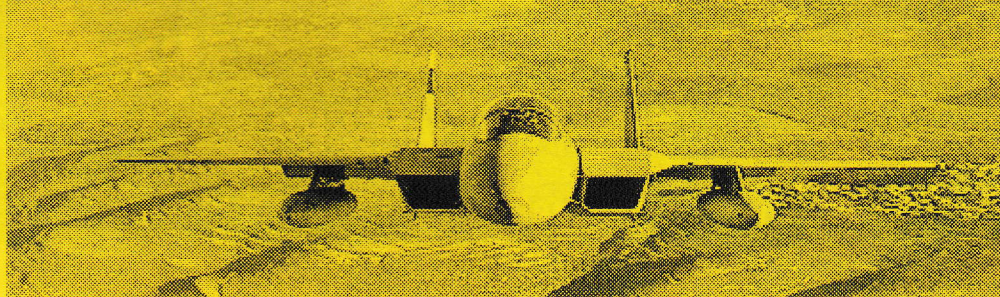


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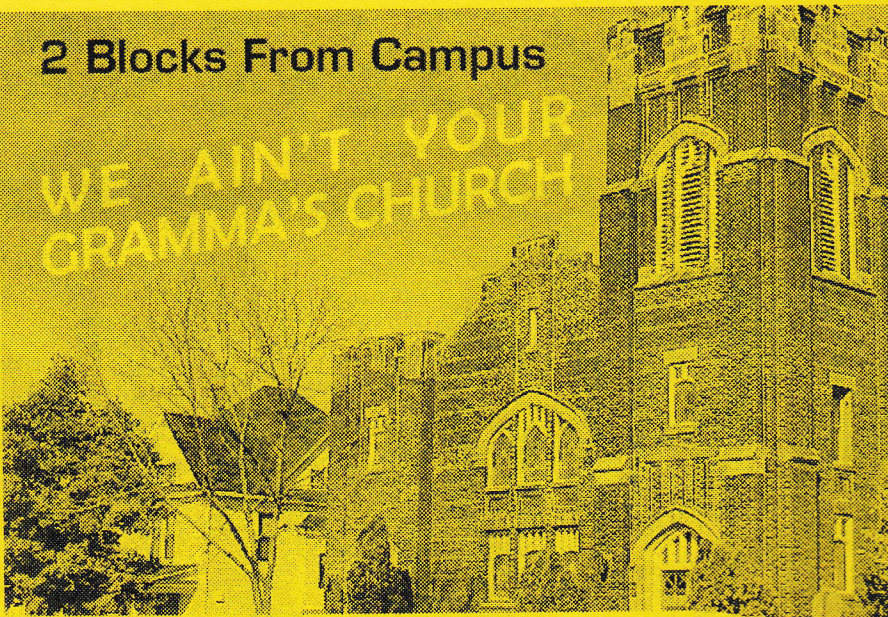
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“Unless a man be born again, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Savior of the human race. John 3:3

## Saving Jesus?

A college campus ministry called "Adventures in Faith" meets weekly in the Memorial Student Center on Tuesday evenings at 8 pm for stimulating discussion and thought-provoking inquiry, offering students an alternate angle on spirituality to what is commonly referred to as "conservative Christianity". If college is an institution where an individual is encouraged to practice independent thinking, making wise choices, and learning the disciplines necessary for future success, then it could be believed that the exploration of ones faith in conjunction with academic study is not only a credible endeavor, but also a critical issue. Therefore, a discussion group for students on campus which encourages young individuals to explore the very things they believe seems to be a wonderful idea.

Currently, the "Adventures in Faith" group watches a portion of a video called "Saving Jesus" and discusses what they've learned during their weekly meetings. Facilitating this adventure is Nita Fitzgerald from the First Congregational Church UCC in Menomonie who has been involved with campus ministry for three years and Yvonne Cox from the United Methodist Church, now in her fourth year of campus ministry. By the ministry's title, it seems to be just the place to discover a deep and meaningful spiritual experience. As anyone is allowed to express their thoughts on religion and spirituality, we were pleased to send a reporter to see what was happening. The issue presented at the time of our visit was the idea of Jesus and His place in the gospels: who He was and what He came to do.

