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Have You Become

Desensitized?

by Jim Ayer

Have you heard about all the Marion Apparitions lately? They are increasing in number across the planet, as are those who believe in them. How about the radical Muslim holy war declared on the Christian West? Add to this a tenuous global economy, pollution that's destroying the planet's ecology, catastrophic natural disasters, ravaging health crises killing millions, and the utter collapse of humanity's moral center. And I could go on ...

From the moment we rise up in the morning till we fall asleep at night, we are awash in bad, alarming news! In an instant we see and hear every gruesome evil deed done, no matter where it occurs, in vivid digital clarity. We are captivated as we see the latest car bombings, today's real-life murder soap operas, pornographic tales of celebrities, and the ravages of mass graves containing women and children.

Yet on a recent flight to Los Angeles, I spoke to a young man and was stunned to hear that he didn't think the world was getting any worse. He said, "It has always been about the same." Isn't that exactly what the devil wants everyone to think? It reminded me of 2 Peter 3:4, which says, "Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

If this young man can't grasp that the very foundation of civilization is crumbling around him, of course he won't see "the day and the hour of His coming is near ... even at the doors"!

Severe allergies can actually kill some people, yet these same people are often given shots created from the very allergens that could send them to their graves. It's a long process that's designed to desensitize the patient from molds, animal dander, pollens, and a range of other possible irritants. The doctor concocts a brew of these potentially lethal agents and administers them regularly to a patient, and over time the body builds up immunity to the things to which it was once sensitive.

The devil has been doing this type of thing with the human family for a long time, offering us continual amounts, however small, of irritants. Of course, in the case of allergies, it's a medical practice that can save lives. But in the case of a news barrage administered by Satan, it can have fatal consequences. After a time, things that once horrified us no longer seem as bad.

Think about this: In one generation, America has gone from Gideon Bibles in our motel rooms to piped-in pornography. Men and women have moved from, "My word is my bond" to "You'll be hearing from my attorney!" We have plummeted down the slippery slope of *Father Knows Best* to *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*. And even our children have gone from shooting stop signs for target practice to shooting people for the "sport" of it.


I even remember the time when a female TV personality was fired because she said a swear word on live television. But that same word today wouldn't get a second look from most parents even if their two-year-old said it! What made the difference? The long-term injections by the devil, a medicine so powerful that it can cause a church leader who once blushed at certain words to now watch without hesitancy a movie full of foul language, not to mention sex and violence.

Are things in the world and in the church as they have always been? No! The devil, however, wants you to think that absolutely nothing has changed. He pours forth his garbage every day to desensitize you and distract our children from the fact that we are in the final days of earth's history.

Too many—both church members and unbelievers—have become cold and callous to the sound of the footsteps of an approaching God. His coming is imminent, whether we see the signs or not. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we must wake up and discern the final events or we will be as those to whom Jesus spoke these words: "When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? (Matthew 16:2, 3).

That's why I hope you'll be a part of the NET 2005 series this March—so you and those you bring can see what is

truly coming to pass in this world. We're using this issue to help you and others hear those footsteps, with articles and resources you can use to make it the most effective evangelistic series possible.

We can no longer allow Satan into our minds to inoculate us with his daily dose of the world. It is time that we order our lives as people who believe in the very soon return of the King, and to help others do the same. Listen ... did you hear that footprint? 



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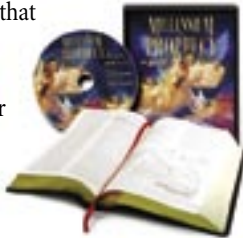
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What Comes Around, Goes Around

When we started attending a Sabbathkeeping church more than two years ago, it took us a while to separate out real Bible truths from the ones we grew up believing in. It was the *Millennium of Prophecy* series that really helped us to understand them at our “beginner’s level.” Now we are pleased to say that

we are ordering our own set of the series to use as a tool for our Bible study group.
T.M., Maine



Sowing Seeds

Seven years ago, Amazing Facts was here doing the *New Revelation* series. I was re-baptized as a result of those meetings. My husband also made a decision to be baptized, but decided not to go through with it because of a Sabbath work issue. Well, he just made a decision to be baptized, and we are so thrilled!

I want to thank you for your ministry and prayers over the years. Your ministry has made a wonderful difference in our lives, and I praise the Lord for what he has been able to accomplish through your work.
D.M., Michigan



Reaffirming the Faith

I praise and thank God for having His people out there spreading the truth. I have been taking the Bible studies offered online, and although I already know most of it, to read it over and over fills me with great joy and reassurance. It’s amazing! The power of the Holy Spirit is great, so keep up the good work. May God open many more roads to continue to bring His Word to others.
C.M., e-mail


Radio That Makes a Difference

I have recently started listening to *Bible Answers Live* in the morning on my way to work. My son and I enjoy the program, and it wasn’t too long before a question I had been pondering for years was finally answered. Thank you so much for this program, and may God bless each and every one of you.
T.D., Mississippi

Metaphorically Speaking

I have built a sound, spiritual home from the large stones of truth found within the Bible. And after listening to the *Bible Answers Live* internet sound clips, I now have some of the mortar that holds those stones in place, and I thank you for that.

If you ever build a stone wall, it takes more than just large stones to make it strong. It also takes small stones stuck into the gaps and crevices to steady the larger ones, and that’s the mortar that holds everything in its place. Your blessed insight is like that mortar, holding together and strengthening biblical truth into something useful.
K.W., Arkansas



Internet With Real Value

Your website has been a source of inspiration and knowledge. It’s wonderful to know that in this big worldwide web, the Amazing Facts site stands out as one of the few that gives real value to the spiritual side of humanity. I congratulate you for that. Keep up the good job!
E.M., Australia

No More Hidden Truth

Thank you for the new magazine! What a joy, what a privilege, what a magazine! I did not want to put it down once I started reading it. I’m sure that everyone who gets the opportunity to read it will feel exactly as I do—a real magazine for a real time that we are living in. May God continue to bless you and your staff!
B., Bahamas



Out From Under the Blindfold

Wow! I cannot believe how deceived I was by so many unbiblical teachings in today’s churches, or how many Christian leaders have been blinded by false doctrines. But now I know that the seventh-day Sabbath is the true day of worship, and I will start keeping it. Since taking your lessons, God has already taken away my desire for drugs and alcohol!
E.M., Nebraska



No Barriers for Truth

I seldom have a chance to view your program on TV through a local cable television provider, and do celebrate when God makes it possible for me to tune-in to a transmission. But I also wanted you to know that I have just discovered all the interesting learning and visual instruments on your web page, and will continue to enjoy these blessings continuously.
A.L., Dominican Republic

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Song of Reformation

The '04 REVIVAL! Experience

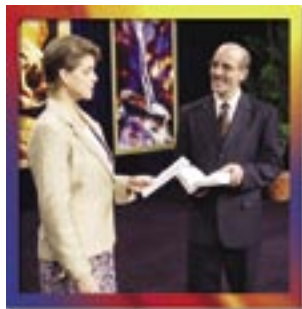


by Anthony Lester

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it."—E.G. White, Selected Messages, Vol. 1, p. 121

"Revive us, Lord"

During each night of '04 Revival!, Pastor Doug Batchelor led a vast worldwide audience of believers in an earnest, prayerful series of renewal messages. It is an experience that I and many others will treasure forever as its reverberations continue to reform the spiritual lives of hundreds of thousands of Christians.



From November 5 to 13, thousands of local churchgoers gathered at the Chattanooga Convention Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, joined by millions around the globe via satellite, for the unprecedented series. I imagine that, like me, most watching weren't quite sure what to expect at a "revival," and more so, like me, weren't prepared for the powerful,

heartfelt sermons from a pastor deeply concerned with the state of his church. "We desperately need the baptism of the Holy Spirit," he says, with an infectious sense of urgency. "The Lord is coming back very soon, and I just see so many counterfeits distracting us. God is waiting to pour out His Spirit, if we would come together and seek it."

As Amazing Facts prepared for the event, I heard a lot of talk about the church needing revival—but truth be told, I didn't much recognize the necessity for it in my life. Yet on November 5, shortly after Pastor Doug began delivering the first message, my eyes were opened to my heart's need for transformation. Unexpectedly, the play-on-words "Oh for Revival" became my own soul's cry.

I'm sure it's why Danny Shelton's strikingly pointed warning to Pastor Doug at the start of the series made so much more sense to me by the end. "[The devil] hates you; he wants to see you dead, Doug ... because what you're doing and what you're committed to doing is to get each one of us to look within our own hearts ... and seek the Holy Spirit." That's what happened to me, as surely as it happened to thousands everywhere, from Chattanooga to South Africa.

"Fill us with your Holy Spirit"

The effort to coordinate '04 Revival! was in itself a massive undertaking, but one made possible by a strong, unified desire to

prepare God's church for Christ's soon return. Three ministries—Amazing Facts, 3ABN, and HopeTV—joined hands with gifted musicians and dedicated, hard-working volunteers to give the call for holiness in such a spiritually lazy time.

For Pastor Doug and Danny Shelton, president of 3ABN, the need for revival had been made abundantly clear to them personally by hundreds of souls in the weeks leading up to the event. Says Shelton, "We talk about revival as a church, but [many] came to me individually ... and said we need revival individually as a people. So I thought why not start the outpouring of the latter rain experience now; why put it off?" Adds Pastor Doug, "With NET 2005 around the corner, it seems to me that millions of Christians are drowning in worldliness.

Materialism, pride, and sensuality are choking away their spiritual vitality. And people everywhere I go see it too; God's people are saying, 'We need revival!'"

