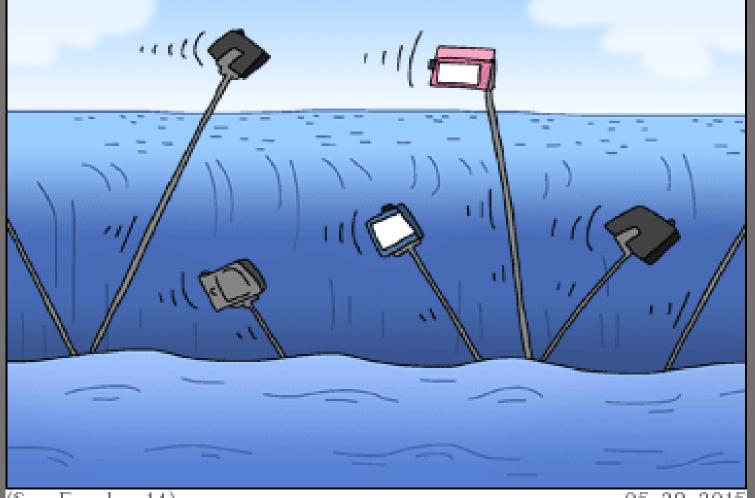
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THERE WERE SO MANY SELFIE STICKS AT THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA THAT IT WAS NEARLY CLASSIFIED AS ANOTHER PLAGUE



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WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING?

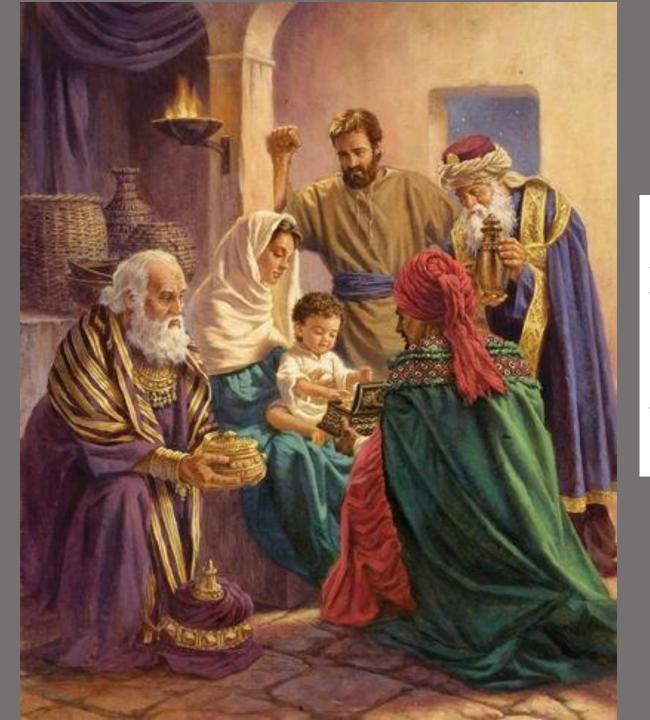
MATTHEW 2: 1-12; LUKE 2: 25-35



Mathhew 2.1-2 - ...wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."



Mathew 2.7,8 - Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."



Matt 2.11-

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.





Símeon

- just and devout
- waiting for the Consolation of Israel
- the Holy Spirit was upon him
- he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.





Luke 2.29-32 -

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

	Wisemen	Simeon
Search	Travelled for miles over several months to find the newborn king	Waited through his whole life to see the Saviour of Israel
Found	Obeyed Scriptures, followed the Star to Bethlehem	Obeyed the Holy Spirit's leading Found Baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph
Worship	Brought gifts to honour him as a King	Outpour of thanksgiving and praise Affirmed the identity of Baby Jesus
Transformation	Courage to defy Herod's orders	Peace to leave this world

Those who look for Jesus will see him



Those who see
Jesus will worship
Him



Those who worship Him will be transformed

SEARCH

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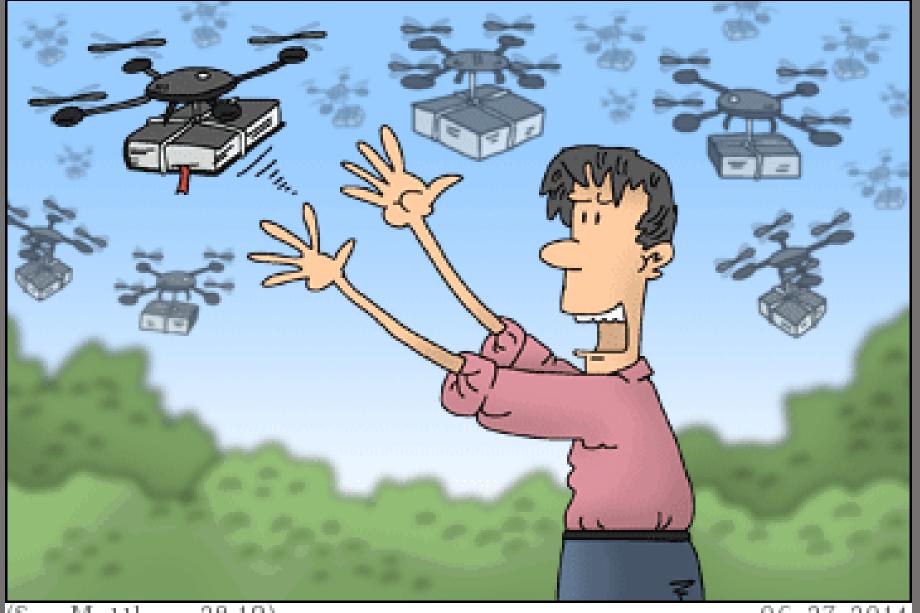
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(See Matthew 28:19)

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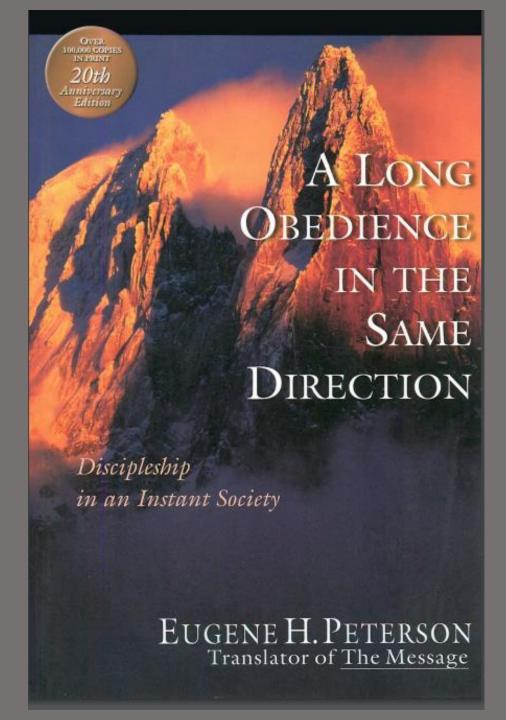












Religion in our time has been captured by the tourist mindset.

Friedrich Nietzsche, who saw this area of spiritual truth at least with great clarity, wrote, "The essential thing 'in heaven and earth' is ... that there should be long obedience in the same direction; ... and has always resulted in the long run, something which has made life worth living. " It is this "long obedience in the same direction" which the mood of the world does so much to discourage.

Disciple (mathetes)

- Apprentice to the master
- Growing-learning relationship
- Not in the classroom, but at the worksite of a craftsman
- To acquire skills in faith

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TRANSFORMED Will you choose to live no longer as a tourist, but as a true disciple of Christ Jesus?