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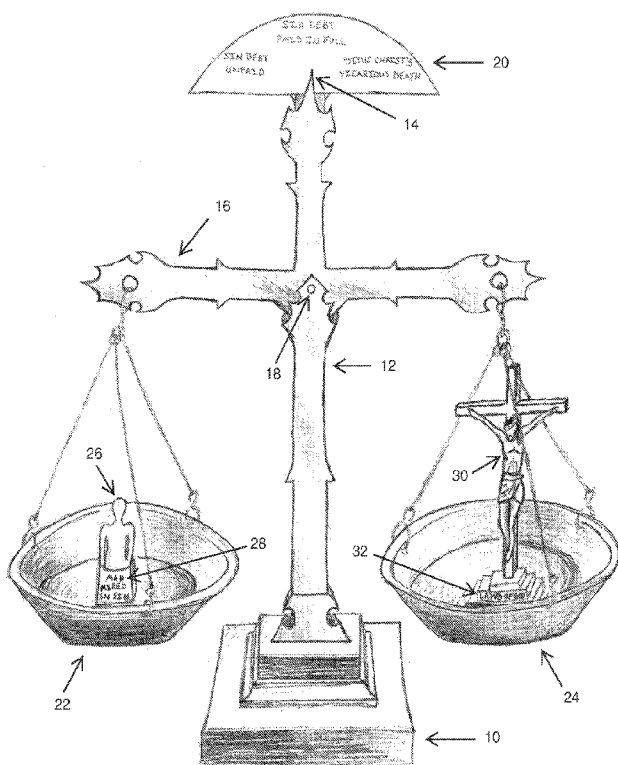
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- (54) Title: REDEMPTIVE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST DEMONSTRATED ON BALANCE SCALE



(57) Abstract: This invention involves a balance scale with a base, a balance arm support, a balance arm, a pointer, and a label plate containing descriptions. The balance arm has a tray on each end, where one tray holds an article representing mankind with sin, and the other tray holds an article representing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. The articles on each tray are of equal or similar weight. The scale rotates when the weight of the articles are added to or removed from the trays, and the scale rotation will determine which description the pointer will point to. This invention can be used as a Christian teaching aid showing the benefit of choosing to accept the death of Christ as payment in full for our sins, along with showing the consequence of our refusal to accept the death of Christ as payment for our sins.



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REDEMPTIVE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST DEMONSTRATED ON BALANCE SCALE

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a balance scale, with articles that when removed or added, cause rotation of a pointer to a label plate which contains descriptions.

BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

From a Christian perspective, Jesus Christ of Nazareth died on a cross to pay the penalty for the sins of mankind. For those who choose to believe, Jesus freed mankind from the bondage of sin. As it is written in the Gospel of John, Jesus said "It is finished" just before He died. Another form of this saying is "Paid in full!" This invention demonstrates the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on a balance scale, showing that mankind's sin has been paid in full by Jesus' ransom sacrifice. Put another way, God's remedy for mankind's sin problem was the death of His own Son. God has accepted His Son's death as payment for everyone's sin, but if we refuse to accept Jesus' death by faith, then the penalty of our sins remains upon us and our sin debt is still counted against us, as demonstrated on the scale.

The self-righteousness of mankind is considered to be the equivalent of filthy rags in the eyes of our God, as it is written in the Book of Isaiah. Furthermore, it is written in the Book of Romans, "There is none righteous, no, not one." Therefore, from a Christian perspective, we attain righteousness by having faith in the completed work of Jesus Christ. Through faith in Jesus Christ, the sin debt that was charged against us has been paid in full, and on a balance scale demonstration, the debt that was originally owed has been off-set by the payment made through the atoning death of Christ. Put another way, we have a debt that we cannot pay and Jesus paid a debt that He didn't owe, and this is demonstrated in a visual perspective on a balance scale.

DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION

This invention involves a loaded balance scale, where one side of the scale represents mankind in their sinful or natural state, and the other side of the scale represents the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ. Both sides of the scale have trays to hold articles that represent mankind and represent Christ, where the articles are of equal or similar weight. The trays are supported on a balance arm, and the balance arm rotates on a pivot.

