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One-on-one.

In the past few months, I've experienced a whirlwind of unusual opportunities that are both exciting and humbling. You might have already heard about the interview we had with National Geographic television for their upcoming film documentary called *Secrets of Revelation*.

This program has incredible potential to share the Bible truth about end-time events on an international scale to an audience who has likely never been exposed to the last-day message. Even better, the producers have expressed interest in using portions of our own *Final Events* DVD in the documentary.

I should hasten to add, however, that we still don't know what the final program will look like because several other people with varying perspectives were also interviewed. So please pray the broadcast will encourage people to study their Bibles and lead them to the truth.

But even in the midst of this "grand scale" opportunity, God wouldn't let me forget that every individual soul in this world needs our personal, dedicated attention. You see, part of my National Geographic interview included flying by helicopter to my old cave. As we were setting up for the shoot, I struck up a friendly conversation with the pilot and shared with him my book *The Richest Caveman*. (I try to always keep a few witnessing books in my backpack when I travel.)

About a week later, he wrote me the following in an e-mail:

"I am almost through with the book. It really was an amazing experience going there to your cave. . . . Your story and that day may have an impact on me beyond just being interesting. I am in somewhat of a 'searching' phase in my life spiritually. It is amazing how people and events seem to fall into place where they 'belong' sometimes."

I have followed-up on our conversation, but naturally, it will be up to God to take things from here. Still, He opened the door

to this searching soul and all I had to do was walk through that door. Sometimes it's as easy as starting a simple conversation based on a common interest; in this case, we're both pilots.

Come this September, I'll host a brand-new Revelation series called MAP—Most Amazing Prophecies. You can read the details about it on page 11, but it's another *big* opportunity to share the gospel during a time when so many are open to spiritual things.


So much is happening right now. On the heels of the Ten Commandments Day, the *Da Vinci Code*, *Left Behind*, and so

much more, chances to share the truth have never been greater. So the MAP meetings represent another tremendous opportunity on a grand scale.

But it's going to take more than big events. It's going to take you and a personal touch. Truth is, we'll probably get people to come to the meetings through advertising, but nothing will make a difference like you. We can take care of big things like production, set design, and providing resources—but we

need you to help make the one-on-one touch more personal. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Luke 10:2 NKJV).

So I'm encouraging you to register your church or home as a host site for MAP as soon as possible. We're already preparing a great package of witnessing resources. Amazing Facts is also going to help you and your church with pre-work and even follow-up. What we can't do on our own is to touch lives on that personal level like only friends, neighbors, and family can.

Always remember that even in the big picture, we can't miss the small promptings of the Holy Spirit to get individual people to come to hear about Jesus. It was a one-on-one personal conversation with Nicodemus that gave us John 3:16. 



Pilot Jay Voelz at my cave!

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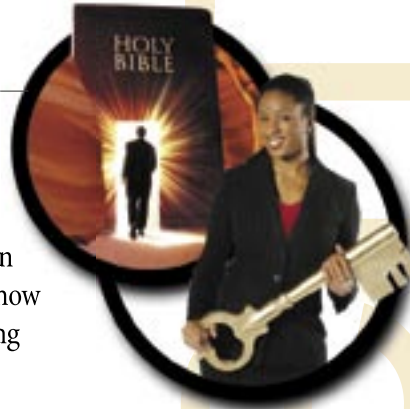
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# Mail Bag

## A Family Transformed

Thank you for your Revelation seminars! We attended the series with the Bradshaws. They are such a blessing to the body of Christ! Because of the teachings, my husband and I were re-baptized. My 11-year-old daughter was also baptized! We are now Sabbathkeepers! I am so excited to be learning the truth of God's Word. Thank you so much for your ministry—it means the world to us! *Washington*

## Reaching the Young


I have been doing your Study Guides for about four months—one lesson a week. I am in sixth grade, so I also have to do my homework. Your Bible lessons have impacted me greatly. I am now on a biblical diet and am feeling a whole lot better and doing better in school. I just want to thank you for the wonderful effect that Amazing Facts has had on me by preaching solely God's Word. *South Carolina*

## A Prodigal Returns


I have followed all of Pastor Doug's seminars on 3ABN. I have been a Christian at heart since I can remember, but I was a lot like him when I was young—living a rough life and smoking. But then my mom taped the seminars and sent them to me. They were inspiring, and I was baptized in February 2006. Thank you for your fantastic work that made me a baptized Sabbathkeeper. I'm promoting Amazing Facts and spreading the Word. *South Africa*

## Multimedia Matters

I first learned of your ministry this morning while watching television. I really like the way that topics were taught in a manner that makes things understandable. What a blessing! I look forward to learning more of God's Word through your organization. *South Carolina*



I'm a Muslim living in the Republic of Iran. I watch some of your amazing sermons on television using a satellite receiver, which is forbidden in my country. Your programs are really wonderful—they shake your heart as an earthquake shakes a house. I've never heard these words before, and I thank you a lot for them. I love you all, and may Allah bless you all. *Iran*

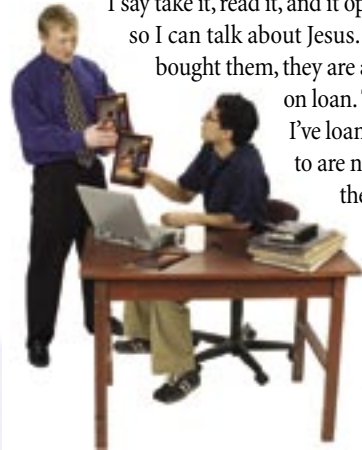


## Everlasting Gospel

It was really nice to be able to experience your Sabbath worship online. Usually I only catch the sermon, but this week I saw the whole service. It was a truly uplifting experience. It's so difficult to watch the service live as the time difference makes it hard to catch it where I live. Please keep making it all available online. *South Korea*

## Caveman at the Office

Thanks for your book *The Richest Caveman!* I had to order 5 copies. I leave copies on my desk at work. People can't help but ask about it, and I say take it, read it, and it opens doors so I can talk about Jesus. Since I bought them, they are all still out on loan. The people I've loaned them to are now loaning them to other people. It's great to watch the Holy Spirit at work. *California*



## Little Things Bring Big Blessings

I am enjoying all the series on your program *Everlasting Gospel*. Today I watched the "The Power of Little Things" sermon, and I just finished watching it again on the internet. Not one of your sermons is boring. To deliver such powerful messages, you have certainly humbled yourself in the eyes of God. I shall continue to pray for you and your ministry. *E-mail*

## Bringing Truth and Comfort

Recently I lost my father. The Lord was gracious to me and allowed me to know for a fact that he got saved before he died. But I just happened across your program this morning and have been listening all afternoon. I cannot tell you how much comfort it has given me to be reminded that heaven is not some far off fairy tale, nor is the coming of our Lord. I just wanted to say thank you for that. *Missouri*



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# WE'LL HELP REVIEW YOUR WILL



**"I'm concerned that my will might be out of date.  
But how do I know when it should be reviewed?"**

Many estates are not distributed according to the individual's desires, simply because the estate plan is outdated.

Ask the following questions:

- Are witnesses to your will still living?
- Have you moved to another state since your will was drafted?
- Does your will appoint a personal representative who would be unable to serve today because of where he or she lives?
- Have minor children become financially independent, resulting in a change in your desires for estate distribution?
- Have tax laws changed since you last reviewed your estate plan?
- Do you need to explore the use of a trust?
- Have your charitable interests changed since your will was drafted?

- Has the size of your estate increased substantially, resulting in a need for tax planning?
- Does your present estate plan provide for management of property in case of disability prior to death?
- Are there additional methods you may employ to avoid probate at the time of death?

Your answers to these and other questions just might indicate that you need to update your estate plan. So we've prepared a special *Guide to Planning Your Estate* that will be of immense value to you as you review your estate plan—to make sure it is up-to-date and will carry out your current distribution desires.

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I have remembered Amazing Facts in my estate plan.






# Discovering THE WORD

THE ULTIMATE RESOURCE, PART 2  
BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

“Then He said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.”

—Luke 24:25–27



**T**he Word of God needs to be part of our lives. Sabbath morning study time is fine, but we need to spend more time with the Bible than once every seventh day. This will never happen, however, unless you make the decision to reserve regular time with the Lord in study and prayer.

Last summer, we devoted two issues of the *Inside Report* to learning how to pray, and that, I believe, was helpful to many. So now I want to concentrate on ways to study the Bible because many people still don't know how to receive the Word in their lives most effectively.

## LIFE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Someone said that “Bible” is an acronym for Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. Sure, it's a cliché, but the Bible is the operating manual given to us by

our Creator, and many of us are having serious life-management problems because we're ignoring the basic instructions. Too many people are struggling in their personal lives, and they're being overcome because they are neglecting time in the Word.

Men are renowned for getting into trouble because they don't read the instructions or take time to ask for directions. As I've gotten older, I've discovered that you can save a lot of time and money simply by reading manuals. The people who made the bicycle know how to quickly assemble their product and operate it safely. It makes practical sense to read their instructions.

Imagine coming home with a brand-new computer. It's the latest and greatest from Silicon Valley, but suppose you don't know anything about how to use it. Before long, you're plugging the cables into the wrong sockets, not loading the software correctly, and on and on. When you finally turn it on, all you get are problems like error messages and the “blue screen of death.”

How much more complicated is a human being than a computer? We need to know much more to live our lives correctly than what we need to know to use a computer! But so many see it the other way around, and it's why they're struggling with their lives and making bad decisions. Psalm 119:11 says, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You” (NKJV). So the Bible is a defense against sin, and because we are repeatedly tempted, we need to read these instructions frequently. We need to study them with all our hearts.

*A man once dreamed that he was out walking in a vast desert when he heard a voice, “Pick up some pebbles and put them in your pocket, and tomorrow you will be both sad and glad.” The man obeyed; stooping down, he picked up a handful of pebbles and put them in his pocket. The next morning, he reached into his pocket and found precious diamonds and rubies and emeralds. As foretold, he was both glad and sad—happy that he had taken some, sorry that he hadn't taken more. And so it is with God's Word.*

## HOW TO STUDY SCRIPTURE

But how do you study the ways of God? It's one thing to own a Bible; it's quite another thing to read it. How do you go about *studying* it? Is it really a locked book, filled with hidden codes? Do you need to have a degree or be a theologian to get its secret meanings? The answer is an emphatic "no!" And I say that because I'm exhibit A—living proof that you don't need to be a great professor of religion to grasp the Word.

When I first started reading the Bible, I was a high school dropout. Comparatively uneducated, not a great reader, and faced with a King James Bible, I was nevertheless able to understand what I read. God was able to speak to me through His Word, even though I didn't get everything straight the first time. Eventually, it became clear. And today, even after many years of studying, I am still blessed with new light when I read my Bible.

