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"[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so."—Acts 17:11

TBC's Mission: Damage Control

T. A. McMahon

WITHIN THE LAST SIX MONTHS I have visited a number of countries and had the privilege of working with missionaries and ministering among their fellowships. I am continually in awe of what Bible-believing missionaries do, as well as what they have accomplished by God's grace. The difficulties, in many cases, might seem overwhelming, because...well, they are! Even a very short list would intimidate most Christians: getting into certain countries, obtaining visas to stay and work, learning the language, understanding and adjusting to the culture, social adjustments for

their children, and facing sometimes-fierce opposition by those opposed to biblical Christianity. No doubt they need "professional psychological scrutiny" before entering the mission field—or so we're being told. Really?

My friends Martin and Deidre Bobgan, who have written extensively about the adverse influence of psychology in the church, have surveyed major mission agencies along with many of those church entities that send out missionaries. The disheartening result was that too often the candidates for the mission field were required to undergo psychological testing in order to be accepted and supported by the sending agency. That may sound reasonable to most Christians today, but it is in fact contrary to the results of research in

that area as well as completely unbiblical. First, and most important—and true to any work of ministry—the individual must be certain that this endeavor is the calling of the Lord. Without that, it would be at best an exercise of the flesh devoid of God's grace. What psychological test can reveal a person's *calling*? Furthermore, the most used tests, such as the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), the Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis, and the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, have *no scientific validity*. They simply reflect what the world presumes. That's hardly the criteria for fruitfulness in the mission field. Someone has noted that you really have to be a bit crazy to be a missionary. True, but the same could be said for every biblical Christian. Why? Because a true believer is to have the mind of Christ, consistent with His teachings, and that would more often than not be at odds with what the world thinks and does.

Too often, we as believers let worldly thoughts influence what we think and do. I have friends who are missionaries in what many would consider to be the most anti-Christian nation in the world. When incredulous fellow Christians ask why they would go to such a place, I love their simple, yet compelling and convicting response: "We believe the people of North Korea need Jesus as well."

The opportunity to be used of the Lord to encourage someone to turn to Jesus and receive, by faith alone, the gift of eternal life is the greatest endeavor in which a Christian can participate. No other temporal activity can compare. There are a host of good things a person might do that could help and bless people, but these are short-lived in their value compared to something that has eternal significance.

While in Cape Town, South Africa, one of my hosts pointed out the hospital where the first human-to-human heart transplant was performed. That was an incredibly significant feat by the physicians, yet its value is confined to the physical side of life on earth. *Eternity* has two options: a person is either with the Lord, or he is separated from Him—*forever* (2 Thessalonians 1:9; 2 Peter 2:17). Our finite minds

can't truly grasp how horrifying such a condition would be. Yet, to personally know that God has privileged me (or you, or any other believer) to be involved in ministering to a person in a way that helped to turn him to the only One who could, and did, pay the full penalty for his and for all the sins of mankind—reconciling him to the Lord forever—is *unrivaled*. Nothing comes even close. As the Scriptures ring out: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55). Christ our Savior took that "sting" from all those who repent of their sins and receive His free gift of salvation.

We rejoice in the truth that "by the righteousness of one [Jesus Christ] the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life" (Romans 5:18). Jesus did it all! However, the Apostle Paul gives us

Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour" (1 Corinthians 3:6-8). God's reward notwithstanding, what could bring more joy to a believer's heart here on earth than to know that he is being used of the Lord to help to turn a person from the consequence of his sin (eternal punishment and everlasting darkness) to the total and complete forgiveness made possible only by Jesus our Savior (Matthew 25:46)? There is nothing—nothing—that can compare.

Therefore, we as believers are all missionaries. Our mission is to spread the gospel: to preach it, teach it, reflect it through our lives, witness of it, explain it, etc., to whomever the Lord brings into our lives. And He exhorts us as His disciples to pray to that end: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

Although we at The Berean Call understand that each of us is to be a personal witness of the gospel, as a ministry we have a calling that is supplementary to encouraging the lost to receive salvation

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—1 Corinthians 3:6-8

through the Lord our Savior. It's actually a necessary follow-up for many of those who have recently come to faith in Jesus. I refer to it as a mission of "damage control." It involves primarily those who are new to "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3). What we're seeing more and more is that the Adversary and his minions are sowing false teachings among those who are immature in the Scriptures. His strategy is to shipwreck the faith and therefore the fruitfulness of those young believers. His game plan is certainly not only for new Christians, but they are often the most vulnerable.