At or near the center of the balance arm is a pointer that rotates to a label plate, and the label plate has descriptions listed thereon. Alternatively, the label plate can be at or near the center of the balance arm and rotate to a pointer, and the label plate has descriptions listed thereon. The weight on the trays will determine which description the pointer will point to.

Even in our natural state, mankind has a sin problem that has been passed down from our first ancestors Adam and Eve; therefore, this invention can be used as a Christian teaching aid showing the benefit of choosing to accept the death of Christ as payment in full for our sins, along with showing the consequence of our refusal to accept the death of Christ as payment for our sins.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING

The drawing is a frontal view of the balance scale with an article on each tray, where trays are in equilibrium, and the pointer is connected to the balance arm and pointing to a description on the label plate.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING

In the drawing, the base 10 supports the balance arm support 12, and the balance arm support holds the balance arm 16 which rotates on a pivot 18. At or near the center of the balance arm 16 is a pointer 14 that rotates to a label plate 20. The pointer may have a counter-balance on the opposite end to bring equally weighted trays to an even level. The label plate 20 has descriptions posted thereon which are listed in Table I.

Hanging one end of the balance arm 16 is a tray 24 that holds an article of Christ's redemption 30. A label 32 may be at or near the base of the article of Christ's redemption 30, and has descriptions which are listed in Table II.

Hanging on the other end of the balance arm 16 is a tray 22 that holds an article of mankind 26. A label 28 may be at or near the base of the article of mankind 26, and has descriptions which are listed in Table III.

The base 10, balance arm support 12, balance arm pivot 18, balance arm 16, trays 22 and 24, and pointer 14 are made from but not limited to metal, plastic, wood, hardboard, cardboard, composites, ceramic, glass, rubber, or any combination thereof.

The label plate 20 is made from but not limited to metal, plastic, wood, hardboard, cardboard, composites, ceramic, glass, rubber, or any combination thereof.

The article of Christ's redemption 30 is made from but not limited to metal, plastic, wood, hardboard, cardboard, composites, ceramic, glass, rubber, or any combination thereof.

The article of mankind 26 is made from but not limited to metal, plastic, wood, hardboard, cardboard, composites, ceramic, glass, rubber, or any combination thereof.

TABLE I

A. Article of Christ's Redemption on one tray and Article of Mankind on other tray.

Description options can be but not limited to:

1. SIN DEBT PAID IN FULL
2. MANKIND BOUGHT AT A PRICE
3. MANKIND BOUGHT BY CHRIST

B. Article of Mankind on one tray and Article of Christ's Redemption removed from other tray. Description options can be but not limited to:

1. SIN DEBT UNPAID
2. SIN DEBT STILL OWED
3. SIN DEBT CHARGED AGAINST MANKIND

C. Article of Christ's Redemption on one tray and Article of Mankind removed from other tray. Description options can be but not limited to:

1. JESUS CHRIST'S VICARIOUS DEATH
2. JESUS CHRIST'S ATONING DEATH
3. JESUS CHRIST'S RANSOM SACRIFICE

TABLE II

A. Description options can be but not limited to:

1. LAMB OF GOD
2. SON OF GOD
3. BREAD OF LIFE
4. SAVIOR OF THE WORLD
5. LIGHT OF THE WORLD
6. ROCK OF SALVATION
7. THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

TABLE III

A. Description options can be but not limited to:

1. MAN MIRED IN SIN
2. MAN BONDAGED TO SIN
3. MAN BURDENED WITH SIN
4. MAN'S SIN DEBT
5. MAN'S SINFUL STATE
6. MAN'S NATURAL STATE