How did I do it? It's not a great mystery, and everyone else can do it too. I've outlined some basic principles that have proven very useful to me in studying the Bible. These ideas have changed my life and helped me to become an avid student of God's message. I have no doubt that if you apply these principles, you too will be able to understand, and your life will never be the same. How could it, when you are getting in touch with your Maker day by day?

## ASK THE AUTHOR

First of all, before you read the Scriptures, you should pray. A sincere prayer before you read is worth more than a long meandering prayer. The Bible is a divine book requiring divine guidance to understand it. The Lord says, "The word is Spirit and life." God's Spirit inspired the writing; God's Spirit needs to inspire the reading. We're told that spiritual things are spiritually discerned. That might seem like common sense, but most people try to read the Bible with their own feelings as the interpreter. They want the Bible to tell them what they want

*Is the Bible a  
locked book  
filled with  
hidden codes?*

to hear; they want it to say what they want it to say. That won't work—imposing ourselves on what we read rather than allowing God's *Spirit to impose on us what we need to understand*. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14).

James 1:5 explains, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." We can expect God to give us wisdom while we're reading, especially when we with an earnest heart ask for His help. If you want to understand a book, who better to ask than the author? Sometimes you might read a passage in a book and ask yourself, "What did the writer mean by that?" Unfortunately, you can't call most authors to ask what they meant. But you can ask God. He can grant you perfect understanding because He wrote it.

## AGAIN AND AGAIN

John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, said, "Read the Bible and read it again. Do not despair of help to understand something of the will and the mind of God as if they are fast locked up from you. Neither trouble yourself though you may not have commentaries and expositions. Pray and read and read and pray for a little from God is better than a great deal from man."

Bunyan wrote one of the best-selling books of all time, but he was technically an uneducated man in the sense that he didn't have a lot of formal training. He didn't have a Ph.D. But he became a brilliant man through the devoted reading of Scripture. He read passages over and over again until they finally made sense. That's exactly what happened with me.

When a soldier in some distant land gets a love letter from his girlfriend or wife, does he read it only once? I don't think so. No, he pulls out that piece of paper and reads it over and over again. He might even smell it and figuratively wrap himself up in her words of love and encouragement. He will search every word, every nuance, reading between the lines just to understand what his wife or girlfriend was truly saying. The





Bible is a love letter from God to us; should we treat it with less interest?

## BE WILLING

Jesus said in John 7:17, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." One of the biggest keys to understanding God's message is having a willingness in your heart to accept and act on what you read. It is so important to ask, "Lord, help me apply the things I have read in your Word to my life." Approaching God with a cynical curiosity will most likely lead to confusion and frustration.

I have a theory that there are some things God does not allow us to understand because we are responsible for what we understand. Jesus said, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now" (John 16:12). If we aren't walking in the light He has already shone on our path, why should He give us more? It would just make us more culpable in the judgment.

Sometimes it can be hard to have that willingness to do what the Bible says, so you might even need to pray for God to make you willing. If nothing else, pray that He will make you willing to be made willing. Our carnal natures are in rebellion against God. Our sinful natures make us want to do sinful things, and we might not be that eager to surrender to what the Word of God tells us.

During the final illness of W.C. Fields, someone walked into his hospital room and found him reading the Bible. Because Fields was not exactly known for piety, the person asked, "Bill, what are you doing?"

"Looking for loopholes," he replied.

That's exactly the wrong attitude! You must approach the Word of God

with a heart willing to obey its precepts. That will get you on the right

road, as it put me on the right road. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). The biggest battle in comprehension we all face is a willing heart. Get your heart right with God, and your mind will follow.

## LET IT SPEAK FOR ITSELF

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Sometimes we over-spiritualize basic things in the Bible, never letting the words just speak for themselves. Of course, there are many spiritual symbols in Scripture, but when the Bible says, "He woke up in the morning," a lot of people agonize over it, trying to squeeze some spiritual meaning out of a straightforward verse.



It's important to get the factual record of what happened. Don't bring preconceived ideas to prove what you already believe. Instead, let the Bible speak for itself. You might even find people who will say, "I know I'm right. I've just got to find a verse to prove it." And they'll start reading the Bible not to hear what God says, but what they want to prove.

It's possible to completely butcher the Bible and different verses, rearranging, cutting, and pasting passages to torture God's Word until it declares that water flows uphill. So be careful. Again, we need to approach the Word with a humble, willing heart—and be open to what the Bible says even if what it says isn't exactly what we want to hear.

## UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT

With the exception of Proverbs, the Bible is not a series of isolated one-liners. Some people "study" by jumping one verse to another, leading them to some serious doctrinal problems. So when you read a verse, you should also read a few verses before it and a few verses after it. Sometimes that's all you need to do, but other times your runaway might need more landing and takeoff room. You might even read the entire chapter. Occasionally, to get the complete context, you'll need





to read the whole book. Trust me, it's worth the investment.

1. Often it is valuable to know the *historical, geographical, and cultural* context. For example, I remember reading Jesus' teaching about honoring your father and your mother, but then He mentions "Corbin." Who's Corbin? Well, I had to do a little background study to find out that in their culture, children could dedicate their wealth to the temple instead of using it to support their parents in their old age. It was a rite that enabled them to dodge the commandment, because their wealth was now technically God's property. That's where a little extra research paid off big.
2. Also consider the *language*. Sometimes when things are translated from one language to another, there's a potential to lose context and information. There are little nuances of meaning that can't always be exactly translated from one language to another. Though you don't need to know the original language to be able to understand the Bible, sometimes taking a little time to look up the original meanings of words can be very helpful to enhance comprehension.

So as you mature in your Bible study, don't be afraid to check maps, dictionaries, commentaries, and concordances. They will help you immensely in getting the gist of each passage and help you grasp the meaning in ways that will astound and amaze you. Of course, as Bunyan said, you don't need these to understand what God is saying. For centuries people built beautiful houses with only hand tools. But now power tools can make the job easier! Just start where you are, with whatever tools you have handy. If you do, I guarantee your hunger will grow and you'll find a little Bible study library growing up in your home or on your computer.

## DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS

When arriving at truth in Bible study, you need to get the testimony of two or three witnesses. "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established" (2 Corinthians 13:1). This applies to Bible study as well.

Some will read one verse in the Bible and create an entire doctrine on that verse alone, without much justification. For instance, I often get asked about a passage in 1 Corinthians 11 regarding women not cutting their hair and praying with their heads covered. This isolated verse can be difficult to understand. Why then build a belief system out of it, especially when no other verse even hints at that subject. You've got to be careful about building a monument around that one verse, as it might have just been a cultural custom.

Isaiah 28:10 teaches, "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." A good reporter will interview as many

witnesses as possible when writing about some major event. Likewise, running to and fro through the Bible, comparing scripture with scripture, will work to help you learn for yourself what the truth really is. You need to look at all the relevant verses dealing with a subject and compare them with each other. This is crucial. You won't be embarrassed if you study the Bible that way.

Some of the popular false teachings today are based on one or two nebulous and misunderstood verses. Proponents of these odd teachings keep going back, again and again, to these few verses until they've managed to build an enormous following even though they neglect the weight of evidence from hundreds of other verses that, if carefully studied, would contradict the very teaching that they are so passionately promoting.

## AVOID PRIVATE INTERPRETATIONS

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:20, 21). Sometimes, we'll hear someone say something like, "This is what I think this verse means," or even, "I feel in my heart it could mean this because of a dream I had last night" or some other warm fuzzy feeling. Be very careful when you hear these kinds of subjective statements. It's often an indication of people not letting the Bible speak for itself.

Additionally, people who don't study with others often develop eccentric beliefs. Of course, God can speak to you alone through His Word, but almost without exception people who don't fellowship with other believers and don't bounce their interpretations off stable Christians can come up with some very bizarre ideas. They become a law unto themselves, forgetting that in the multitude of counsel there is safety (Proverbs 11:14).

In Acts 20:30, Paul warns, "And of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things," meaning warped teachings, "to draw away disciples after them." Sometimes these independent teachers want simply to be unique to gather a following around



them, so they come up with an exotic doctrine and say they have a revelation from God that no one else has. But please remember, in Acts 17:10, 11, we're told about the people of Berea: "And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." If you do that, diligently studying the Word of God with other Bible-based followers of Jesus, you will be safe.

## WHERE'S THE BEEF?

The church is struggling today and facing a biblical illiteracy pandemic. It's so important now to be personally grounded in the Word because false teachings are only going to multiply as the clock of earth's history winds rapidly down.

In the end, the devil and his minions are going to be quoting from the Bible more than ever. He'll wave it around and point to it and he won't hide from it. For many, the superficial, shallow, breezy approach to Bible doctrine will not prepare them to defend



their faith against the devil's clever deceptions. He already has his people out there, sharpening their arguments and twisting Scripture to their ends.

The milk of the Word is certainly okay for starters. Peter tells us that "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). It's clear that God can

work with you wherever you are, but growing saints must graduate from milk to meat. That's why we need to dig deeper for solid food. How long have you been receiving milk? When are you going to get ready for the real meat of the Word?

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able" (1 Corinthians 3:1, 2). Stop delaying and get studying; there's a lot of nourishing meat in God's Word just waiting to be assimilated.


## THE TIME IS NOW

Legend has it that during the bloody Civil War battle of Shiloh, Sam Houston, Jr., son of the famous Texan, was shot square in the back and knocked to the ground. When found by a Union soldier and examined, they found he was only bruised from the bullet. The lead ball had been stopped by his mother's Bible, which Houston carried in his knapsack. The bullet was still lodged in its pages, stopping near the Psalm that proclaims, "O God: Thou art my help and deliverer."

As we enter the last days, it will not be enough to have our Bibles in our pockets or in our backpacks—we must have the contents lodged in our hearts. Remember, we can keep from sinning when we have His Word written in our hearts (Psalm 119:11). There might be a day coming when your Bibles will be taken away and all you're going to have is what you've stored in your heart. You might be brought before judges to defend your faith. They probably won't hand you a Bible, yet we're going to need to know how to give an answer for what we believe.

When the devil tempted Christ, Jesus didn't have a backpack full of scrolls. He had the Word of God in His heart, and the Holy Spirit brought remembrance to Him. He said, "It is written," and we will be able to say the same as long as we are willing to open up the Word now and dive right in.

That's what I believe God wants for His people today. He wants them to be able to stand before anyone, anywhere, and, as Peter said, "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).

And those answers are found in just one place, the Holy Scriptures, the Word of God . . . the Bible. So take it with your hands, read with your eyes, and store it in your heart—starting today. 





