

“The Truth About Cats and Dogs”

— Paul Seely

Theologians have authored a humorous way to explore the existence and being of God by using the quintessential polar opposites of the animal world: the dog and the cat.

“Dog Theology” goes like this: “You feed me. You pet me. You shelter me. You love me. YOU must be God!”

“Cat Theology” goes like this: “You feed me. You pet me. You shelter me. You love me. I must be God!”

Though I own a cat, I consider myself to be really more of a dog person, but whatever one’s personal preference in pets may be, I think the principles of the “Dog and Cat Theologies” outlined here are charming and amusing and quite thoughtful.

Both theologies here showcase beautifully the two main flaws we ourselves as human-beings tend to exhibit when it comes to our own belief systems in regards to God and the Divine.

On one hand we have the Dog’s point-of-view; one that uses ridiculously low standards in order to determine what is Divine and what is not. We see here that the dog will worship anyone or anything responsible for providing them with what they need. The dog places ALL faith and hope and trust in a “God” that is just as easily made as it is torn down and replaced; a disposable God.

How many times do we see ourselves and others fall into that exact same trap? We put our trust and hope in the things that perish; we heap up for ourselves teachers that tell us what we want to hear; we start worshipping men and false idols (Matthew 6:19-20, 2 Timothy 4:3), don’t we?

There are very few animals less discerning than a dog, which probably explains why they are man’s best friend, because oftentimes I think we, as human beings, fin-

ish not too far behind the dog when it comes to matters of discernment. We imagine ourselves to be creatures of great refinement and in possession of a discriminating palate; but the plain truth is that we steal, hurt, cheat, lie, kill and crawl in order to provide and be provided for.

A cat’s view of things is much simpler than a dog’s. A cat looking out onto the world sees the same thing it does when it looks in the mirror: only itself. The cat deifies self, and lives to indulge its every whim and fancy. How much different are we sometimes?

When we put on Christ we are to be living sacrifices, crucifying self; putting our selfish sinful nature to death just as Jesus himself was put to death for our sin (2 Corinthians 5:17). That is what we should do. But what we really want to do is serve self first; if there is any time left over, God can have that. In the servitude of self we not only forget our service to God, but our service to others as well.

Luckily for us, we don’t have to be slaves to our own nature as do the dog and the cat. We are free from the instinctual pattern that pre-determines the behavior of God’s other creations. A dog can’t decide to be a cat, and a cat can’t just start acting like a dog. But we CAN choose to behave like either one of those things, so let’s never find ourselves doing it.

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**'KHRIS' SUANGPHUM, A WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR THE MEMBERS
OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, DELHI, ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK'**

Enkaitu: Jamson Guite | Panpihitu: Kham Minthang | Jangthang

BIBLE CLASS

Class	Teacher
Adult	: Jamson
Senior	: L. James Guite
Junior	: Biaknem
Primary	: Rosely
Beginner	: Mary,

TUNI BIAKKHAWMNA PROGRAMME

Thumna Hun-uk : Thangbiakmang
Lapitu : Mangneu
Thilpiak : Jangthang
Theihgigena : James
Thuhilhtu : Jamson

Last Sunday (29/01/12)

Offerings - Rs. 8960 /-

INN KISUAN:

-Thuthak kiza dan in un-
aupa Lianminthang leng tuma a
atenna in a a kum a sim ana ten-
zoh nung in khalui in Safdarjung
veng sung mah ah anuamzaw leh
kiningching zaw diing gelna in a
inn luahna ana kisan hihtuak hi.