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A balance scale with a base, balance arm support, pointer, label plate, and balance arm with two trays, where one tray holds an article that represents the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and the other tray holds an article that represents mankind with sin, wherein the articles on each tray are of equal or similar weight.
2. The balance scale of claim 1, wherein said pointer points to one of the descriptions listed on said label plate, where said label plate has label description options listed in Table I.
3. The balance scale of claim 1, wherein said article that represents the redemptive work of Jesus Christ is held on a tray, and can be a cross, a figure of Jesus hanging on a cross, or a figure of Jesus at or near a cross; where said article may have label at or near its base, with label description options listed in Table II.
4. The balance scale of claim 1, wherein said article that represents mankind with sin is held on a tray, and can be a figure of person(s) embedded in or near block or pile representing sin, a figure of person(s) with or without rags or filthy garments, or a figure of person(s) engaged in act representing sin; where said article may have label at or near its base, with label description options listed in Table III.

AMENDED CLAIMS

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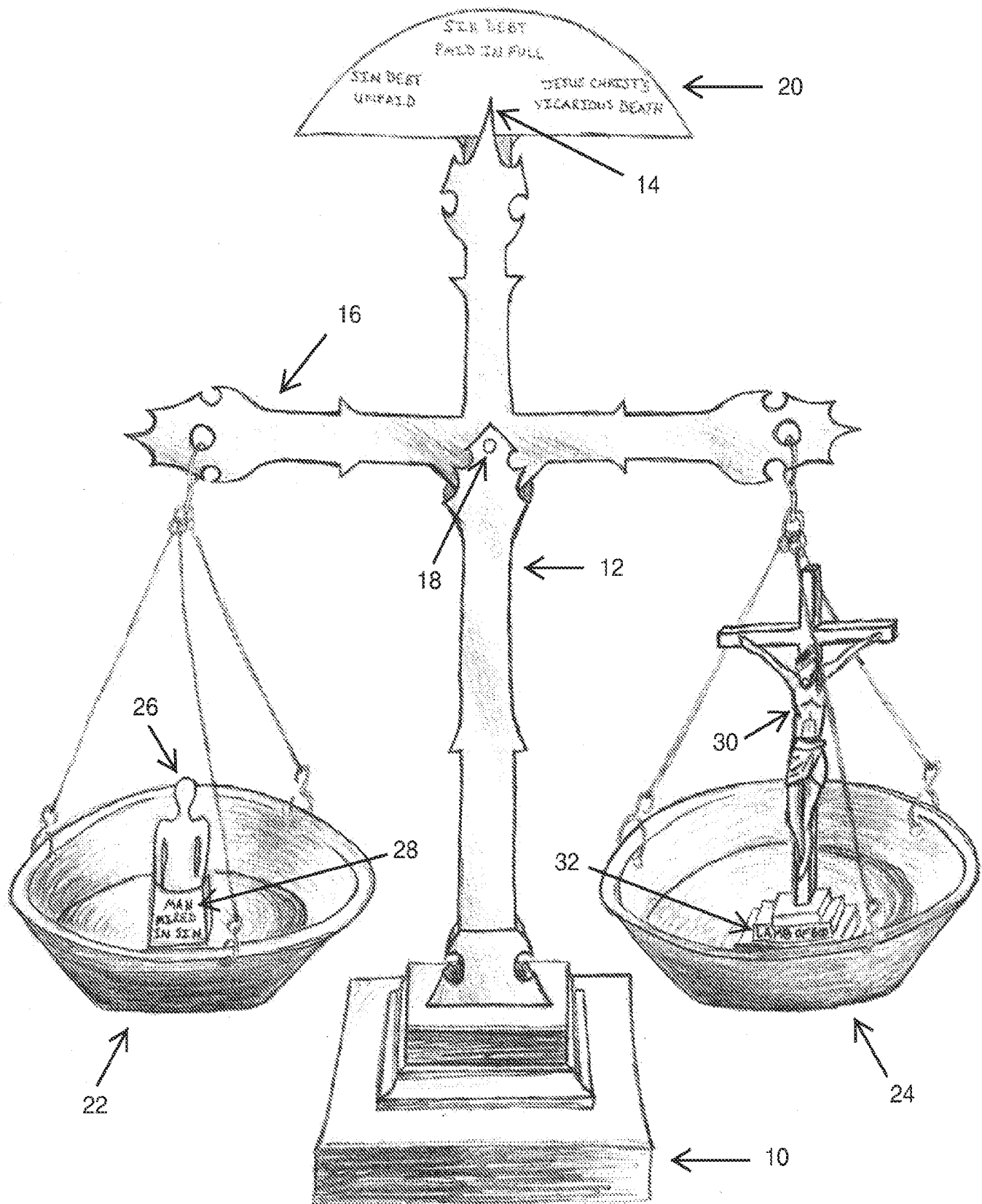
What is claimed is:

1. A balance scale with a base, balance arm support, pointer, label plate that contains descriptions, and balance arm with two trays, where one tray holds an article that relates to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and the other tray holds an article that relates to mankind with sin, wherein the articles on each tray are of equal weight.
2. The balance scale of claim 1, wherein said pointer points to one of the descriptions listed on said label plate; where said label plate has optional descriptions of the following for pointer rotation to center with an article that is the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on one tray and an article that is mankind with sin on the other tray: SIN DEBT PAID IN FULL, MANKIND BOUGHT AT A PRICE or MANKIND BOUGHT BY CHRIST; where said label plate has optional descriptions of the following for pointer rotation to side with an article that is mankind with sin on one tray and an article that is the redemptive work of Jesus Christ removed from the other tray: SIN DEBT UNPAID, SIN DEBT STILL OWED or SIN DEBT CHARGED AGAINST MANKIND; where said label plate has optional descriptions of the following for pointer rotation to side with an article that is the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on one tray and an article that is mankind with sin removed from the other tray: JESUS CHRIST'S VICARIOUS DEATH, JESUS CHRIST'S ATONING DEATH or JESUS CHRIST'S RANSOM SACRIFICE.
3. The balance scale of claim 1, wherein said article that relates to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ is held on a tray, and is a cross, a figure of Jesus hanging on a cross, or a figure of Jesus at or near a cross; where said article has a label at or near its base, with optional descriptions of the following: LAMB OF GOD, SON OF GOD, BREAD OF LIFE, SAVIOR OF THE WORLD, LIGHT OF THE WORLD, ROCK OF SALVATION or THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.
4. The balance scale of claim 1, wherein said article that relates to mankind with sin is held on a tray, and is a figure of person(s) with or without rags or filthy garments, a figure of person(s) embedded in or near block or pile representing sin, or a figure of person(s) engaged in act representing sin; where said article has a label at or near its base, with optional descriptions of the following: MAN MIRED IN SIN, MAN BONDAGED TO SIN, MAN BURDENED WITH SIN, MAN'S SIN DEBT, MAN'S SINFUL STATE or MAN'S NATURAL STATE.

STATEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 19(1)

In Claim 1, it was important to point out that the label plate contains descriptions, because the descriptions are mentioned in Claim 2. There is no impact on the description or the drawing. Furthermore in Claim 1, it was important to point out that the weights of each article are equal, such that there is no imbalance on the scale when the article that relates to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ is on one tray and the article that relates to mankind with sin is on the other tray. There is no impact on the drawing, however, the description might be impacted because the Disclosure of Invention and the Abstract read "the articles are of equal or similar weight".

In Claims 2-4, the words "can be" and "may have" were replaced with "is" and "has", to remain consistent with the upcoming USPTO claim amendments. Furthermore in Claims 2-4, it was important to remain consistent with the amendments that will be made on the USPTO claim amendments, where the phrases from Tables I-III will be incorporated into the claims themselves, as opposed to the claims referencing the Tables. The USPTO stated it is improper to reference tables within the body of a claim unless there is no other way to adequately describe the invention, and according to them, the information on the Tables in my application could be incorporated into the claims and the Tables should not be referenced in the claims. There is no impact on the description or the drawing.



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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

PatBase, Google Patents, Google, YouTube.

Search terms used: balance scale, tray, cross, christ, jesus, beam, support, lab, sin, righteous, christian, figurines

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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