Cox opened the discussion with a presumptuous remark that would leave any biblically illiterate individual under the impression that the first four books of the New Testament are riddled with error. She asked the group, "What do you think when you read the contradictions in the gospels?" When asked if



she would give the group an example so we could have something specific to work from, she fumbled over her words a bit. With one hand on her forehead, turned to Fitzgerald and said "I guess I wasn't prepared for this." She answered, saying that the gospel of Luke records there being wise men visiting the baby Jesus, while the gospel of John records no such thing. It was quickly pointed out to her that this was not an example of a contradiction, but of two differing perspectives. Neither of the women were able to produce an example of Biblical contradiction, so the issue was hastily dismissed and we moved on to the next question. We briefly discussed another point or two until we were ready to begin the video selection. Before we began the video, Cox and Fitzgerald were asked specifically what their belief was in regards to the truth of the Bible. Fitzgerald needed clarification, asking if her opinion was sought regarding *fact* or *truth*. When asked again if she believed the Bible to

be factual, she blatantly said no, she did not. As we watched the video, it was clear that none of the presenters regarded the Bible as factual either.

The discussion generated by the video presentation left the overwhelming impression that neither the women and their respective ministries or the so-called scholars on the video are on an "adventure in faith", but on a mission to discredit and altogether destroy fundamental Christianity. Fitzgerald insists that this ministry offers an "alternative" to the "right-wing fundamentalist Christians who are trying to speak for all Christians". While this appears to be a very respectable approach, it seems rather that there is a very real animosity toward these "right-wing Christians" that is kept hidden only by the non-confrontational guise of their ministry. A single visit to their meeting will leave a discerning individual with the strong impression that they are not at all interested in facilitating thoughtful discussion, but instead to conduct a direct affront to the claims of Jesus as recorded in the Bible. Doing some follow up Internet research on each of the persons in the video (22 in all) reaffirms *(Continued on page 9...)*

“If a student asked me about salvation I would... ask them to say what salvation means to them.

I do not believe there is one right answer to that question.”

Nita S. Fitzgerald, Minister of Christian Education & Spiritual Development First Congregational UCC.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## Academic Calendar

Wednesday, November 22  
Thanksgiving Break Begins, No Classes

Monday, November 27  
Classes Resume

Friday, December 15  
Classes End

Saturday, December 16  
Commencement

Monday, December 18  
Evaluation Week Begins

Friday, December 22  
Evaluation Week Ends

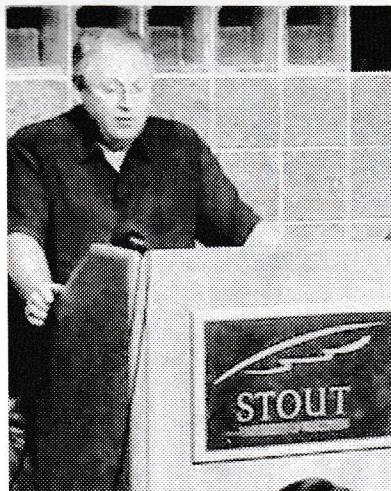
## UW-Stout Sports

Friday, November 3  
Men's Basketball at UW-Madison, 7 p.m.  
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Soccer WIAC Semi-Final  
Volleyball WIAC Semi-Finals  
Hockey at St. Olaf, 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 4  
Football at UW-Whitewater, 1 p.m.  
Soccer WIAC Championship  
Volleyball WIAC Championship  
Hockey vs. Gustavus Adolphus, 7:30 p.m.



# Intelligent Design OR Chance, Time, and Matter



Author and lecturer, Roger Oakland came to speak to U.W. Stout students on the topic of Intelligent Design or Chance, Time, and Matter on Sunday, October 15, 2006. During his two-hour lecture, he covered important issues that are debated in many of today's classrooms between the evolutionary theories and intelligent design theory. He also covered why he believes that intelligent design should be taught in classrooms and how he came to believe in this theory.

Oakland spent a number of years first as a student and, then, a lecturer of biology. During those years he taught from a Darwinism/Evolution standpoint. Oakland accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior through reading

the Genesis account (which details God creating everything known to be in existence in 7 literal days and is the first book of the Holy Bible) in 1978. His conversion from evolution to creation to Christ is documented in a book titled *Let There Be Light*, available on his web site. Since then he has been involved in traveling extensively around the world and talking to people about the subjects of origins, evolution, and creation.

