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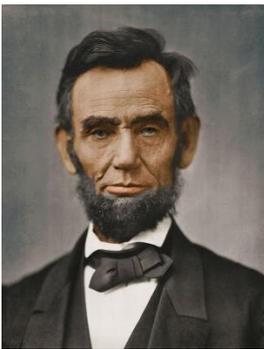
"Thaum Chivkeeb"

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Thov txoj koobhmoov, txojkev hlub, thiab txojkev haumxeeb pub rau koj los ntawm Vajtswv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

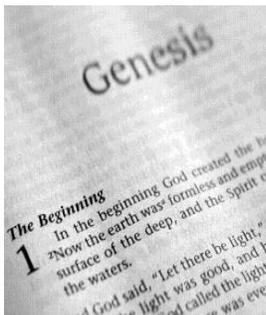
Chivkeeb 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth – *Thaum Chivkeeb Vajtswv tsim lub ntuj thiab lub ntiajteb.*" (NIV). Nov yog Vajtswv Txojlus. (Cross-reference – Yauhas 1:1-2, Tes Haujlwm 17:24, Henplais 1:10; 11:3, Tshwmsim 4:11, Nehemis 9:6, Yauj 9:8; 38:4, Nkauj Qhuas Vajtswv 89:11; 102:25, 115:15; 124:8; 136:5; 148:5, Yaxayas 40:21; 42:5; 45:18, Yelemis 10:12; 51:15)

Illustration "Atheist" (Show quote from Abraham Lincoln)



The 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln once said: "I never behold (the heavens filled with stars) that I do not feel I am looking in the face of God. I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up, into the heavens and say there is no God – *Tus Tuam Thawj Tswj nyob rau tebchaws Asmesliskas, Abraham Lincoln haistias: "Kuv tsis tau tuav (lub ntuj uas muaj cov hnuvqub puv thoob) uas kuv tsis xav haistias kuv ntsia ntsoov Vajtswv lub ntsejmuag. Kuv xav haistias tej zaum tibneeg yuav saib tsis taus lub ntiajteb no thiab nws yog tus "atheist – tsis lees haistias muaj Vajtswv", tiamsis kuv yuav tsis xeeb haistias ua li cas nws tseem yuav ntsia tau saud, rau saum ntuj thiab haistias tsis muaj Vajtswv."*

I. Thawj phau ntawv ntawm phau Vajluskub yog phau ntawv Chivkeeb. Mauxes yog tus sau. Lolus "Genesis txhais haistias beginning – chivkeeb". Nws qhia txog haistias thaum chivkeeb lub ntiajteb no tshwmsim li cas. (Show Genesis – The Beginning)



Thaum chivkeeb nws tsim tibneeg li cas. Thaum chivkeeb txojkev txhaum pib li cas. Thaum chivkeeb txojkev fij theej txoj rau kev txhaum pib li cas. Thaum Chivkeeb Vajtswv txojkev sib raug zoo nrog cov tibneeg uas Vajtswv tsim zoo li cas. Yog koj xav paub txog kev tsim lub ntiajteb thiab tsim tibneeg nrog tej tsiaj txhu zoo li cas ces koj yuavtsum tau mus nyeem phau ntawv Chivkeeb koj thiaj li totaub haistias Vajtswv Txojlus pib thaum chivkeeb zoo li cas. Thawj lolus pib haistias, "In the beginning God – *Thaum chivkeeb Vajtswv*" uantej lwmyam mam li pib. Yog li ntawd thaum chivkeeb xub muaj Vajtswv uantej lawm mam li muaj lwmyam tomqab.

