

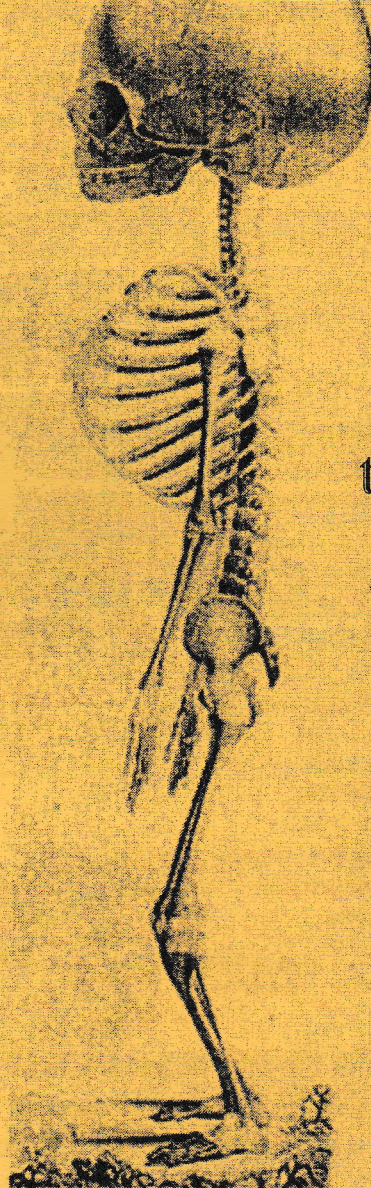
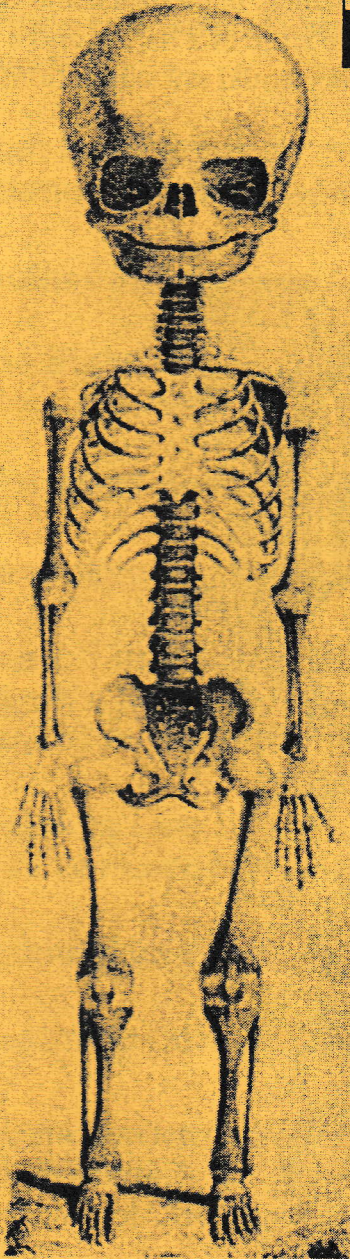
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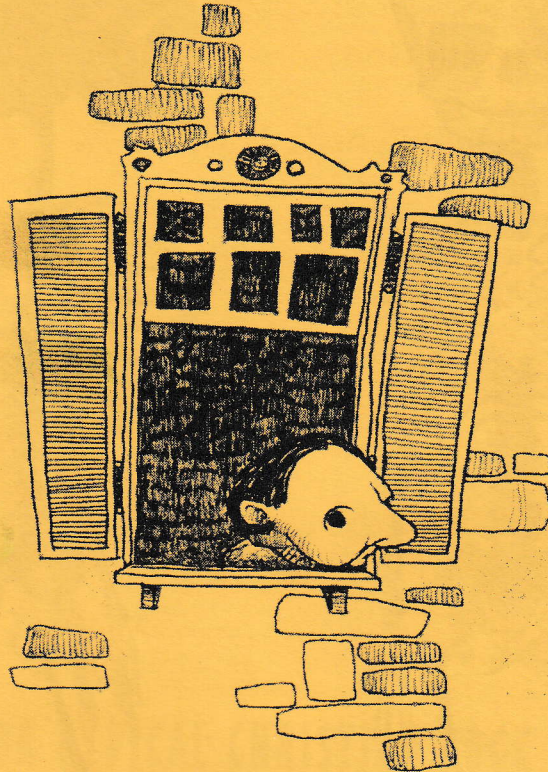


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CLOUET, SKELETON OF INFANT

“At the window of my house I looked through my lattice, and saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, a young man devoid of understanding, passing along the street near her corner; and he took the path to her house in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night. And there a woman met him, with the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. She was loud and rebellious, her feet would not stay at home...



Proverbs 7:6-27

...Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths; for she has cast down many wounded, and all who were slain by her were strong men. Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.”

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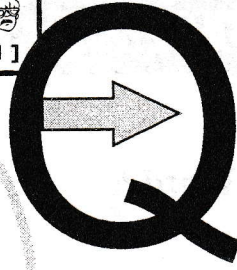
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WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD? [ā stūdent pōll]



Have you heard the term "born again"? If so, what does it mean to you?

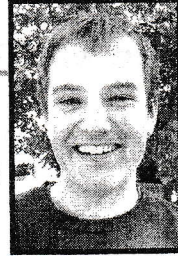
Mandy



"Yes, I have heard the term 'born again'.

I believe it is having a chance at new life. It is a spiritual resurrection."

Chris



"Yes, I have heard the term 'born again'. The first thing that comes to mind is if somebody is a Christian but something 'stirs them up' (a death, an accident, etc.) that causes them to change their ways, to make them a different kind of Christian or something."

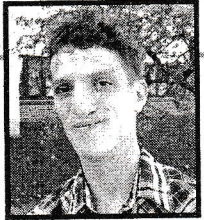
Aaron



"Yes, I have heard the term 'born again'. Let's say that

you have a person with a lot of problems and they realize that they need to change. So they decide to accept Christ for the first time or possibly in a different way."

Drew

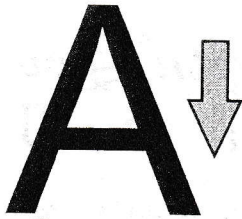


"Yes, I have heard the term 'born again'. Being born again is a renewal. You become something different from what you are now. It is a change of person. One can be born again spiritually, within their personality, or by way of a change in their environment; entering college for example."