As both leaders expressed their thoughts to one another, they knew that God had led them together to an incredible opportunity. "When ministries like 3ABN and Amazing Facts join together," explains Pastor Doug, "I'm always energized, because I know the Lord wants

Revive Us, Lord

Revive us, Lord,
Fill us with your Holy Spirit
Revive us, Lord,
Make us like your Son
Revive us, Lord,
Speak your Word so we can hear it
Revive us, Lord,
Till we all are one.

Shake us and wake us,
Make our hearts your habitation,
Take them, break them,
Mold them to a new creation

Revive us, Lord.
Fan the spark of first love burning
Revive us, Lord,
Hearts and minds renew
Revive us, Lord,
Satisfy this inner yearning
Revive us, Lord,
Till we live for you.

Shake us and wake us,
Make our hearts your habitation,
Take them, break them,
Mold them to a new creation

[Repeat first verse]

Till we all are one,
Make us like your Son.

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to see His people work in the spirit of cooperation toward His ends. Working with 3ABN, HopeTV, and the volunteers has been a wonderful blessing to my family.”

As a result, Pastor Doug’s messages were seen all around the world, including at 900 downlink sites in various countries that officially registered for the event. According to Kimberly Miljatovic, marketing director, that’s just the beginning. “Every single country in the world carried it, some having double and triple coverage through radio and television,” she enthuses. “We’ve also heard that Radio 74, a very large network in Europe and parts of Africa, actually ‘bootlegged’ it. Of course, we don’t mind! We got the world covered, and that’s exciting!”

Music coordinator John Lomacang sang with passion and energy, turning hymns that may have been taken for granted into new, soul-stirring renditions accompanied by pianist Kelly Mowrer and violinist Jaime Jorge. Each night he set the stage for the Holy Spirit to work and prepared my heart to receive the message.

“Make us like your Son”

For me, the most pivotal moment was Pastor Doug’s sermon on the Holy Spirit’s work in transforming God’s people into pure, empty vessels—to fill us up and make us like the Son. At the beginning of the series, Pastor Doug asked for every participant to show the heavens our individual and cooperate desire to be revived by the Creator. He suggested giving up something we cherished, a fast from televi-

to re-spark in every Christian. It came at the perfect time in my life, and if you were watching, I’m sure you would say the same thing.

And so, in response to the Holy Spirit, I gave up this consuming distraction that dangerously tested my faith. As Elisha killed his oxen before joining Elijah, I smashed this diversion with a hammer so I, as Pastor Doug said, “would not be tempted to go back to it.” And this is a pattern seen all around the world, as people have written telling us that they’ve quit drinking, thrown away their cigarettes, and more.

Thank you for allowing the Holy Spirit to make you bold enough to speak against such hot topics like television. ... Last night, after the meeting, my 16-year-old decided she didn’t want to watch any more movies either, and that maybe we should play games, or do some kind of ministry as a family instead of having a once-a-month movie night. The Lord is good, and He will work on the hearts of those sincerely seeking truth. Thank you so much for boldly speaking truth, even when it might hurt. We do need more of that.

Strangely, I was afraid to let go of this nemesis once before when convicted of it, but no longer—because after listening to God’s promise through Pastor Doug, I believe with all my heart that God will fill me up and show me it was worth forsaking. As the writer Ellen White



sion or certain foods, and I responded happily with my “sacrifice.”

But during this sermon, I felt God’s Word prick my heart especially. Pastor Doug repeated his call for the audience to place something on the altar—but his challenge this time was even more substantial. He said, “The gravity of the world is constantly pulling us in the other direction; that force must be resisted.” After he said that, I heard God speak to my heart with these words: “Why have you given up so little for me?” and immediately I knew I still cherished a thing in my life that had sometimes taken my focus from Him.

So much of my time at Amazing Facts has been spent in incredible spiritual growth. However, lately the honor of working there—it’s a tremendous blessing to be part of God’s work—in fact obscured the need to continue forward with my Christian maturity. When you get to the point where you’re “settled” in your spiritual life, you really do start to stagnate, losing that first-love earnestness that ‘04 Revival! was designed

commented, “When the Spirit’s power touches their hearts, then the discourses given will not be without effect.”

Pastor Doug continues, “We need to seek after God and put away those cherished vices, because we have less and less time to deal with worldly things. We’re promised that if we humble ourselves and pray and seek His face, that He will hear, forgive our sins, and heal our land.”

“Speak your Word so we can hear it”

Throughout ‘04 Revival!, Pastor Doug suffered an unusual throat ailment that threatened each evening. It seemed clear that Satan was doing what he could to keep revival at bay, but God would have none of that when His people were so prayerful in their hearts.

When it counted, God made it possible for Pastor Doug to speak clearly to make Christians aware of the shortcomings we often bear, to throw them aside, and make Jesus the center focus of all we strive

to do. From Christian dress, to music and diet—thousands like me responded to messages that pulled no punches. God gave Pastor Doug the courage and honesty to say what must be said to a lukewarm church.

Still, the pastor's boldness and uncompromising message was also for himself. "I'm part of the church, and I need revival," he says. "The central purpose of this series was for *all* of us to come together specifically to experience genuine apostolic Christianity. I've never felt like I am qualified to bring revival; it's something the Lord does, and everyone here just decided to take the steps and lay claim to the promise."

"Till we all are one"

I am 31 years old. Some say I am young, some say I am old. But I say that I am revived, filled with new life and yearning to be holy before God. According to Jim Ayer, the event coordinator, a throng of God's faithful are experiencing the very same. "Was this revival a success? I must say oh yes! We have received from around the world testimony after testimony of hearts and lives that have been touched by the Holy Spirit." But as in my life, these heart changes are turning into life changes. Even as the emotion of each night wound down into quiet reasoning, God showed me that it is the most rational thing in the world to get rid of those things that take us from the real work and treasure that God has in store for us.

Revival All Around the World

'04 *Revival!* generated unprecedented internet traffic for the ministry. Nearly 65,000 surfers visited the official event website, and the live broadcast was watched 16,700 times through our website. Each day, approximately 2,400 visitors watch the archives, for a total of nearly 30,000 times!

Extraordinarily, interest has not been isolated to North America, as people in countries from all over the world have grabbed hold of the spirit of revival. Here is just a partial listing of nations that have watched the program via the internet:



Australia	France	Kenya	South Korea
Austria	Germany	Malaysia	Spain
Bahamas	Hungary	Mexico	Sweden
Bermuda	Iceland	Netherlands	Switzerland
Brazil	India	New Zealand	Taiwan
Canada	Ireland	Norway	Trinidad/Tobago
China	Italy	Romania	United Kingdom
Cote D'Ivoire	Jamaica	Saint Lucia	United States
Czech Republic	Japan	Saudi Arabia	Uruguay
Finland	Jordan	South Africa	



Jim continues, "Many are giving glory to God for deliverance and victory, and that's what this work is all about. I'm just sorry that we must wait until heaven to see the true and far-reaching results of these meetings. But that may not be too long now." Like these souls, we hope the same happened for you.

We, you, I, the young, the old ... we needed '04 *Revival!* I believe that our God will make something out of our faith and effort if we keep this revival going in our individual lives and with our churches. But how can we do that?

Well, turn the page ... because Amazing Facts has a great answer already in store ...

Thanks to Rebecca Baerg, reporter for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, for her significant contribution to this article.

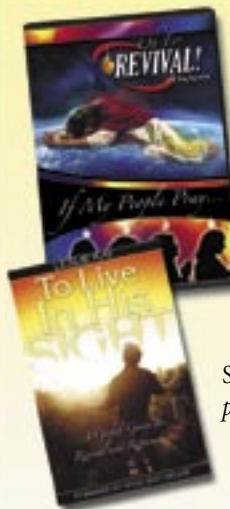
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THE PROPHECY CODE

Bible Secrets Unlocked!

"Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

—Luke 21:26, 27

An Amazing Fact: According to CBS News, more than 58 million prints of the *Left Behind* book series are in circulation, not including spin-off publications. Total annual revenue for the series, including the books, movies, audio recordings, and children's merchandising is \$100 million.