(Show in the beginning God)



Vajtswv Txojlus nws tsis yog yuav pib haistias, "In the beginning, the earth was without form, ...In the beginning before the sun and solar system existed, ...In the beginning in a land far, far away, ... It simply says "In the beginning... GOD – *Thaum chivkeeb, lub ntiajteb no tsis muaj dabtsi li,.... Thaum chivkeeb uantej muaj lub hnuv thiab tej hnuvqub ci saum ntuj, thaum chivkeeb muaj lub tebchaws nyob*

deb, deb... nws tsua haistias, thaum chivkeeb Vajtswv." (Show Hebrews 1:10-12)



Tibneeg coob tus xav haistias, lub ntiajteb no nyob nyob ces nws cia li muaj nws tshwm tuaj xwb. Tiamsis, phau ntawv Henplais sau haistias, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end – *Thaum chivkeeb, tus Tswv, koj tsim lub ntiajteb, thiab koj txhaistes tsim lub ntuj. Tej ntawd yuav ploj mus, tiamsis koj yuav nyob mus li; tej ntawd yuav txawj qub ibyam li tej ris tsho. Koj yuav muab tej ntawd tais cia ib yam li*

luag tais lub tsho ntev; zoo ib yam li tej ris tsho yuav muab hloov. Tiamsis koj yeej zoo li qub, thiab koj tej xyoo yuav tsis tag li." (Henplais 1:10-12) Txhuayam ntawm Vajtswv Txojlus tsis yog hais txog lub ntiajteb no losyog hais txog tibneeg tiamsis yog hais txog Vajtswv. (Show God who is Lord of All)



Yog vim li cas Vajtswv Txojlus thiaj li yuav tseemceeb rau peb uas yog tibneeg yuavtsum mloog thiab ua li Vajtswv Txojlus hais heevduas li tibneeg thiab lub ntiajteb no hais? Vim Vajtswv yog tus Tswv ntawm txhuayam uas Nws tsim. Txhuayam yam no yog Nws li. Koj lub tsev, koj lub tsheb, tej zaubmov, koj tej nyiaj txiag, nrog tagrho ibpuas tsavyam hauv ntiajteb no uas koj pom thiab kov puavleej yog Vajtswv tug. (Show scientist & Dirt)



Muaj ib cov "scientist – tus paub txog" tuaj koom uake thiab lawv txiavtxim haistias lawv yuav tsis yuav Vajtswv kev pab ntxiv lawm. Muaj ibtug hais rau Vajtswv haistias, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We can do all kinds of things through science. We can even clone people and make body parts, so we just don't need you anymore – *Vajtswv peb txiavtxim lawm haistias peb tsis yuav koj pab ntxiv lawm.*

*Peb ua tau ntau yam los ntawm "science – kev paub". Peb ua tau tus qauv zoo li tibneeg thiab ua tau ntau yam ntawm tibneeg lub cev, yog li ntawd peb tsis yuav koj ntxiv lawm." Vajtswv ua tibzoo mloog thiab teb lawv haistias, "Let's have a man making contest just like in the days of Adam." The scientist agreed and bent down to grab himself a handful of dirt. And God smiled and said, "No, no, no – you get your own dirt – *Cia peb sibtw uas yog puab tibneeg zoo ibyam li thaum paub Adaas. Cov paub txog ntawd txaussiab li Vajtswv hais thiab lawv pib mus khaw ib cov av hauv ped teb los. Vajtswv luas mentsis thiab hais rau cov scientist ntawd tias, "Tsi kham, tsi kham, tsis kham – nej yuavtsum mus nhriav nej av."* (Show it all belong to God)*



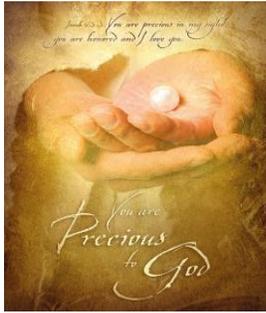
Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua, peb ua neej nyob, txawm haistias peb yuav txawj ua lub neej zoo npaum li cas los peb yeej ua tsis tau yog tsis muaj Vajtswv. Txhuayam uas peb ua tau txhuayam uas peb muaj puavleej yog Vajtswv pomzoo thiab pub peb thiaj li muaj tej ntawd. Txawm peb yuav haistias peb yuav suav txhuayam uas peb ua tau hauv peb lub neej uas yog siv peb ob txhaistes mus khwv tau los tej ntawd puavleej yog Vajtswv li. Vajtswv tsua pub peb ua tus saibxyua ibntus xwb lwmtus yuav los saibxyua mus ntxiv thaum tsis muaj peb nyob rau lub ntiajteb no lawm. Yog li ntawd yam uas peb muaj puas tseemceeb?

