



ODDDUCK MINISTRIES

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Adventures of a Nearly Middle Age Woman as a Student...in Chicago Hello Friends!



So much has happened since the above words were typed five years ago in November of 2015. I was a Sophomore at Moody Bible Institute and Joe asked that I start writing it to keep the folks back home in the loop (pun intended). This little newsletter has morphed from a chatty break from writing papers to update friends about campus life to what we hope is an informational piece designed to educate about the pseudo Christian religions.

This newsletter was born even before OddDuck Ministries and you were some of the first to hear our plans here. You patiently listened to my “paper rattled brain”

musings first. You watched the name shift from the wordy but appropriate title, *Adventures of a Nearly Middle Age Woman as a Student...in Chicago*, to the more concise, *OddDuck Ministries*. The logo was debuted here and a few frustrations aired. You’ve allowed me to wax poetic once in awhile. All in all, if I’ve managed to pass on at least a little bit of what I’ve learned after researching topics for here and class, then my aim has been accomplished.

I’ve always been honest here and, honestly, some months I can’t wait to sit down and type because my brain is fairly bursting with ideas and I wish I could use a smaller font. Or, I know, right away, the topic is so cumbersome I need two months to do it justice. Other months, I confess, I use the “write a bunch of stuff and hope it works” method. Always, I write here as I would to a friend. And you are friends no matter if you’ve been with us from the beginning or just subscribed. We are thankful for you all.

The feedback has been great. I encourage more. Your feedback is humbling, believe it or not. It means I’ve made someone think about a subject in a way they may not have considered before and that, at least to me, is a responsibility I do not take lightly.

Quick, awkward segway to a couple of updates- We’ve been teaching a small group for church. For seven weeks we will have explored Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses, Word of Faith, World Mission Society, and Church of God Faith of Abraham. We had a fantastic conversation about “Can there be Salvation without the Trinity?” and next Sunday we will wrap up with a few “how to’s” when speaking to people trapped in false religions. It’s been a great learning experience as we’ve never had so much time scheduled to teach. It’s been a lesson in what to put where in the lineup and talking quickly, but concise (read coherent) enough to fit everything in the time allotted.

Also, I’ve been approved to be a teacher for the local Christian homeschooling workshop in Rochelle. G.R.A.C.E. has been providing supplemental courses for homeschoolers for nearly 20 years and we’re excited to be a part of the organization. I’ll essentially be teaching the small group curriculum over the course of sixteen weeks. Hopefully, a few more groups/topics can be added to the mix. We’ll see-

We pray you had a blessed Thanksgiving and find God’s joy and peace in the Advent season.

So grateful for you,

Susan and Joe Wolf