# THE *Most* AMAZING PROPHECIES

REACHING THE NATION  
FOR CHRIST

By Jim Ayer, Major Event Coordinator

**G**uided by an urgency to reach our world for Christ in an incredibly important and volatile time, Amazing Facts is in the final stages of purchasing a half-hour prime-time slot on i TV (formerly known as PAX). The specially chosen airing date is Monday, September 11—marking the fifth anniversary of the attack on America. This special program will feed viewers into the upcoming Most Amazing Prophecies series that will be broadcast live from the campus of Andrews University beginning September 15, 2005.

i TV reaches 91 million households in the United States, meaning we can reach a potential audience of more than 200 million viewers. Amazing Facts will also air this special program on our other major TV outlets, reaching most of the 57 major metropolitan cities across the nation. The impact will be enormous!

## Beating the Devil at His Own Game

But this is just the beginning! There's something you and your church can do that will multiply the influence. Sign up your church as a downlink site for the upcoming Most Amazing Prophecies series, which starts September 15 and runs through September 23. Ten exciting meetings, presented by Pastor Doug Batchelor and hosted by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson over nine days, will focus on biblical prophecy and how it affects every viewer today.



Doug Batchelor

When you register as a downlink site, you'll receive an informative packet of resources that will help make your evangelistic meetings the most rewarding your church has ever held. We're also making special handbills that you can hand out to everyone you meet or bulk mail to targeted ZIP codes in your area.

But these aren't just your average run-of-the-mill flyers. And this is what's so exciting: Our flyers will invite people to watch TV. We'll invite people to tune to i TV on 9/11 for the Amazing Facts special program. It's no secret: People love to watch TV. The devil has made sure of that and given them worldly programs, but now we can use this tool for the Lord.



Dwight Nelson

Amazing Facts knows we can capitalize with a program designed to reach viewers right in their own homes. They will have an opportunity to tune into a dynamic and fast-paced presentation on *The Final Events of Bible Prophecy* during regular prime-time viewing. This program will include dramatic footage from our *Final Events* DVD and will be professionally hosted by Pastor Dwight Nelson.


Dwight Nelson will also introduce Pastor Doug and tell segments of his fascinating story from riches to a cave to a Bible. During the program, Pastors Nelson and Batchelor will also weave in the final events devastating the world, such as natural disasters and the horrors of terrorism as seen in 9/11, encouraging viewers to take a special interest in end-time prophecy. Then they'll ask them to call in or log onto a special website to register for the upcoming Most Amazing Prophecies series.

## Teamwork

That's why we need you to participate in this crucial effort to rescue souls. People who register for the meetings will receive a special free gift from Amazing Facts and will be given the address of the location nearest them showing the series. When you register your downlink site with us, we'll send callers in your area to you!

But you should not only register as a participating site for Most Amazing Prophecies; you should also tell everyone you meet to watch the 9/11 special. Whether you're at the market, getting your hair cut, or whatever—you can tell everyone there about the special. You can even place radio or newspaper ads to advertise to many more people in need of truth.

All this can work, however, only if you and your church participate. How sad it would be if people watched the program and called in only to find there was not a downlink site near them. To make sure this doesn't happen in your community, go to [www.mapseminar.com](http://www.mapseminar.com) today!

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# BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



**Some say that justification is the gospel and sanctification is the fruit of it. Others say that the gospel is both justification and sanctification. Which is true?**

Many Christians find themselves unnecessarily worrying and splitting hairs over three heavenly minded theological terms—justification, sanctification, and glorification. I've always found that the best way to explain them biblically is to put them in context of a well-known story; it's probably the clearest way to understand God's plans for all those who seek Him.

When the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt, they could do nothing to save themselves. Overworked and persecuted, God sent them a savior, a man named Moses, who is a symbol of Christ. He said to Pharaoh, "Let my people go." The Pharaoh, who's a symbol of the devil, didn't want to let those slaves go, and he worked very hard at oppressing the people into even greater submission. Yet through a series of awesome miracles, the Egyptian ruler was forced to release his grip and the Jews walked right out of Egypt.

This is where our analogy really begins. The first thing the children of Israel had to do at the start of their journey was sacrifice a lamb. Moses didn't say, "You keep the Ten Commandments, and I'll save you out of the land of Egypt." Rather, they first had to sacrifice the lamb. This is justification; God looks upon sinners as though they are just because of the covering of the lamb—the blood of Christ. Put simply, justification means God looks upon us "just-as-if" we had never sinned.

In the story of the prodigal son found in Luke 15, the young man left home, took his father's wealth, and then squandered his inheritance on harlots and riotous living. Eventually he came to his senses after living in squalor while tending pigs. He decided to go home to repent and seek his father's grace. The Bible says that when the father saw his son, he ran to him and embraced his child with his own robe. That's justification.

And that is certainly part of the gospel. But that's just the first step. The gospel is actually twofold, and this is why: We are justified by the merits and blood of Christ, but it would be wrong to put yourself in a place where you continued to need that covering. The fact is, God covers our past and present sin, but He then wants to cleanse the inside. That's sanctification.

After God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, He led them through the wilderness. He didn't take them directly from Egypt to the Promised Land. In this sense, the Promised Land is a symbol of glorification—it's heaven. Egypt is where the Jews were justified; the wilderness is where they were sanctified; and the Promised Land is where they were glorified.

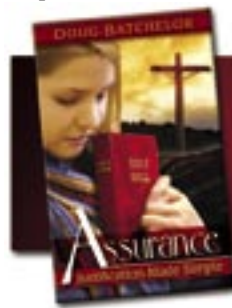
Tune in to *Bible Answers Live*, Amazing Facts' live, nationwide call-in radio program, and listen to Pastor Doug give biblical, straightforward answers to difficult Bible questions. To get times and stations in your area, or to listen to answers online, visit [www.amazingfacts.org](http://www.amazingfacts.org). You can also request a free program guide by phone or mail.

But first they had to go through the wilderness, where they built a sanctuary. Even within the sanctuary compartments, we can see the three aspects of salvation that God wanted His people to see. They were justified in the courtyard, sanctified in the holy place, and then glorified in the most holy place. In the wilderness they learned about salvation, and then they went to Mount Sinai and found out what God's will is—His law as spoken in the Ten Commandments.

It's important to realize that they did not get the law until *after* He saved them from slavery. God wants us to obey Him because He saved us, not to be saved—otherwise that's salvation by works. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." So sanctification is the second step in the process. First God justifies us just as we are, then sanctification means the process of becoming a saint or "saint-ifying." You learn new things from God's Word, and He helps you put them into practice in your life.

When Peter, James, and John first began to follow Jesus, they were justified because they committed their lives to Christ, but they had a lot of problems. The Bible says they began to argue among themselves about who was the greatest and were fighting for the highest position alongside Jesus. John and James lost their temper and wanted to burn up a city in Samaria. So they weren't completely sanctified. But after three years of following Jesus, their hearts and their teaching and philosophy began to transform. That's sanctification—it helped them to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

So both justification and sanctification are part of the gospel. It's a simple truth that can be wrapped up in one sentence: Jesus came to save us *from* our sins, not *in* our sins. —

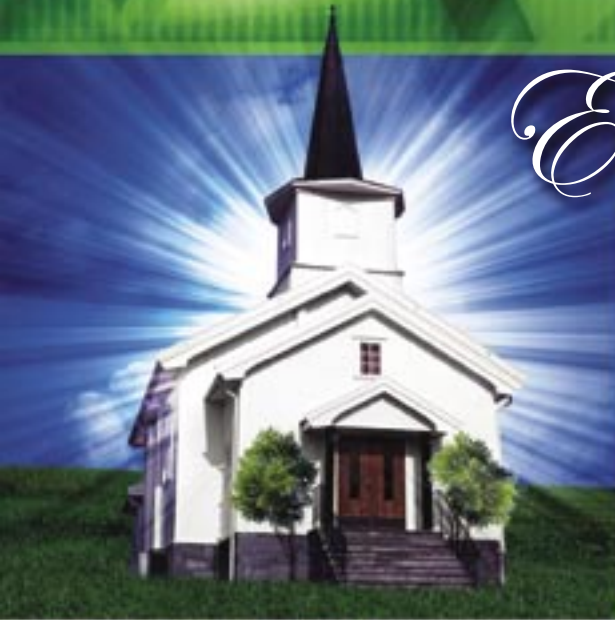


To learn more about justification, order Pastor Doug's new sharing pocket book called *Assurance: Justification Made Simple*.  
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Doug Batchelor



Emanuel Baek



John Bradshaw



Byron Corbett



Eric Flickinger



Lowell Hargreaves



Tyler Long



Brian McMahon



Jason Morgan



Jack Pefley



Dennis Priebe



Adam Ramdin



Jason Sliger

## ▼ Doug Batchelor

Summer Camp Meeting Schedule

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**June 9, 10**  
Glorieta, New Mexico

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## ▼ Emanuel Baek

**July 21 – August 26**  
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## ▼ John Bradshaw

**September 7 – October 14**  
Bakersfield, California  
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## ▼ Byron Corbett

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## ▼ Eric Flickinger

**September 8 – October 14**  
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# THE Harvest REPORT

## Revelation OFFERS Hope by Chris Lovato

*The following testimony reflects God's awesome providence—as an Amazing Facts seminar and a life desperately needing change are brought together to transform that life for the kingdom. Says evangelist John Bradshaw, “Chris came to California having pretty well mucked up his life. But a much-needed surgery gave him time off work, which ‘happened’ to coincide with our seminar. He eagerly responded to the message, and now he’s already helping with Bible studies. During the seminar, acquaintances tried to convince him he was headed in the wrong direction. But he stood his ground, appealed to the Bible, and came out beautifully!”*

I was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and grew up there in a home with Christian values but not much in the way of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I had my first brush with the law at age 18 when I got caught driving under the influence. I was pretty much a hedonistic pagan—partying and living without morals.

I once had hopes of a professional baseball career and played one year of junior college baseball. However, injuries and court dates from my DUI brought my hopes for a baseball career to an end. Lacking direction and living life without a moral compass led me to search for pleasures from the sinful desires of the flesh. As things started unraveling in my life, I started to come apart on the inside. I felt confused and aimless—I didn't know what I wanted or needed. My lifestyle was leaving me feeling empty and a sense of guilt over my self-centered

actions was beginning to overwhelm me.

