

Laughing at your mistakes can lengthen your life. Laughing at your wife's can shorten it.

[Next one has six punch lines. I promise, my weirdest humor ever!]



[This humor is obtuse. Maybe it's just too square! It's certainly bent humor, and hospitable: one can invite pie over for four $[\pi/4]$.]

Some good news from Israel.]

ISRAEL 5TH IN BLOOMBERG TECH RANKING, AHEAD OF US AND UK: Israel has been ranked number five overall on this year's Bloomberg Innovation Index, an annual ranking of countries that measures performance in research and development, tech education, patents, and other marks of technology prowess.

Fifth place marked a dramatic rise from last year's 30th. With its fifth place overall ranking, Israel bested France, Singapore, and the UK, as well as the US, which came in sixth overall. Taking the number one spot in overall innovation was South Korea, followed by Japan, Germany, and Finland. (Bloomberg)

מתתיהו Mattityahu

(Matthew) 6.22-23

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6.22

מְנוֹרַת הַגּוּף הִיא הָעַיִן. לְפִיכָּךְ אִם עַיִנְךָ טוֹבָה כָּל גּוּפְךָ יֵאוֹר.

The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore if your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

[Yeshua ישוע just discussed greed and the fleeting value of wealth. Message last week. Lay up treasures in heaven.]

Wesley: Make as much as you can, save as much as you can, give as much as you can.

He transitions here to an optical discussion.

Eye is good means?

- *Weymouth tries to solve this problem by translating 'eye' as 'eyesight' — 'If your eyesight is good'!*
- *Some talk about evil eye witchcraft.*
- *Talmud gives us an example of 1st Century usage. Rabbi trail to explain.]*

Undefined offering: Terumah

Ex /Shmot 25.1-2 שמות פרק כה. א וַיִּדְבֹר יי, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר. דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְיִקְחוּ-לִי תְרוּמָה : מֵאֵת כָּל-אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר יִדְבְּנוּ לְבוֹ, תִּקְחוּ אֶת-תְּרוּמָתִי.

Ex /Shmot 25.1-2. Tell the people of Isra'el to take up a collection [terumah] for me - accept a contribution from anyone who wholeheartedly wants to give” How much was a terumah?

Unlike the "first tithe" (*maaser rishon*), the Torah did not specify any minimum measure for a *terumah* offering; hence, even one grain of barley could satisfy the requirement to separate *terumah*.

Talmud: Mishneh T'rumot 4.3

The amount of *Terumah*:

- A fair-eyed עין יפה *Ayin yafah* [generous] amount:
 - one out of forty.
 - Beit Shammai says: one out of thirty.
- The average [amount]: out of fifty.
- A stingy [amount]: out of sixty.

[Fair eyed means generous.]

probably from

Mishlei/Prov 22:9 טוב-עין הוא יברך, כי-נתן מלחמו לדל.

Mishlei/Prov 22:9 NKJV He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.

[<http://juchre.org/articles/eye.htm>

Association of eyes, vision and materialism a major theme in scripture.]

Ber/Gen 2.9 Out of the ground ADONI, God, caused to grow every tree pleasing in appearance and good for food.

Eye appeal is a fact of life from the beginning

- *First impression Dress for Success book in 1980's*
- *Curb appeal of a house*
- *Presentation of food*
- *Ambiance of a restaurant*

Good viewing and graciousness of spirit go together.

Ber/Gen 2.22-23 The rib which ADONI, God, had taken from the person, he made a woman-person; and he brought her to the man-person. The man-person said...

Yekhezkael 24.16-18 "Human being, with a single blow I am about to deprive you of the ... I spoke to the people in the morning, and that evening my wife died.

[Shmuel interpolation. I know it's recorded what Adam said.

But I think first he said, "WOW!!!" Men are still saying that.

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Therefore: 'If your eye is good' is an idiomatic way of saying in Hebrew, 'if you are generous.'

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6.23

אֵד אִם עֵינֶיךָ רָעָה כָּל גּוֹיֶיךָ יִחְשֶׁךְ ; וְאִם יִחְשֶׁךְ הָאוֹר אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבְּךָ , מָה רַב הַחֹשֶׁךְ !
But if your eye is bad, your body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

[Eye evil is NOT an incantation, rather the opposite of generosity and graciousness. Eyes that look to obtain and control, cf eyes that look to comfort and bless.