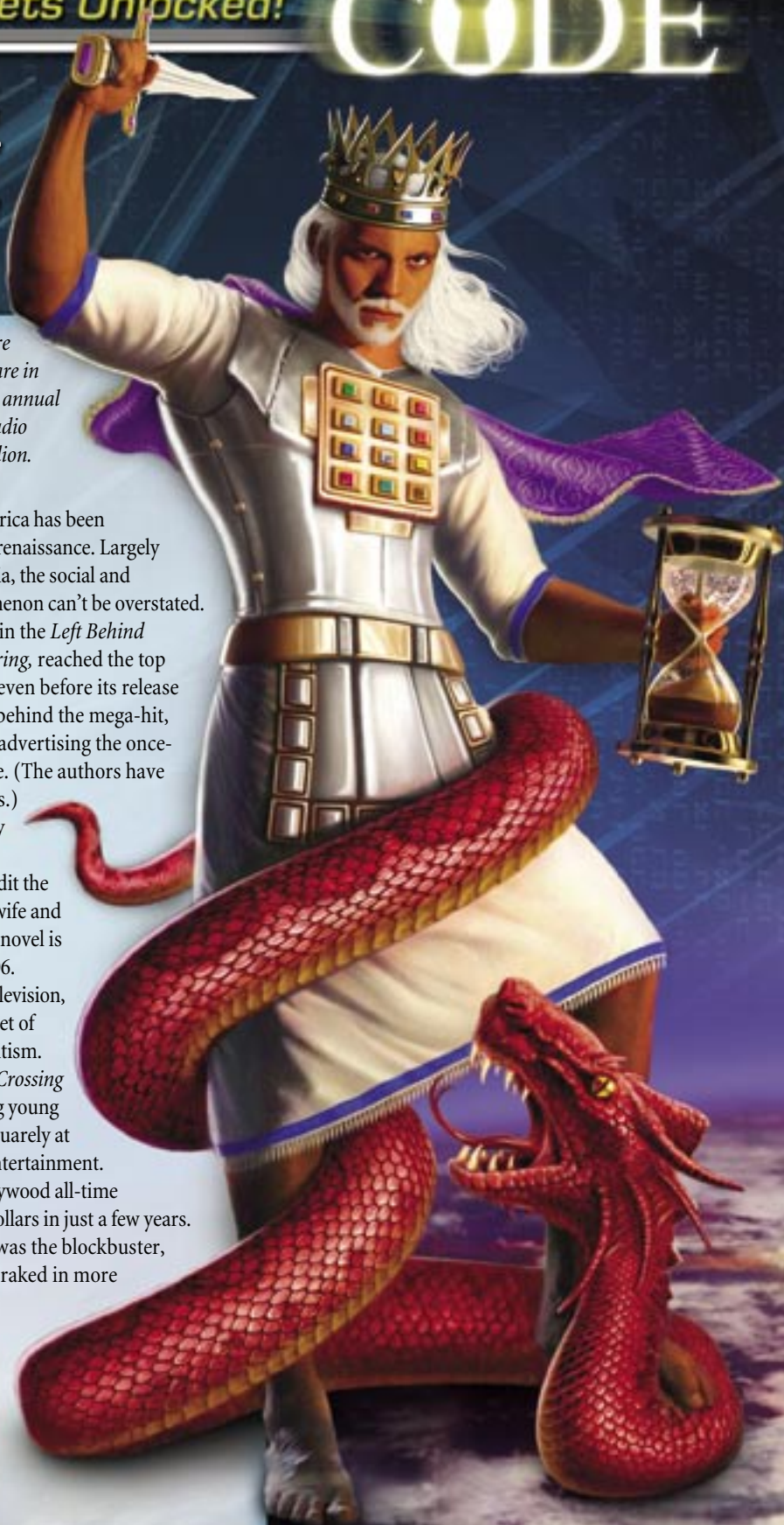
In case anyone's missed it, America has been experiencing a massive religious renaissance. Largely driven by popular Christian media, the social and economic impact of this phenomenon can't be overstated.

In early 2004, the latest book in the *Left Behind* series, entitled *Glorious Appearing*, reached the top of the New York bestseller list even before its release date. Tyndale, the publishers behind the mega-hit, spent more than \$3.5 million advertising the once-final installment in 2003 alone. (The authors have announced plans to write more books for the series.)

However, regardless of unbiblical errors, not every recent bestseller is favorable to Christianity, as in the case of *The Da Vinci Code*, which seeks to discredit the traditional understanding of Jesus by giving Him a wife and children. This extremely popular but wildly fanciful novel is also being made into a feature film for release in 2006.

And books aren't the sole purveyors of religion. Television, film, and radio have been feeding society a steady diet of religious programming, most notably New Age spiritism. Shows like *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Charmed*, and *Crossing Over* have a tremendous following, especially among young adults. Of course, the *Harry Potter* movies, aimed squarely at children, remain the standard for occult-oriented entertainment. Each of the three films has a spot on the top-20 Hollywood all-time moneymakers, grossing an astounding 2.5 billion dollars in just a few years.

Still, 2004's most notable religious-minded fare was the blockbuster, pro-Christian film *The Passion of the Christ*, which raked in more than \$370 million in the United States. Hollywood heavyweight Mel Gibson is now considered the most influential man in the business—a position few, if any, Christians have held in the past 30 years. The R-rated film, which dramatically depicts the last 18 hours of Christ's life, has done



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much to impassion believers and unbelievers alike, a powerful sign of religion's new prominence in the world's most powerful nation.

World Events Add Focus

A number of global factors also continue to direct people's attention to spiritual issues. The 9/11 terror attacks, though retreated in public awareness, continue to have dramatic after-effects today. And the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq appear to have been just the beginning of sorrows in world tensions, with Iran and North Korea continuing to be nuclear worries for the rest of the planet.

Moreover, the war on terrorism—the confrontation against radical Islamic fundamentalists—is far from over. And this is happening in conjunction with terrorist beheadings, a plague of AIDS in Africa, famines, ethnic cleansing, catastrophic earthquakes and tsunamis, and killer storms.

Even the pope has drummed up more religious fervor when he urged Sunday observance to challenge “the culture of here and now,” asking church leaders to “lead men and women from the shadows of moral confusion.” And people all around the world are listening.

Within America, the great controversy has come into even sharper focus. In 2004, the Supreme Court debated the pledge and several states clamored to recognize same-sex marriage. Moreover, a mass movement of Christians is now seeking to make religious doctrine the law of the land—just as Revelation forewarns. Yet even as good citizens are growing increasingly impatient with the violence and immorality rampant in Western culture, they continue to run to movies and TV programs that celebrate and normalize the very things the Bible condemns.

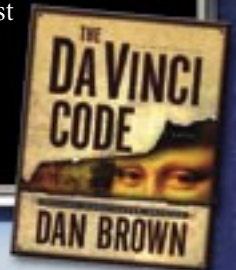
Without question, the nation is being flooded with an unbelievable tidal wave of spiritual issues with no sign of slowing. Unfortunately, much of the tidal wave is composed not of the Living Water, but of water poisoned by the salts of half-truths and misdirection. As much as *The Passion* and the *Left Behind* series have helped generate this incredible interest in Christianity, both have lacked the most vital truths and, sadly, both have misled Christians and seekers with falsehoods that could damage their faith in the future.

Refocusing the Issues

Pastor Doug Batchelor recognized this tremendous confluence of religion, world events, and popular culture and knew he needed to act. “Regardless of the strong but ill-directed religious interest,” he says, “the country is ready for God's last-day message more than ever. Even the run-up to the last election was full of religion. It would have been a terrible misstep for us to ignore this phenomenon.”

Why “The Prophecy Code”?

The artwork and name of NET '05 was chosen to reach those familiar with popular but false Christian ideas yet have very little knowledge of God's end-time message. Three major books have been published on “codes” in the last decade, all of them bestsellers: *The Bible Code*, *The Da Vinci Code*, and *The Last Disciple*, plus Tom Hanks will star in the film version of *The Da Vinci Code*.



So with Christianity piqued in the minds of millions of Americans, the chance to offer them straight, biblical truth was too good to let slip away, thus setting the stage for “The Prophecy Code: Bible Secrets Unlocked” (NET '05) satellite evangelistic series in the Washington, D.C., area.

From March 4 to 26, 2005, NET '05 will be broadcast live internationally from the political capital of the world during a time of multiple earth-shaking events. Adds Pastor Doug, “It will be an incredible opportunity to share the truth of the gospel with desperate souls searching for answers in an uncertain world. Now, the country riding a wave of religion will see prophecy in the light of Bible truth.” Pastor Doug believes that much of the world's focus is on Washington, D.C., so soon after the election and natural catastrophes, and it's the perfect place to stage a dramatic evangelistic series.

In cooperation with the North American Division, Pastor Doug will present 20 days of incredible truths about Bible prophecy from the General Conference's church headquarters that borders the nation's capital. Many other countries around the world are participating in the program, which will be translated into Spanish, Portuguese, and French. Viewers can also watch the program live on the Hope Channel and at many downlink venues. (More detailed information available at www.net05.org.)

Utilizing state-of-the-art satellite technology and the best multimedia available, including 3D-animations, Pastor Batchelor will share the love of God in a way that will capture the hearts of

people from all different backgrounds. Known for his ability to communicate vital Bible truths to experienced Bible students and new seekers alike, he'll create an intense interest in prophecy and how it applies to current events. Then with his vibrant and warm style, he'll lead people to a decision for Christ.

Moreover, this series will come in conjunction with Amazing Facts' 40th anniversary of sharing the three angels' message. (See the next *Inside Report* for a special commemorative issue.)

Extensive Pre-work

Churches around the country and other parts of the world have caught the vision and feel the urgency of end-time events. Jim Ayer, the North American event coordinator, says, "Evangelism still works as long as our churches plan the work and work the plans. Evangelism is successful when the members are involved in well planned pre-work." He points to the successful pre-work of the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism (AFCOE) students when they joined *It Is Written* in Denver in 2004. "Much because of their effort, nearly 600 souls gave their lives to the Lord."

Jim adds, "If we are to expect real success in evangelism in this century, the church must be at work in friendship evangelism.

In other words, friends invite friends, and friends will go with friends. It's all about relationships, and it still works today!"

To advertise the event nationwide to drive interest and local church participation, Amazing Facts will blanket its networks, such as TBN, BET, ATN, 3ABN, and Sky Angel, with promotions through the *Bible Answers Live*, *Millennium of Prophecy*, and *Central Study Hour* programs. The ministry will also pre-empt regular programming with more prophetic-oriented shows that will close with an ad for the meetings.

Viewers will be encouraged to call a toll-free number, or log onto a website, to discover a location nearest them hosting the series, where they will get a fast-paced, hard-hitting exposé into the major prophetic elements of the Bible's most mysterious books, Daniel and Revelation. Each night, such hot-topic issues as the rapture, the second coming, the millennium, the Antichrist, and more will be covered in a way relevant to participant's lives.

In addition, Amazing Facts has redesigned the Study Guide covers with up-to-date artwork to reach today's seeker, and AFCOE students and graduates have already begun pre-work in the D.C. area in conjunction with local churches.