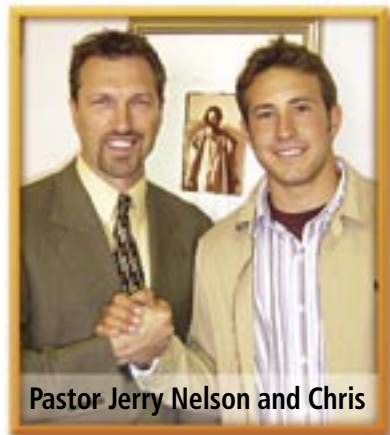
Then in God's timing, my uncle who lives in California called offering me a job working construction. Without hesitation, I grabbed a blanket and pillow and hopped on the next train. As I started a new life in California, I didn't have the influence of my friends. I had a lot of time alone and that led to intense self-reflection. God started speaking to me about the way I was living

my life and started showing me the effects it had on my character. With the blessings of a good job, I was finally able to have surgery for an injury that had been plaguing me for years. Anticipating the downtime I was going to have, and realizing the repercussions of an idle mind, I prayed to God that He would use this time to teach me something significant for my life.

A month after the surgery, I got a promotional ad for the *Revelation Offers Hope* prophecy seminar presented by evangelist John Bradshaw. With reservation and a guarded mind, I attended. A couple nights before the seminar had started, I had just been studying the book of Daniel so I was hooked when John opened his meetings with Daniel 2. As the presentations went on, the Bible didn't look like just a book—it came to life. The way that John presented “The Three Angels Message” sermon was convincing and captivating. I was so encapsulated with the love that God had shown me that I felt that I had to show Him as much as humanly possible.

On October 8, 2005, I shut my eyes to the world and woke up a new creature created in Christ Jesus. I went into the water just as I was, with my addictions, my problems, and the confusion about my future. I was baptized into the Sabbathkeeping church of Arroyo Grande. The church body welcomed me with open arms and the love that only Jesus can give.

I now live to please God and to represent His character in the way that He will have me present it. I thank Jesus for the Sabbath and His abounding patience with me. I can hardly wait to see my Savior face to face, and I want to spend the rest of my life this side of heaven cooperating with God in “hastening the day of His appearing.” Meanwhile, I will praise and serve my Savior in heaven who rescued me. Just think of it—at this very moment Almighty God is reigning on His throne with power and glory. My changed life is proof enough of that! —



**Pastor Jerry Nelson and Chris**

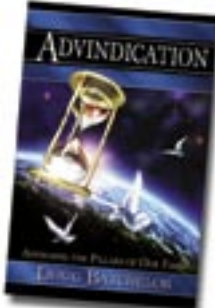
### A Marriage Strengthened

My husband and I were so blessed when we went to the Amazing Facts seminar in Abbotsford, British Columbia. John Bradshaw is one of the most blessed speakers I've heard. I used to go to church but it was always just because my husband did. After a while my husband stopped going to church too, and we were very unhappy. Then in the summer my husband started to go back to church, but I told him I was not going. He was praying very hard for me to come with him. I finally agreed to go with him in Sept. The first Sabbath I was back at church they were talking about the seminar in Abbotsford, British Columbia. My husband convinced me to go with him and we have never been so blessed. My husband and I were re-baptized!





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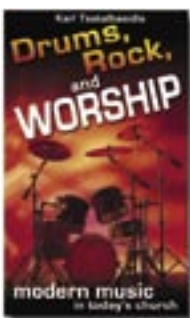


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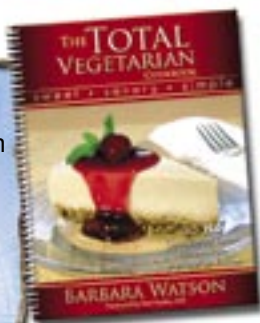
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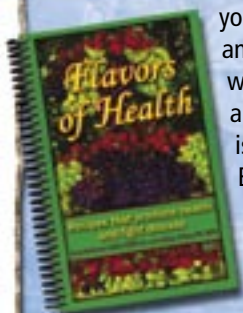
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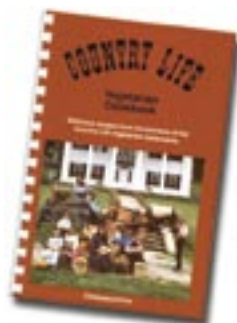
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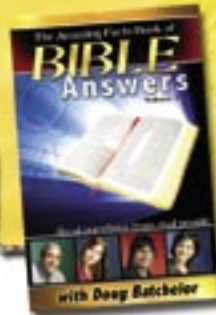
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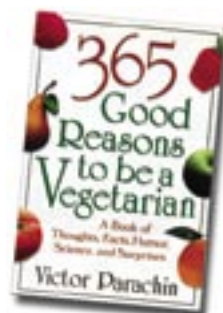
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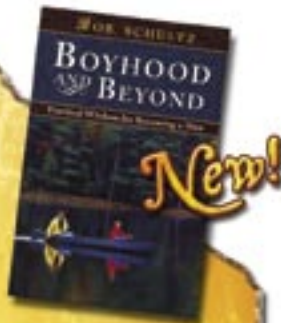
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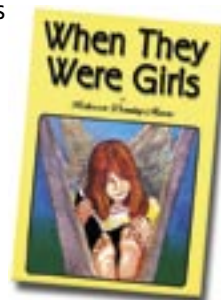
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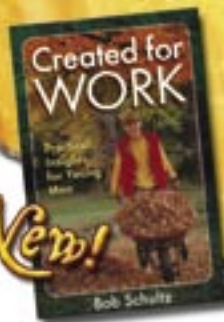
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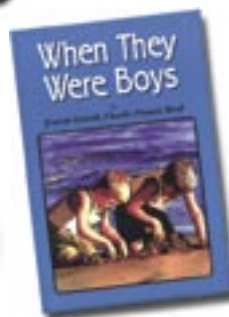
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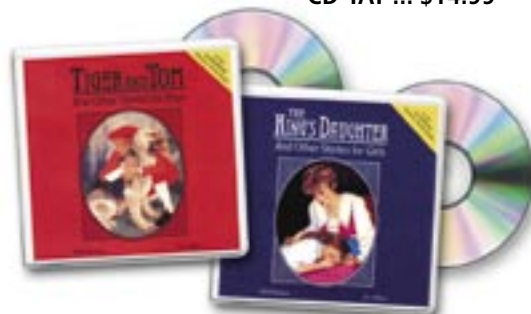
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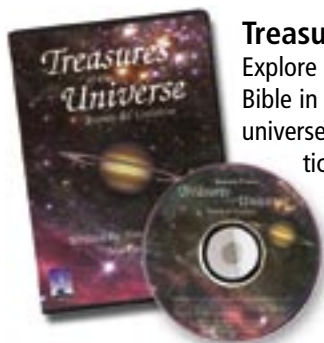
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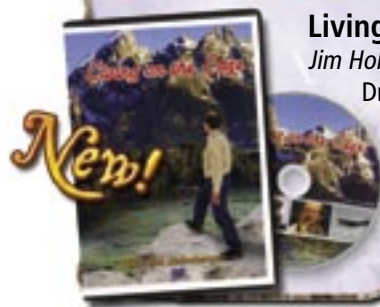
This audiobook collection of 46 timeless stories especially for girls will help build up strong characters that will serve them for a lifetime. Excellent narration on 4 CDs that you can take anywhere! (Companion to *Tiger and Tom*.)

**CD-KD ... \$14.99**



**Living on the Edge DVD**

*Jim Hohnberger.* Jim relentlessly pursued the American Dream but soon discovered it left him unfulfilled. He risked everything to find a better way and as a result, he found the secret for genuine satisfaction. His whole life turned around, and what he learned will do the same for you.  
**DV-LOE ... \$19.95**

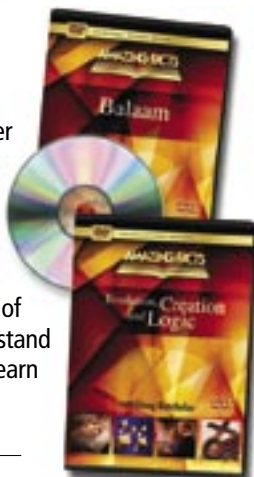


**J.N. Loughborough and the 3 Cent Silver Audio CD**

*C. Mervyn Maxwell.* This riveting audio-CD tells the story of John and Mary Loughborough, whom God drew low and then raised up when they finally accepted His call into ministry. A faith-building and uniquely presented message perfect for Sabbath listening.  
**CD-JNL ... \$9.98**

**Balaam DVD**

*Doug Batchelor.* You've heard about the talking donkey; now see how God uses the good and the bad to accomplish His will by following the path of a prophet-for-hire. You'll discover where you need to be spiritually to be a good witness.  
**(DVD) DV-BALA ... \$24.95**

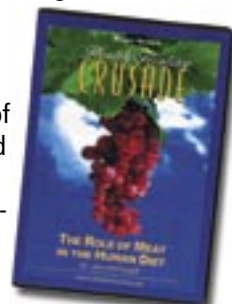


**Evolution, Creation and Logic DVD**

Evolution has been destroying the faith of millions for hundreds of years and compromising the beliefs of today's Christian. Understand why believing in a literal creation is still important today, and learn why it is the most logical approach to the world of science.  
**(DVD) DV-E2522 ... \$16.95**

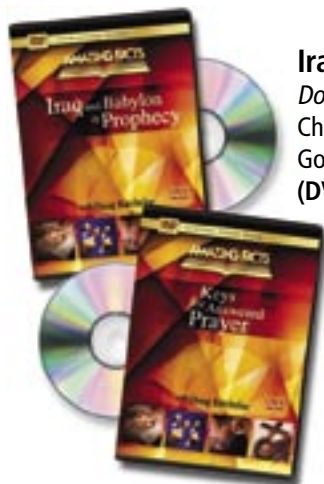
**The Role of Meat in the Human Diet DVD**

Receive a tremendous blessing with this informative health program hosted by Dr. John McDougall. You'll better understand the effects of meat on your health and why you should avoid popular diet fads sweeping the nation.  
**DV-RMHD ... \$15.00**



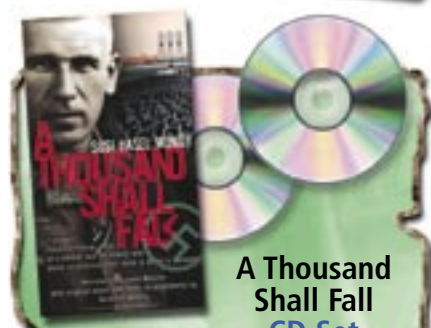
**Iraq and Babylon in Prophecy DVD**

*Doug Batchelor.* Babylon—what is its significance for Christians today? A riveting presentation that warns God's people to leave a fallen kingdom forever.  
**(DVD) DV-E2315 ... \$16.95**



