



The Messenger

Messenger Project Newsletter

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Messenger Notes



Skip Hahn is adding some pedal steel on our new CD.

Messenger is wrapping up recordings for our latest CD, and we are very happy with the new songs so far. The CD is taking longer than anticipated to finish, partly because we moved up to a 24-track recording system and because we are working collectively on this CD (which limits us to 1- 2 nights a week of production time).

Lionel De Leon's solo performance in Lancaster was postponed to a later date, possibly next year. He is also applying to perform for the military troops stationed abroad. Please pray that he might bring God's word into the hearts and minds of our soldiers.

We plan to finish our latest CD within a month or two. Once it is completed, we will begin recording the soundtrack for **The Word**, a rock opera about Jesus taken directly from the NIV Bible. The musical begins with Jesus' baptism and ends with his resurrection. We hope that this musical will be favorably compared to **Jesus Christ, Superstar** someday.

God's Constellations

In 1989, **D. James Kennedy, Ph.D.** wrote *The Real Meaning of the Zodiac*, claiming that today's zodiac is a corrupted version of its original form. According to Dr. Kennedy, the constellation names paint the gospel of Christ. In his book, Kennedy explains:

Capricorn (the goat) represented *Jesus, our Scapegoat* who bore our sins on the cross.

Aquarius (the water pourer) represented *Jesus, the giver of Living Water*.

Pisces (the fish) represented *the Disciples, fishers of men*.

Aries (the ram) represented *the Lamb of God*.

Taurus (the bull) represented *the Tribulation* which will come like a charging bull.

Gemini (the twins) represented *Jesus' dual nature as God and man*.

Cancer (the crab) represented *the Redeemed*, protected like a crab with its outer shell and holding firm to the gospel with its claws.

Leo (the lion) represented *Jesus, the Lion of Judah*.

Virgo (the virgin) represented the *Virgin Mary*, the mother of our Lord and Savior.

Libra (the scales) represented the *Final Judgment*.

Scorpio (the scorpion) represented *Satan*, with his sting of deceit and rebellion.

Sagittarius (the archer) represented the *Triumphant Christ* who defeats Satan.

Arabic tradition claims the signs of the zodiac came from Seth and Enoch. The antiquity of the zodiac can't be determined since it exists as far back as we can trace history.

The Universal Language

There is a common saying that music is a "universal language." This is because music transcends language barriers and touches all souls with rhythms, melodies, chords, harmonies and arrangements. But if we were to translate the word "music" into foreign languages, we'd be surprised to learn that even the word itself is practically universally understood! Take a look at some foreign pronunciations of the word "music" that are similar to english:

- Arabic**.....*musika*
- Danish**.....*musik*
- Dutch**.....*muziek*
- French**.....*musique*
- Esperanto**.....*muziko*
- Hebrew**.....*musika*
- German**.....*musik*
- Greek**.....*mooseekee*
- Portugese**.....*musica*
- Latin**.....*music*
- Norwegian**.....*musikk*
- Romanian**.....*muzica*
- Russian**.....*musika*
- Serbo-Croatian**.....*muzika*
- Spanish**.....*musica*
- Swedish (musician)**.....*musikerr*
- Swahili**.....*muziki*
- Turkish**.....*muzik*

There are a few exceptions:

- Chinese**.....*yinyue*
- Japanese**.....*ongaku*
- Korean**.....*mchezo, umak*
- Hawaiiin**.....*mele, pilaho-okani*
- Hungarian**.....*zene*

Not only is music the universal language, but in most parts of the world even the word used to convey "music" is universally understood.

Scriptural Wisdom

"Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs." (Proverbs 10:12)