They Should Have Read The Bible

By Van Yandell

In the early 1840's, a Hungarian doctor named Ignaz Semmelweis made a discovery. A doctor had performed an autopsy. Then he went directly to the delivery room and delivered a baby.

Soon after the delivery, the mother died. Semmelweis determined the doctors hands were covered in a substance that caused the mother's death and insisted doctors wash their hands often and with a cleansing agent.

He presented evidence their hands were transferring "cadaverous particles," which we now call bacteria to the mother and baby. As a result of his assertion and subsequent practice of extensive hand washing by physicians, the death rates of maternity clinics dropped significantly from eighteen percent down to one to two percent.

In 1847 Semmelweis demanded doctors wash their hands in a chlorinated lime solution before being in physical contact with patients.

Had they read the Bible, they would have known God knew, and published in Leviticus, the necessity of washing hands under running water. This simple action could have saved many; written over three-thousand years before their actions of ignorance killed the first mother and baby.

Leviticus 15: 13 "And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean."

Washing hands in running water is now a common practice in operating rooms around the world. Washing in a pot of still water only circulates and redistributes the germs.

Microorganisms were first seen under handmade microscopes in the 1670's. Connecting them to diseases did not occur until the 1860's when numerous experiments proved the connection.

By surgeons knowing to thoroughly wash their hands, many lives were saved that may have otherwise died a horrible death.

The Bible also teaches quarantine which is another disease preventing measure. Leviticus 13: 46 "All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be."

We saw quarantine practiced extensively during the covid years. By keeping those with infectious diseases away from the healthy, the spread appeared to be restrained.

Perhaps people prior to the discovery of the Western Hemisphere should have also read the scriptures. People mostly believed before 500 years ago the earth was flat and was stationary in space.

Job 26: 7 "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing." Obviously, God knew and the writer of Job realized the earth is constantly spinning and in an orbital path around our star (the sun). Those movements keep us in orbit and keep us from falling into the sun.

them out as a tent to dwell in."

Bible scholars mostly agree Isaiah was written between 800 and 600 BC. God, of course, has the advantage of observing our planet from anywhere including outer space.

A circle can be a flat disc but from a few thousand miles above the earth, it can be observed rotating on an axis thus indicating a sphere.

Prior to a few hundred years ago, many believed the earth was flat and stationary in space. In the third century BC however, Aristotle observed the earths curved shadow on the moon and hypothesized the earth was round and moving.

At the time, many saw him as a lunatic for even suggesting such an absurdity. Conventional wisdom is many times not wisdom at all. Generational handed-down information is also, at times, inaccurate. Always read the scriptures to know what God says.

Prior to the placing of the space telescopes by NASA (Hubble 1990 and James Webb 2021), some astronomers claimed that someday, they would chart and name the stars.

Jeremiah 33: 22a "As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured." God and Jeremiah told us 2700 years ago there were so many stars they could not be counted; astronomers are now in agreement, that is correct!

With the space telescopes we are now told there are billions of galaxies, most of those having billions of stars. Counting the stars in the heavens would be like trying to count the grains of sand on all the world's beaches.

When we come to the understanding that God knows more than we do, then we can come to grip with the truth of the scriptures.

Several have been credited with the statement "If one knows a little about the Bible he is an atheist; if he knows a lot about the Bible he is a believer in God."

God told us about the currents in the seas (Psalm 8: 8), proper nutrition (Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14), photosynthesis (Genesis 1: 1-3) and many other science related topics.

Whereas we understand God gave us tremendous information thousands of years ago that no man could have known, perhaps we should listen when He tells us about His Christ being the Savior of the world!

The Bible teaches 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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-- PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC CONCERNING WAVERLY BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Brandy Tucker, 1086 Hitesville Rd., Waverly has applied to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for the following reason:

Request the issuance of a conditional use permit to place a prefabricated single-family residence while inhabiting an existing camper as a temporary residence through construction on her property at 121 Blessed Martin Road in Waverly in an R-1, Low Density Residential, zone.

This request is made in accordance with Section 207 and 402.2(L) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

A Board of Adjustments hearing on this proposal will be held at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Waverly City Hall.

All parties wishing to be heard are hereby requested to be present.

Cheyenne Householder, Chairperson

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AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Adam O'Nan, Union County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Jason Thomas, Union County Sheriff
Members of the Union County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Union County Sheriff's Settlement - 2024 Taxes for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Union County Sheriff's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 of the Union County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Union County Sheriff, for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards,* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for Sheriffs' Tax Settlements*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Union County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Union County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Union County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Union County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Union County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 29, 2026, on our consideration of the Union County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Union County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball

Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

April 29, 2026

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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