Although pre-work for a major evangelistic series is not always easy, it is effective and necessary, which is why 12 Bible workers, including several AFCOE graduates, are working hard—going door-to-door with proven AFCOE techniques to attract seekers in the D.C. area to *The Prophecy Code*.

Furthermore, AFCOE will set up a field school prior to the series and distribute 100,000 copies of *Steps to Christ* with Bible study enrollment cards in the D.C. area. AFCOE is also planning several health fairs throughout Maryland and Virginia and a major health fair in D.C.

Training for Churches Worldwide

Recognizing the need for strong leadership and direction for these events, Amazing Facts is helping to train Bible workers and churches nationwide for effective and efficient evangelism during the series.

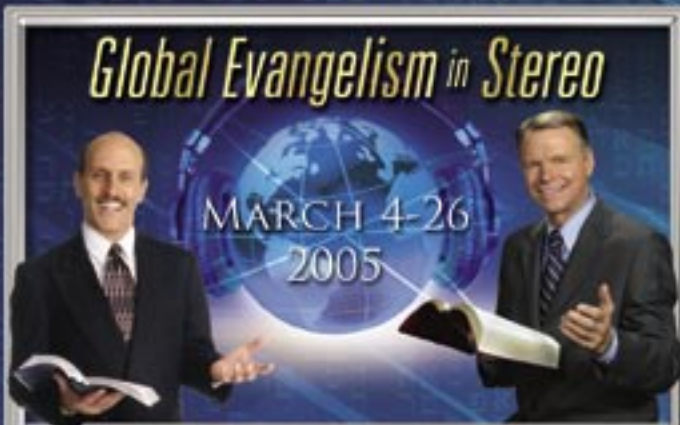
Churches and other organizations will be able to participate in training seminars conducted by seasoned and experienced soul-winners so they can effectively reach their local communities.

In addition, Gary Gibbs will present a new training series on HopeTV, and Amazing Facts is hoping that many will invest in Gibbs' *Winsome Witnessing* book as an excellent resource to prepare for NET 2005.

Local costs for churches will be minimal since most already own satellite equipment. (Learn how to acquire an affordable satellite dish, or watch on the internet, by visiting www.hopetv.org.)

Amazing Facts has also released an eye-catching, dramatically illustrated handbill, poster, and decision-card designs that can be downloaded from www.net05.org—where many more resources are available to help churches and individuals make this series an all-in-one, comprehensive reaping program from start to finish.

And church communities that wish to participate still have time to join! Register today at www.net05.org.



In March, *It Is Written* will join Amazing Facts in blanketing the planet with the good news! These two exciting prophecy series will broadcast around the world from two prominent locations. While Amazing Facts is transmitting from Washington, D.C., *It Is Written* will also be presenting from Kiev, Russia, at the world-famous International Center of Culture and Arts—the first-ever satellite evangelistic series uplinked from Russia.

While Amazing Facts will reach North America, Australia, and South America; *It Is Written* will target the former Soviet Union and Europe. Mark Finley is overjoyed to be a part of this joint effort to impact the world for God. He says, "Evangelism is the very heart of who we are, and I am incredibly grateful to the Lord for opening this door of opportunity!"


Pastor Doug concurs. "I can clearly see the hand of God leading in these upcoming series, and we are excited and humbled to be channels for God's end-time message to reach the world."

The Call

Amazing Facts' mission has always been to focus on unchanging Bible truth—no matter how world events are changing the course of history. "The Prophecy Code is the perfect program to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Amazing Facts ministries," says Pastor Doug. "It shows the continuing commitment of the ministry to reach the world with God's message with every means possible and to enable others to do the same."

Adds Pastor Doug, "And right now, as I read my Bible and consider the headlines, it truly seems as if the final pieces in the puzzle of prophecy are shaking into position. I do believe history is preparing to culminate in earth's final conflict."

The time for God's remnant church to reach out as never before is now, so the ministry hopes the church gets behind this effort in a big way. Pastor Doug has asked all our ministry friends to pray for this upcoming event—not only for the many details that must be worked out, but also that the ministry will continue to watch God closely so that His will be done. As Revelation 12:12 warns, the devil will do everything in his power to disrupt our preparations and the telecast itself so that millions will remain in the dark about Bible truth. "For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

So please pray that millions will hear and respond to God's message for earth's final hours! 

For more information on The Prophecy Code and how you can help make it a success, log on to www.net05.org or call 800-226-1119 to register. See page 18 for special pre-selected resources available to you and your church for NET '05. You can also go to www.amazingfacts.org for other great resources.

Three Steps to NET '05

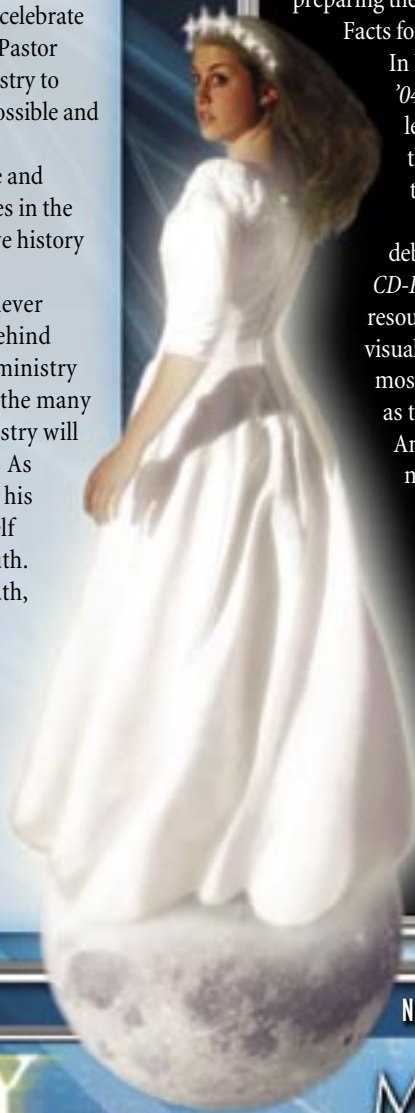
The ministry has been incredibly busy the last 12 months preparing the church and Amazing Facts for *The Prophecy Code*.

In November, Pastor Doug hosted the '04Revival! series, a vital first step that challenged congregations worldwide to take up the great commission during this "tarrying time." (See page 5 for an update.)

Also in November, Amazing Facts debuted the *Final Events of Bible Prophecy* CD-ROM/DVD, an unprecedented evangelistic resource that uses special effects and stunning visual recreations to present Bible prophecy's most controversial subjects, such as the mark of the beast, the Antichrist, the new earth, and much more. For more on this, see page 12.

Amazing Facts has also introduced updated covers for our soul-winning Bible Study Guides. The new eye-catching covers are the initial step in a totally new look and feel that will connect with today's reader. The Study

Guides are being used extensively in the pre-work for NET '05 and will be a key feature in the series.



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THE FINAL EVENTS OF Bible Prophecy

By Anthony Lester and Douglas Garcia, with Charles Lawson

IN November 2004, Amazing Facts released one of the most exciting denominational projects ever produced: *The Final Events of Bible Prophecy* CD-ROM/DVD. The highlight of this unprecedented evangelistic resource is an extensive 40-minute feature documentary in which Pastor Doug Batchelor leads viewers through seven major end-time “events,” including signs of the end-times, Jesus’ return, the millennium, and the new earth.

Says Batchelor, “Those acquainted with the *Left Behind* movie and book series will be surprised with the wealth of new information. They’ll discover a dramatically different picture, all supported with Scripture.”

These truths will be seen in a whole new way to those familiar and unfamiliar with God’s end-time message. Douglas Garcia, the project’s producer, comments, “Computer animation and special effects have advanced so quickly, but God’s people have been slow to take advantage of it. This project changes things.” The use of special effects to propel the message of truth was one of the project’s most important goals. Garcia adds, “These effects will grab seekers’ attention, and people remember better what they both see and hear. It’s a big reason why evangelists use PowerPoint presentations, but this project takes all this to the next level. We are now able to vividly portray last-day events with full motion and sound.”