**Keys for Answered Prayer DVD**

*Doug Batchelor.* God hears and yearns to grant the requests of His people. Learn how to pray biblically, effectively, and with power and see changes in your life that you never thought possible.  
**(DVD) DV-KAP ... \$24.95**



**A Thousand Shall Fall CD Set**

*Susi Hasel Mundy.* The electrifying true story of a family that dared to practice their faith in Hitler's Germany and saw God perform miracle after miracle. As thousands around them fell victim to the horrors of war, they were borne up on the wings of angels. Narrated by Lauren Mazzio with original music and hymn arrangements by Nicholas Mazzio.  
**CD-TSF ... \$34.95**

**The Ten Virgins DVD**

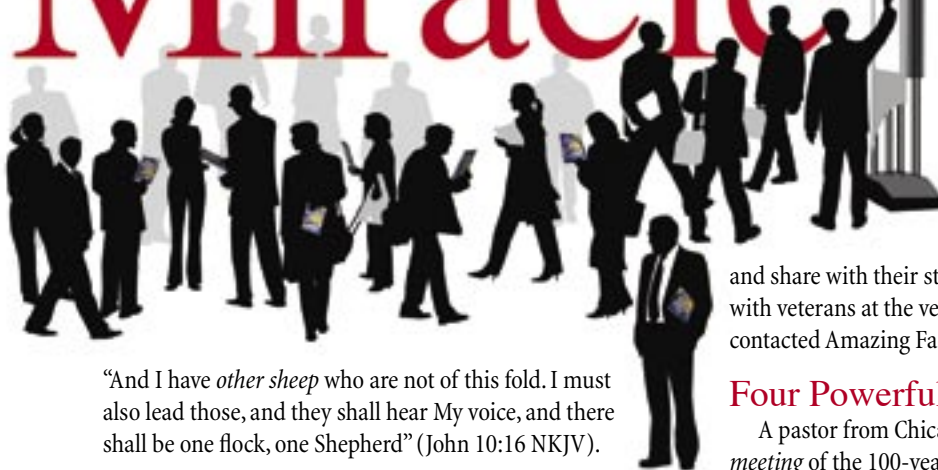
*Doug Batchelor.* Understand one of Christ's most perplexing and disturbing parables and know what it means to be ready and awake when Jesus returns.  
**(DVD) DV-E2532 ... \$16.95**



**The Unpardonable Sin DVD**

*Doug Batchelor.* The mystery behind the unpardonable sin has confused and frightened many sincere Christians. But now you can learn the truth behind this vital doctrine and how to avoid committing the only sin that God cannot look past.  
**(DVD) DV-UNP ... \$24.95**

# A Final Events Miracle



“And I have *other sheep* who are not of this fold. I must also lead those, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd” (John 10:16 NKJV).

**B**ecause of our aggressive advertising campaign on the internet, one of the largest and fastest-growing Christian denominations in the world contacted Amazing Facts and *invited us* to their convention in Southern California.

Made possible by the help of a generous friend, Amazing Facts set up a booth at the convention to hand out 25,000 free copies of *The Final Events* DVD. Providentially, Amazing Facts received the prime spot—right at the doors where everyone coming in would see our booth and free DVDs first!

## Extraordinary Results

Without question, the divine imprint of the Holy Spirit was evident throughout the convention. The full, undiluted end-time truths found in *Final Events* is now in the hands of those in South Africa, Russia, Cameroon, Nigeria, China, Philippines, Kenya, England, Sweden, Canada, Peru, Uganda, India, Indonesia, France, Samoa, Australia, Portugal, and Romania!

Not only did many attendees excitedly respond to the DVD, God showed us that Amazing Facts is already making a national and international impact by preaching the three angels' messages to believers not yet exposed to them.

One fellow had just completed reading Pastor Doug's *Richest Caveman* and asked how to get to his church. “He preaches the Word,” he said. “He’s anointed, and I love his ministry.” A lady from the Philippines got tears in her eyes as she told how they love Pastor Doug and his message. “I’ll take anything he has; he is awesome! His testimony is cool.”

Just how popular was the DVD? According to Jim Ayer, event coordinator, “Two others took our DVD and handed it out to the crowds along with their book. It seems to have given them more prestige.” In addition, one music band even plans to give *Final Events* out as prizes during a coming engagement.

## Reaching Teachers

One of the most thrilling responses was from those who are teaching others. They grabbed up the DVD in hopes of using *Final Events* to better share the truths of the Bible with those in their classes. For instance, a group of workers from Portugal watched the documentary and took a case to share with their students, and a professor of theology took 15 to share with his class.

Even pastors were picking up a DVD and asking if they could take some to all their colleagues. In addition, multitudes asked to take *Final Events* to their Bible study class and share with their students. One minister took a few copies to share with veterans at the veteran hospital where he ministers and has also contacted Amazing Facts for many more!

## Four Powerful Days of Evangelism


A pastor from Chicago said our ministry *set the tone for the entire meeting* of the 100-year anniversary celebration. “Your booth is so nice, and giving away the message for free is so spiritual!”

Says Jim Ayer, “God also opened doors on a personal level too. An attendant from another booth confessed to secretly enjoying Pastor Doug’s messages. When he found out we were a Sabbathkeeping ministry, he asked to talk more in private. We went to dinner and talked for at least three hours about everything from the rapture, the state of the dead, to the Sabbath.” Jim has sent the man a copy of *The Prophecy Code* series and a set of Bible Study Guides.



A local church group pitched in to tend the booth and pass out *Final Events* to everyone who walked through the door.

Adds Jim, “The Lord is calling His people, just as He promised in Revelation 18:4. He’s using Amazing Facts in a mighty way to fulfill this promise. We’re seeing that more than ever. It’s exiting.” Pastors from varying Christian backgrounds around the world have asked Amazing Facts to speak to their congregations and other pastors.

Amazing Facts has reached, by God’s grace, a huge segment of people who would not otherwise hear or perhaps even be open to the urgent message Christ has for them. Praise God for this incredible opportunity to reach His people with the full truth that will help them know Him better in these last days. 



# NEWS NOTES

## iTunes Podcasts

Podcasts are audio files that you can download to listen to on your computer or portable music player. The iTunes music program makes this process easy and automatic. Each week (or whenever you specify) iTunes will check if a new file is available. If it is, it will download it for you automatically.

If you don't have iTunes, you can download it at [www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com). After installing, launch iTunes and go to the "Advanced" pull-down menu. Select "Subscribe to podcast" and then type in the following *Bible Answers Live* link: [feed://feeds.feedburner.com/BibleAnswersLive](http://feeds.feedburner.com/BibleAnswersLive). You can also repeat the process for *Central Study Hour* by typing in the link: [feed://feeds.feedburner.com/CentralStudyHour](http://feeds.feedburner.com/CentralStudyHour).

There are other programs that can manage podcasts, but iTunes is the most popular. You can also now use iTunes to listen to the podcast after it downloads. Each week, you will automatically get a new episode to listen to *Central Study Hour* and *Bible Answers Live*. What could be better than that?



## Great Controversy Documentary

Amazing Facts will be producing a high definition documentary that will bring to life the great controversy between Christ and Satan. Beginning with the fall of Lucifer in the courts of heaven, viewers will be taken on a journey through time to view highlights in this cosmic struggle.

Planned historical highlights include the fall of man, the Flood, the children of Israel, Christ's first coming, the Dark Ages, the second coming, and the new earth. The struggle between Christ and Satan over the souls of men will be the focus of this groundbreaking production.

Shot in high definition, this program will make an awesome presentation for large group settings. The DVD version can be used as a tremendous soul-winning tool. The projected completion date is the end of 2007. See how you can help make this an incredible Christian resource on page 25.



## The FACTS

Sign up for Amazing Facts' newest online newsletter. *The Facts* is the best way to receive up-to-date news on everything happening in the ministry. Be the first to know about exciting developments and get special discounts on some of our best Christian resources. Sign up today; you'll be glad you did!

## April 15 Thank Offering

For those of you receiving a refund on your income tax, may we make a suggestion? Why not dedicate a percentage of your refund to the Lord's work through Amazing Facts? Any amount would be a blessing. And contributions to Amazing Facts are tax deductible!

## Final Events in the Netherlands

Martin Riemersma is sharing the truth about Bible prophecy in a unique way in his home country. He's helping to spread the three angels' messages in the Netherlands with a special caravan, a brand-new plasma television, a trailer, and a Dutch translation of *Final Events*. God is truly using *Final Events* to touch lives all around the world!



## Marketing Coordinator Needed

Amazing Facts is seeking a team player with experience in marketing strategy and communications. This position is responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and management of all aspects of our marketing program. This person will also identify, plan, and implement strategic objectives, manage a budget, and coordinate and oversee these programs as they relate to all departments of the ministry.

A college degree is required, with a concentration in marketing, business, or communications preferred. Candidate should have strong leadership skills and several years of experience and proven results in developing and administering a successful marketing program. Polished presentation and interpersonal skills are a must. Current and proficient computer skills are required.

Position requires a history of Christian dedication and willingness to relocate to the Sacramento area. Please contact Human Resources at [personnel@amazingfacts.org](mailto:personnel@amazingfacts.org) to submit your cover letter and resume or call 916-434-3880.

# THE ENDURING Commandments

CLIFFORD GOLDSTEIN AND DOUG BATCHELOR

Most of the world was horrified when Afghani Abdul Rahman was tried for the capital crime of converting from Islam to Christianity. After his trial, he was secretly whisked away to Italy, where he was given political asylum. Rahman didn't change as a person from the time he lived in Afghanistan to his time in Italy—he's still a Christian convert. But in Italy, he faces no charges. Why? Because there are no laws in Italy against religious conversion. No law, no crime. It's that simple.

## NO LAW, NO SIN

Many well-meaning Christian leaders have said, "We don't have to keep the law any more," supposedly because we're no longer under the law, but grace. But many of these same Christians would freely admit that sin is still in the world. Yet if there can't be crime without a law specifying what is a crime, how can there be sin without a moral law defining sin? "For where there is no law there is no transgression" (Romans 4:15 NKJV; See also Romans 7:7.). If sin still exists, then logically, so must God's law.

And the Bible is quite clear regarding the ongoing reality of the problem of sin. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). (Also read 1 Kings 8:46; Romans 5:12; and Galatians 3:22.) It doesn't take much faith to believe in the sinfulness of humanity; it's all around us.

Moreover, the following verses, all from the New Testament, hardly sound as if the Ten Commandments have been abolished: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. . . . If thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law" (James 2:10, 11). Also read Matthew 5:27, 28; 1 John 5:2; and Revelation 14:12. On the contrary, they *have to be* about the Ten Commandments, because if there were no law, there would be no transgression. "Where there is no law there is no transgression" (Roman 4:15 NKJV). The Ten Commandments reveal our transgressions, our sins.