Megan



"Yes, I have heard the term 'born again'. Once you commit yourself by faith to God and begin to live your life accordingly."



The term "born again" (equally translated "born of the Spirit" or "born from above") is certainly an interesting one, and subject to all kinds of criticism and ridicule. Oftentimes I hear people using the term in jest, as if it were an idea that in this day and age has been rendered obsolete. The fact is that this term comes directly from Christ's mouth as recorded in the book of John, (ch. 3:3) where Jesus says "unless you are born again, you will not see the kingdom of God." I suppose that if we "believe" in the Bible and in Jesus, then we should be regarding this statement with utmost seriousness and not the commonplace disregard that is rampant in our society today.

We are all familiar with the concept of physical childbirth. No one apart from Adam and Eve has ever existed that wasn't "born." Through the process of conception, fetal development, and birth we have all passed from non-existence (without life) into existence (life). The Bible explains in the book of Romans how death came through one man (Adam) and spread to all men as the result of Adam's sin. Therefore, we are born spiritually dead, which is a severance from God. But God, through Christ's sacrifice on the cross, has given all men the opportunity to be reconciled to Him. In the beginning God physically walked in the Garden of Eden with Adam, but when Adam sinned he was embarrassed and hid himself with Eve from God. Notice that God didn't leave Adam...Adam left God. Such is the case with each one of us today. We have been separated from God because of our sin, and Jesus has gone to hell and back (literally) to make it possible for us to walk with God once again, as Adam did in Eden. He has never left

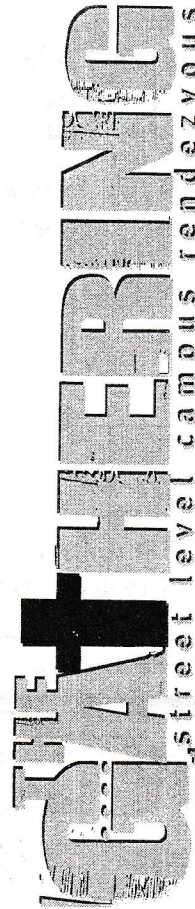
us, but because of our shame we won't let ourselves come to Him. We remain "spiritually dead". This spiritual death will continue until our inevitable physical death unless we choose to accept the extended hand of salvation that He has been holding out to us for the past two thousand years. When a person truly (and yes I mean truly... none of this fake, pretending nonsense) admits that they are a sinner and accepts Jesus Christ's death on the cross as payment for their sins, they are absolutely born again. It's that simple, there is nothing else they have to do and nothing that can take it away. Immediately, God places His Holy Spirit to take up permanent residence in that person's heart, and fellowship with God is restored.

Many times it takes a tragic event to "shake up" our reality in order for us to see the real need for Jesus Christ's involvement in our lives.

Spiritual death has been replaced by a new spiritual life by God's Spirit. Physical death has lost its grip because this is the same Spirit that was and is Jesus Christ Himself, who was resurrected after three days. His raising from the dead shows us that He is more powerful than death itself, and if His Spirit

lives within a person, they can rest, assured that their soul, too, will never die. That person then becomes God's adopted child, never to be un-adopted...born again, never to be un-born again. Born of the Spirit...born from above.

Many times it takes a tragic event to "shake up" our reality in order for us to see the real need for Jesus Christ's involvement in our lives. This is unfortunate, but it shows our sinfulness. That we would try everything else but Christ to find happiness, contentment, comfort and security is a shining example of our inconsiderate stubbornness. If we only understood His love for us! I, along with untold thousands have treated Him this way, but that He would have me after all I had done to Him is a shining example of His mercy and His grace (free unearned favor). This is salvation, and the Bible tells us that it is a free gift. He wants you to take it, but He won't force you to. Consider this. Please, don't wait for tragedy.



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"Where two or more are gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

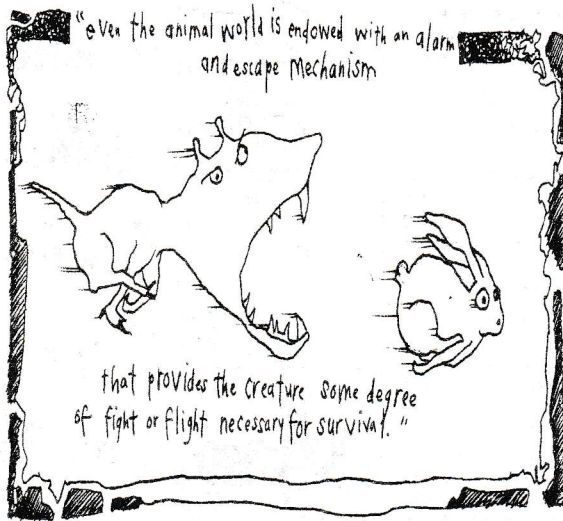
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What is a personal relationship with God? r e l a t i o n s h i p



gods" (Ex. 20:1-6). Yahweh, Provider and Deliverer of Israel, the God who came to us in Jesus the Messiah, will not accept a place on the shelf alongside Ra, Krishna, Moon, Allah, GM, or CBS. He has always been a jealous, possessive, commanding God. He will not share His honor with anyone else because no one else deserves that honor (Isa. 48:11).

God is to be feared more than all others. Most of us don't even like to think about things that frighten us. Whether we're talking about public speaking, high places, cramped spaces, dark nights, noises at the door, or creaks in the attic, the very thought can make us jumpy. Yet without fear, life would be very difficult. Even the animal world is endowed with an alarm and escape mechanism that provides the creature some degree of fight or flight necessary for survival.

In the following pages we'll see that a relationship with God has many of the same characteristics that mark a personal relationship between two friends.

Part 2 (of 3):

A Submissive Relationship

Any husband who is content to be just "one of the boys" in his wife's eyes isn't much of a husband. Neither is a woman much of a wife if she is satisfied to be just "one of the girls." The intimacy of the marriage relationship carries with it a great sense of mutual commitment that will have a bearing on all of the couple's other activities and relationships.

For far greater reasons, the Designer of human personality is also not satisfied to be just "one of the

At no time, however, is the emotion of fear more important or more neglected than when it involves our fear of God. To the extent that we know Him, we will also fear Him. Yet it is a fear, when understood, that calms all other fears and drives us to the Lord, not away from Him. It is a fear that teaches us to love, trust, and enjoy Him.