He stated during his lecture that one view of the origin of all things is that of evolution; meaning that all things can be explained by matter, chance, and time. This also means unintelligent design was involved or the natural process of matter randomly coming together to form non-living and living objects. In other words, at some random point in time, for no particular reason, the matter that already existed came together to develop the first life forms.

The other view he discussed was intelligent design, which points to the belief that there is an intelligent designer who created all things. He stated that a design always points to a designer. An example he gave was that of a clock. A clock is so complex and has so many inter-linking mechanical systems, that it has to point to a designer. All the individual pieces could not have come together by themselves to form a clock. He posed the question, "If it is relatively easy for man to think that a designer did in fact design a clock, why then is it so difficult to think an intelligent designer designed the complex machines know as humans?"

Some debaters want to know how creationism is different than intelligent design. Creationism is defined as first, the doctrine that matter and all things were created, substantially as they now exist, by an omnipotent Creator, and not gradually evolved or developed; second, the doctrine that the true story of the creation of the universe is as it is recounted in the Bible, especially in the first chapter of Genesis; and third, the doctrine that God immediately creates out of nothing a new human soul for each individual born<sup>1</sup>. Intelligent design is defined as "the concept that certain features of the universe and of living things are best explained by an intelligent cause, not an undirected process such as natural selection."<sup>2</sup> Oakland defines the terms in this way: "Intelligent

design suggests that design requires a designer. Biblical creationism identifies the intelligent designer as the God."

During Oakland's lecture he described the history and theories of both arguments. He discussed Darwin's beliefs; those that have been the foundation used in teaching evolution and those that are not well known. The book, *Annie's Box*, Darwin states that in the later part of his life, he began to doubt what he had been taught at seminary about creation. The doubt turned to bitterness and anger towards creationists after his daughter Annie died. His evolutionary theory "grew out of intense personal pain", one reviewer stated.

On the side of intelligent design, he discussed that there are groups of people who believe that argument is the Christian cover for getting the Bible and religion into the classroom. He discussed how this isn't true and that

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many atheist scientists actually believe the intelligent design theory is more scientifically proven than evolution has ever been.

When asked if evolution could or would ever coexist with religion and/or the Bible, he stated, "Evolution proposes that order and complexity of life can be explained by matter, chance and time and no supernatural Creator God is necessary. Evolution is consistent with the religion of Buddhism and Hinduism but not Christianity. The Christian Creator is not a process of chance and time - the god of evolution is."

Oakland also answered the question of what he thought was the biggest lie taught in schools today. He stated, "The assumption that the various assumptions that are used to support the evolutionary world view are based on facts and observable evidence. When a teacher challenges these assumptions and asks students to think critically they are considered to be religious creationists who are pushing science back into the dark ages."

Oakland mentioned that in all of his travels, the United States is the biggest opponent to presenting both sides of the origin in the classroom. It's funny when America is well known for freedom of thought and choice in what we want to believe, yet intelligent design continues to be banned from the classroom. Russia, a country you would think is one of the least accepting of differing views, is currently open to presenting intelligent design in the classroom. Roger has traveled extensively throughout Russia talking about these different theories. He stated that in a conversation with the Russian Board of Education, after 70 years of indoctrination, where they presented one view, they wanted to give students a choice; they wanted students to be able to decide for themselves. In fact, in 1982, the Deputy Minister of Russia, wanted to have 40 million copies of the book, *The Evidence for Creation*, so that the students could get, "a good education and decide for (Continued on page 9...)"



**Wednesday, November 8**  
Volleyball NCAA DIII First Round

**Friday, November 10**  
Hockey at St. John's University, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, November 11**  
Football vs. UW-Stevens Point, 1 p.m.  
M&W Cross Country NCAA Regionals at Augustana College, 11 a.m.  
Hockey at Augsburg College, 7 p.m.