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). It's by the law that we know the reality of sin, meaning the Ten Commandments are still intact. How much clearer could the Word of God be?

## THE CROSS AND THE LAW

Nevertheless, some Christians often use the death of Jesus on the cross as a decisive event that somehow nullifies the law of God. They point to Christ's grace as something that negates the obligation to obey the Ten Commandments.

This errant belief can be countered in a number of different ways. For instance, if after Jesus died we don't have to keep the law, does that mean we can now commit adultery, murder, and steal? No one really believes that! However, there's another way of looking at the cross and the law: Far from nullifying the law, the cross is the one thing above all others that validates the Ten Commandments. How so?

When King Henry VIII wanted to divorce his first wife, he had a big problem. According to the laws of England, it was illegal to divorce, especially because he wanted to marry his mistress. So what did he do? He simply changed the law. Henry didn't change his actions to meet the demands of the law; he changed the demands of the law to meet his actions.

That was a real kingdom; let's look at an imaginary one. A king has a son, a hopeless reprobate who is caught stealing jewels from a rich neighbor. The law demands 10 years in jail for theft—no exceptions. What does the king do? Not wanting to put his own son away for 10 years, the king uses his royal powers to change the law. He gets rid of the statute that made stealing jewels a crime. How could his son be punished for breaking a law that doesn't exist? He can't. (But what would happen to a kingdom with no law regarding stealing?)

Imagine the same scenario, only with one difference: Suppose the law was so sacred that not even the king could change it—as in Daniel



6:8. The law demands punishment, but the king loves his son so much that he doesn't want him to face punishment. So the king mercifully takes the punishment on himself. He substitutes himself for the son in order that the demands of the law are met and his son is spared.

This story is obviously analogous to the gospel, the self-substitution of God in our place. Because God's law cannot be changed, Jesus paid for our violation of the law, so the demands of the law were filled while we, as violators of that law, are not punished.

If God could capriciously change His law, wouldn't it have been easier for Him to pull a King Henry—and change the law to accommodate the transgressor? When you think about the cost of the cross—God bearing the sins and the suffering and the guilt of all humanity—wouldn't it have been less costly to have just “lowered the bar,” to have modified the law so that deeds once deemed violations of the law no longer were? How much easier for God to have changed the definition of sin to meet humanity in its sin rather than to bear the penalty for that sin.

But more to the point, if God didn't change the law before Christ died on the cross, why do it after? Why would the law have been abolished, or changed, after the penalty for its transgression had been paid. If anything, paying the penalty for the law reinforces its authority. How much easier for God to abolish or alter the law right at the start! It would have been like the king changing the law about theft after he had already paid the penalty for its violation. Why not change it beforehand and save himself the punishment? In the same way, Jesus' death shows that if the law could have been changed, or abolished, it would have been before and not after the cross.

Thus nothing shows the continued validity of the law more than the death of Jesus, a death that occurred precisely because the law couldn't be changed or abolished.

## THE REAL ISSUE

However, the debate regarding whether the Ten Commandments have been abolished really pivots on just one of its commandments. Most arguments against keeping the law are really just an argument against Sabbathkeeping. No matter how much lip service they pay to the Ten Commandments, most Christians shy away from the fourth commandment found in Exodus 20:8–11.

Most likely, if the seventh day were not a bone of contention, all these arguments against keeping the law of God would have evaporated long ago. It would probably have never become an issue. But by fighting against the fourth commandment as it reads, many have found themselves unwittingly fighting against the whole law, which they don't really want to do.

If you claim to keep the Ten Commandments, you can't get around the one that tells you the seventh day is God's appointed Sabbath. And as the only commandment that specifically begins with the word “remember,” it should make it exceedingly hard to ignore.

Because of this one troubling commandment, many mainline churches have been playing down the entire Decalogue for generations. They say they “don't want to teach legalism” of the Law of Moses or that “we're under a new covenant led by the spirit, not by the letter of the law.”

Yet it was only a matter of time before this false teaching uprooted the moral principles in our society. As the prophet said, “For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind” (Hosea 8:7). While misguided ministers avoided preaching on the Ten Commandments, rampant immorality reached historic all-time highs, with issues like same-sex marriage, on-demand abortion, assisted suicide, and a blizzard of other depraved issues receiving sympathy. Eventually, something had to give!

## TEN COMMANDMENTS DAY

Then shortly after September 11, 2001, things changed. A number of powerful religious leaders, including Billy Graham, mused that the terrorist attack could be seen as a judgment from God. Many believed a national call to repentance for our blatant disregard of God's law was overdue.

Another “alarm clock” that woke up many Christians was a series of court rulings seeking to delete the words “Under God” from the national pledge and systematically remove the Ten Commandments from public displays. Many Christians expressed a renewed interest in the Ten Commandments, and even some conservative media outlets joined the fray.

But nothing shows this renewed interest in God's law than the first annual Ten Commandments Day. Sponsored by numerous Christian denominations and leaders, including such big names as Pat Robertson, Charles Colson, Benny Hinn, and James Dobson, the Ten Commandments Day (May 7, 2006) was billed like this: “Finally, a day in which

we can come together and celebrate  
God's eternal moral



law.” Among the objectives of the day, its official website says that it seeks the following:

- “To restore the supremacy of the tenets, precepts, and principles contained in the Ten Commandments.”
- “To provide a global symbol that expresses our submission and commitment to the values found in the Ten Commandments.”
- “To create a mechanism by which the Word of God can be restored in every aspect of society peacefully and without violation of the legal system.”
- “To give opportunity for identification with millions who adhere to the supreme, universal law of God.”

In many ways, these talking points sound quite good for the body of Christ. It’s nice to see Christians acknowledging the supremacy of “God’s eternal moral law.” Many of us would even say, “It’s about time.” Meanwhile, the political issues behind the Ten Commandments Day cause should give us pause. Again, from the official Ten Commandment Day website:

“Recent court rulings against the Ten Commandments, along with a host of disturbing trends we witness daily throughout our culture, clearly demonstrates that our nation is moving away from that tradition. These actions have threatened the very fabric and foundation of our culture and faith. The Ten Commandments and all other references to God, which have served as the moral foundation and anchor of our great country, are systematically being removed from public places. Public displays of the Ten Commandments and other symbols of our faith have been a powerful visual testimony to the fact that the

United States of America is ‘one nation under God.’ Their removal from public places shows that those with a secular humanist agenda are intent on destroying the moral heritage of our nation.”

Thus, the Ten Commandments Day represents a major change in the thinking of Christian leaders. It might also be an important prophetic milestone. The author of *The Great Controversy* writes, “When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions . . . the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.”

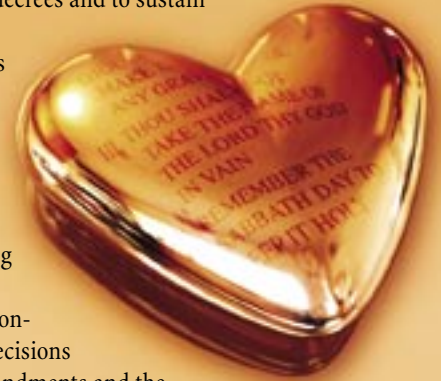
## IN THE HEART

Few people probably appreciate the far-reaching and incredibly profound impact that recent and soon-coming Supreme Court decisions regarding the Ten Commandments and the religious will have on our culture. It is not a small battle brewing over the public display of the Decalogue. It could ultimately be the battleground on which every other moral question is fought. Politically volatile issues such as same-sex marriage, pornography, abortion, and others could ultimately be swallowed up by the Ten Commandments debate.

Which gets to the heart of the real issue about God’s law: Public displays might serve as a passive reminder, but if we read the Bible correctly, the most important place to display the law is in our hearts. “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people” (Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 8:10).

The heart is where it can do its work, not to save us, but to show that we are saved, to show that we love God and that our love is expressed through our obedience to His commandments. “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3).

Until that law is in our hearts, we can have Ten Commandments Day every week as opposed to every year and it still won’t make a difference—at least not where it really matters. —



For more about the Ten Commandments, visit our website at [www.TenCommandmentFacts.com](http://www.TenCommandmentFacts.com), where you’ll find many great resources to learn about God’s moral law and to share with others. The site will help you and others find answers to commonly held questions about the Ten Commandments, the covenants, and especially the Sabbath truth.



# Project Storehouse

Building His Kingdom Together



**Project: IndiaNOW!**

Amazing Facts is gearing up for our massive soul-winning mission to India this November. Our missionary teams are forming now and Bible workers are preparing to begin the pivotal pre-work necessary before our outreach teams arrive. Our goal is to plant 70 churches and baptize

thousands of new believers into the body of Christ.

**Funding Goal: \$1,300,000**

**Storehouse: \$230,358.89**

**Project: New Television Program and Broadcast Expansion**



We're developing a new 30-minute television program featuring Pastor Doug's best sermons and making them available to a bigger audience than ever. The new format will appeal to today's viewer, presenting Amazing Facts as an awesome Bible resource warehouse!

**Funding Goal: \$3,000,000**

**Storehouse: \$60,745.32**

**Project: Prime Time Final Events**

**DVD Commercial**



Amazing Facts goal is to advertise *The Final Events* on a major network, offering a free copy of the DVD to anyone who asks. Imagine countless people around the country learning the last-day message for the first time and being able to make an informed decision for Christ!

**Funding Goal: \$500,000**

**Storehouse: \$47,634.67**

**Project: Great Controversy DVD**



With the evangelistic success of *Final Events*, Amazing Facts will produce a brand-new documentary based on the classic *Great Controversy*. It will be a great way to share the plan of redemption and the last-day message before the return of our Lord!

**Funding Goal: \$1,500,000**

**Storehouse: \$4,057.37**

■ **More Ways to Support God's End-Time Work**

- You can now do more to further the gospel with even more giving options available! Do you have a non-cash gift you would like to donate to help reach souls lost in darkness?
- Amazing Facts gladly accepts vehicles, stocks, mutual fund shares, and real estate that we can convert into soul-winning resources.
- Call us at 1-800-436-2695, ext. 3029, and we'll assist you with the paper work and how you can benefit with the best possible tax deduction.

# Bring Pastor Doug to Your Community -



# Community - *Live!*

## Become a *Bible Answers Live* Sponsor

**W**ould you like to send your neighbors to Pastor Doug for answers to their Bible questions? Bring him to them instead with *Bible Answers Live!* You and your church can sponsor the popular call-in show on your local radio station—and give your friends the chance to take their questions directly to Pastor Doug.