This fear might be described as the first step to a personal relationship with God. According to Solomon, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). In other words, the fear and knowledge of God go hand in hand.

Nothing and no one deserves to be feared more than the Lord. Not people, not governments, not disease, not death, not even Satan. Many who don't know God can't understand this. They assume that the Lord is the only one in the universe who *doesn't* need to be feared because He is too good and too loving to do us any harm. The ironic result is that such persons often end up missing the very love they seek because their lives are full of fear--fear of failure, fear of people, fear of natural disasters, and fear of accident, disease, and death (Dt. 28:58-68).

Those who really know the Lord take Him seriously. They realize that God expects to be listened to when He warns about moral and spiritual failure (Prov. 8:13; 16:6). He alone determines whether anything or anyone else will be allowed to touch or test us (Job 1); and most important, He alone determines where we will spend eternity (Mt. 10:28; Rev. 2:10; 20:1-15). Such authority deserves our respect and fear.

Although we reverence God and stand in awe of His great power, at the same time we can have strong confidence (Prov. 14:26). With David we can say, "I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Ps. 34:4). A couple of verses later David added, "The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him" (Ps. 34:7-9).

That comes from someone who knew his God. It comes from someone who personally experienced that the God who asks for our surrender is a God who wants us to fear Him for our own good (Jer. 32:37-39).

God is to be loved, trusted, and obeyed more than all others.

Obedience, like fear, is something we tend to resist. Yet, seeing the importance of such obedience is just a matter of perspective. For example, most of us are happy to obey a stranger's directions when we're in an unknown area. We don't even think of it as obedience. We see it more like accepting help. That's the way we can look at obedience to the Lord. It is a way of accepting His help and

His love that we so desperately need. Obedience is a way of showing that we really do know the Lord and that we are growing in our knowledge of how good, loving, and wise He is.

The apostle John wrote:

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked (1 Jn. 2:3-6).

The fear, trust, and obedience involved in knowing the Lord do not leave us the way we were. They make us better because Christ lives within. They change us until this relationship possesses us and dominates us--bringing us heart to heart and face to face with the God of all goodness and light.

A Mutually-Felt Relationship

Roadworn, paw sore, and unnerved by children's stones and the nervous yipping insults of small pampered housedogs, the German Shepherd stray followed the stranger from a safe distance. Head low, and with an occasional look to the side, he stepped lightly and painfully in the tracks of the man who had thrown him half a bagel near the garbage bins of Ol' Blue's Diner. Cold, hungry, and longing for attention, the dog watched the stranger's every move, waiting for one more sign of recognition, the faintest chance for friendship. But it never came.



There are people who, when thinking about God, feel like this unwanted stray. They long for the assurance that God would smile and move toward them. But they assume Him to be too selective to

feel anything for them. Some even see Him as an unchanging, eternal spirit who lives far above the ever-changing winds of pain and emotion that blow in and out of our lives.

But that is not true of the God of the Bible. The Scriptures assure us that He feels deeply for the most broken, roadworn, and dejected people. He cannot be touched by our strength, but only by our weakness. While God's character never changes, His affections do change.

To know God is to affect Him. While God knew us, loved us, and chose us along with all His people in eternity past (Eph. 1:3-6), He relates to us personally and presently in a very intimate way. He rejoices with us when we are happy, sorrows when we are sad, and grieves when we are bad.

He has made Himself just that vulnerable to us. He has exposed His own heart to all of the loveless and heartless things that we do to Him. The Bible tells us that God can be:

- Pleased (Heb. 11:5).
- Grieved and sorrowful (Gen. 6:6; Eph. 4:30-32).
- Provoked and tested (Ps. 78:40-41).
- Burdened and wearied (Isa. 43:24).
- Angered, agitated, and furious (Ezek. 16:42-43).

Specifically, Ephesians 4:30-32 says, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."

The greatest evidence of His decision to make Himself vulnerable to us is found in the personal pains and sorrows of the One who with His own mind and heart

revealed the Father to us. In the face of Jesus Christ, we find the face of God. He is the One who suffered for us so He could bring us to the Father. He loves us that much!

It might be hard for us to personalize that kind of love when we know we are only one in a world of more than 5 billion people. But we need to keep in mind who it is we are talking about. God does not have our limitations. He is not confined to human, one-at-a-time relationships. Rather, the One who made the world is able to relate intimately to as many of us at the same time as He desires.

How do we know God has that kind of capacity? We might come to that conclusion by reflecting on the size and complexity of the universe He created. Or we might consider the vast amounts of knowledge and information that finite people like ourselves can amass through the global Internet. Or we might simply trust the words of the One who said:

Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows (Mt. 10:29-31).

If a sparrow doesn't fall to the ground apart from His knowledge, then the One who numbers the hairs of our head is also counting the tears, the moments of our fears, and the depth of the swirling waters threatening to engulf us.

If God knows us with this kind of knowledge, then we are never as alone as we feel. We are never without help. We are never out of the Father's reach. Even though He might test our faith and our patience by not responding immediately in the way we want Him to, we can be reassured with a peace and confidence that can calm the turbulence within and lead to dramatic changes in us.

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To know God is to be affected by Him. Think for a moment about the people who have changed your life for the better. Maybe it was the teacher who inspired you to go for your dreams. Maybe it was the parent or grandparent whose words and hugs made you feel deeply loved. Maybe it was the neighbor who showed you by his example that any job worth doing is worth doing well. Looking back, you can see that knowing these people changed your life.

What is true of these people will be even more true of those who come to know God. No one can know Him without being changed by Him. Anyone who comes into God's presence will be touched and changed by the One who loves us enough to accept us as we are, but loves us too much to leave us that way. The apostle James described such a personal relationship with God like this:

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up (4:7-10).

To know God in this way means allowing our hearts to be broken by the things that break His heart. It means finding joy in the things that bring Him joy, discovering strength in His strength, and receiving hope in the assurance that nothing is too hard for Him. It means finding a new lease on life in One who offers us forgiveness in exchange for our repentance, comfort in trade for our sorrow, and the promise of a world to come for our willingness to release our grip on this present one.