**Friday, November 17**  
Hockey vs. UW-Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m.  
Women's Basketball vs. Illinois Benedictine, at Carroll College Tourney, TBA

**Saturday, November 18**  
M&W Cross Country NCAA Championships at Wilmington College, 11 a.m.

Hockey vs. UW-Eau Claire, 7:30 p.m.  
Women's Basketball vs. Carroll or Edgewood at Carroll College Tourney, 1 or 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 21**  
Men's Basketball at Bemidji State, 8 p.m.  
Women's Basketball vs. Northwestern College, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, November 25**  
Hockey vs. Neumann College at MSOE

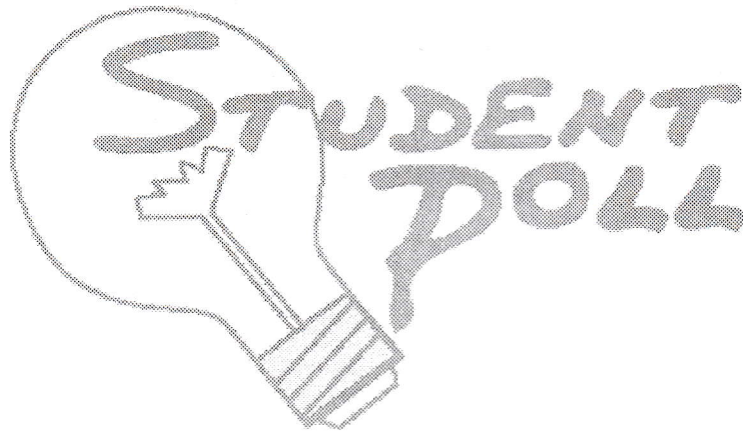
Tournament, 3 p.m.  
Women's Basketball at St. Scholastica, 5 p.m.

**Sunday, November 26**  
Hockey vs. Gustavus Adolphus or MSOE at MSOE Tournament, TBA  
Men's Basketball at Northland College, 3 p.m.  
Women's Basketball at Northland College, 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 29**  
Men's Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire, 7 pm.  
Women's Basketball at UW-Eau Claire, 7 p.m.

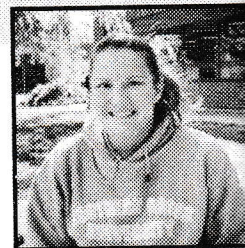


# Q: Do YOU think THE END is NEAR?



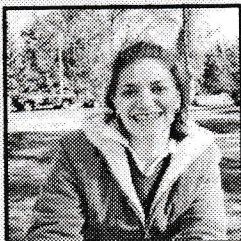
**Nathan Duval**  
**Manufacturing and Engineering, Sophomore**

"No, because there is too much still to be done; to much happiness to be had."



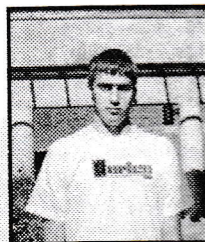
**Marie Frey**  
**Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism, Senior**

"No, with the natural disasters and 9/11, God has a way of making enough room for everyone."



**Emily Ballinger**  
**Human Development and Family Studies, Senior**

"Yes, I follow Jesus and I believe the Bible to be true. It says that Jesus will come again and the world will end. A lot of the signs of destruction of the earth are starting to be."



**Troy Huebner**  
**Construction, Freshman**

"No, I don't know why, I just don't think so."



**Shelly Wangen**  
**Human Development and Family Studies, Senior**

"No, I don't really think about it too much. When *Armageddon* came out, it scared everyone. I have my own religious philosophy and when the Lord says it time to go, then I guess I go."

**Friday, December 1**  
 Hockey vs. St. Norbert College, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 2**  
 Hockey vs. Lake Forest College, 7:30 p.m.  
 Men's Basketball at UW-Platteville, 1 p.m.  
 Women's Basketball at UW-Platteville, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 6**  
 Men's Basketball vs. UW-Superior, 7 p.m.  
 Women's Basketball at UW-Superior, 7 p.m.

**Friday, December 8**  
 Hockey vs. UW-Superior, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 9**  
 Hockey at St. Scholastica, 7 p.m.  
 Men's Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 5 p.m.  
 Women's Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 7 p.m.

**Monday, December 11**  
 Women's Basketball at Minnesota State-Mankato, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 12**  
 Men's Basketball at Finlandia University, 7 p.m.