Whether your friends and neighbors are wondering about Revelation or the rapture, Pastor Doug has a Bible answer, and he's always ready to share it in a friendly, down-to-earth way. Because of the call-in format, the program reaches right to where listeners are, with a personal, non-threatening approach. It is a powerful way to bring Pastor Doug and the last-day message right into homes that otherwise have no other door open to the gospel, planting seeds that the Holy Spirit can use to save souls.

### Easy to Get Started

How can you make it happen? The first step is to call the media department here at Amazing Facts at 916-434-3880, ext. 3042, and ask for an information packet with a program demo. The packet will give you the details on how to contact the station and get the process rolling. We'll also answer any questions you have and support your effort every step of the way.

However, we can tell you now that your sponsorship will be more successful if you lay a solid foundation for the broadcast by putting several key factors into place from the start. These factors include selecting favorable airtime, advertising, and forming a strong financial support team.

Since *Bible Answers Live* is designed as a live, call-in program, stations airing it during the live time get much higher response than stations airing at other times. The live time is Sunday nights at 7 P.M. Pacific Standard Time, or 10 P.M. Eastern Standard Time. While 10 P.M. might seem a bit late, response data reveals that stations in Eastern Standard Time airing *Bible Answers Live* in that 10 P.M. live slot, actually get about four times the response of stations that rebroadcast the program at other times—even times that might seem to be more favorable. And if the station can't pick up the live feed, but air a rebroadcast CD during the live time, they still get high response. So factor number one is: If at all possible, secure the live time.

The second factor essential to success is advertising. What is the value of a great program if no one knows it's there? Advertising can be as simple as printing flyers to put up on bulletin boards around town (flyers are available from the ministry), negotiating with the radio station to get slots for radio ads (radio ads are also available through the ministry), putting an ad in your local newspaper, or asking your local public access TV station to run a crawl at the bottom of the screen. Making a plan to ensure that your neighbors know about the show will bring you more listeners and will also generate the response you want!





## Finding a Committed Support Team

One of the most important keys to successful sponsorship is preparing a solid financial foundation for the broadcast, and the financial foundation is made up of a committed team of sponsors. With the cost of airtime in most cities, it is more feasible to pull together a small team of sponsors to support the broadcast than for an individual to try to carry the broadcast alone.

In creating such a team, it is not enough to make an announcement asking the church members to pitch in for a new outreach project, and then wait to see what comes in from month to month. It is best either to take the project to the church board and have the board vote to support the broadcast, or to pull together a small team of committed sponsors who are able

to stay with their commitments for the long-term. When this foundation has been laid, you will have a very strong and effective outreach, ready to make a lasting impact on your community.

You really can lay this foundation with a little work and lots of prayer, as many others have already done, and bring truth and hope into the homes of your friends and neighbors. Call 916-434-3880, ext. 3042, to request a sponsor packet, and bring *Bible Answers Live* to your neighborhood today!



### A Life Changed

R.A. George in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sponsored *Bible Answers Live* in his community where God brought them a sincere seeker who caught the program on the radio. At the end of each broadcast, R.A. ran an advertisement for Bible studies and shortly after, a man named Robert contacted him seeking Bible studies, which were based on the ministry's Bible Study Guide series. Not long after, Robert was baptized and has become a devoted member of a Sabbathkeeping church.

**The Final Events of Bible Prophecy**

**DVD VIDEO**

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**Full of Bible references and exciting special effects, it's the perfect answer to today's popular but false prophecy teachings. Includes a bonus Bible study encyclopedia with hundreds of pages of intriguing biblical information!**

**An awesome resource to share in a study group, with neighbors, or with anyone else you know! Reach out in a whole new way today!**

DV-FES ... \$10.99 (Special bulk pricing also available.)

**See page 17 for ordering information.**



# Special Recognition

## In Loving Memory of

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**Michael Antonucci** from Paul and Josephine Engel

**Stanley Nick Barnes** from Leona Vanyo  
**Ethel (Tandy) Bartley** from Peggy Ousley, her daughter  
**Micah Batchelor** from Mike and Ragan Kontes  
**Gill Bell** from William and Shirley Dennis  
**Vivian Berry** from Donald and Cynthia Berry  
**Wayne Bolyard** from Gordon and Jackie Tall  
**Dr. Charles Bowyer** from Elva Ruth Bowyer, his wife  
**Kelly Boyden** from Pauline Long  
**Harold and Edith Bricker** from Lucille Bush  
**Carl and Anna Brockmann** from Ethel Simeone  
**Ardys Brown** from Douglas Brown, her husband  
**Lorraine Brown** from Gordon and Jackie Tall  
**Milford Brown** from Millie Brown, his wife  
**Alfred and Elisabeth Bryner** from Gilda Wuerstlin  
**Arnold Bullock** from Viola Bullock  
**Shannon Burton** from Spurgeon and Donniss Lail, her grandparents  
**Bruce Bush** from Lucille Bush, his wife  
**Glen Byers** from Bonnie Byers  
**David Byrd** from Enid Henderson, his aunt

**Joseph Calkins** from Judy Schachten, his grandmother  
**Laverne Cate** from Esther Cate  
**Jonathon Chainn** from Beulah Griffith  
**Allen Chellis** from Gordon and Jackie Tall  
**Lim Ke Chon** from Rachel Polston  
**Agnes Christensen** from Ken Christensen  
**Stephen Paul Daniel Clatterbuck** from Mary Frances Flynn, his mother

**Betty Rees Coy** from Jack Coy, her husband  
**Joe Crews** from Lu Ann Crews, his wife; from Catherine Ritchie  
**Ronnie Crews** from Lu Ann Crews, his mother

**J. D. Davis** from Wanda Davis  
**Donald DeVries** from Elaine DeVries  
**Olive Dibble** from Frank and Muriel Phillips  
**Marjorie Dickinson** from Kent and Dee Dickinson  
**George Dietz** from Phyllis Dietz, his wife  
**Desmond Doss** from Lola Genton  
**Edith Durham** from William Lowe  
**Freda Koester Durichek** from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Shockey

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**Edward Flower** from M. Florence Flower  
**Jewel Foutch** from Frank and Gayle Tyroff  
**Eveline Frank** from Gordon and Jackie Tall  
**Jerry Freeman** from Hazel Freeman, his wife  
**Bill Fulton** from Edith Fulton, his wife

**Joe Genetti** from Wanda Davis  
**Pearl Goertz Goolsby** from Arlene Goertz  
**Mode Griffith** from Beulah Griffith  
**Frances Ellen Groves** from Mary Frances Flynn, her daughter  
**Washington Hames Groves** from Mary Frances Flynn

**Alex Hall** from Alyce Hall, his wife  
**John and Dora Hall** from Alyce Hall  
**Doris Harris** from Mary Frances Flynn  
**Richard Harvey** from Victorine Harvey  
**Lloyd Hawkins** from Mildred Hawkins  
**Don Hay** from Edna Hay  
**Joan Heinbaugh** from Jerry and Karen Johnson  
**Madelyn Heinrich** from James and Inez Burdick

**Kenneth Henderson** from Enid Henderson, his wife  
**Truman and Muriel Hendryx** from William and Courtney Seth  
**Joseph Herzberg** from Debra Fechik; from Kathy Woodhall  
**Joseph Hillebert Sr.** from Mildred Hillebert, his wife  
**M.D. and Pearl Howard** from Betty, their daughter  
**Ray Huber** from Gloria Huber  
**Leigh Ann Hunt** from Catherine Ritchie  
**Madeline Hurt** from Joy Stocker

**David Andrew Jahn** from Albert and Patricia Marion  
**John Janzen** from Agatha Janzen  
**Fred Johnsen** from Elsie Williams  
**Clayton Johnson** from Jerry and Karen Johnson  
**Donna Just** from Catherine Ritchie

**Howard Kemp Sr.** from Frieda Miller  
**Milton Kesler** from Yvonne Kesler  
**Arianna Kontes** from Mike and Ragan Kontes  
**Fred Krall** from Marie Krall, his wife  
**J. Ralph Krauss** from Catherine Krauss

**Mrs. Roger Leatherman** from Greg Pack  
**Letha Lee** from Del Nations; from Christine Neall  
**Rose Lehman** from Kent and Dee Dickinson  
**Martin Lewis** from Helen Marlin  
**Lionel and Melinda Loessberg** from Allene Carpenter  
**Alan Dean Long** from Pauline Long, his mother  
**J. Murray Long** from Pauline Long, his wife  
**Loved ones** from Dr. Oma Kattenhorn  
**Esther Lucas** from Frank and Muriel Phillips

**Elma Manske** from the Hamllins  
**Marc Marcussen** from Elizabeth Marcussen, his grandmother  
**Earl and Edna Marlin** from Helen Marlin  
**Hugh Marlin** from Helen Marlin, his wife

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**Julie Marlin** from Helen Marlin, her grandmother  
**William May** from Kent and Dee Dickinson  
**Virginia McCann** from Ada Bishop  
**Leota McCoughon** from Mable Towerton  
**Mr. and Mrs. N.C. McDowell** from Gwendolyn Knight, their daughter  
**Myrtle McGee** from Lucille Bush  
**Roger McNeily** from Priscilla McNeily, his sister  
**Frances Mehner** from Frank and Muriel Phillips  
**Paul and Merle Meyer** from Frank and Ruth Waxter  
**John and Harriet Meyers** from Helen Marlin  
**J.D. Miller** from Edwina Miller, his wife  
**Samuel Hames Miller** from Mary Frances Flynn  
**Carl Moore** from Mable Moore  
**Edward Morgan** from Joyce Morgan  
**Mary Mucci** from Lucille Bush  
**Winifred Mundt** from Keith Mundt, her son  
**Bill Murphy** from Beulah Keeler  
**Franklyn Bud Myers** from Naomi Laurence

**Glenn and Nellie Newer** from Patrick Newer  
**Dr. Bruce Nicola** from Charlotte Hamlin;  
 from Mckinleyville Church

**Vera Olmsted** from Bertram Robertson  
**Ruth Osborn** from Lucille Bush

**Jenny Palinka** from Ron and Lenore Roffey  
**Thomas Pangborn** from Shirley Turner  
**Floyd Phillips** from Frank and Muriel Phillips  
**Ray Phillips** from Frank and Muriel Phillips  
**Arlie Ammi Pierce** from Edna Pierce, his wife  
**Jeanette Poirier** from Alyce Hall, her sister  
**Aaron Polston** from Rachel Polston, his wife  
**Michael Prelog** from Robert and Donna Van Devander  
**Jennette Proctor** from Jennifer and Duane Wood

**Robert Radcliffe** from Kent and Dee Dickinson  
**Daniel Reiter** from Maxine Reiter, his mother  
**Reuben Reiter** from Maxine Reiter  
**Sam Renk** from Helen Renk, his wife  
**Max Ritchie** from Catherine Ritchie