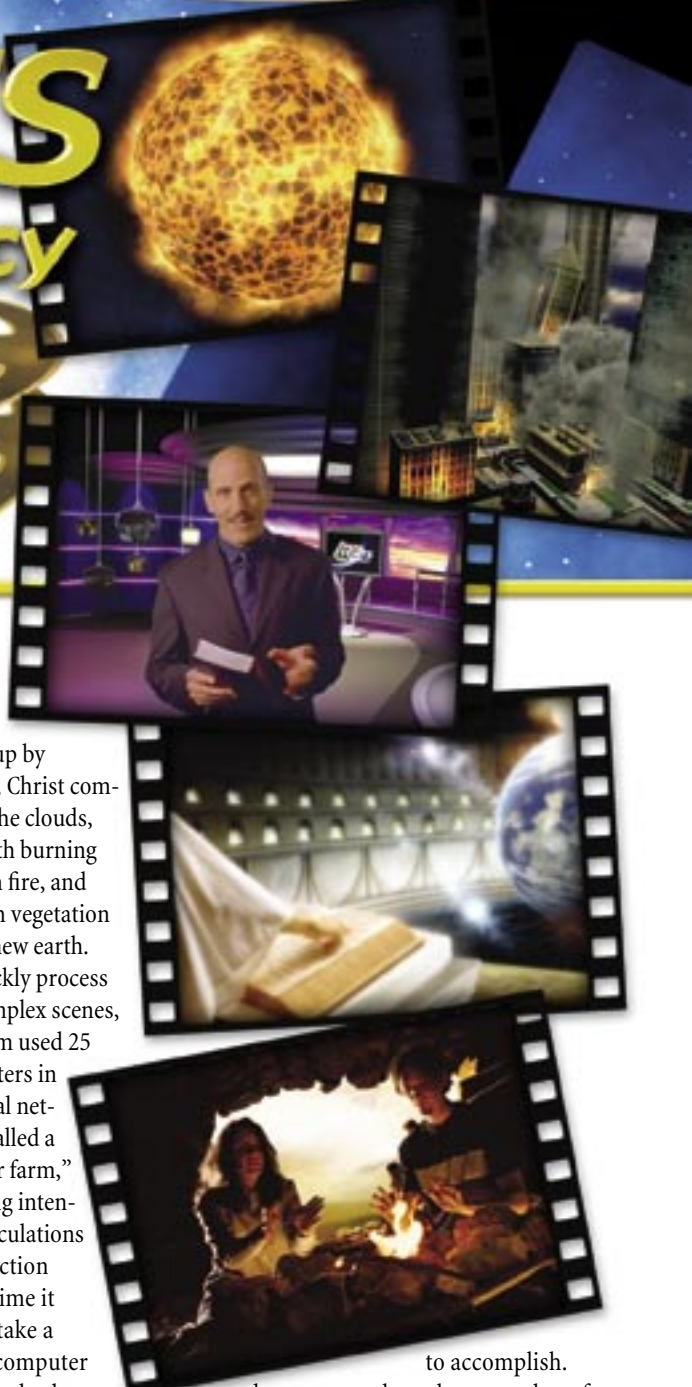
The production of *Final Events* was very cost effective, as much of the special effects work was done in house. Three on-staff artists created such scenes as an island

being swallowed up by the sea, Christ coming in the clouds, the earth burning up with fire, and the lush vegetation of the new earth. To quickly process the complex scenes, the team used 25 computers in a special network called a “render farm,” enabling intensive calculations in a fraction of the time it would take a single computer. As a result, the effects shots, all done at a very reasonable price.

Charles Lawson, the documentary director, believes the film has already had an impact, especially on those involved in the production. “We received an overwhelming, positive response from the film crew, many of whom were not Christians. Several told us that it was the best shoot they had been on in years, with kind people and

to accomplish.

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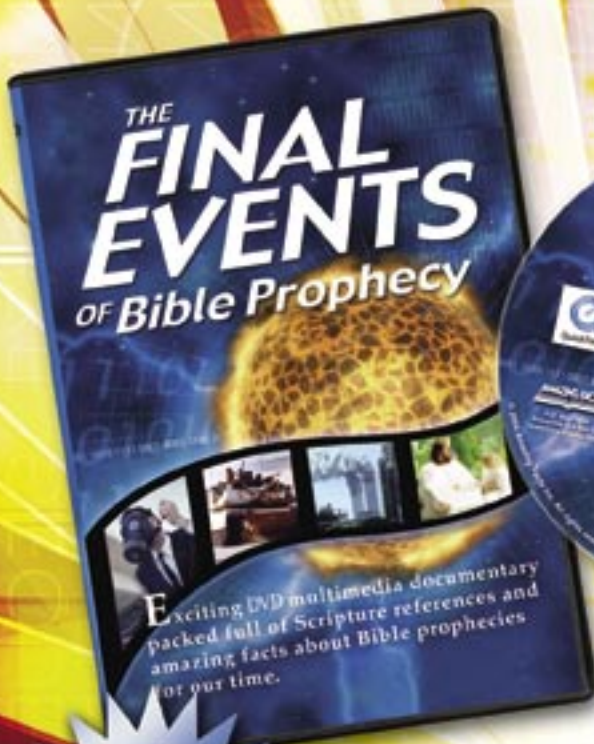


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no egos.” And Christian film crewmembers appreciated the daily prayer and attitude of the Amazing Facts team.

Many of the team members also have been profoundly affected by the film. After watching the film during the beta tests, one was led to question, “Am I ready for the final events of earth’s history? Am I right with God?” Says Lawson, “*The Final Events* project will make a tremendous impact on people who really want to know how it all will end. It is already changing lives for the better.”

But *Final Events* also has much more than just the documentary. Both the CD and the DVD also contain an amazing interactive study guide. While the documentary provides a quick overview of last-day events, the study guide provides a huge library of biblical

resources. Truth seekers will be able to access more in-depth research material than can be provided in the 40-minute video overview. Critical topics such as spiritualism, the second coming, and hell-fire can be studied at a seeker’s own pace,

and each event includes audio clips from *Bible Answers Live*, covering an even wider variety of topics.

With clear, straightforward, and powerful presentations, the project has been specially designed to be appreciated by Christians of all backgrounds and non-Christians alike.

“It’s been incredibly exciting to work on such a cutting-edge project,” says Garcia. “For the first time, our last-day message will be presented

using stunning visual effects and delivered using state-of-the-art multimedia technology. It’s our prayer that this project will bless seekers of

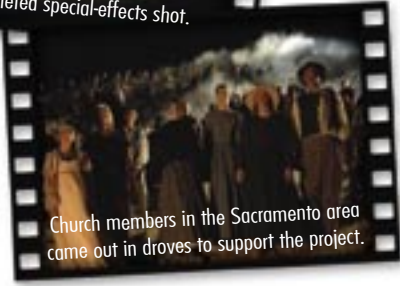
truth around the world.”

One pastor has already ordered hundreds and is mailing them out in his community.

As *The Prophecy Code* NET 2005 series fast approaches, Amazing Facts hopes other ministry supporters will share this new resource with friends and family or invite them over for viewing and a night of Bible study. 



A completed special-effects shot.



Church members in the Sacramento area came out in droves to support the project.



Take One!



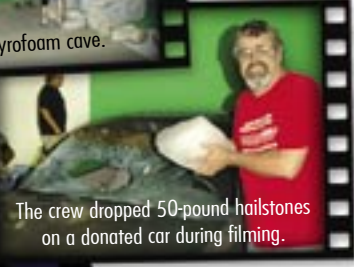
A green screen was used so digital backgrounds could be added later.



Action!



Creating a Styrofoam cave.



The crew dropped 50-pound hailstones on a donated car during filming.

Production photos by Ryan Hoover



CD-ROM/DVD Specs
The *Final Events of Bible Prophecy* multimedia resource is available in two formats, both DVD and CD-ROM, that allows a broad range of users to access its incredible truths. Both are priced affordably, especially in bulk orders. Here are some of the differences between the two versions:

The **CD-ROM** version will only play in a computer with a CD-ROM drive, but it contains the entire video documentary in QuickTime format. It also includes the interactive Bible study on last-day events. The **DVD** version will play the full-resolution, full-screen video on a DVD player or a computer DVD-ROM drive. It also has the interactive Bible study, but users must have the DVD-ROM drive to access it. (DVD available only in NTSC format at this time, but all regions can play it.)

In addition, the documentary will also be available on VHS, but it will not have the study materials.

More information about system requirements is available at www.finalevents.com.

Interactive Study Guide



The Great Controversy, Special Edition
For the release of *Final Events*, Amazing Facts published an all-new edition of the last 10 chapters of the masterpiece *Great Controversy* with a beautiful cover that matches the *Final Events* design. Those who buy 1 to 9 copies of the CD or DVD will get a free copy of the book.

How Can It Be?



The disciples were exhausted. What a day—exciting ... busy ... rewarding. It was time well spent with the Savior. Jesus, seeing their need of rest, had them go by boat to the opposite shore of Galilee seeking quiet time, apart from the crowds. There was only one problem: The crowd saw them leave and followed closely, still hungering for the spiritual food Jesus had been giving them.

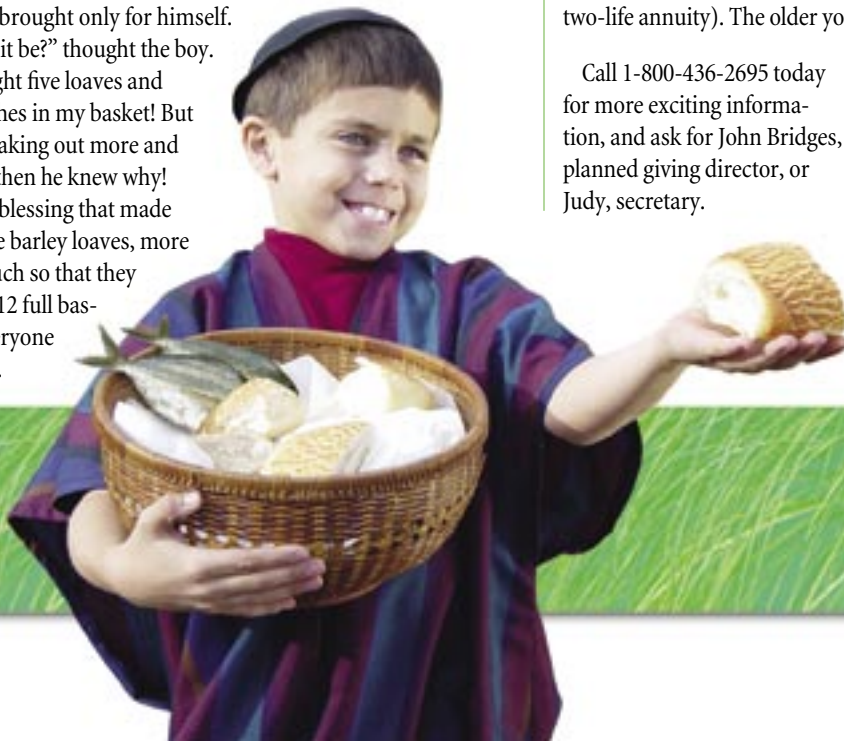
Mark 6:34 records, “He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them things.” Jesus, as only He can, understood their deepest human needs.

