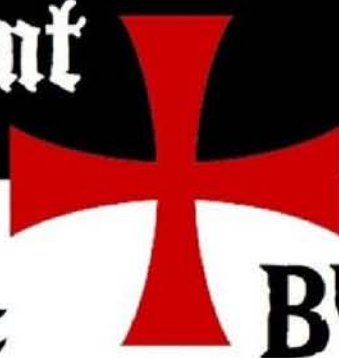


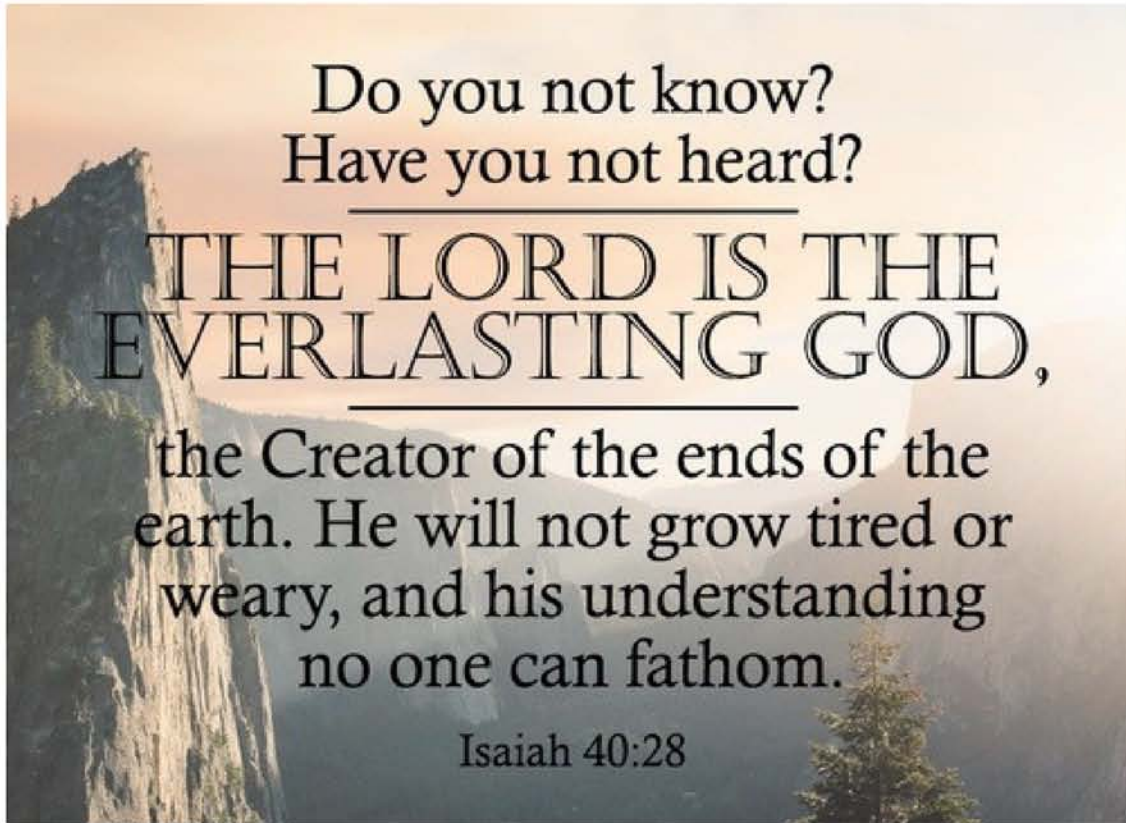
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Do you not know?
Have you not heard?

THE LORD IS THE
EVERLASTING GOD,

the Creator of the ends of the
earth. He will not grow tired or
weary, and his understanding
no one can fathom.

Isaiah 40:28

He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away.

—Daniel 7:14

Edification

Dive into a captivating exploration of cultural intersections and religious interpretations with Reverend Sir Knight Ryan Stout. In this thought-provoking piece, Stout reflects on the influence of samurai films, particularly those of Akira Kurosawa, in bridging American and Japanese pop cultures. Delving deeper, he unravels the intriguing parallels between Christianity and Pure Land Buddhism, pondering the historical roots of Christianity in Japan and its enduring legacy.