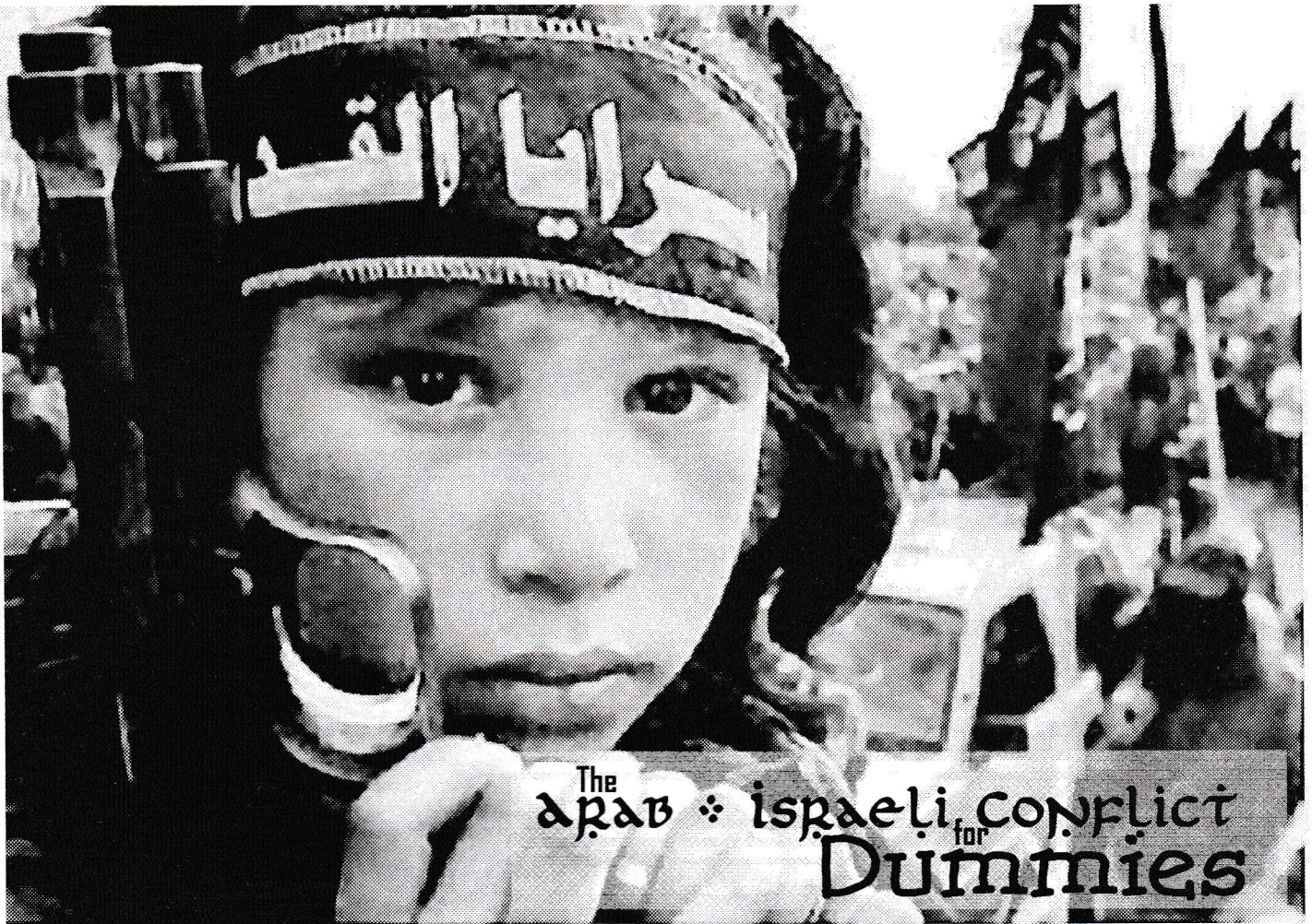
**Wednesday, December 13**  
 Men's Basketball at Northern Michigan, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 16**  
 Women's Basketball at Finlandia University, 3 p.m.

**Thursday, December 21**  
 Men's Basketball vs. Buena Vista at D3 Desert Shootout, Las Vegas, Nev., 5:45 p.m.

**Friday, December 22**  
 Men's Basketball vs. St. Joseph's or SUNY-IT at D3 Desert Shootout, Las Vegas, Nev., 3:30/5:45 p.m.





# The Arab \* Israeli Conflict for Dummies

**H**ave you ever watched the news or saw the latest headlines at the magazine rack in the grocery store and wondered what was going on with Israel? You've probably heard the names of various hard-to-pronounce terrorist groups thrown around along with the names of countries that seem too small and insignificant to matter. In light of the fact that the Arab-Israeli conflict can become one big jumbled picture, we've decided to put together an easy to follow survey of the events and key players in the conflict which is taking place largely between Israel, Lebanon and Palestine. The most important things to know are the people and places involved, as well as what the media won't tell you.

