



## Some were doubtful

I am constantly amazed by great philosophers who contemplated the existence of God day and night. I sometimes feel alone in this, mistakenly. Brilliant minds have been searching, and few brilliant minds end up atheistic, though many struggle searching for the eternal for a lifetime.

I googled the word atheist to check the spelling and I found a site called [atheism.com](http://atheism.com) ... how sad-- how sad to have published misinformation, they have Blaise Pascal listed as an atheist. Would that this site were more accurate in its reporting.

The story about Pascal, coincidentally, was one I was using for this newsletter, and had saved from an article in a Westmont College Magazine, torn out and sitting on my desk for quite a while. Im just going to quote it, giving thanks to the author of it (whose name I don't have).

The article, in summary, says something like this: Pascal thought considerably about the possibility of GOD, and had an "experience" - a god-experience - which changed his life. During this experience, he drew a cross and rays of light on a piece of parchment and sewed it inside his coat lining. I imagined what this might look like and made several stained glass patterns inspired by its "inspiration to me". The picture and poem were found after his death: **FIRE. God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of the philosophers and scholars. Certitude, Certitude, Feeling. Joy. Peace. God of Jesus Christ. Forgetfulness of the world and of everything except God. Joy, joy, joy, tears of joy.**

# GOSPEL GLASS

Another great mind struggled with the concept of GOD, that was CS Lewis, who was convinced that god existed because of the presence something like the “god consciousness” saying that we know there must be god by our recognition of “goodness” and our ability to choose good over not doing good. Lewis went through every philosophical maneuver possible, ultimately believing, convincing many THOMASes like myself that the eternal exists and that christ was his emissary.

I should have such a brain as great as Pascal or Lewis. (LOL), I need to rest in the thoughts of those way smarter than I, that came to a believe in the eternal and ultimate.

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My heart goes to the people of Haiti. Such tragedy is unspeakable. Tragedies occur, and also my prayers go out to my neighbor who lost a child this week. I become so “afraid” and “grateful” at the same time, for my own children and grandchildren. I am reminded of the verse “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid...”

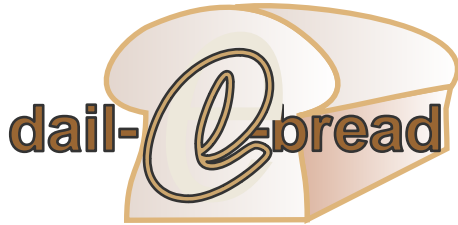
PER Schuller’s message Becoming an UP person in a DOWn world (online)... YOU are the closest thing some people will ever get to Christ. This is humbling, but he says “we all need to be up people in a down world”...

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This month there are new patterns for a craft called BEAD TILING. It is exciting to me to learn a new technique in making patterns and this is great fun. I have a couple of bead tile patterns here, using the peyote stitch, which has an alternating look “like bricks” . If you do this craft, please ask for a special pattern. First three customers get their custom images turned into bead tile patterns totally free. Just email me at [Marian@gospelglass.com](mailto:Marian@gospelglass.com). Check back to the sites often and have fun.

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"Man shall not live by bread alone  
but by every word that proceeds  
from the mouth of God"



♡ the children of God

♡ is patient and kind

♡ each other deeply

♡ have sincere ♡

Check out the whole calendar!!

Making this month's calendar was so fun. I love the symbolism of the heart, which is anatomically quite like the real heart. I

thought there would be nothing new, but searching the word love showed me that there is still much to learn from Holy Writ.

I suspect that I am the only one who reads these little quips... but they give me comfort and I must realize that it is my being energized by the search through scriptures that is the reason for these calendars. If even one other person enjoys, then I am glad.

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New stained glass,  
bead tile and  
counted cross stitch  
patterns

