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Dear Friends,

I hope your April is a blessing of sun light and warmth! 🌞

I going to do something different in this newsletter. I am currently reading two books and both are very interesting and important but one I really like and the other I don't like at all! I'm recommending them both as important for our Cristian walk.

I will share some from the one I like the least first, that way I can end on a positive note. The first book by Jonathan Cahn is THE RETURN OF THE GODS. So let me start by saying that I agree with what is in this book. It is revealing how our culture, in the United States, is in so much trouble with all the shootings, robberies, and our youth deeply involved in violent behavior. He reveals that the ancient gods began their comeback with the banning of prayer in schools in 1962 and the ban of Bible reading in public schools in 1963. As the true God's presence in public life was banned the pagan gods begin to take control of how society thinks and acts. The sacrifice of children was a huge sin in ancient Israel and it came about as the culture sought other gods and rejected the true God. The US has killed millions of babies! It just gets worse as our culture makes mankind their god today. One last thought, Cahn believes that the gods are the work of Satan and his henchmen. I agree. I reservedly recommend this book.

My second read was recently recommended to me by someone who really wanted to improve communication skills and help heal their marriage. It is TALKING AS TEAMMATES by Steve Hoppe. It is a 31 day devotional primarily for couples to help improve how we talk to each other but, the information and how it is presented can be useful in how we talk with children, co-workers, even when talking with enemies! Each day has a new idea to help improve how we can **successfully** get our message to others. I wont go into great detail because I hope you will get this book and learn from it. I grew up in a home where the tone someone used was as bad or worse than the words being said. I hated this tone but I was unaware that I had the same problem. In Day 2 the title of the devotion is 'Check Your Tone' that really got my attention! Several others are 'Exaggerating', 'Correct In Moderation', and 'Pause And Pray'.

The copyright for this book is 2020! I truly wish I would have had this information presented in this format 50 years ago! I truly love this book !!

Luke 10:27 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

. We are seeing people with painful anxiety issues and serious family problems and we need wisdom on how to help folks in such pain. Please continue to prayer for Alpha!

Thank you for all you do for Alpha !!

God Bless, Richard.