## KEY PLACES

• **ISRAEL** A Jewish state with a well trained, well equipped and efficient army with state of the art technology and a superior air force. When Israel became a state in 1948, many groups were opposed to their occupation of the land.<sup>(1)</sup>

**Zionism** is a major part of Israeli Politics. What is Zionism? Avi Slaim, Professor of International Relations at St. Anthony's College, wrote in his book, *The Iron Wall*:

*"The Zionist movement, which emerged in Europe in the last two decades of the nineteenth century, aimed at the national revival of the Jewish people in its ancestral home after nearly two thousand years of exile. The term 'Zionism' was coined in 1885 by the Viennese Jewish writer Nathan Birnbaum, Zion*

*being one of the biblical names for Jerusalem. Zionism was in essence an answer to the Jewish problem that derived from two basic facts: the Jews were dispersed in various countries around the world, and in each country they constituted a minority. The Zionist solution was to end this anomalous existence and dependence on others, to return to Zion, and to attain majority status there and, ultimately, political independence and statehood."*

• **LEBANON** A country that borders Israel on the northern side. It is currently led by pro-Syrian President Emile Lahoud. Hezbollah is a terrorist party that formed in Lebanon.<sup>(2)</sup>

**Ethnic groups:** Arab 95%, Armenian 4%, other 1%  
Note: many Christian Lebanese do not identify themselves as Arab but rather as descendents of the ancient Canaanites and prefer to be called Phoenicians

**Religions:** Muslim 59.7% (Shi'a, Sunni, Druze, Isma'elite, Alawite or Nusayri), Christian 39% (Maronite Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Melkite Catholic, Armenian Orthodox, Syrian Catholic, Armenian Catholic, Syrian Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Chaldean, Assyrian, Copt, Protestant), other 1.3%<sup>(3)</sup>



Ehud Olmert



Emile Lahoud

• **PALESTINE** One of several names for the geographic region between the Mediterranean Sea and the banks of the Jordan River with various adjoining lands. The best known of these territories are the West Bank and the Gaza

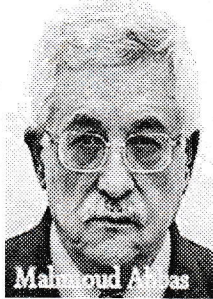
| 1882 - 1929 | Early Jewish Immigration   | 1929 - 1939 | Fifth Immigration   | 1936 - 1939 | Great Uprising  | 1947 | UN Resolution   |
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|             | Jewish communities and families, mostly from Eastern Europe, increasing anti-Semitism in Europe, begin to immigrate in increasing numbers to the Land of Israel (also known as the region of Palestine), then a province of the Ottoman Empire. Roughly 200,000 Jews flee to Israel over these years, escaping increasing persecution. |             | Due to the rise of facism in Europe, approximately 250,000 Jews arrived in Palestine during this period. However, restrictions imposed on Jewish immigration by the British authorities in response to events such as the Great Uprising curbed Jewish immigration in the later 1930's. |             | Arabs fight against Jewish Defense forces. Roughly 5,000 Arabs and 400 Jews are killed. |      | -UN General Assembly passes a partition plan dividing Palestine into two states under British rule<br>-Palestinian Arabs react violently to Partition Plan and fighting breaks out in the what will be the first phase of the 1948 Arab-Israeli War<br>-Jerusalem Riots; 70 Jews and 50 Arabs killed. |



Strip. Many different definitions of the region have been used in the past three millennia. The land, its boundaries and its ownership have been widely disputed. West Bank and Gaza Strip are Israeli-occupied with current status subject to the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement and permanent status to be

**The Bible says that Israel is God's prized possession, that the Jews are his chosen people, and, therefore, they will not be permanently destroyed.**

determined through further negotiation. Israel continues construction of a "seam line" separation barrier along parts of the Green Line and within the West Bank. Israel withdrew from four settlements in the northern West Bank in August 2005. <sup>(2)</sup>