Much of the New Testament addresses false teachings and practices that have infected the body of Christ, but the Epistle to the Galatians seems to be the strongest example of sowing a false gospel among believers. The Galatians were Paul's spiritual children, yet they were deceived into adding works to their faith in Christ for salvation. It's my belief that they received the true gospel from Paul and were therefore truly saved. However, the false gospel that they later accepted from the Judaizers added the requirement of the works of the law for salvation, a belief that can save no one. Paul refers to it as "another gospel" and a perversion "of the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:6-7). William MacDonald comments, "What sorrow and disappointment must have filled Paul's heart when such news from Galatia reached him! Had his labors among these people been in vain?...He took up his pen and wrote this indignant letter to his beloved children in the faith. In it, he sets forth the true character of salvation as being given by grace from beginning to end, not earned by law-keeping either in whole or in part" (Believer's Bible Commentary, p. 1874, See Resource Pages).

Paul must have been greatly grieved over what was taking place among "his beloved children in the faith." Another gospel had put a halt to their receiving the grace necessary for fruitfulness in Christ. Although Satan could do nothing regarding their personal salvation if they were truly saved, his (and now, their) false gospel rendered them spiritually unproductive. Could Paul get them back on track regarding the biblical gospel? As noted, the Epistle to the Galatians stands out in its forthrightness, which appears to be his objective. This seems to me to represent serious damage control.

In two of the countries where I was recently asked to speak, the invitation came for me to address teachings that were undermining the biblical faith of brothers and sisters in Christ in Mongolia and in Albania. The church where I spoke in Mongolia was vibrant and demonstrated an encouraging enthusiasm for the Word of God. That's the good news. So what was the problem? The country itself had experienced a boom in prosperity as the outside world looked to "Minegolia" for its untapped natural resources of coal, gold, and copper. That taste for riches turned sour, however, as the country's economy hit bottom and foreign investors bailed out. Yet the appetite for wealth continues to grow, and, as one financial analyst noted, "With trillions of dollars in mineral resources underground, I just can't think of a way for us to stay poor" (http://goo.gl/ JkshN8). That mentality has attracted the prosperity preachers, who have had their books translated into Mongolian. Their distortion of Scripture has whetted greedy mindsets not only under the guise of Christianity, but it has also corrupted the biblical teachings of many Mongolian believers. My mission was one of damage control, helping to turn them from the false teachings of man to what the Word of God says about prosperity. Although what brought me to Mongolia was specific to exposing the deceptive gospel of greed, the messages over the week I was there majored in exhorting my brothers and sisters in Christ to be like the Bereans of Acts 17:11 by holding every spiritual teaching they received up to the Scriptures for confirmation that they are biblically true.

Albania was similar in terms of damage control except that the issue was more theologically sophisticated and focused on more than only those believers young in the faith. I was invited to speak to a number of fellowships that were dealing with the adverse

effects of Calvinism. Churches were being disturbed by individuals who aggressively promoted the teachings of John Calvin and his later followers, and that zeal had led to members being drawn into Calvin's Reformation and Augustinian theology. Much confusion has resulted, and in a number of cases it has caused church splits. The condition has become so troubling that a few leaders of the relatively young Albanian churches have had Dave Hunt's book *What Love Is This?* (his excellent exposition on Calvin's teachings) translated into the Albanian language.

How young is the church there? It's just over 25 years old. From the mid-1960s until the early 1990s in particular, Albania had the worldwide reputation of being the strictest of all the Communist countries and the first and foremost atheistic nation in history. All religions were banned, and many of their places of worship (mosques, cathedrals, temples, churches, etc.) were turned into warehouses, sports arenas, and youth cultural centers, while others were simply demolished. Although the pagan religious superstitions have continued among the country and mountain folks, the generation born during those decades had no religious beliefs outside of individual musings. Then, in 1990, the official lifting of the ban on religious observance opened the door for all religious practices.

Most of the older folks would consider themselves Muslim, although it's more of a secular Islam that goes back to the historic influence of the Turks rather than the Sharia law-oriented Islam we know today from the Middle East. The same holds true for "Christianity," primarily consisting of the Orthodox and Roman Catholic religions, which the Albanians have adjusted to fit into the Albanian culture. *Biblical* Christianity, introduced through missionaries, is relatively new. Thus, as noted above, the believers in the young Albanian fellowships are vulnerable to false teaching, so there's a necessity for spiritual damage control. It's understandable that those young in the faith would look to teachers to help them grow in the faith, and I was greatly encouraged by the leadership I found there. Yet, as the Scriptures warn continually, the need for checking out all teachings to see if they are true to the Word of God is critical for every fellowship, whether young or old.