Through insightful anecdotes and historical anecdotes, Stout invites readers to reconsider notions of faith and cultural exchange, prompting a reevaluation of religious narratives in a global context. Don't miss

this enlightening journey into the complexities of belief and interpretation. [The Buddha and the Lion](#)

Estimated reading time: 5 minutes.

Finds from the Education Committee

Greetings Sir Knights,
I ran across a man of significance who appears to be a bonified Oriental Chair ... man. At a time when Masonry really took off here in the US.

The same person is responsible for recording the pronouncing guide for every proper name in the Bible, inclusive of 19th Century New York standards. Including the special names we don't always hear pronounced the same way... But occasionally wish we did.

Is this not the work of an Oriental Chair ... man?

Worshipful Brother Samuel Wells Williams.

What other attributes may be relative to our chair in the East?

What are other associations with the chair of the Lodge have we yet to learn?

It seems an educationally perennial subject. This man played quite an amazing part. Thank goodness.

Fraternally yours,
Sir Knight Eric Erfourth

From 1848 to 1851 Williams was the editor of [The Chinese Repository](#), a leading Western journal published in China. In 1853, he was attached to Commodore [Matthew Calbraith Perry's](#) expedition to Japan as an official interpreter.^[6]

In 1855, Williams was appointed Secretary of the United States Legation to China. During his stay in China, he wrote *A Tonic Dictionary Of The Chinese Language In The Canton Dialect* (英華分韻撮要) in 1856. After years of opposition from the [Chinese government](#), Williams was instrumental in the negotiation of the [Treaty of Tientsin](#), which provided for the toleration of both Chinese and foreign Christians.^[7]

In 1860, he was appointed *chargé d'affaires* for the United States in Beijing. He resigned his position on October 25, 1876, 43 years to the day that he first landed at [Guangzhou](#) in 1833. Around 1875, he completed a translation of the [Book of Genesis](#) and the [Gospel of Matthew](#) into Japanese, but the manuscripts were lost in a fire before they could be published.^[5]

If you remember from a few issues back we educated you on the use of speaking trumpets throughout the island of Malta, and uses elsewhere in the world. Have a listen for yourself as to what it would have sounded like with the [Didgeridoo](#)

Mark Your Calendars

Knights Templar Orders

Minneapolis Scottish Rite Center March

16th, 2024 @ 8:00am

[Commandery One Day Registration](#)

Masonic Reboot: State-wide Symposium

Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center

March 23rd, 2024

RSVP through [Grandview](#)

Grand Lodge 171st Annual Communication

The Park Event Center Waite

Park, MN

April 12-14, 2024

[Communication registration](#)

The 2024 Midwest Conference on Masonic Education

Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center

Bloomington, MN

May 3-5, 2024

learn more at [MCME](#)

Minnesota Grand York Sessions 2024

[Best Western Plus Kelly Inn St.](#)

Cloud, MN

June 27-29, 2024

[GYRS Registration](#)

[GYRS Schedule \(PDF\)](#)

[Grand Session Ad Book form](#)

[Buck-A-Line form](#)

Other events of interest

The Gospel According to St. Mark

Featuring Tom Stolz

March 27, 2024

Lunch (optional) - 11:00am Show -

1:00pm

[Tickets & Info](#)

Stated Meetings

Tuesday, March 5

No. 18 Duluth Commandery

@ Masonic Center of Duluth

Tuesday, March 12

No. 1 Damascus Commandery

@ St. Paul Masonic Center

Thursday, March 14

No. 14 Palestine Commandery

@ Cornerstone Lodge No. 99

Wednesday, March 20

No. 9 Cyrene Commandery

@ Star in the East Lodge No. 33

Thursday, March 21

No. 31 Ivanhoe Commandery

@ Nicollet Lodge No. 54

Monday, March 25

No. 2 Zion Commandery

@ Minneapolis Scottish Rite

Monday, March 25

No. 8 Faribault Commandery

@ Corinthian Lodge No. 67

Thursday, March 28

No. 24 Nazerine Commandery

@ North Star Lodge No. 23

Knight Carriwitchet

Why don't Knights wear green on St. Patrick's Day?

I'm not sure, Sir. Why?

Because when you're clad in armor, you're practically invincible – no pinching can penetrate the protection of plate!



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