Eyes only place where neural function is visible. Doctors can see retina. We all can see or sense the spirit of a person.

Ancient Greek, Plato, Ptolemy, thought we see by emanating beams from our eyes. Opposite: we see by light energy coming in.

Spiritually, we do emanate something from our eyes.

Don't try to have holy eyes. Have a generous, pure heart.]

Matthew 20:15 (BBE) Have I not the right to do as seems good to me in my house? or is your eye evil, because I am good?

Ber/Gen 3.6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it had a pleasing appearance and that the tree was desirable for making one wise.

1 Yn 2.16 All the things of the world - the desires of the old nature, the desires of the eyes, and the pretensions of life - are not from the Father but from the world.

[Eve/Khavah was looking for what she could get. Pleasant appearance was good, but not viewed for service.]

Kohelet/Eccles 2.8-10 I amassed silver and gold, the wealth of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, things that provide sensual delight, and a good many concubines. So I grew great, surpassing all who preceded me in Yerushalayim; my wisdom, too, stayed with me. I denied my eyes nothing they wanted.

Kohelet/Eccles 1.8 Everything is wearisome, more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, the ear not filled up with hearing.

[Neil and Jamie Lash in their paper had a theme on simplicity. Simplicity of heart.]

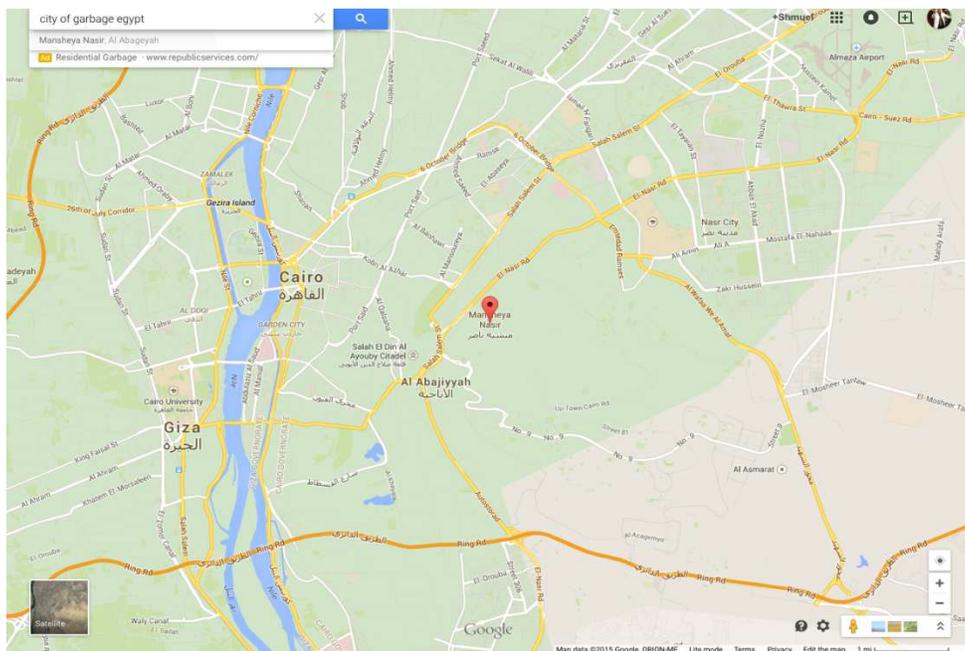
Acts 2. 45-47 In fact, they sold their property and possessions and distributed the proceeds to all who were in need. Continuing faithfully and with singleness of purpose to meet in the Temple courts daily, and breaking bread in their several homes, they shared their food in joy and simplicity of heart, praising God and having the respect of all the people. And day after day the Lord kept adding to them those who were being saved.

[Yeshua ישוע says: Rev 3:17-20 For you keep saying, 'I am rich, I have gotten rich, I don't need a thing!' You don't know that you are the one who is wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked! My advice to you is to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be dressed and not have to be ashamed of your nakedness; and eyesalve to rub on your eyes, so that you may see. As for me, I rebuke and discipline everyone I love; so exert yourselves, and turn from your sins! Here, I'm standing at the door, knocking. If someone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he will eat with me.]