We are changed as we discover that to know God is to love Him. To love Him is to give Him first place in our hearts. Giving Him first place is to care about those He cares about, to love what He loves, to hate what He hates, and to join Him in the family business of redeeming broken lives.

This is the kind of healthy relationship that God calls us to. But such maturity doesn't just happen. Sometimes a personal relationship with God remains a faint glimmer of what it was meant to be. Sometimes we stop short of the growth to which God calls us.

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Another Menomonie Area Attraction



Hoffman Hills State Recreation Area is located east of Menomonie, 5 miles off of Highway 29. It's a great place for a hike throughout most of the year and has over 8 miles of trails, a few small ponds, and a 60-foot tower that allows you see the countryside for miles around. It's one of the

best places around the Menomonie area to get away from everything and relax outdoors for a while. In the winter months, however, none of these things may seem too appealing, unless of course you're looking for somewhere to do some cross country skiing. The park is 706 acres of wooded area, wetlands, and prairie, covered with hiking and ski trails. The trails are groomed in the

winter for both stride and skate style skis. If you're thinking, "Why drive out to Hoffman Hills to ski when the Red Cedar trail is right here in town?" Well, the reason is that the Red Cedar Trail is flat while Hoffman Hills offers everything from rolling hills to sharp climbs and long downhill. There aren't many trails at Hoffman that travel in a straight line for very long. The park also has sledding and snowshoe areas.

Students can rent skis for about \$5/day from Stout Adventures. For more information on Hoffman Hills contact the park office at 921 Brickyard Road Menomonie, or call 715-232-1242.



"The Eight" with Jesse Blaine

guitarist for



www.stillday.net



Jesse

One time we were playing a show in Menomonie, WI...

1. What is the reason for your band's existence?

The Sole Existence of our band, is to send a positive hope-filled message to all the people that come in contact with Stillday. We strive to show "The Way, the Truth and the Life" in Jesus Christ in a new way and we have a blast doing this. People sometimes feel that the music out there that represents Christ is boring, quiet, and oftentimes condemning. We strive to create loud, energetic "in your face" rock and roll that not only sends a chill down the listener's spine, but puts forth a message of hope and life through Christ.

2. What is the most unexpected thing that ever happened at a concert?

One time we were playing a show in Menomonie, WI. It was a large crowd for this show and it was also airing live on a local radio station. We were getting way into the music, and the crowd was feeding the energy. We were also on a tiny enough stage in which our movement to the music was probably enough to make it collapse. Mike (Stillday's bass player) is known by the Stillday fans for his signature bass throw, where the bass is thrown and circles Mike and he catches it again and continues

playing the song. Well the stage was so small this particular time that the headstock of the bass caught the corner of Cyle's (lead singer) head, causing a steady stream of blood to come rushing out. Cyle (unaware that he was hurt badly) continued to perform until he was blinded by the blood coming from the wound. The blood not only covered Cyle's entire face but also started to pool up on the stage and we all started to panic, because of the pure volume of it. Mike immediately grabbed Cyle by the head to stop the bleeding and headed off backstage to bandage the wound. Brad (drummer) and myself (guitarist) apologized to the awestruck crowd for cutting the show short, and helped take Cyle to the hospital. As we waited in the emergency room, for the bad news of how he was doing, to our surprise, Cyle came out (looking fine) and told us that they gave him only one stitch in the corner of his head. We were shocked at how much a tiny little head cut can bleed, because we thought he was in major trouble. We all laugh about it to this day, and we are sure the crowd, and the radio listeners will never forget as well.

3. Have you ever had the dream where you get on the

school bus and realize that you've forgotten to put on your pants?


No, but I do have the dream where Stillday gets on stage to perform a new song, and no one can remember how to play the song. We are all playing different songs and the crowd is like, throwing things at us due to our horrible performance.....luckily it has not come to pass yet.

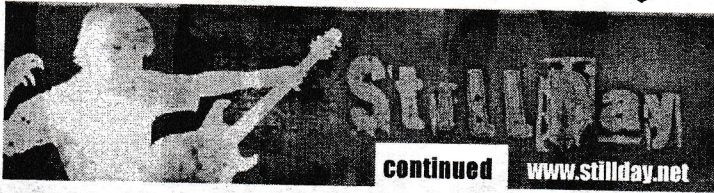
4. What is the most important lesson you've learned from being in this band?

How to communicate. Whenever we have 4 guys (all independent musicians) with different ideas, we have to have a system of communication. Whether it is picking out merch to create, songs to write, shows to play, money issues, and so much more, if a band is not communicating the way it should, it could be a disaster. We are all best friends and we are learning more about each other every day. This is the only way you can grow as a band.

More from Jesse on page 10

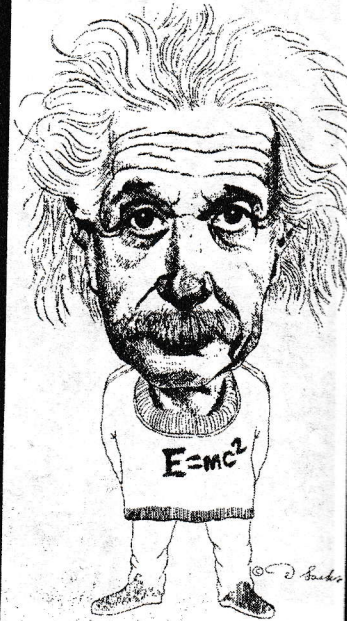
"The Eight" Jesse Blaine

with **guitarist for** 



5. What is your greatest challenge/struggle as a believer?

Being a good example to the fans. Many of our fans are still in high school, and occasionally we have to remind ourselves that even though what we are doing may not be a crime, sin or anything of that nature, it might not be sending the right message to young fans. We have to constantly help each other to be a good example spiritually, and in other aspects. This would be one challenge as a believer. The other challenge would be just the fact that the world is always trying to bring believers down. There are struggles in all of our daily lives, balancing reaching a Christian audience and a secular audience has always been tough. If we reach only Christians, we are not having an effect on the secular crowd and if we only appeal to the non/believers, the Christian crowd is also affected in a negative way.



"If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?"

--Albert Einstein



6. If you had the chance to tell the entire world one thing what would it be?

That despite what the world tells you, Jesus is the only way to achieve true peace; He still loves the sinner and will always be there in times of need and hurt.