Yet as the day passed on and it was becoming late, the disciples urged Jesus to send the crowd away so the people could go to nearby villages to buy food. But Jesus answered, “You give them something to eat.” This was the beginning of a test that would prepare the disciples’ hearts for a phenomenal spiritual lesson.

His disciples astounded, they could only answer, “It would take eight months of a man’s wages [equivalent to about \$25,000 today]. Would you have us spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

In answer, Jesus prompted them to feed the people with the food they had. As the perplexed disciples pondered, a young boy willingly gave his small lunch to Jesus to help the cause. In disbelief, he then watched Jesus bless the food, and His disciples fed the thousands with what he had brought only for himself.

“How can it be?” thought the boy. “I only brought five loaves and two small fishes in my basket! But Jesus keeps taking out more and more.” And then he knew why! It was Jesus’ blessing that made more—more barley loaves, more fishes! So much so that they gathered up 12 full baskets after everyone was satisfied.



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THE FISHERMAN'S ACTS

A PARABLE FOR NET 2005

“WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD” (ACTS 4:20).

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Wouldn't it be awesome to experience that kind of surrender? To be part of that mighty army that loves everyone and fears no one? To be on the front lines of the greatest movement the world has ever known? To watch miracles happen when you step out in faith and give your all?

Wouldn't it be awesome?

Would you like to start experiencing it today?

Jesus is coming—let's tell people. We might not face the same obstacles the disciples did, but the same power is within our reach. Jesus wants us to help in the thrilling work of sharing the gospel. Here's how we can do it.



Step 1

HOLDING HANDS

The church in Acts was energized because Jesus' presence was real to them. Thousands of years later, He's just as close. If we aren't as close to Him as they were, the good news is that we can start afresh today.



Surrendering to Christ and soul-winning cannot be separated. “The spirit of Christ is a missionary spirit. The very first impulse of the renewed heart is to bring others also to the Saviour”

(*The Great Controversy*, p. 70). In fact, reaching out to others is vital to our own spiritual growth. Unless we want to become like the Dead Sea, taking but never giving, we must share Jesus with others.

Deciding to build our relationship with God is the first step in becoming a more powerful soul-winner. When Christ works in our own hearts, like Peter in Acts 4:20, “we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

- A. Spend personal devotional time every day with God. Usually mornings are best—like tuning an instrument at the beginning of a concert. Combine prayer and study for a meaningful time of surrender and preparation for ministry. If you aren't sure where to start, try the book of Acts, and if necessary, use this simple recipe for prayer: “Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. . . . Nothing that in any way concerns our peace is too small for Him to notice” (*Steps to Christ*, p. 100).
- B. Make a prayer list, including your own as well as others' spiritual and/or physical needs. Consider carrying it with you during the day and referring to it when you have a few moments, or taping it to your dashboard or kitchen cabinet. Or find another way to remind yourself to “tune in” to God throughout the day.

Step 2

OUTSIDE THE ZONE

If you are like most people, your feelings about being a part of this great work are mixed. Most of us believe we ought to share Jesus more openly, but thoughts like these plague us:

“What if someone asks me questions I can’t answer?”

“I really should get my own life in order before I start trying to witness to others.”

“What if I make a mistake?”

“I don’t think that’s my gift. I’m called to be more of a silent witness.”

“Where am I going to fit in time for one more ...”

“But I tried before ...”

At the center of most of these hesitations is a common whimper. “I believe it’s the right thing to do. But how far out of my comfort zone am I going to have to go?”

All of us have one—the *comfort zone*. It’s familiar ground, where we feel safe and confident. We know how to handle things in there, what to expect. And rarely do we volunteer to go outside of it.

But can you think of a single man or woman in history who achieved something great *without* going outside of his or her comfort zone? I can’t. I don’t believe there are any. Paul and the other heroes and heroines of Acts lived outside of their comfort zones daily. The truth is, we learn little and grow little when we stay comfortable. And we usually make little difference in others’ lives.

Is it difficult? Sometimes. Will we make mistakes? Probably. Will it be worth it? Definitely. The benefits outweigh the risks. Consider the possibilities:

1. People you know and love will spend eternity praising Jesus and enjoying heaven with you—and thanking you for taking this risk.
2. The closeness you develop with Jesus by working together may ultimately bring about your own salvation.
3. Miraculous opportunities will transform your everyday life, and you will have the courage to pursue them.
4. You will experience spiritual revitalization as you find new stimulation to study and pray.



Not only will this work transform others’ lives, but it will also transform ... you guessed it ... our own. “It is in working for others that they will keep their own souls alive. If they will become co-laborers with Jesus, we shall see the light in our churches steadily burning brighter and brighter, sending forth its rays to penetrate the darkness” (*Christian Service*, p. 22).



As Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a courageous theologian martyred by the Nazis, said, “When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die.” It’s true—stepping outside our comfort zones is ... uncomfortable. But God has called us, and He has promised that the benefits are infinitely worthwhile. Step out in faith, holding onto Jesus’ hand—it’s the greatest adventure ever.

Step 3

GET READY, GET SET

Once we step outside our comfort zones, the next step is much easier—learning or reawakening witnessing skills. Even if you have done lots of soul-winning in the past, a little refreshing is useful. Remember these basic tips:

A. **Touch, don’t tackle.**

Most of us have had someone attempt to “help” us by launching what felt like an attack. People are alienated, not won, by aggression. Never argue or get defensive!

Instead, show interest in the other person. As the old saying goes, “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” This was how Jesus worked. “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me’” (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 143).



B. Reach out to those you know. Paul constantly witnessed to people whom he knew very well—many whom he knew were trying to think of a way to kill him even as he spoke. Few of

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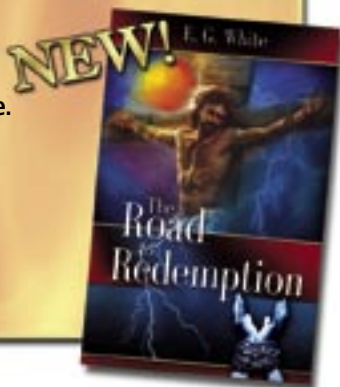
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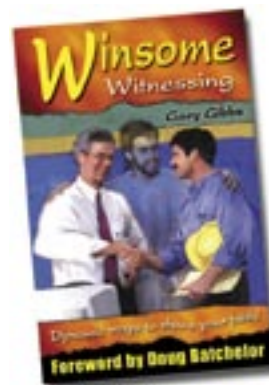
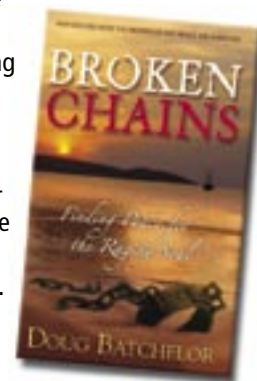
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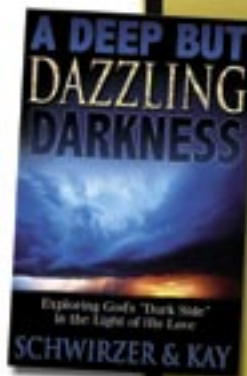
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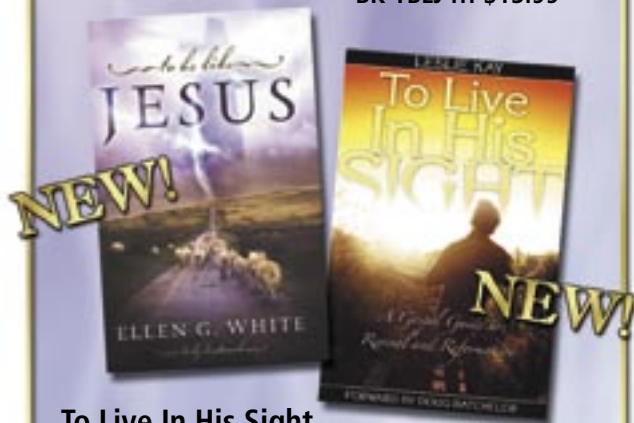
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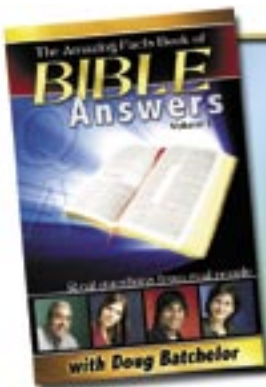
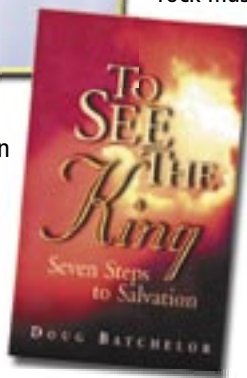
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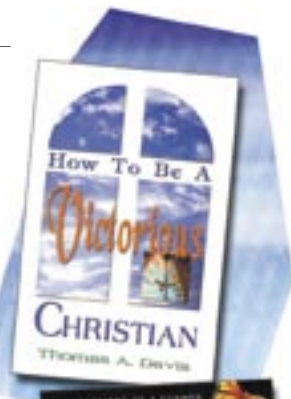
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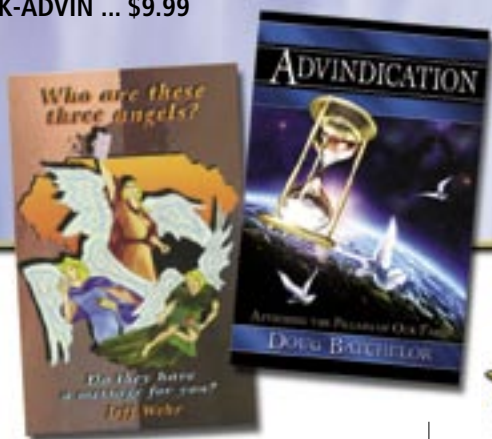
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us are in danger of getting beaten or stoned—surely we can talk with our friends, family, and acquaintances too.