Mark 12. 28-31 **Seeing that Yeshua answered them well, he asked him, "Which is the most important mitzvah of them all?" Yeshua answered, "The most important is, `Sh'ma Yisra'el, ADONI Eloheinu, ADONI ekhad [Hear, O Isra'el, ADONI our God, ADONI is one], and you are to love ADONI your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your understanding and with all your strength.' The second is this: `You are to love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other mitzvah greater than these."**

[What is really important:

- 1. See, experience, taste His Glory, by faith in the atoning death resurrection of the Messiah.***
 - 1. Evangelism Explosion story this morning. Love to ask servers at restaurant, "When we get the food, we will say a blessing over it. Is there anything we can bless you about?"***
 - 2. Want to add after, "Do you know the blessing of eternal life?"***
- 2. Love of family, community P 81 Joy Starts Here]***



[Taysir told us about believers he visited in this place. Can smell before you get there.

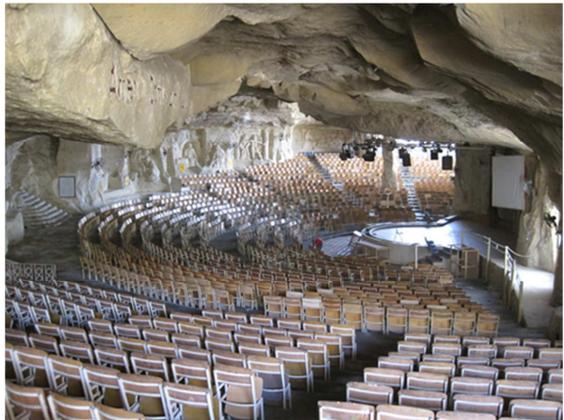
Muslims restriction, believers here with some freedom.]

Spread out among seven different settlements scattered in the Greater Cairo Urban Region, the Zabbaleen population is between 50,000 and 70,000. The largest settlement is Mokattam village, nicknamed "Garbage City," located at the foot of the Mokattam Mountains. The Zabbaleen community in Mokattam Village has a population of around 20,000 to 30,000, over 90 percent of which are Coptic Christians.

[<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zabbaleen>

Can share faith with Coptics, and not punishable by death, like if share faith with Muslims. Huge congregations, Coptic also believers.]

For several generations, the Zabbaleen supported themselves by collecting trash door-to-door from the residents of Cairo for nearly no charge. Notably, the Zabbaleen recycle up to 80 percent of the waste that they collect, whereas most Western garbage collecting companies can only recycle 20 to 25 percent of the waste that they collect.



Simplicity

- Of possessions
- Of purity:
 - one man woman,
 - one woman man

[Brian Kaufman story, SW lost 10 lbs Buying new clothes? Why?

Fantasize? Fantasize how to please your partner better, bless, serve, bring joy.]

Beliefs and recommendations of the second President of the United States, John Adams. He was a prolific reader, statesman, and author, and he made an incalculable contribution to our country. He was not a perfect man, but he lived by a standard of righteousness throughout his adult life. In his autobiography, Adams wrote a commentary on the subject of moral behavior, which he called “manners”.

We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

From all that I had read of history of government, of human life, and manners, I [have] drawn this conclusion, that the manners of women [are] the most infallible barometer by which to ascertain the degree of morality and virtue in a nation. All that I have since read and all the observations I have made in different nations, have confirmed me in this opinion. The Manners of Women are the surest criterion by which to determine whether a republican government is practicable, in a nation or not.

The Jews, the Greeks, the Romans, the Swiss, the Dutch, all lost their public spirit, their republican principles and habits, and their republican forms of government, when they lost the modesty and domestic virtues of their women. . . . The foundations of national morality must be laid in private families. In vain are schools, academies and universities instituted if loose principles and licentious habits are impressed upon children in their earliest years. The mothers are the earliest and most important instructors of youth.

[Are we TAKERS, or givers. Simplicity to generosity and purity?

New week Valentines. I put no stock in the paganism of the stories. I put a lot of stock in the idea of building and blessing.

<http://drjamesdobson.org/media/parenting-and-marriage-videos/bonding-in-marriage?sc=FDD&mc=FDDONGORAI>