7. If you could do one of these things, which would it be and why?

- travel through time
- fly
- speak all languages, to animals, etc.
- learn new skills instantly
- become visible or invisible interchangeably
- relive your life, knowing all that you know now

Definitely live my entire life knowing what I know now...that would be amazing, and I would have started this band 10 years ago.

8. Plain or peanut?

Plain.

On the **BIG** Screen

October 22nd

Surviving Christmas



"A depressed man (Ben Affleck) finds himself alone during the holidays. To beat the blues he decides to travel to his childhood home, where he meets the family currently living there. He pays their patriarch (James Gandolfini) \$250,000

to let him spend the yuletide season with them."

November 10th

Polar Express

"A young boy's belief in Santa Claus is rewarded on Christmas Eve when he's awakened by a steam train whose conductor (Tom Hanks) pulls up in front of his house and takes him and other children on a magical journey to the North Pole."

December 10th

Oceans 12

"Danny Ocean (George Clooney) and his crew, having successfully stolen \$150 million Las Vegas casinos in the first film, jet to Europe with three new heists planned, including swiping Rembrandt's Nightwatch from a gallery in Amsterdam."

December 25th

Fat Albert

"Growing up in a Philadelphia neighborhood, Rudy, Mushroom, Dumb Donald, Bill, Old Weird Harold, and Russell learn valuable life lessons from their friend Fat Albert."

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Excellent Thanksgiving Rental!

Staring Holly Hunter, Robert Downy Jr., Anne Bancroft, Charles Durning and Dylan McDermont, this dysfunctional family is bound to give all your holidays a run for their money. It's hilarious and entertaining about how real life always seems to be at its best and worst during the holidays.



Christmas Rental Top 10

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| 10. Tim Allen's The Santa Clause | 5. Scrooged |
| 9. A Christmas Carol | 4. Charlie Brown Christmas |
| 8. Gremlins | 3. Miracle on 34 th Street |
| 7. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation | 2. It's a Wonderful Life |
| 6. The Grinch that Stole Christmas | 1. A Christmas Story |

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Within walking distance!! Sometimes the new releases get there a bit slower, but they are free and the late charges are minimal. You also can look up releases on their databases and have them sent over from other libraries! You can check out VCR's from your dorm building for free as well!!! A great asset towards the end of the semester!

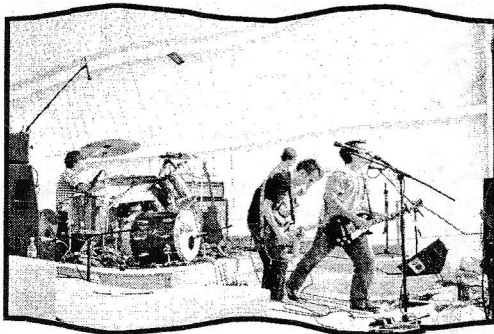


Yeshuapolooza, Menomonie's 7th annual Jesus Rock Festival, took over the Wilson Park Bandshell Saturday, September 11th, 2004, with an action-packed day full of diverse bands, dancing, band interviews on the big screen, hula hooping circles, frisbee throwing, henna tattoos, caricatures, organization/business booths, tasty vittles from the Pit Grill, and espresso drinks and tantalizing treats from the Blind Munchies Coffeehouse. This free, all-day festival is put on by **Street Level Ministries**, a campus organization at UW-Stout whose purpose is to represent Jesus Christ in a true light. We desire to tell people about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ which is the key to both eternal life in heaven and abundant life on this earth. We provide verse-by-verse Bible teaching and opportunities for growth, rest, service, and new-found friendships. Yeshuapolooza is just one of a number of events Street Level puts on throughout the year geared

towards providing a place where students and people from all over the area can come and hear about Jesus Christ.

The festival got underway at 12:30 pm with **Erik Brandt from the Urban Hillbilly Quartet** taking the stage with a Multi-ethnic folk music flare. Next in the line-up was the **Roosevelts**, a punk band from Tennessee followed by **Leper**, a gothic trio group from Jesus People Chicago, who provided the crowd with a late afternoon snack on some goth tunes. **Poverty**, a crowd screamer modern rock band, was next to jam out on stage followed by **Dumpstar**, a body-slam

jammin' trucker rock band. Speaker **Mark Johnson** of Steiger International was given the mic around 9 pm to share the truth about Jesus Christ and God's desire to have a personal relationship with everyone. **Poverty** wrapped up the festival around 10 pm with some rockin' praise and worship tunes. The entire festival could be heard live on 101.7 fm, Menomonie's very own Jesus Rock Radio station.



Throughout the day, the crowd meandered around the park and under the big tents checking out the wide variety of booths. There was an eclectic assortment of merchandise found by all who passed through the merch area. This year's top shopper pic was crazy, hand-made, random-saying



buttons. Other items available for purchase were hula hoops, t-shirts, incense, hand-made journals, wacky glowing tongue wafers, and imported merchandise from India and the Philippines. Jesus Fellowship Bookstore was present selling Bibles, buttons, t-shirts, commentaries, and all sorts of other biblical resources to feed the soul. The caricature drawing table was definitely a hot spot with a constant stream of folks sitting down to have an exaggerated picture drawn of them and their friends. Henna tattoos also appealed to the masses who got their arms, hands, and feet adorned

Random-Saying Button Sample

with free lance drawings. Area ministries, organizations, and businesses were represented at booths underneath the tent giving out valuable information and opportunities to passer-bys. **Outpost Ministries**, a Twin Cities division of the worldwide group Exodus International, was represented by Dan Puumala. Outpost is an interdenominational, Christian organization called to encourage, strengthen, unify and equip Christians to minister the transforming power of the Lord Jesus Christ to those affected by homosexuality. **Campus Crusade-UW-Stout**, an interdenominational movement designed to be part of the church and a resource to it in developing college students in the areas of evangelism and discipleship, was present to tell people about the opportunities they have available on campus. A group of folks from **Steiger International—Minneapolis**, a ministry existing to bring the love of Jesus Christ to the darkest corners of secular society and to disciple the global youth culture, came out to share what Jesus was doing in their part of the Metropolitan area. **Caring for**



Unplanned Pregnancies, an agency that provides help and hope for women and girls in crisis pregnancies, had a booth set up to provide helpful information for interested individuals. **Everlasting Tattoo** also was represented at

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the festival, giving out information about tattoos and piercings available at their River Falls studio and selling an array of temporary tattoos to concert goers. One could find people throughout the park munching on some good grub from the Pit Grill; chilidogs, cheesy nachos, and grilled burgers and brats abounded. Last, but not least of all, crowds were found swallowing some delightful, refreshing beverages from the Blind Munchies Coffeehouse including the infamous sweet iced latté and Jet Fuel coffee.