KI ZAKSAKNA :

-Unau Delhi a omten tu-
kum akipan in journal hohtak
"khaa Namsau" chih minvuah in
quaterly in ki suah gige ta diing
hi. Hiai toh kisai unaupa James
in hon enkai diing a, uanute
Thawngsiandong, Thongginlian
leh Jamson te'n panpih diing uhi.
Unaute kuapeuhmah in hiai a suah
diing thugelh i contribute touh zel
uh lamet leh deihi ahi. Huai ba-
nah a logo diing hohtak bawlkhe
thei bang a om leh kipahpih huai
mahmah diing hi in asaitute aki-
pan in kiza hi. Sim theih a ahong
omkal ngaklah huai isa petmah
uhi.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST,
NEW DELHI.**

**Financial Report For The Month
of January, 2012.**

1. Opening Bal.	1,33,618.32
2. Total Recvd.	43,643
3. Grand Total	177261
4. Total Expdt.	27,830
5. Closing Bal.	1,49,431.32

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**KA HONG PAI PAH DIING; KUAMAN NA LALLUKHU HON SUH
LOUH NA DIING UN NA NEIH LEL PEN TUH KEM TINTEN IN.**

(KILAKNA 3:11)

THU TUAMTUAM**DAMLOU:**

-Unaupa Thangbiakmang
damlouhna ziaik in kal paita
Toupani biakkhawmna ah hong
tel zoulou hi. Unaupa ahiehleh
sungkhoh hihtuak a, tun bel hoih
mahmahta hi a theih ahi.

-Unaunu Rosely Thiankim
leng sungkhoh ziaik mah in kal
paita Toupani hong kikhom zou-
lou in om hi. Amah leng Pathian
panpihna ziaik in damsian ta a,
office bang leng kai zou nawnta
hi.

KIK NAWNTA :

-Tuma lam a Delhi hong
zin unaupa Liankhogin te nupa in
leng nipi kal nih vel a om nung
un kal paita seppatni in a tenna
uh Imphal lam zuan in honna pai
kiksan nawnta uhi.

-Dehradun akipan a hong
zin zual unaupa Siamkhanmuan
in leng kal paita seppatni mah
in a omna lam ah honna kiksan
nawnta hi.

-Unaupa Alfred Seiminlun
in leng Delhi a kha khat vel hun
ahong zatzoh nung in kal paita
sintopni in Lamka lam zuan in
honna paikik san nawnta hi.

BIAKNA PROGRAM

-Tukha biakkhawmna Pro-
gram diing leng bawlzoh hinawn-
ta a, kongkhak bul ah akikoih di-
ing a, kuapeuhmah in eimah copy
diing kilak chiat in itante leh ni
diing chiamteh chiat nihang.

KALNAWN BIAKKHAWMNA PROGRAMME

Thumna Hun-uk :	Khenpi
Lapitu :	Thawngsiandong
Thilpiak :	Andrew
Theihgigena :	Thonggin
Thuhilhtu :	Jamson
Thumna :	Timothy

MEETING OM :

-Zan kiginni in Preacher
pa inn ah saptuam vai toh kisai
genkhawmna om hi. Hiai hun ah
unau bangzah hiam paikhawm in
saptuam in maban a sep leh bawl
diing thu toh kisai poimoh thum
tampi genkhawm in om hi. Thu-
pukna kila hiai a nuai a bangte
ahi.

1. Saptuam in journal "Khaa Namsau" sut pat hi diing.
2. Saptuam in Labu sut thak diing. Huai diing in sub committee khat leng seh ahi.
3. Unaute Lianminthang leh Khamninthang te'n Usher na hon sepsak diing uh.
4. Bible Class leh sunday school kal nawn Toupani a pat hita diing.
5. Pau ngaihna (Sound system) hoih mahmah khat leithak hi diing.
6. March kha akipan thu dang omnawn matan Nilaini nitak teng a kikhopna neih hita diing.

Hiai teng ban ah
thupoimoh tamtak genkhawm
ahih nung in nitak lam dak 4:00
vel in unau paikhawm te'n meet-
ing zoupan uhi. Unau saptuam vai
toh kisai a paikhawmte unaunu
Kimnou in kelsa limtak in ana vak
a, gilvah kihkiah in mahni innlam
zuan chiat uhi. Lungdam lua hi.