



## The Acmar Soul Miner

*Searching for wisdom*

*As for hidden treasures...*

*For the Lord gives wisdom*



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### Perfect Search Engine

"The perfect search engine would be the mind of God," remarked Google co-founder Sergey Brin. Kim Darrah quoted Brin in her article, "The Troubling Influence Algorithms Have On How We Make Decisions."

Kim Darrah said, "While Goggle's uncanny ability to regularly find exactly what you are looking for may seem divine, in reality, even the most sophisticated use of machine learning have run into a wall of human fallibility and immorality."

"People are quick to accept the credibility of computer-generated search results, but algorithmic tools are as flawed as their makers."<sup>1</sup>

At its basis, an "algorithm" is a step by step procedure for solving a mathematical problem or performing a specific task. It can be a simple process such as multiplying two numbers or a complex operation such as in computer programming.

At their heart, algorithms are simply tools that learn from large swathes of data, providing some sort of response like a ranking or rating in accordance with a pre-programmed procedure or process.

This has given them a reputation for being infallible, neutral and fairer than humans, and as a result are quickly making their way into both commercial and public decision-making.

For example, they might be used in how people are hired or promoted, how benefits are allocated, or in deciding whether a person is likely to be re-arrested.

Google is a familiar algorithm. Around 3.6 million searches are made through the company's search engine every minute.

When Google responds to a query, it considers a huge variety of metrics in order to ultimately decide which web pages to include, prioritize and exclude. Like most machine-learning algorithms, Google not only analyzes our behavior, it shapes it.

Sergey Brin may or may not have taken his own comment seriously, but he is right. The perfect search engine is the mind of God. Praying, reading the Bible and being open to God's Spirit shapes our thinking and behavior.

***God has revealed {things which God has prepared for those who love Him} to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.***

***(1 Corinthians 2:10)***

It is improbable that a human made algorithm machine would concur with Jesus' statement.

***Jesus said, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."***

***(Mark 9:31)***

The Man who was born into a low income family, was a refugee, left His employment to become a homeless preacher, had His sanity questioned, was betrayed and denied by His disciples, accused by religious leaders, was sentenced and crucified by the government rose from the dead and is the answer for life.

Only the mind of God could prepare for the forgiveness of sin and the gift of eternal life.

***Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."***

***(John 11:25)***

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<sup>1</sup> Karrah, Darrah. "The Troubling Influence Algorithms Have On How We Make Decisions." November 14, 2017. Google Search

# Children's Camp

Draw the missing lines in the picture.



The wisdom of God.  
We see it in verses but sometimes we have to  
dig to uncover the meaning.

**Look Here:**

**Jesus said, "I am alive for ever and ever."  
(See Revelation 1:18)**

**Digging In:**

Jesus died on a cross and was buried.  
On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead.  
Jesus is alive and will live forever.

Jesus said that if we believe in Him, though  
we may die, we will rise and live forever.



## *The Acmar Community Quilt*

As spring arrives and optimists begin planting our gardens, we look back to a time when planting a garden was a necessity. *The Pell City News* article from April 29, 1943, reminds us of what it was like at that time.

### **GENERAL NEWS**

#### **Farm Activities and Victory Gardens**

The farm and gardening program sponsored by the Alabama Fuel and Iron Company, beginning back in 1931, has taken on new significance and interest under the stress of war and of food rationing.

Fields that have been idle for the past few years are now being plowed and planted to corn, peas, potatoes, and various other vegetables and food crops. Despite the recent cold weather, garden vegetables and crops are coming up and growing. We expect a production this year comparable to that of the greatest year of the Depression when approximately 3,000 acres were cultivated.

The usual procedure is being followed by Alabama Fuel and Iron Co., of furnishing land, mules, and plowing equipment free.

New interest is being taken in raising hogs for meat purposes. Nearly every family has from three to one pigs in the pen that will be grown and fattened to supply the family with meat and lard.

Many families of Acmar and Margaret have purchased milk cows and raising chicks for fryers and layers.

The Home Demonstration Clubs in our communities are looking forward to the canning season when they will sponsor the canning and preserving of all excess home grown fruits, vegetables, and meats.

The men of Acmar and Margaret are doing their bit by working to produce coal, and the men, women, and children are doing their bit by growing vegetables and food crops to help defeat Hitler and Hirohito.



## April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                     Sanctuary Worship Sundays 9 am                      Masks, Distancing &amp; No Singing                      Sermon Podcasts on Website                 </div>				1  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	2  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3
4  <b>CHURCH 9 am EASTER</b>	5  Lester Gable	6	7	8	9  Helen Gable	10
11  <b>CHURCH 9am</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17  Bonnie Goodner
18  <b>CHURCH 9 am</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25  <b>CHURCH 9 am</b>	26	27  Daniel Baker	28	29	30  Brooklynn Smith	

### Soul Food for April

Mon., March 29  
 Tue., March 30  
 Wed., March 31  
 Thur., April 1  
 Fri., April 2  
 Sat., April 3

Acts 10:34-43  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 John 20:1-18  
 Philippians 2:4-11  
 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Mon., April 5  
 Tue., April 6  
 Wed., April 7  
 Thur., April 8  
 Fri., April 9  
 Sat., April 10

Acts 4:32-35  
 Psalm 133  
 1 John 1:1-2:2  
 John 20:19-31  
 Ephesians 1:7-8  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26



Mon., April 12  
 Tue., April 13  
 Wed., April 14  
 Thur., April 15  
 Fri., April 16  
 Sat., April 17

Acts 3:12-19  
 Psalm 4  
 1 John 3:1-7  
 Luke 24:36b-48  
 Romans 6:1-13  
 Acts 4:31-37

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 Take Cty. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;  
 Travel 1 mile; Right on Acmar Rd; travel 2 miles;  
 Left onto Old Acton Rd.; Church is on the left

Mon., April 19  
 Tue., April 20  
 Wed., April 21  
 Thur., April 22  
 Fri., April 23  
 Sat., April 24

Acts 4:5-12  
 Psalm 23  
 1 John 3:16-24  
 John 10:11-18  
 1 Corinthians 1:21-24  
 1 Corinthians 15:45-58

Mon., April 26  
 Tue., April 27  
 Wed., April 28  
 Thur., April 29  
 Fri., April 30  
 Sat., May 1

Acts 8:26-40  
 Psalm 22:25-31  
 1 John 4:7-21  
 John 15:1-8  
 Proverbs 1:7-9, 20-23  
 Proverbs 2:6-12