Each year all the proceeds from Yeshuapoloosa go to a worthy ministry. Last year, funds generated at the festival were given to Source of Light Ministries-India to help build a church building in Badamanjari, a remote, mountain village in the province of Orissa. This year, the



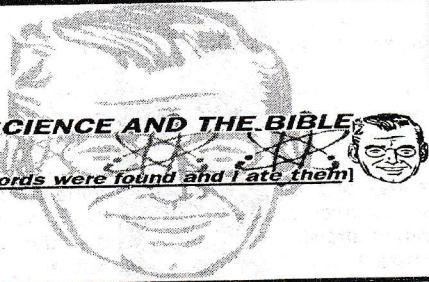
proceeds once again went to Source of Light Ministries-India who purchased land in a different province of India called Himachal Pradesh, an area of northwest India tucked away in the Himalayan Mountain ranges. With the funds raised at next year's Yeshuapoloosa, a church building can then be built on this purchased land.

Yeshuapoloosa 2004 was a festival enjoyed by many, from those jumping up and down during the Dumpstar gig to those swinging their hips with the hula hoops to those munching on a grilled Chicago-style hotdog to those who saw and heard the love of Jesus Christ in a very real way. Plans are already in the works to make next year's festival even more thrilling than this year's. Yeshuapoloosa 2005 will be happening on Saturday, September 10th, 2005, so be sure to mark your calendars now! Keep your eyes and ears open for more details about next year's festival... look for the brightly colored posters plastered everywhere.

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SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

Jeremiah 15:16 (your words were found and I ate them)



What would have happened if the Wright brothers (see 100 years of airplanes—but these weren't the first flying machines!) had been postmodernists? Would they have sought to discover the principles of flight? Hardly! What if an engineer designing a bridge decided that gravity

Why are morals getting more lax? It largely stems from a view that

'what may be true for you may not be for me; I can make my own truth.' This is the essence of *postmodernism*. Postmodernists claim that all knowledge is culturally determined and therefore not objective.¹

Buzz words like 'meta-narrative' and 'discourse' identify postmodernists. Many of the humanities faculties (arts, sociology, education, etc.) at universities push this view. It's quite the fashion.

Postmodernists deny that objective truth exists. But how can they know that their claim, **'truth does not exist', is true if there is no such thing as 'truth'?** So postmodernism is *self-refuting*: its absolute truth is that there is no absolute truth; its absolute ethic is that all ethics are relative; and its objective worldview is that all worldviews are subjective—a quagmire of suffocating, soul-destroying subjectivism.

"That's nice for you, but it's not for me"

by Dr. Don Batten



I pinched him. He said, 'What did you do that for?' I replied, 'Do what? Maybe you were dreaming.'

In postmodernism, gravity does not exist as an objective reality. So someone operating under a different 'meta-narrative' (worldview) where gravity did not exist might walk off a cliff and not kill themselves. But no matter what you *believe*, you will hurt yourself. Also, the fact that they can walk at all and not float off into space is due to gravity! **All beliefs are not equal.**

was just a 'Western' concept and he decided to take the Hindu view that life is an illusion and (logically) so is gravity and the equations that prescribe the bridge? Would you drive over the bridge?

Some Christians have taken comfort from postmodernist attempts to undo the scientific worldview, which they see as opposed to faith in God. But they are confused in this. **There is nothing about experimental science that is at odds with biblical faith, as many scientists have testified in *Creation* magazine.**

The conflicts come from *historical science*, where people who were not there dream up what happened in the past. But eye-witness accounts (from the Bible and elsewhere) contradict the modern view of history that opposes the Bible, as the careful scholarship of Ussher shows (see Archbishop's achievement).



Some have even tried to recast the gospel in postmodern terms to interest those influenced by postmodernism. This is ill conceived. **Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me'** (John 14:6). The logic is clear: Jesus is either the only way, as he says; or he is wrong, in which case he is not the Son of God so we can forget about him. But the postmodernists say that 'that's just "Western" logic, the product of Western culture'. However, by saying this, they use the same 'Western' logic to say that Western logic is not true! Postmodernism denies the very truth claim that Christian faith stands upon, **so Christians should vigorously oppose postmodernism.**

felt it when I pinched him? This shows that postmodernists can't live consistently by their beliefs.

Because postmodernism says that there is no objective truth, it denies that God has spoken. This is not 'modern' at all. Didn't Satan get Eve to doubt the truth of what God told Adam (Genesis 3:1)? And didn't Pilate ask, 'What is truth?' when he interrogated Jesus (John 18:38)?

Postmodernism aptly fits the description of 'futile' thinking that people are given over to when they deliberately abandon the knowledge of God (Romans 1:18ff.). But this teaching also immunizes many against the gospel, putting them on the road to Hell.

Creation magazine, now celebrating its 25th year of publication, seeks to draw people back to the knowledge of God through affirming the *absolute truth* of His infallible Word, beginning in Genesis.



As Tom McLeish, Professor of Polymer Physics at Leeds University (UK) says, 'Our dear friends in the humanities do get themselves awfully confused about whether the world exists, about whether each other exists, about whether words mean anything. Until they have sorted out whether cats and dogs exist or not, or are only figments in the mind of the reader, let alone the writer, then they are going to have problems talking about God.'²

I recall talking with two students at the University of Melbourne. One was indoctrinated in modernism (evolutionism); the other, postmodernism. I had a fruitful interaction with the first student because we both believed in objective truth—that we actually were standing there in time and space discussing real things.

