs came the job of getting them ready to sell. We would work sorting through the eggs, wiping them off, grading them and putting them in egg crates to sell to the farm store.

Chickens did make work, but it was part of our lifestyle on the farm. Farm kids always helped their parents with chores; it was expected to us, and I never thought of saying I didn't want to help. I also knew better . . . I would get in big trouble for saying anything like that to my parents. The fond memories of raising baby chicks and gathering eggs will always be a part of me.

A Setter-forth of Strange Gods
by **BOB CASEY**, preacher
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In **Acts 17** is recorded the visit of the apostle Paul to Athens in Greece for the first time. While he was walking around within the city, he noticed all the strange statues representing their many various gods. He noted that the whole city was given over unto idol worship. So when he began to question them concerning their idols, he began several conversations in refuting that these gods amounted to anything. Now it doesn't say here what the particular gods were, but secular history tells us that they worshipped every thing under the sun, but the Son they did not know of. So naturally the people brought Paul to the big religious leaders for a hearing of what he had to tell them about the only true God. Immediately some called him a babbler. Others said he is a setter-forth of strange gods, of course which was not true, simply because Paul only preached of the one and only God of Heaven and Earth. First, Paul said, "I perceive that ye men of Athens are too superstitious (or in the original) religious." Then he mentions all the invented gods they were worshipping.

Then he said: "Permit me to introduce you to the God that made the Heaven and the earth, also to include you yourselves." Which Paul said: He doesn't dwell in the statues made by human hands. He went on to say He gave everything life and breath, and said that all men should seek Him, and find Him for He is not far from each of you. Then he cut to the head of the matter, saying: "We ought not to think of our Godhead as likened unto gold, or silver, or the statues of stone engraved by the hands of men." He reaches near unto the end of his speech by saying, "You folks need to repent, because the one true God demands it." He mentions the great day of judgment to come guaranteed by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Then some after hearing Paul called him a mocker. Others said: "Well this is very interesting. We will hear this another time." But some believed and clave unto him that very day.

Now to get to the heart of the matter, our nation seems to be emulating this same manner of life. The unbelieving sinner has his or her God in the form of housing, lands, jobs, and even kinfolk. Then sadly, there are many religious folks who claim salvation through strange or unknown gospels. Our country is full of them, even today when the gospel plan of Salvation is preached, telling men only to hear Jesus (**Acts 4:12**), to believe in only him (**John 8:24**), to turn from their false ways by repenting (**Luke 13:1-5**), and to confess their commitment to Jesus (**Luke 12-9**), and to seal their salvation by being baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This will guarantee their salvation (**Acts 2:38, Ephesians 1:13**).

Any thing that you may hear differently is a strange or unknown religion simply because God's word does not accept it.

Strong language? Read **Matthew 7:21-23**. See what it says about strange religions.

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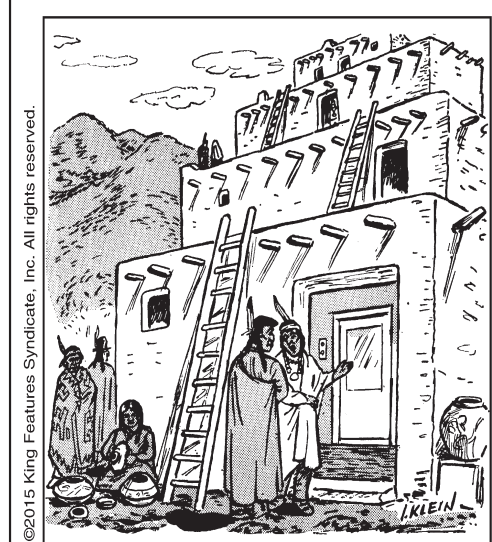
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Miss Mt. Mushroom Pageant

The Miss Mountain Mushroom Festival Pageant will be Fri., April 24, 7 pm at the Estill County High School auditorium. The age categories will be: 0-11 months, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-15, and 16-21. All contestants must be residents of Estill County.

The entry fee of \$20 and application form are due no later than Thurs., April 23 by 4 pm at Irvine City Hall, 101 Chestnut St. Checks should be made payable to the Festival Pageant.

The admission fee at the door will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age four and up.

FLO will be the recipient of the door profits.

Application forms are on the festival website, www.mountainmushroomfestival.org or at Irvine city hall.

The Beattitudes

(Matthew 5:3-12, See also Psalm 1:1-6 and Luke 6:20-23)

- ³Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- ⁷Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- ¹⁰Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- ¹²Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

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