Make a list of people with whom you can share. This can include family members, neighbors, work associates, and other friends. Most of us have a fairly wide circle of influence. Find ways to show them that God is working in your life. This may include apologizing for past insensitivity or carelessness on your part. It may begin with something as simple as saying, “I read a really neat verse this morning. May I share it with you?”

- C. **Make new friends.** Paul did this on the riverbank, in the synagogue, in the marketplace—everywhere he went. I doubt he always felt like doing it. But he was compelled by his love for souls. We can be too. People in the checkout line, gas station attendants, airline attendants, waiters—some of them are divine appointments just waiting for you. In fact, every single day you probably come in contact with at least



one person who is seeking God and would welcome some guidance. Look for opportunities to serve in little ways like opening doors or helping with heavy loads. Try saying “Isn’t this beautiful weather God has given us?” or “God bless you.” Sing, hum, or whistle hymns. Put a Bible verse or other witness on the back of your business card, or print little business-sized cards (you can get them at just about any office supply store) that say something like, “Have a prayer request or Bible question?” Offer your e-mail address or even your phone number. You can hand them to cashiers and leave them in waiting rooms. Watch for opportunities, and never underestimate the power of God. You never know which casual contact may be the turning point for someone’s eternity.

- D. **Be “instant in season, out of season.”** Carry witnessing supplies such as giveaway books (*Steps to Christ* is great and comes in a variety of attractive formats) and Bible study cards. Have a note pad with you so you can be ready to jot

down an address to send something to someone. Be ready to write down a prayer request when someone shares it with you—and let them see you write it down.

- E. **Remember the frog.** Surely you’ve heard of how to boil a frog—put him in a pan of cold water and gradually warm it



up. This principle applies to people too—if they express hesitation, or what you are sharing is new to them, they may need time to “warm up.” This doesn’t mean they are any less committed to God than you or I. Be patient. After all, hasn’t God been patient with us?

Step 4

A TEAM SPORT

Nothing motivates people like working side-by-side with other people—that’s why God started the church in the first place. “The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men.

It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 9). Log on to www.net05.org to discover the terrific witnessing opportunities available to you and your church today. And check out page 18 for some great witnessing tools from Amazing Facts that you can use to reach someone who needs to find Jesus.

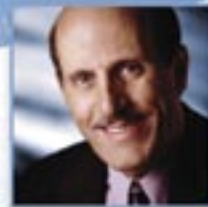
“The only way to grow in grace is to be interestedly doing the very work Christ has enjoined upon us to do—interestedly engaged to the very extent of our ability to be helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them. This is the only way we can grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ” (*Review and Herald*, June 7, 1887).

Jesus is coming soon—let’s tell people!



BIBLE Answers

with Pastor Doug Batchelor



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Will the millennial reign be on earth or in heaven? Revelation 20:6 seems to indicate that we'll be priests with Christ, and we will reign with Him for a thousand years, and Isaiah 65:25 seems to say it will be on the earth.

A

The passages in Isaiah and Revelation do not go together sequentially. When I first read about the millennium, I understood it to mean a thousand years of peace here on earth. But a problem occurred when I realized the true sequence of events that happens when Jesus comes.

In 1 Thessalonians we see the description of Jesus descending from the clouds to take up His followers. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout ... and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (4:16, 17). This is the "rapture" ... being physically and literally caught up to meet a visible Jesus waiting in the sky.

In John 14:2, 3, Jesus says, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." This tells us that He will take us to the mansions that He has prepared for us.

Then in Revelation 21, we read, "I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven" (v. 2, emphasis added). But Revelation 20 says that the righteous "lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (v. 4). So if New Jerusalem is where our mansions are, and it has not yet come down

to earth by the time of Jesus' second coming, where are we going to be during the 1,000 years? I believe this means we're not going to be on the earth.

Another clue comes from Isaiah 24:1, where we get a picture of the conditions of the earth during this 1,000 years: "The LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down." And Jeremiah 4:23 explains, "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens ... had no light." Of course, this sounds like it's right out of Genesis 1:2, but if you keep reading: "I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled" (4:24, 25).

We can easily conclude that since the mountains are now gone, they must have been there before. But if there is any doubt, Jeremiah continues, "I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down" (v. 26). Now we have cities that are broken down, so this cannot be at the time of the garden of Eden or a pre-creation picture.

But what breaks it all down? The Bible says "the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger." This chapter also says that there is no life on earth at this time, and moreover, the slain of the Lord covers one end of the earth to the other. Furthermore, "They shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground" (Jeremiah 25:33).

So according to both Jeremiah and Isaiah, the earth is in a condition where nobody's alive, it's dark, and the cities are broken down. When could this be? Well, it's very simple. When Jesus comes down with power, the righteous, both the living and the dead, who are resurrected, are caught up with Him, and the sinful living are destroyed by the brightness of His coming. And as Revelation 20 says,

"The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished" (v. 5).

Jesus also speaks of the second resurrection, a time when the wicked come forth from their graves at the end of the 1,000 years for their judgment—meaning there are two distinct resurrections. When I first heard that I thought, "What?!" But I kept studying, and it became very clear. It all really means that there won't be anybody alive on earth during the 1,000 years. The earth is desolate and dark, and Satan is bound, having no one to tempt or manipulate. Thus the saved will be in heaven with Christ, until we descend with Him when New Jerusalem comes to the earth.

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Amazing Facts EVANGELISM TEAM



You are invited to meet the members of Amazing Facts evangelism team at any one of the following locations—and please invite a friend! This schedule is subject to change without notice, so please call Amazing Facts to confirm appointments or get more information.



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February 18 – March 26

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Changed Lives in Arkansas

By Annie Morgan



The Benton, Arkansas, church family welcomed Amazing Facts evangelist David Morgan to share God's Word with the community. Local interest and enthusiasm for God's end-time message continued all through the series, and now five wonderful people have joined the remnant church family through baptism.



Maurice and Shirley were baptized together as a couple. Maurice once fellowshiped in other churches, yet he never found the complete message he desired. He came to the Benton church on occasion and just a few months before the seminar accepted an invitation from the church to play the part of the Roman soldier in a passion play. As he acted his part, his heart was gripped with his own sin and the love of God for him, a turning point as he sought God for victories and a daily walk with Jesus.

Shirley has roots in the Sabbathkeeping church, yet never before has she been so thrilled to give her heart to Jesus and unite with her husband in the joy of a vibrant Christian home. The two believe

they've found their church home. They've also discovered their purpose—to seek and to save the lost as did Jesus.

Maurice shared his testimony with these powerful words: "Now my daily prayer is 'Lord, teach me to hate sin and to love God's Word.'" He adds, "Shirley and I have dedicated our home to spreading the gospel. We're ordering a satellite dish, and we plan to have Bible studies! Shirley will provide the food, and I'll lead out in the activity. Together we want to do all we can to spread the message."

Stephanie turned 14 on the day of her baptism and shared that Satan often caused her to say and do things that were wrong. She no longer wants Satan to have any power over her, but instead desires to serve Jesus for the rest of her life. Her eagerness and love testify of a heart that is tender and receptive to His power.

Mark Whitaker attended evangelistic meetings in Little Rock before coming to the Benton seminar. He too chose to follow the voice of Jesus. Through God's power, he stepped out to keep the Sabbath, and plunge his past life into the waters of baptism, rising to a new life in God's grace.

Another inspiring story comes from Willie Field, who radiates a deep love for Jesus. Yet for many years, two prayers have gone unanswered: "Lord, I want to study the end times," she pleaded. She asked her church family about the prophecies of the Bible, but received little response. Still she prayed. Her second prayer was her heart's cry for deliverance from a burden that nearly crushed her. Unable to share it with family or find freedom, she came to the seminar and, to her delight, God answered both prayers!

"I've learned so much!" she beams. Through personal study and the ministry of others, she had already received the beautiful truths of salvation, God's commandments, and Christian health and lifestyle. Through David's seminar, she studied carefully and joyfully embraced the Bible evidence about the Sabbath. She learned many new things and, after seeing it in God's Word, gladly accepted new truth.

When she learned about the Sabbath and the remnant church of Bible prophecy, she spoke with her own pastor. He warned her not to be deceived. "Oh pastor," she explained, "it's all from God's Word. I'll bring the materials to you." Her heart sank as he replied, "Please don't bring them to me." In prayer, God showed her that she should not think anything negative about her pastor, but that her time there was finished, and God was now giving her a key.

"A key?" she puzzled. "What could that mean?"

She found her answer on a Sabbath morning when David Morgan shared his testimony. She wept as she identified with the evangelist's story, and afterward David and I prayed with her, that she would allow Jesus to carry her pain. "I let it all go," she exclaims. "God has lifted a burden I've been carrying for many years, and now I have peace." She explains, "This is the key, the key to a new door God has opened for me!" Praise God for His power to answer prayer!

As I share this testimony of God's power, I reflect on the

baptismal service and how awesome it is that God changes lives. Pastor Ross Harris skillfully emphasized that each person was entering into fellowship with Christ in three special ways: in a funeral of the old life, a birth into the new life, and a wedding to Christ to walk with Him for all eternity. Each baptismal candidate received the personal attention, not only of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but also of Pastor Ross and his church family. One guest said it best: "Seeing Pastor Ross's faith and enthusiasm for Jesus makes you want to go to that church." I agree. The Benton church family is blessed with godly leadership. I also pray that we will all draw closer to Jesus, for He is coming soon.