Doctrinal damage control is a major part of the New Testament. Although the Word of God is sufficient regarding every instruction that a believer needs in order to be pleasing to our Lord, it nevertheless contains warning after warning regarding false teachers and teachings that pervert the Scriptures. Paul's counsel to the Ephesian elders underscores how serious the problem is: "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears" (Acts 20:30-31). We can surmise that his warning is all the more crucial today as the church fails to "endure sound doctrine" and is being further seduced by the increasing apostasy prophesied by the Word as Christ's return draws near.

Even so, as necessary as damage control is, in order to correct false teachings and practices in certain cases the prevention program to minimize the effect of false teachers on young believers (and even the more mature) *must be* Bible study and discipleship. No matter where the Lord sends me, and no matter what particular false doctrine He would have me address, the heart of the message is the *habitual* study of and living out what the Scriptures teach, and then an exhortation to be like the Bereans of Acts 17:11: "These [Jews] were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether these things [that the Apostle Paul taught them] were so."

Pray for the fruitfulness of our missionary brothers and sisters in foreign countries, and pray for those whom they reach with the gospel, that these new believers will grow strong in "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3).

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION [EDITED FOR LENGTH]: I have long been an avid reader of both Mr. Hunt's books and your website, eagerly looking forward to each month's issue. I was, however, taken aback by the May newsletter and the article about martial arts—not because I disagree with Mr. McMahon. On the contrary, I agree with him regarding the dangers of syncretism. No, I was taken aback by the references to Bob Jones University's "Judo Gentlemen" and "Champions for Christ Karate Team." ... I did a little digging after reading your article, and it seems to me that the "Judo Gentlemen" was a campus organization back in the 1960s, and there is no mention on BJU's current website of any martial arts organizations or karate teams. This is not to say that BJU never had any such organizations, as apparently they did, but I...can say with certainty that I have not observed [any of this] on campus. In this instance, I believe you fell a bit short on giving due diligence to fact checking, which reflects badly on any organization. I only bring this up because I love The Berean Call and the stand you take for orthodoxy, and such a godly endeavor is worthy of the highest order of scholarly integrity.

RESPONSE: We are always pleased when a reader, as a "Berean," responds to what we write. That's an encouragement based upon what we do. We want our readers to check out what we write and correct us if necessary. Regarding your concern about our "giving due diligence to fact checking," that is something we major in, although we have missed the mark at times over the years. Below are some links that document what has been written specifically related to BJU.

Although we didn't acknowledge that the "Judo Gentlemen" was a 1960s organization in the article, there wasn't space to explain in detail why we mentioned it. That may come in a future Q&A. Nevertheless, it raises other questions: Why did Judo Gentlemen not continue at BJU? Lack of interest? I would guess that the reason for its ending was *not* because its spiritual aspects are at odds with the Scriptures. If that were the case, why then a later school endorsement of Champions for Christ Karate Team? My point is that those at BJU (and many other Christian organizations, churches, and individuals) don't seem to understand the Eastern mystical basis for the martial arts. Are you aware of any statements or articles by BJU recognizing the biblical *problems* with the martial arts? There was no intent in our May article to condemn BJU, Campus Crusade, or others, but simply to exhort them to greater biblical discernment, i.e., to be Bereans.

The following links will provide further documentation: http://goo.gl/v5G6zo • http://goo.gl/0StweP • https://goo.gl/HS7t68

QUESTION: Where does it specifically say in the Bible that individuals should not have sex before marriage, especially given the biblical examples of men having multiple wives, concubines, etc., going clear back to Abraham and even through King David, a man after God's own heart?

RESPONSE: The Bible is quite clear on the matter. Jesus said in Mark 7:20-22, "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, *adulteries, fornications*, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness [our emphasis]." Jesus condemns both "fornication" (sex before marriage) and adultery (sex with a person other than your spouse) after marriage

Multitudes of Scriptures declare that sex before marriage is a sin (Acts 15:20; 1 Cor 5:1; 6:13,18; 10:8; 2 Cor 12:21; Gal 5:19; Eph 5:3; Col 3:5; 1 Thes 4:3; Jude 1:7, etc.). Scripture consistently admonishes us to abstain

from sex before marriage. Sex between a husband and his wife is the only form of sexual relations of which God approves (Heb 13:4). "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband" (1 Cor 7:2).