II. Cia kuv muab daim \$20.00 no los nug nej saib daim nyiaj no puas tseemceeb npaum li cas? (Show \$20.00)



Yog haistias, kuv muab daim \$20.00 no rau nej, nej

leejtwg puas xav yuav? Yog haistias kuv muab "tear – dua" lawm nes, nej puas tseem yuav thiab? Yog vim li cas daim nyiaj ntawv no thiaj li muaj nqi haistias nws yog \$20.00? Puas yog daim ntawv? Puas yog cov "cwjmem – ink" sau rau daim nyiaj no? Yog vim li cas nws thiaj li raug tus nqis haistias nws yog \$20.00. Nws muaj nqis \$20.00 vim "federal government – nomtswv" yog tus ua thiab muaj lawv lub cim nias rau daim nyiaj no tias nws muaj nqis \$20.00. **(Show you are precious to God)**



Koj muaj nqis heev rau Vajtswv. Thaum chivkeeb, Vajtswv tsim lub ntuj thiab lub ntiajteb, thiab tsim tsiaj txhu. Vajtswv mam li muab av los puab "man in the image of God – tsim tibneeg zoo ib yam li Vajtswv." Thaum Vajtswv tsim tau tibneeg lawm, tibneeg muaj nqis heev rau ntawm Vajtswv. Vajtswv tsis xav kom ibtug twg poob mus rau txojkev txhaum li. Vajtswv tsim peb tibneeg thiab txib kom peb tibneeg yuavtsum tu lub ntiajteb no. Yog Vajtswv tsis npaj kom txhij txhua rau peb nyob ces Nws yeej yuav tsis tsim tibneeg li. Thawj lolus thiaj li haistias, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth – Thaum Chivkeeb Vajtswv tsim lub ntuj thiab lub ntiajteb." (Chivkeeb 1:1) **(Show dead fish in a bowl)**



Muaj ibtug txivneej nws xav yug ntse. Nws mus yuav lub taub tso ntse, tej pobzeb, tej khoom txuag dej kom nws lim cov dej rau cov ntse nyob. Thaum nws npaj tej no tag thiab muab dej hliv rau lub taub lawm nws mus yuav cov ntse koj los tso rau hauv. Thaum nws tso cov ntse rau hauv lub taub tsis ntev xwb nws cov ntse tuag tas. Yog vim li cas cov ntse thiaj li tuag? Vim haistias cov dej tsis muaj tej yam tshuaj koj los tso rau thiab cov dej yuavtsum haum rau tej yam ntse, cov ntse thiaj li tsis tuag. Nov zoo sis thooj li uas Vajtswv tsim lub ntuj thiab ntiajteb rau peb tibneeg nyob. Yog Vajtswv tsis npaj kom txhij rau peb tibneeg nyob ces peb yeej yuav tsis muaj sia. **(Show let there be light)**



Nws npaj tej huab tej cua kom haum rau peb tibneeg ua tau pas, npaj tej dejnag los ywg peb tej qoobloos kom peb muaj noj muaj haus peb thiaj li tsis tuag. Vajtswv Txojlus sau haistias, "And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day – Vajtswv haistias, "Cia li muaj qhov pom kev," ces txawm pom kev kaj nrig tuaj. Vajtswv txaus siab heev rau qhov pom kev ntawd. Ces Vajtswv thiaj muab qhov pom kev cais tawm ntawm qhov tsaus ntuj,

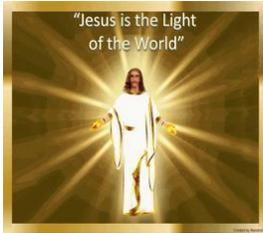
Vajtswv tsis npe rau qhov pom kev hu ua "Nruab hnuab" thiab qhov tsaus ntuj hu ua "Hmo ntuj." Muaj caij tsaus ntuj thiab muaj caij kaj ntug, yog hnuab ib." (Chivkeeb 1:3-5)

