

Words of Wisdom by [John T Polk II](#)
For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

2-16-2015 Life Goes On

Though people want to “change the world,” or “cleanse the world,” or “control the world,” they fail.

One generation passes away, and another generation comes; but the earth abides forever. The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it arose. The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north; the wind whirls about continually, and comes again on its circuit. All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; to the place from which the rivers come, there they return again. All things are full of labor; man cannot express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. (**Ecclesiastes 1:4-8**)

Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls. (**Proverbs 25:28**)

We must begin by changing ourselves.

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2-17-2015 Mardi Gras

Roman Catholics may celebrate the three-day Carnival (which means lustful, fleshly, activity) which is followed by Mardi Gras (Tuesday of excess), a totally sinful “blowout” before the hypocritical 40-day Lent Fast Season. No Christian would observe any of this because Christians are told:

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. (**Romans 13:13-14**)

No Christian has God’s permission to celebrate Mardi Gras, and any church who gives sanction to such is not a church of Christ! Nor will any church of Christ follow a religious calendar that includes such as this. Giving up something for Lent is NOT penance for willful sin!

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**2-18-2015 Lifting Lent From Our Lives**

Proclaiming a public fast to call attention to it is un-Christian. Jesus Christ taught, "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting.

Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. ([Matthew 6:16-18](#))

A face marked with "ashes" should be washed. Proclaiming to others that you're fasting makes you a "hypocrite." And fasting like a hypocrite has no reward from God! What doesn't please God isn't for a Christian.  
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2-19-2015 God Is The First Cause

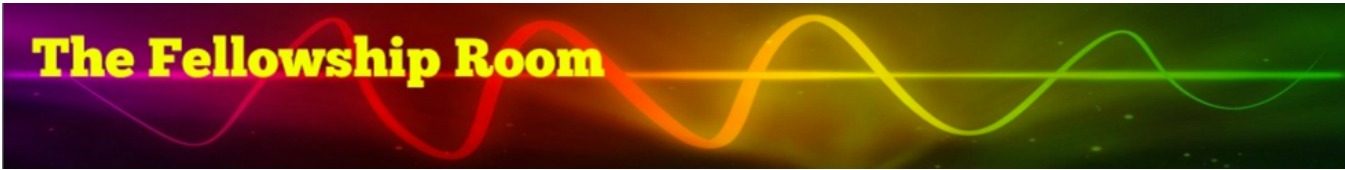
The Bible makes statements that point to external data, and that makes it a "Christian evidence" textbook. For example, **every effect must have an adequate cause.**

For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. ([Hebrews 3:4](#))

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. ([Hebrews 11:3](#))

All scientific evidence and fact prove that matter is not eternal and must have had a beginning. The Bible begins with one of the strongest proofs possible:

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
([Genesis 1:1](#))

Only God could cause nothing to become something. The “big bang” is a “popped bubble.”

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2-20-2015 Science Depends Upon “Faith”

Scientific conclusions stated as fact can be a matter of “faith” because “faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” ([Hebrews 11:1](#)). Science says, “No two snowflakes are alike.” Have they examined every snowflake that has fallen on us this week? No. But every snowflake they have examined is different; therefore a reasonable conclusion is, “No two snowflakes are alike.” The evidence they have points to a conclusion beyond their sight.

That’s exactly how we know God exists: the overwhelming evidence we have demands the conclusion that only God could have done it.

He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. ([Hebrews 11:6](#))

Make sure your “faith” has facts first.

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