The postmodernist fellow wasn't sure whether we were really there or not—we might have been in a sort of cyber-dream (like the movie, *The Matrix*). I pinched him. He said, 'What did you do that for?' I replied, 'Do what? Maybe you were dreaming.' I pointed out that if there is no objective reality, how is it that he

Reference and note

1. In contrast, *modernism* says: Truth is 'out there' to be discovered using the tools of rationalism (man is the measure of all things; matter and mind are all there is). Evolution is a modernist concept.
2. Radford T., Science cannot provide all the answers, *The Guardian* (UK), 4 September 2003; <education.guardian.co.uk/higher/sciences/story/0,12243,1035026,00.html>, 24 September 2003.

Source: <http://www.answersingenesis.org/creation/v26/i1/editorial.asp>

Dates to live by:

UW-Stout and Menomonie area fall semester calendar

November

Nov. 2

UW-Stout WIAC Volleyball Quarterfinals, TBA

Nov. 5

Torn in Concert, 7pm
by Street Level Ministries
Blind Munchies Coffeehouse,
621 Wilson Ave.
Menomonie, WI
Phone: 235-9300,
No Cover Ever!

Backpacking the Porcupine Mountains, Nov. 5-7

by Stout Adventures
www.uwstout.edu/univrec.outrec.htm

UW-Stout WIAC Volleyball Semi-Finals, TBA

UW-Stout Hockey vs. Concordia-Moorhead, 7:30pm

Nov. 6

Paramount's Laser Spectacular

Featuring the music of Pink Floyd
State Theatre, 316 Eau Claire St, Eau Claire, WI
Phone: 715-832-2787

UW-Stout Hockey at Augsburg, 7pm

UW-Stout WIAC Volleyball Finals, TBA

UW-Stout Football vs. UW-Eau Claire, 1pm

Nov. 12

Pillar, Project 86, Subseven, Falling Up in Concert
Club 3 Degrees, 113 N. 5th St.
Minneapolis, MN
www.club3degrees.com

Nov. 12

UW-Stout Hockey vs. St. Mary's, 7:30pm

Nov. 13

UW-Stout Men's and Women's Cross Country at DIII Regionals, 11am

UW-Stout Hockey at St. Thomas, 7pm

UW-Stout Football at UW-Platteville, 1pm

NCAA Division III Soccer Playoffs, TBA

Nov. 14

The Wisconsin Brass Quintet

Mable Tainter Theater, Menomonie, 2pm
Cost: \$10 Call: 235-0001

Nov. 17

Rock Climbing Tips and Techniques

by Stout Adventures, 7-10pm,
FREE for Climbing Wall Members
www.uwstout.edu/univrec.outrec.htm

Nov. 19

Mitch McVicker in Concert, 7pm

by Street Level Ministries
Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, 621 Wilson Ave. Menomonie, WI
Phone: 235-9300, No Cover Ever!

UW-Stout Hockey vs. Hamline, 7:30pm

UW-Stout Women's Basketball at Wisconsin Lutheran Tourney, TBA

UW-Stout Men's Basketball at Colorado State-Pueblo, 7pm

Nov. 20

UW-Stout Hockey at Bethel, 7pm

UW-Stout Men's and Women's Cross Country at DIII Nationals, 11am

Nov. 22

Paramount's Laser Spectacular

Featuring the music of Pink Floyd
State Theatre, 316 Eau Claire St, Eau Claire, WI
Phone: 715-832-2787

Nov. 23

UW-Stout Women's Basketball vs. Northwestern, 7pm

UW-Stout Hockey at St. John's, 7pm

Nov. 25

Thanksgiving

Nov. 27

UW-Stout Women's Basketball at St. Scholastica, 7pm

UW-Stout Hockey vs. MSOE, 7:30pm

UW-Stout Men's Basketball at Concordia-St. Paul, 3pm

Nov. 28

UW-Stout Women's Basketball at Northland, 1pm

UW-Stout Hockey vs. Lawrence, 4pm

Nov. 30

UW-Stout Men's Basketball vs. UW-River Falls, 7pm

December

Dec. 1

Tonic Sol-Fa Christmas Tour 2004, Dec. 1-2

State Theatre, 316 Eau
Claire St, Eau Claire, WI
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Phone: 715-832-2787
Email: boxoffice@ecrac.
d2g.com

UW-Stout Women's Basketball vs. UW-River Falls, 7pm

Dec. 3

UW-Stout Hockey at UW-Stevens Point, 7:30pm

Dec. 4

UW-Stout Men's and Women's Basketball at UW-Whitewater, 1pm

Everyday Sunday, Paul Wright, and Sarah Kelly in Concert

Club 3 Degrees, 113 N. 5th
St. Minneapolis, MN
www.club3degrees.com

Dec. 5

UW-Stout Concert & Jazz Band Winter Concert, 2pm

Great Hall, Memorial
Student Center

Dec. 7

UW-Stout Men's Basketball at UW-La Crosse, 7pm

Dec. 10

UW-Stout Hockey at UW-River Falls, 7pm

Children 18:3 in Concert, 7pm

by Street Level Ministries
Blind Munchies Coffeeshouse, 621
Wilson Ave. Menomonie, WI
Phone: 235-9300, No Cover Ever!

Dec. 11

UW-Stout Men's and Women's Basketball at UW-Stevens Point, 3pm

Dec. 13

UW-Stout Men's Basketball vs. Bethany Lutheran, 7:30pm

Dec. 14

UW-Stout Women's Basketball at St. Cloud State, 7pm

Dec. 17

Minnesota Ballet - The Nutcracker, Dec. 17-18

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Dec. 18

UW-Stout Commencement

Dec. 20

UW-Stout Men's Basketball at St. Norbert, 7pm

Dec. 21

UW-Stout Women's Basketball vs. Union at DIII Desert Shootout, 3:30pm

Dec. 22

UW-Stout Women's Basketball vs. Ripon or DePauw at DIII Desert Shootout, 3:30pm

Dec. 28

UW-Stout Men's Basketball at South Padre Island, TBA

Dec. 29

UW-Stout Men's Basketball at South Padre Island, TBA

Dec. 31

UW-Stout Men's Basketball vs. Macalester, 3pm

January

Jan. 2

UW-Stout Winterm
Classes begin

Jan. 4

UW-Stout Men's
Basketball vs.
UW-Superior, 7pm

Jan. 5

UW-Stout Women's
Basketball vs.
UW-Superior 7pm

Jan. 8

UW-Stout Women's
Basketball vs. North
Dakota State, 2pm

Jan. 11

UW-Stout Men's
Basketball at
UW-Oshkosh, 7pm

Jan. 12

UW-Stout Women's
Basketball at
UW-Oshkosh

Jan. 14

UW-Stout Hockey vs.
St. Norbert, 7:30pm

Jan. 15

UW-Stout Hockey vs.
Lake Forest, 3pm
UW-Stout Men's and Women's
Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire,
5pm