Regarding polygamy, the original intent of God is clear in Genesis 1:27 and 2:24, which is reiterated and reinforced by Jesus in Mark 10:6-8: "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain [two] shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh." This leaves no room for multiple wives (or husbands).

The kings of Israel were specifically commanded, "Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away" (Dt 17:17). We see the consequences of ignoring this warning fulfilled in the life of Solomon, and although God praised David as "a man after mine own heart" (Acts 13:22), the subsequent consequences concerning his children from his polygamous marriages were horrible. Of Abraham and Sarah's "solution" to her barrenness (i.e., Abraham's taking Hagar as a concubine), we have the verdict of history: strife, bloodshed, and hatred, all birthed from that one fatal decision.

Polygamy disqualifies one from serving as a church elder or deacon: "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach," and "Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well" (1 Tm 3:2,12).

This is not for elders only, however, because Paul also wrote that, "Each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband" (1 Cor. 7:2). Paul continues writing of marital duties in terms that can apply only to one husband and to one wife: "Therefore as the church [singular] is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing" (Eph 5:24).

Throughout Scripture we see the parallel of husband and wife with Christ and the church in Ephesians 5:22–33—a principle that can be fulfilled only through monogamy. The Lord Jesus will not have multiple brides. Monogamy is even directly implied in the Law. The 10th Commandment tells us, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife [singular]" (Ex 20:17).

It's instructive that polygamy originated through the line of Cain, the first murderer, and not through the godly line of Seth. The first reported polygamist was another murderer, Lamech (Gn 4:23–24). We see that Esau "despised his birthright" and brought much grief to his parents by marrying two pagan wives (Gn 26:34). And his humanistic solution to his parents' grief? To marry additional women!

One thing that is very important to remember is that not every behavior recorded in the Bible is approved of by the Bible. By comparing scripture with scripture, we can begin to discern the difference between what God *commanded* and what He merely *permitted*, which usually carried severe consequences.

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His lamp am I, to shine where He shall say, And lamps are not for sunny rooms, Nor for the light of day.
And as sometimes a flame we find, Clear, shining through the night, So bright we do not see the lamp, But only see the light; So may I shine—His light the flame—That men may glorify His name.

—Annie Johnson Flint

LETTERS

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Dear TBC.

Excellent answer on the question of studying Greek and Hebrew [TBC, 05/20 Q&A]. How many of us had even a small grip on the various tenses and other particulars of these languages when we were first saved? All we knew was that we needed a Saviour and the Lord Jesus was the answer. We are instructed to grow in His grace and knowledge, and I feel that the study of these languages does help to magnify His Word by adding a little different perspective that we do not get from our native tongue. However, this does not warrant a full scale discipline of these languages. I have been doing "word studies" for many years and have enjoyed many truths developed thru this kind of approach.... Seminary??? They teach a language to correspond to their point

TBC NOTES

New Year's Resolution Check

It's going on six months since some of us (maybe many!) resolved to read the Bible every day. So, how's it going? I hope that it's going more than well—to the degree that each new day carries the excitement of learning from and growing in God's Word.

On the other hand, you may have started off enthusiastically but then missed some days, even to the point where the missed days may have outnumbered the other days. When that happens, we often grow discouraged and may find our resolution to read dissolving altogether. One of the reasons that I'm not a big fan of "read-through-the-Bible-in-a-year" approaches is that for many the goal becomes the primary focus rather than understanding and absorbing the Word itself. The pressure to "get through" the Bible within a certain time frame might cause some to lose heart in the program, as well as in the spiritual content itself, and they fall even further behind.

I read the Bible nearly every day, which is the best habit I've ever developed. When the "nearly" became not nearly as consistent as I wanted (sometimes for reasons beyond my control), I simply got back on track as soon as I could. There wasn't any pressure to keep up with a certain schedule of finishing the Scriptures by a certain date—and therefore no frustration that might cause me to miss the spiritual value of God's Word.

It's fascinating that both the gospels of Matthew and Luke mirror each other at chapter 4, verse 4, as well as underscore how critical to our lives the Word of God is: "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," and "Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

So, in my view, the *daily habit* is the thing, and you can start (or restart it) right away.

T. A. McMahon EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of view in many cases. Don't think that these original languages cannot be manipulated to conform to their doctrines! I was very dismayed to find this out. JJ (OR)

Dear Berean Call,

Your excellent publication and spiritual insight is always read carefully and most often more than once. I am especially grateful for the articles on doctrine. The current trend of a weak and diluted gospel of Jesus Christ causes grief to my heart. In Hosea 4:6, God blamed Israel's unbelief on their "lack of knowledge."