BEHIND THE SCENES

What's new at Amazing Facts...

Jëan Ross Joins Amazing Facts

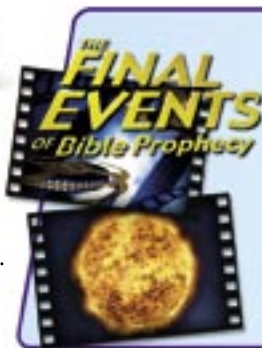
The College of Evangelism welcomed Jëan Ross, a native of South Africa, as Assistant Director in January 2005. His responsibilities at AFCOE include teaching and supervising evangelistic series.



Jëan's experience and work ethic are ideal qualities for AFCOE. He arrives from Missouri, where he trained local church members for evangelism. He also coordinated NET '96 and other satellite series, while also supervising and teaching various local evangelism outreach efforts. In addition, he has developed evangelistic videos and Bible prophecy guides for local evangelism efforts.

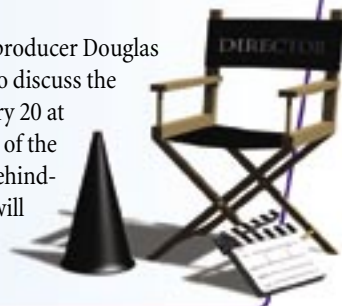
Jëan began his theology training at Helderberg College in South Africa, and received his degree in Pastoral Ministries from Weimar College in California. While studying, he spent time in Taiwan as a missionary teaching English and the Bible. After graduation, he worked in the Iowa-Missouri Conference, where he pastored several churches. He was ordained in 2000, after which he coordinated and conducted evangelistic series in Costa Rica, India, Zimbabwe, and the Dominican Republic.

This highly involved church member is known as an energetic preacher who communicates the gospel in a clear, simple, and captivating manner. Says Jëan, "My focus and



Final Events on 3ABN

Pastor Doug Batchelor and project producer Douglas Garcia will be on *3ABN Today LIVE* to discuss the *Final Events* DVD/CD-ROM on January 20 at 8 p.m. Central. Garcia will share some of the technical details of the project, with behind-the-scenes footage, and Pastor Doug will discuss what God's Word has to say about the end-times. Don't miss it!



love in ministry is evangelism. I enjoy working with people." Fortunately for Amazing Facts, he adds, "I am at my best when preaching evangelistic sermons and being involved in teaching and training members for evangelism."

Alan Parker, AFCOE director, says, "Jëan Ross brings creativity, evangelistic passion, and practical experience to AFCOE. He knows how to deal with people and he'll be a great addition to our team." Jëan is married to Ruth, and they have three children. When away from work, he enjoys playing guitar, traveling, and outdoor family recreation. He is also fluent in Afrikaans.

Brian McMahon, Evangelism Coordinator

Senior evangelist Brian McMahon has been bringing his extensive skill and experience as a soul-winner to his role as evangelism coordinator. If you would like to schedule a life-changing seminar by one of our seasoned evangelists and find out more about our meetings, please contact Brian at 916-434-3880.



Two Ministry Workers Become One

David Morgan, Amazing Facts evangelist, and Annie Kjaer, former AFCOE assistant director, were married on December 20, 2004, during a beautiful ceremony in Frederick, Maryland. Annie joined Amazing Facts in 2000, but had met David Morgan, an AFCOE graduate, in August of 1999. Says Annie, "Wait on the Lord and He'll give you the best." The two will continue their work in ministry and spread the gospel at Amazing Facts seminars all over the country.



Our Youth Making a Difference

The 2004 General Youth Conference (GYC) was held in December at the Sacramento Convention Center, sponsored by Amazing Facts and AFCOE. Evangelist Tyler Long organized the Sabbath outreach and witnessed a tremendous response:

Approximately 800 kids went out on the streets doing outreach, knocking on 5,143 doors and prayed with almost 300 souls. More than 715 seekers enrolled in the Amazing Facts Bible Study course, and over 5,000 pieces of literature were handed out. Many contacts said they loved watching ministry programs, even a pastor from a Sunday church!

That night, more than 100 youth devoted their lives to training for the ministry in response to Tyler's call, so please pray for them as they endeavor to do God's work.

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A good night's rest is one of those essentials for abundant health, but for many it's an easy one to neglect. We'd rather accomplish one more task, write one more e-mail, or watch one more program than go to bed. To compound the problem, few of us get the physical activity that would reward us with sound, refreshing sleep, and the stress in our lives makes it even harder to relax. Among the unfortunate consequences of inadequate sleep are impaired mental functioning, depressed immunity, and 100,000 auto accidents a year.

If you need help getting your fair share of sleep, here are some suggestions:

- Include at least eight hours of sleep in your schedule. People who sleep between eight and nine hours a night tend to live longer. Experts say that if you need an alarm clock to wake up, you aren't getting enough sleep, so adjust your schedule until you routinely wake up naturally, feeling refreshed.
- Cut out possessions and activities that don't contribute to your well-being. A cluttered life produces a stressed and overstimulated mind.
- Laugh every day. Notice the beauty around you. Appreciate your blessings.
- Spend 30 minutes outside each day, weather-permitting. Sunlight entering the eyes stimulates the production of serotonin, an important hormone needed for proper sleep function. Using bright, full-spectrum lights in your home and office is also helpful.
- Exercise every day. "People who work hard sleep well" (Ecclesiastes 5:12 NLT). Physical work lowers levels of stress hormones circulating in the body and raises levels of mood-enhancing, relaxing hormones.
- Avoid stimulants and depressants, such as caffeine and alcohol, that interfere with sleep physiology.
- Make your evening meal light and at least 3 to 4 hours before bedtime. Hunger can interfere with sleep too, so if you're hungry at bedtime, eat a small serving of complex carbohydrates, such as whole-wheat crackers, which raises serotonin levels. A banana is also a good choice.
- Wind down your activity in the evening and develop a relaxing bedtime routine. For example, turn off the TV



or radio, turn the lights down, and read a devotional book. Take a warm shower or bath to help you relax.

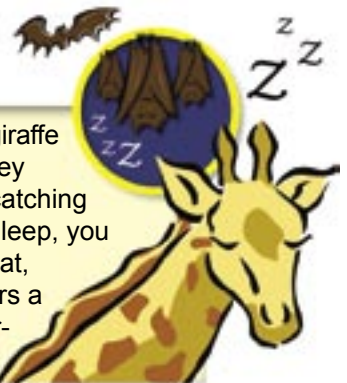
- Make your bedroom a welcoming retreat. Remove the TV, clutter, and other distractions. Keep it cool, dark, and well ventilated at night. Invest in a good bed.
- Check your medications; some can interfere with sleep.
- Try herbal teas or capsules, such as mint or hops, that can help you relax and fall asleep gently without the side effects most sleeping pills have. Many herbal products are specially formulated for this purpose. Melatonin, a natural hormone involved in sleep regulation, is also available. Check with your doctor before using these products.
- "Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry" (Ephesians 4:26 NLT). Science has documented the physiological damage caused by prolonged anger, including depletion of hormones necessary for restorative sleep and a strong immune system. If you can't sleep because of anger, worry, or other negative emotions, write those feelings down in a notebook you keep by your bedside. Those who practice this often report greater satisfaction in life.
- Share your feelings with God in prayer, then claim His promises for comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-7), as well as wisdom and strength for handling the difficulty (James 1:5). Ask for peaceful sleep (Proverbs 3:24).

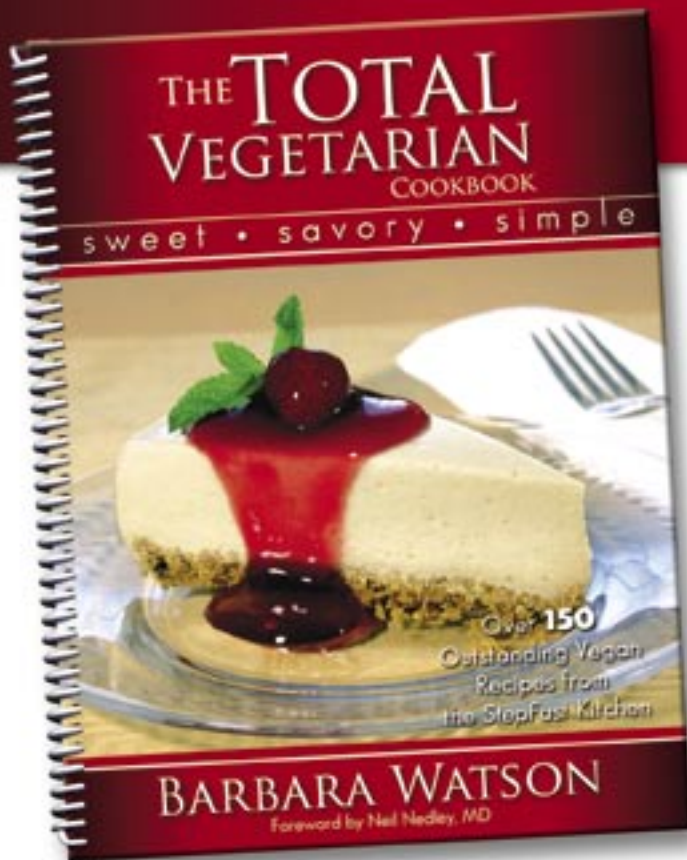


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