

# עִמָּנוּאֵל !

Behold, a virgin shall be with child,  
and shall bring forth a son, and they  
shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which  
being interpreted is, **God with us**.

-Matthew 1:23



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## Good Things of 2023 [edit]

- 1. **Grandchildren/Nieces**-- Eleanor Jane Buzzard, to be specific. Such a delight! Too far away in Ithaca, NY, with her father at Cornell.
- 2. **Bananagrams**. Scrabble with speed added and appropriate gain from making long words.
- 3. **My Brain Is Open**, by Brian Schechter, 224 pp. (2000). A bio of mathematician Paul Erdos, entertaining, funny, and with bits of math well explained.
- 4. **Massimo** on Twitter/X. Twitter will edify you if you just look at this one account on Twitter to read its odd science facts and skip the feed fed to you.
- 5. **Chess.com**. Better than the site recommended last year, because it has computer player of all levels, and can comment on your moves.
- 6. **Substack.com** For reading and writing, this is giving magazines serious competition. *Mr. and Mrs. Psmith*, *Ed West*, *Aaron Renn*, *Writers's Blog(ck)*--*Amelia Buzzard*, *Ras-Stack (E.R)* *The Free Press*, *Bailiwick*, *AstralCodexTen*, *Razib Khan* . . .
- 7. **Walking in the 4th of July parade**. With the Republican Party, but a good idea with any group.
- 8. **WhatsApp** is very good for a family group to share photos and make little comments.
- 9. **Uncle Wang's Alley**, the new Chinese restaurant in Bloomington. Subtle flavors even though it centered on Szechuan food. Right across the street from Lucky Express, another ver good restaurant, but less gourmet.
- 10. **Top Ten Articles** at [https://www.rasmusen.org/rasmapedia/index.php?title=Best\\_Dozen\\_Articles\\_I%27ve\\_Read\\_in\\_2023](https://www.rasmusen.org/rasmapedia/index.php?title=Best_Dozen_Articles_I%27ve_Read_in_2023). Rufo, PSmith, Sailer, Epstein, Ed West, Fes, AstralCodexTen