Thank you for the April issue of the newsletter with the reprint of Dave Hunt's article "The Power of His Resurrection." What an important emphasis, which is so often omitted in giving the Gospel invitation!

The "TBC Notes" were informative concerning Albania. Yes, all things are possible with God. May His Word bless the hearts of all who hear that they may be saved. KK (PA)

Dear Berean Call Staff,

I want to thank you for carrying on Dave and Ruth Hunt's work. I do so appreciate all the great material you make available for me and my husband. I use a lot of your material in my Bible School Class. My students are really reaching Catholics for Christ because because of your wonderful newsletter.

Your December 2015 article "The Enigma of Calvinism" is so valuable. It really explains to me all about Augustine, along with the wonderful books of Dave that discuss Calvinism. It is shameful that so many of our preachers are talking so much about Augustine when the Bible has everything we need to know.

Thanks again and a big blessing to you all. IF (PR).

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BONO AND EUGENE PETERSON TEAM UP ON PSALMS

RELIGIONNEWS.COM, 5/5/16, "SINGER BONO AND AUTHOR EUGENE PETERSON TEAM UP TO MAKE FILM ABOUT THE PSALMS" [EXCERPTS]: In a new video conversation with Christian scholar and poet Eugene Peterson, U2 frontman Bono said he finds "a lot of dishonesty" in Christian art.

The video—posted [April 26] on You-Tube—launched Fuller Studio, a new website for Fuller Theological Seminary dedicated to providing resources for churches and individuals interested in spiritual formation.

In it, Bono says: "I would love if this conversation would inspire people who are writing these beautiful voices and writing these beautiful gospel songs—write a song about their bad marriage, write a song about how they're [expletive] off at the government, because that's what God wants from you. That truth—'the way, the truth'—and that truthfulness—know the truth, 'the truth will set you free'—will blow things apart."

(http://goo.gl/thfV6O)

[TBC: Bono has his own idea of truth that is not biblical. Jesus proclaimed to those who came to Him, "If ye continue in my word, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."]

YES TO CHURCH TOWERS, YES TO MINARETS

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 4/13/16, "ARCHBISHOP OF COLOGNE: 'WHOEVER SAYS "YES" TO CHURCH TOWERS MUST ALSO SAY "YES" TO MINARETS'" [EXCERPTS]: The Cardinal Archbishop of Cologne, Rainer Maria Woelki, is alarmed. Not by jihad terrorism in Paris and Brussels, or by the Muslim migrants who committed mass rapes and sexual assaults in his city last New Year's Eve, but by the growing opposition to the Islamization of Europe.

There's just one problem: the Qur'an is specifically hostile to Christianity in a way that Christianity is not toward Islam.

Muslims must wage war against and subjugate Christians: "Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden...nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, [even if they are] the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizya with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued" (Qur'an 9:29).

What's more, the statement that "Islam is in itself a political ideology that is not compatible with the constitution" is one that many Muslim leaders would proudly affirm. Woelki, and the Catholic hierarchy in general, are aiding and abetting the destruction of the free world.

(http://goo.gl/uoaSrz)

ATHEIST GROUP BULLYING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CHRISTIANTODAY.COM, 5/5/16, "ATHEIST GROUP ACCUSED OF BULLYING PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY OPPOSING STUDENTS' TRIP TO KEN HAM'S CREATION MUSEUM" [EXCERPTS]: An atheist organisation has been accused of bullying U.S. public schools by warning them that their students' trip to evangelist Ken Ham's Answers in Genesis Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky would be unconstitutional.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) emailed letters to [three public schools] to point out that the trips would violate the U.S. Constitution.

"Public schools may not advance or promote religion. Bringing students on a field trip to a religious venue is a blatant promotion of religion," said FFRF Legal Fellow Madeline Ziegler in her letter to Nicholas Subashi, legal counsel for the Brookville Local Schools.

"It is unconstitutional for a public school to take students on a field trip to a religious venue such as the Creation Museum, a Christian museum which promotes the religious doctrine of creationism and lists its mission as 'to point today's culture back to the authority of Scripture and proclaim the gospel message," the letters read, according to the Christian News Network.....FFRF said if the district is interested in planning an educational trip, it should be to secular museums....However, Ham said it's not illegal for public schools to visit the museum.

"If public schools were bringing students here and their teachers were saying, 'THIS interpretation is the only truth that you should personally accept,' then that would be a violation of the Establishment Clause of the Constitution," he said. "Public school officials should neither personally endorse nor diminish the museum's view, but rather present our beliefs objectively..."

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