Skillet, Seventh Day Slumber,
Kids in the Way in Concert
Club 3 Degrees, 113 N. 5th St.
Minneapolis, MN
www.club3degrees.com

Jan. 16

Downhill Skiing at Bridger Bowl,
MT, Jan 16-20
by Stout Adventures
www.uwstout.edu/univrec.outrec.htm

Jan. 19

UW-Stout Men's and Women's
Basketball at
UW-Platteville, 8pm

Jan. 21

UW-Stout Hockey vs.
St. Scholastica, 7:30pm

Jan. 22

UW-Stout Men's and Women's
Track Alumni Meet, Noon
UW-Stout Men's Basketball at
Upper Iowa, 3pm
UW-Stout Hockey at
UW-Superior, 7pm

Jan. 24

UW-Stout Classes Begin

UW-Stout Gymnastics at
UW-Eau Claire, 7pm

Jan. 25

UW-Stout Women's
Basketball at
UW-River Falls, 7pm

Jan. 26

UW-Stout Men's
Basketball at
UW-River Falls, 7pm

Jan. 28

UW-Stout Gymnastics
vs. Winona State, 7pm

UW-Stout Hockey vs.
UW-Superior, 7:30pm

Jan. 29

UW-Stout Men's and
Women's Track host
UW-Stout Open, Noon

UW-Stout Men's and
Women's Basketball vs.
UW-Stevens Point, 3pm

UW-Stout Hockey at
St. Scholastica, 7pm

OATMEAL AND FIRE

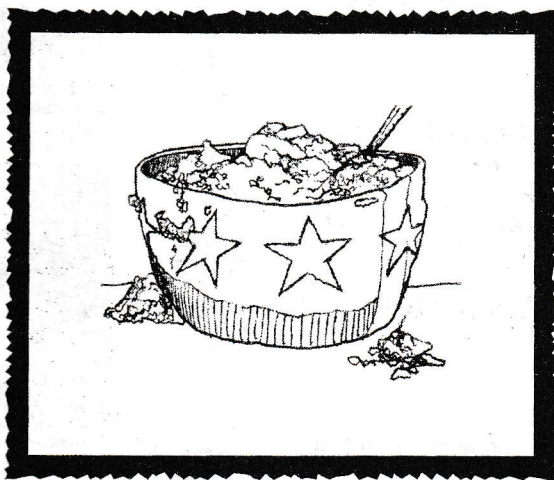
By Wes Seeliger

Most people slowly ooze by—50, picture hell as 100, 500. At 880 a lake of fire, fathoms we reach a with the souls of state of equilibrium. the damned floating We rest with arms around, screaming in outstretched in the agony. A tough picture but soft, pulpy mass. The with some Biblical accuracy.

But let me give you a picture of another hell. Imagine a large bowl of oatmeal... cold oatmeal. With lots of lumps. Now picture the Atlantic as an ocean of cold oatmeal. Put yourself in the middle of this oatmeal ocean a mile below the surface. Get the picture? **That's hell.**

Let's take an imaginary journey into this oatmeal abyss. We're in the middle of the Atlantic hovering over the point of entry. Down we go—plop! Squish, squish, squish, we're descending. The fathoms

100, 500. At 880 fathoms we reach a state of equilibrium. We rest with arms outstretched in the soft, pulpy mass. The



nearest shore is a thousand miles away. We try to swim. Pfoosh, goes an arm. We sink another foot. We try to scream. But our passion of soul earns a **mouth full of oatmeal.** The years

trudge by as we rest in the mire, thinking slow, lizard-like thoughts.

Hell is cold oatmeal. It is life without passion or desire. Hell is numbness as well as pain. Hell is believing there is nothing worth getting excited about. Hell is a swamp of blandness.

Our terror of death is not fear of the unknown. The unknown is exciting. Nor is it the threat of punishment or pain. What then do we fear? **We fear looking over our shoulder and seeing what we could have become but didn't.** The people we could have loved but didn't. The exciting ideas and challenges of the Word [the Bible] which were just too much for us. Hell is living in the endless ooze of all this nothingness.

But if hell is oatmeal, what is heaven? **How about Fire?** "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not

worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." (Luke 3:16)

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CIRCLE

If I was ignorant, I could rant forever.
If I was evil, I could be proud of myself.
If I was angry, could I admit that I'm guilty?

If darkness is good, I'll be happy forever.
If fantasy is real, I'll arbitrarily define myself.

If I was hiding, could I admit that I'm guilty?

If this life means nothing, I wouldn't live forever.

If this is how it "should be," I still can't convince myself.

If you say this is okay, why do I still feel guilty?

If there really is heaven, I can live forever.

If the road leads to peace, I'll gladly conform myself.

If this is salvation, I'll never feel guilty!



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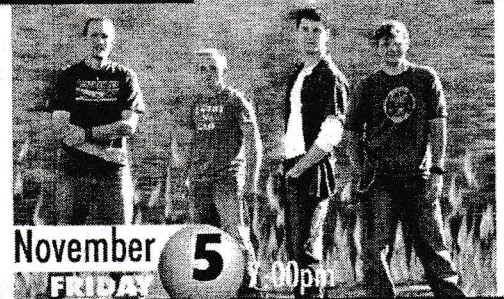
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Torn



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Mitch McVicker



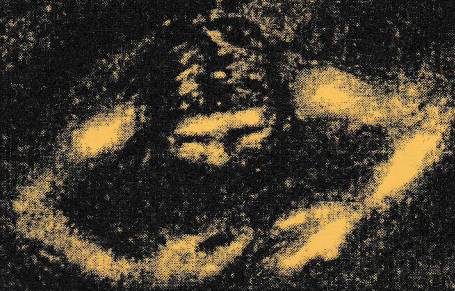
December 10 FRIDAY 7:00pm

Modern Rock

Children 18:3

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You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion
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Psalm 139: 15-17

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