

A smidgen is a unit of measure

Psalm 90:4 "For a thousand years in thy sight are but yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

Anyone who considers themselves a southern gourmet cook knows what a smidgen is. It's like a "bit" or a "pinch" or a "tad."

At any rate, a smidgen is a legitimate unit of measure south of the Mason-Dixon Line. As of yet, however, I haven't seen a spoon in a measuring set with such an amount. We simply have to guess or use our best judgment.

Measurements in time and materials control us. We are in bondage to watches, clocks, and calendars. Flight schedules, work time clocks, and even time settings for distance determine our every movement.

Some websites and other publications are now adding "read time" to articles.

Many in today's world if asked, can answer the question in minutes. How far is it to the next town? "Twenty minutes." "At what speed?" would be a reasonable response.

Could a carpenter build a house without a tape measure? Could a cook bake a

cake without measurements? Of course not!

We are physical beings. Our life span, the years of our marriage, and the ages of our children are all stated in numbers. Doctors weigh us when we go for a checkup. The results of our blood tests are stated in numbers.

We "count heads" for attendance and count how many were saved (received Jesus as Lord and Savior) at a crusade or on a mission project. Numbers are important to us.

The number of believers is surely important to God. Second Corinthians 5:15 "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."

Second Peter 3: 8 "But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day with the Lord is like a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." God is spirit, infinite and eternal.

So, why is time irrelevant to God? Because He is infinite and eternal! If we speak of eternity in God, we must not only look to the future but also to the past.

If God will always be, He must have always been. Many astronomers and other scientists want to assign numbers to the existence of the sun, the Earth, the galaxy, and the universe.

Many engage in a pointless debate over how old the planet or the universe is. The distance across the Milky Way galaxy is (we're told) 100,000 light-years, and the universe is 97 billion light-years across.

Should we really be concerned with the distance to Mars or Proxima Centauri? Our individual curiosity factors want to know some things, and for many, those distances are intriguing but inconsequential in our everyday lives or our eternal destination.

But what is really important? The Bible teaches that we have an eternal soul. No one has ever seen such a thing. No one has ever died and come back to report on Heaven or Hell, except to write a book or a movie script.

No one knows where the



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eternal soul resides; if it is asleep, concealed in a body cell, or flows through one's veins or central nervous system.

The Bible tells us to believe by faith (Ephesians 2:8).

Faith is believing in something that cannot be proven or that common sense tells us cannot be true. Faith is a steadfast belief in something's truth.

Can we understand in a world of skepticism why so many are turning to non-belief?

A question asked was, "Why do you believe in God?" Can anyone give a logical or reasonable explanation for why we exist?

To believe that something came from nothing (on its own/spontaneous generation), or that order came from chaos, takes more faith than believing in a Creator God.

Granted, religionists cannot prove God, but the

evidence is overwhelming. How much evidence does it take to make a fact? The answer to that is with the individual.

The non-believer must also ask the question "What if I'm wrong?" Whereas there is no (court of law) proof of God, there is no such proof of evolution.

The non-believer must think we, the planet, the atmosphere, the universe came from somewhere. Since there is no such thing as spontaneous generation of matter, where and how did all things begin?

What makes sense to you? Why do you exist? Why do we think, have emotions, or die?"

Our Creator (John 1: 3) was also subjected to numbers. He was born the person Jesus 2026 years ago, lived to the age of 33, was on the cross for 6 hours, in the grave for 3 days, and lived after His resurrection for 40 days before ascending into Heaven.

Even Jesus can't escape measurements and num-

bers. So, how long is eternity? The most reasonable answer is "It's a time that cannot be measured!" As a smidgen cannot be measured, neither can eternity.

Proverbs 3: 5 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding." Is our ability to think a curse or a blessing? Whichever it may be, we must not let it mislead us.

An old Cherokee proverb states: "There is a fight like two wolves going on inside you, one is evil; one is good." The question asked was, "Which one will win?" The answer: "The one you feed!" The Bible teaches that there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith-based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6), and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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going up for Hayden's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time," they posted.

George Rogers Clark High School's Facebook Page reposted the content as well.

The news of Saylor's death also impacted local groups.

An athlete, he had played baseball for Winchester Little League.

The group's Facebook page, "Winchester Little League - KY", created a post.

"Our hearts are incredibly heavy as we remember one of our own," they wrote on Sunday. "Today, we mourn the loss of a former

member of our Little League family—someone who once wore our jersey, shared in our games, and will always be part of our team. Though their time on the field has passed, the memories and impact they made will never fade."

Saylor's mother, Tanya Smith Kincaid, also posted on Facebook.

"I am at a loss right now, but I feel with the outpouring of love and concern, I need to put something out in the social atmosphere.

This beautiful, bright-eyed boy of mine has entered the Holy gates of heaven, welcomed by his Dad and great-grandparents. The heartbreak is indescribable, and it's hard to even put this out

there.

Just know we love and appreciate all the thoughts and prayers. I don't even know where to begin.

He is loved by so many, and his family and community family is so large that I know...the impact of this devastating news will have a much bigger ripple effect.

God has a purpose. I believe that. Hayden knew him, and today he walks with Him.

Thank you, Lord, for your promises. The promise that we have in the comfort of knowing that Hayden knew You, and although his earthly life didn't go the way I planned...[it's] just a reminder that God is still writing his story.

I love you, Hayden Corey Saylor!"

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Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), requested permission to place a "Patriot Marker" on the courthouse lawn. The marker, fully funded by the DAR, aims to honor the patriots who settled in the Boonesborough region.

"What I am requesting is permission to place it in the courthouse lawn," Disney told the court.

The court granted the request unanimously, though the marker likely won't be manufactured and installed until 2027

due to national backlogs.

The meeting also featured a robust discussion on rural road maintenance. Magistrate Ernest Pasley expressed frustration with the current state of the paving list, noting that some local priorities—such as Old Beckerville Road—have been neglected for decades.

"It's been 55 years since they've been paved," Pasley noted, suggesting that the county use a portion of its \$745,000 road fund surplus to lock in paving contracts before material costs rise further. The court also approved

several smaller items, including a \$650 contribution to the Winchester Soccer Club for a new AED, with the city splitting the cost to bring the complex into statutory compliance.

Additionally, the court authorized a traffic study for Beckerville Road following local complaints about speed limits in developing areas.

Judge-Executive RJ Palmer concluded the session by informing the court that draft budget requests from all department heads would be distributed this week, signaling the start of the next fiscal planning cycle.

A XYDLBAA XR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-27 CRYPTOQUOTE

S A J S E V W H ' V V T G W K B S K F
D X D G E Q K D ' V W K A Q X D S K F
Y A Q J D G V T W N L H I D Z V D A X D V .

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4-28 CRYPTOQUOTE

W X U X H D Q Q X O F A H Z D M J F H X
F A H S X L Z D M J . — F H D M A S
D Z E D B F

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ALWAYS IT'S SPRING AND EVERYONE'S IN LOVE AND FLOWERS PICK THEMSELVES. — E.E. CUMMINGS

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4-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

G Y Q S L S J A Q T C G X Q T U Q B U G
E S B Y I G Q S M B Y I G Q P , U G M
G Y Q S L S J A Q T C G X Q T U Q
B Y I G Q P B U G E S B Y I G Q S M .

— U F E S J Q S C G P Q S C G
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DO NOT ALLOW SETBACKS TO SET YOU BACK. — STACEY ABRAMS

— D. D. NOZZWKBV
Saturday's Cryptoquote: SPRING WORK IS GOING ON WITH JOYFUL ENTHUSIASM. — JOHN MUIR