

Birthdays

One opportunity i take advantage of is when a worldly person tells me that it is their birthday i ask how many years it has been since they were born. If they say 24, for example, then i say:

"That means that in 3 months you will be 25 years old."

That, of course, makes them ask me what i mean. So i tell them:

"Don't forget. On the day you were born, (pause for emphasis) you were 9 months old."

That normally makes them take a moment as they think about it, and then say something like:

"Oh yeah! I never thought about that."

It's not much, but it gets them thinking more in line with Jehovah's way of thinking, instead of Satan's, who wants people to think that life begins at birth.

I usually just leave it at that, but if they seem to want more then i add something like this:

The world in general considers your life to have begun on your birthday, but in God's eyes you were 9 months old the day you were born. (Ps 139:16) Your date of birth is just the day you moved from your mother's womb, to your mother's arms.

And then if they are still interested in the topic i tell them:

There are only two birthday celebrations mentioned in the entire Bible. The first was Pharaoh's, the king of Egypt, where he had his chief baker beheaded. (Gen 40:18-22) And the second was King Herod's, where he had John the Baptist beheaded. (Mt 14:6-11) Nowhere in the Bible are God's people said to celebrate birthdays, which they considered to be pagan celebrations. That is why Jesus' date of birth is not recorded in the Bible, because he didn't want it to be celebrated.

Of course people rarely show enough interest for me to say those last two things.

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