- III. Vim tibneeg tsis mloog Vajtswv lus, tibneeg xum mus ua kev txhaum nyob rau qhov tsau tsis nyob rau qhov kaj. Vajtswv hluv tibneeg ntiajteb kawg li Nws thiaj li txib Nws tibleeg Tub los rau lub ntiajteb yog los ua qhov kaj rau tibneeg pomkev. Ntawm peb Txojmoozoo hnuabno tomqab uas Yexus ua kevcai ntxuav tag, Vajtswv thiaj li haistias, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased – Koj yog kuv tus Tub uas kuv hluv. Kuv txaus siab rau koj." (Malakaus 1:11) **(Show blindness)**



Muaj ibtug pojniam lub npe hu ua Rose Crawford digmuag tau 50 xyoo. Nws mus kom kwv khomob kho nws lub qhovmuag. Thaum tus kwv khomob muab cov ntaub nplaum tev ntawm nws lub qhovmuag, nws qhib thiab pomkev. Nws quaj los kuamuag ntws si thiab zoo siab heev haistias, ziag no nws pomkev lawm. Thaum kwv khomob hais rau Rose haistias, ua li cas Rose yuav tsis koj nws lub qhovmuag tuaj kho ntxov. Nws tsis tag yuav nyob rau txojkev txomnyem tshaj li 20 tawm xyoo thaum nws muaj 30 xyoo ntseg nws lub neej yuav nyob tsis txomnyem. Vim Rose tsis paub haistias kev khomob muaj feem kho tau tej qhovmuag dig ces nws cia li xav

haistias nws cia li ua lub neej ua tus tibneeg digmuag xwb. (Show Jesus is the Light)



Yexus hais rau koj thiab rau kuv haistias, peb tsis txhob nyob rau txojkev tsau ntuj nti lawm, cia li los nyob rau qhov kaj. Yexus haistias "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life – *Kuv yog lub teeb ci rau ntiajteb pomkev. Tus uas nrog kuv mus yuav tsis taug kev tsausntuj nti, tiamsis yuav ua lub neej pomkev kajnrig.*" (Yauhas 8:12) Vajtswv tsim lub hnuv lub hli thaum chivkeeb kom muaj qhov tsau thiab qhov kaj rau lub ntiajteb. (Show Genesis 1:1)



Tiamsis tibneeg tsis nyiam qhov kaj tibneeg xum mus nyob rau qhov tsau, Vajtswv thiaj li cia Yexus los ua lub teeb ci rau tibneeg pomkev kom tibneeg rov muaj feem rov mus tau rau ntuj ceebtsheej uas yog tau txojhia mus ibtxhis. Yexus tus thwjtim Yauhas thiaj li sau haistias, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made

that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it – *Thaum Chivkeeb yog Txojlus, thiab Txojlus ntawd nrog Vajtswv, thiab Txojlus ntawd yog Vajtswv. Nws muaj nyob nrog Vajtswv thaum Chivkeeb. Nws yog tus tsim txhuayam, yog tsis muaj nws yeej tsis muaj ibyam yuav tsim tau li. Nyob hauv nws yog txojhia, thiab txojhia ntau yog lub teeb rau txhuatus tibneeg. Lub teeb ci rau ntawm qhov tsau, thiab qhov tsaus tsis muaj qhov kovyeej li.*" (Yauhas 1:1-4) (Show I am the Alpha and Omega)



Yog li ntawd thaum chivkeeb los Vajtswv tsim tibneeg thiab rov los cawm tibneeg. Yauhas thiaj li sau ntawm Tshwmsim haistias, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End – *kuv yog tus Alafas thiab Aumenkas, tus thawj thiab tus kawg, tus pib thiab tus xaus.*" (Tshwmsim 22:13) Thaum chivkeeb yog Vajtswv, cia li nyob kajsiaib lug rau ntawm Nws txojkev cawmdim rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Thov kom Vajtswv Txojlus pub rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiaib lug rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Peb txhuatus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuum peb sawvdaws hais: Asmees.

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