Spooktacular Coloring Contest winners receive prizes



Following The Sun's recent Spooktacular Coloring Contest, Gavin Strait won the 5 to 6 age group, where he received a pumpkin-faced bucket filled with prizes ranging from candy to small toys.



Picking up their prizes after winning their age groups in the Springfield paper's recent coloring contest, Ellie Huber (left) won the 7 to 8 category, and Liam Huber (right) won the 3 to 4.

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traits and revert back to the species. It is cultivation by humans that helps in maintaining consistency.

Cultivars (literally a cultivated-variety) can be hybridized or selected from nature. A cultivar name is noted by the use of single quotes, like Aesculus parviflora 'Rogers', so named because the seeds were collected from the garden of a man named Dr. Rogers and noted because it grows larger than the straight species. This plant was selected for its robust habit and then cultivated by human hands to keep this unique, but naturally occurring specimen viable. The person who noticed and selected the plant is what proves most fascinating to me whether you understand the nomenclature or not.

Plant selection may be the most fascinating technique for identifying exceptional plant material. Not everyone can do this because much of it has to do with luck and having a keen eye. It comes from an individual's ability to notice something special about a plant that makes it different from other known cultivars. This is big business today, too, so the more informed we are the better off our selections and gardens grow!

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God" (Revelation 21:2). It needs "no sun or moon, for the glory of God gives it light, and its gates are never shut" (21:23-25).

No wonder we are restless. Augustine said it best in his Confessions: "Our heart is restless until it rests in you." The cities we build dazzle from a distance and disappoint up close, but the ache they awaken is not foolish. It is a homing signal from the One who promised to prepare a place for us (John 14:2).

Emmie had not yet learned to ho-hum. She didn't know about the grime below. She saw only light, and she believed it was somehow meant for her. Jesus said we must become like little children to enter the kingdom (Matthew 18:3), and perhaps this is part of what he meant.

Maybe the question isn't how we lose that wonder, but how we get it back. Someday may we press our faces to the window of heaven's approach and, as its lights draw near, say with a child's whole heart, "Look, the whole city is opening up to me."

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life. For example, from a materialist worldview, the question "how did I get here?" is reduced to blind evolutionary processes. What it means to be human is answered by saying that I am without a soul and simply made up of atoms, like any other plant or animal. My purpose in life is only to reproduce, and when I die, I dissolve back to atoms, and that is the end of it all. The problem with these answers to the ultimate questions in life is that they do not stand up under closer scrutiny. As will become evident in subsequent articles, the materialist worldview actually reduces the value placed upon human beings, it contradicts what we know about the world, and, more importantly, it contradicts itself. Nevertheless, materialism could very much be considered the worldview of the masses since most of secular society holds to its grounding principles and therefore matter is arguably the most common idol among human beings.

Having identified the common idol in a materialistic society as matter, join us again next time as we expand our investigation of worldviews by examining how matter as an idol ultimately leads to a lower view of human life. Until then, what do you think: Is God dead?

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