**Johnnie Robinson** from Lillian Grignon  
**Artie Robinson-Derting** from Catherine Ritchie  
**Eric William Rogers** from Patricia McDaniel, his grandmother  
**Stephen Ross** from Lidieth Ross  
**Pansy Ruddle** from Francis Ruddle  
**Harry and Irma Rushold** from Udene and Marlin Allen

**Harold Schneider** from Elsie Schneider, his wife  
**Frances Scott** from Mildred Coffin  
**Clive Shakespeare** from Victorine Harvey  
**Garnette Short** from Loraine and Howard Drew  
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**Rocco Simeone** from Ethel Simeone  
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**Jack Stratton** from Donna Stratton, his wife

**Esther Tangen** from Marie Beachler  
**Vernon Tanner** from Hethie Tanner, his wife  
**Dr. Francis Thiel** from Dorothy Hughes  
**John Thiel** from Dorothy Hughes  
**Edgar and Essie Tunison** from Lu Ann Crews  
**Lillian Twing** from her family

**Charles Van Skike** from Lois Van Skike  
**Eddie Venn** from Ardatha Pederson, his mother

**Ruby Walker** from Paul and Pearl Genstler  
**Marian Wall** from Mark and Kim Swett  
**Richard Ward** from Harold Ruppert  
**Vernon Ward** from Daniel Ward, his son  
**Carrie Rose Westerback** from Eldon Allram  
**Elton and Olive Wetmore** from Bill Wetmore  
**Vernon Whitcomb** from Sharon Lufern-Peppard;  
 from Eugene Peppard  
**Arlene Wiggins** from Al Wiggins, her husband  
**Del Wiggins** from Al Wiggins, his brother  
**Kenneth Will** from Enid Henderson, his aunt  
**Silvia Wilson** from Arline Goertz  
**Forrest Wissner** from Trudy Brown  
**John Woodhall** from Kathy Woodhall, his wife

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**Bill Zima Sr.** from Patricia Zima, his wife  
**Mable Zuber** from Jane Alvarez

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**Evangeline Collier** from Herbert and Norma Douglass

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**Marlin and Delores Maste (50th)**  
 from Gerard Freeman

#### Happy Birthday

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**Florence Frank (98th)** from Jim and Mary Lou Crutcher  
**Matt Lawson** from Amos and Bertha Lawson  
**Britta Rusk** from Leo and Bobbie Jane Van Dolson  
**Ruth Opal Sneed (95th)** from Robert and Joy Sawyer  
**Viola Stolty** from Al and Pat Marion  
**Sherry Tilley** from Leo and Bobbie Jane Van Dolson



# 11 Things You Didn't Know Were Making You

# FAT

by Frances Piper de Vries, ASN

**W**ell, maybe not fat ... but lurking in your medicine cabinet might be medications and personal care products that are sabotaging your efforts to lose weight or maintain a healthy weight. Many interfere with the thyroid gland and its hormones that regulate metabolism. Here are some of the offenders with a few suggested alternatives:

**1** *Tricyclic antidepressants*, such as Elavil®, depress metabolism. There are prescription alternatives with a lower risk, including Lexapro® and Wellbutrin®. A natural alternative is St. John's Wort, which can be as effective as prescription antidepressants.<sup>1</sup> Like conventional antidepressants, St. John's Wort requires specific precautions.

Never discontinue a prescription medication without consulting your physician. Antidepressants must be tapered off over a period of time or serious side effects can occur.

**2** *Insulin and sulfonylureas* used to control diabetes cause nutrient and calorie retention. Combining oral medication with injectable insulin can reduce the amount of insulin needed. Diet and lifestyle measures can also reduce the need for medication.

**3** *Prednisone and other steroids* increase appetite and depress metabolism. Take the lowest dose possible and ask your physician for alternatives.

**4** *Propranolol* (Inderal® and other brands) is an antihypertensive that causes weight gain.<sup>2</sup> Other beta blockers, such as acebutolol or betaxolol, don't. Diet and lifestyle measures can reduce the need for medication.

**5** *Birth control pills* are famous for causing weight gain, but there are newer classes that carry a lower risk.

**6** *Antihistamines*, such as Benadryl® (diphenhydramine), can increase appetite and depress metabolism. Alternatives can be found in natural foods stores.

**7** *Over-the-counter sleep aids*, such as Unisom®, usually contain diphenhydramine as the active ingredient (see #6). Natural alternatives include melatonin and herbal aids.

**8** *Concentrated soy supplements* (capsules and powders) have been shown in some studies to suppress thyroid activity.<sup>3</sup> Tofu and soy milk shouldn't pose a problem if used in moderation.

**9** *Antibacterial soaps* often contain the antibacterial agent triclosan, which suppresses thyroid function.<sup>4</sup> There is substantial scientific evidence that antibacterial soaps contribute to the development of "super-bugs." Furthermore, proper hand-washing technique with plain soap is just as effective at removing bacteria as antibacterial soaps.<sup>5</sup>

**10** *Deodorants* usually contain triclosan (see #9). Check out natural foods stores for deodorants that use herbal or mineral antibacterials.

**11** *Dental products with fluoride* pose another risk to thyroid health. Fluoride competes with iodine in the body and can damage the thyroid. Evidence is mounting that the addition of fluoride to dental products and municipal water supplies\* does more harm than good.<sup>6</sup> Natural foods stores are once again the source for alternatives.

\*If your water is fluoridated or chlorinated, invest in a water filter or buy purified bottled water for drinking. Health risks from fluoride and chlorine are multiple.

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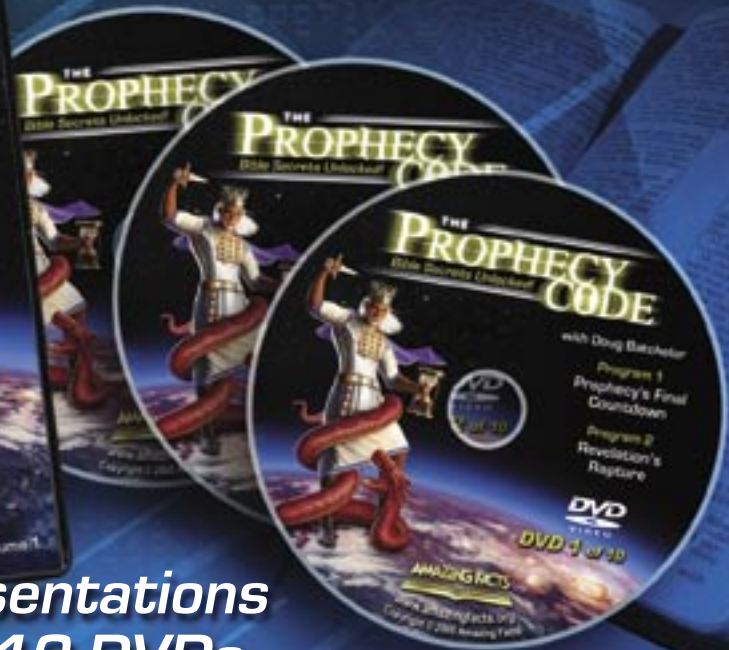
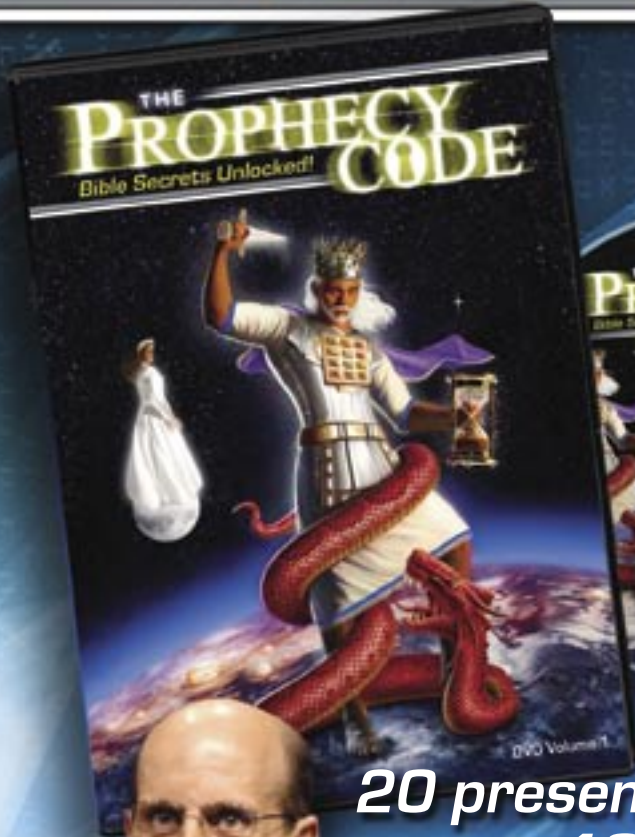




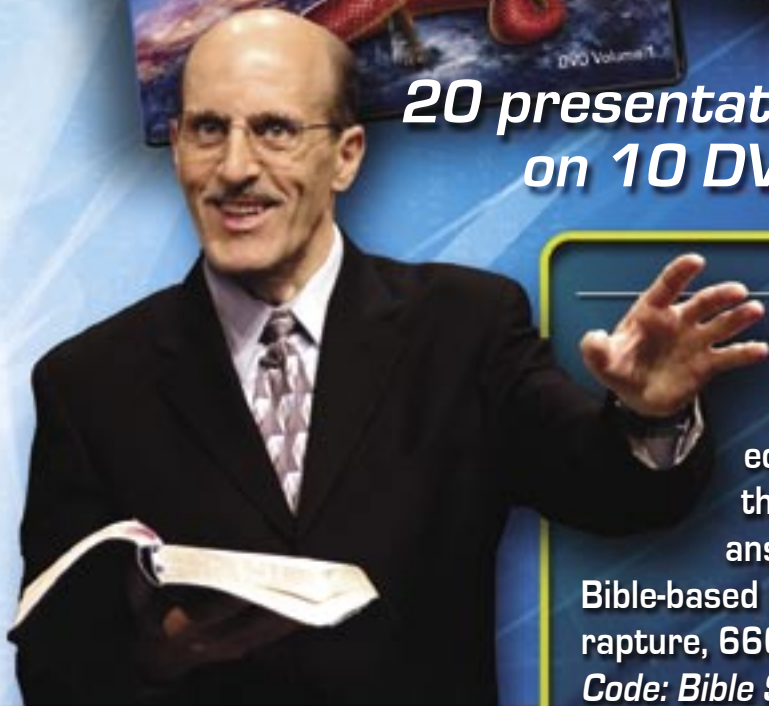
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