**West Bank Statistics:**

**Ethnic groups:**  
Palestinian Arab and other 83%, Jewish 17%  
**Religions:**  
Muslim 75% (predominantly Sunni), Jewish 17%,  
Christian and other 8%  
**Languages:** Arabic, Hebrew (spoken by Israeli settlers  
and many Palestinians), English (widely understood) <sup>(3)</sup>

**Gaza Strip Statistics:**

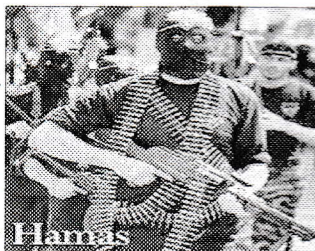
**Ethnic groups:** Palestinian Arab and other 99.4%,  
Jewish 0.6%  
**Religions:** Muslim (predominantly Sunni)  
98.7%, Christian 0.7%, Jewish 0.6%  
**Languages:** Arabic, Hebrew (spoken by  
many Palestinians), English (widely understood) <sup>(3)</sup>

**KEY PLAYERS**

• **FATAH** A major non-religious Palestinian political party and the largest organization in the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). It is a generally non-religious multi-party confederation. In Palestinian politics it is on the center-left of the spectrum. It is mainly secular and nationalist although not predominantly socialist. In the January 25, 2006 election, the party lost its majority in the Palestinian parliament to Hamas, and resigned all cabinet positions, instead assuming the role as the main opposition party. Fatah is also known by Israelis and many others alike as former supporters of terrorism against Israel. <sup>(4)</sup>



• **HAMAS** Also known as the "Islamic Resistance Movement", this is a Palestinian Sunni Islamist organization that currently forms the majority party of the Palestinian National Authority. It is listed as a terrorist organization by Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, the European Union, Israel, and the United States, and is banned in Jordan. They are opposed to the existence of Israel as a state. In the January 25, 2006 Palestinian elections, Hamas won a decisive majority in the Palestinian Legislative Council or Parliament. Of the 132-seat Parliament, Hamas won 76 seats, thereby ending the Fatah party's control of the Palestinian Authority. <sup>(4)</sup>



• **HEZBOLLAH** Meaning "Party of God", Hezbollah is a Shia Islamist political party in Lebanon, comprising a militia and extensive front programs for social development. Formed in 1982 to fight Israel's occupation of Southern

Lebanon in the 1982 Lebanon War, it was officially founded on February 16, 1985 when Sheik Ibrahim al-Amin declared the group's manifesto. It originally sought to bring the Islamic Revolution to Lebanon, and wanted to transform Lebanon's multi-confessional state into an Iranian-style Islamic state. The objective of this organization is the elimination of the State of Israel. <sup>(4)</sup>



• **AL-QAEDA** Means "The Foundation" or "The Base" and is a Sunni Islamist organization with the stated objective of eliminating foreign influence in Muslim countries. The most prominent members of the group are adherents of Salafism, a fundamentalist sect of Sunni Islam. While Osama bin Laden is generally recognized as the group's ideological leader, the group's operations are not highly centralized, and several independent and collaborative cells exist in multiple countries. Al-Qaeda has been linked to multiple terrorist attacks against U.S. interests, but is best known for the September 11 attacks on New York's World Trade Center and The Pentagon. In response, the United States launched a war against Afghanistan, which was providing safe haven to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda members. Due to its history, the group is officially designated as a terrorist organization in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia. <sup>(4)</sup>



**KEY ASSETS**

A country's assets in a conflict include their physical military strength, the support they have from other nations, and their arsenal of weapons and artillery.



**Israel's Arsenal:**

**Troops:** 186,500 active duty, 631,500 reserves  
**Armor:** 2,390 tanks and 7,851 artillery units  
**Air force:** 732 planes (including 108 trainers) and 202 helicopters  
**Navy:** 56 surface vessels and three unmanned submarines  
**Defense spending:** \$9.99 billion, including \$2.16 billion in U.S. military assistance (2004) <sup>(2)</sup>

**Palestine's Arsenal:**

Due to the fact that Hamas is now the governing force in Palestine, they are also the primary form of military. Hamas is funded by Iran, Palestinian Expatriates, and wealthy benefactors living in Saudi Arabia. Hamas operates primarily by means of suicide bombings and missile strikes. <sup>(2)</sup>

**Hezbollah's Arsenal:**

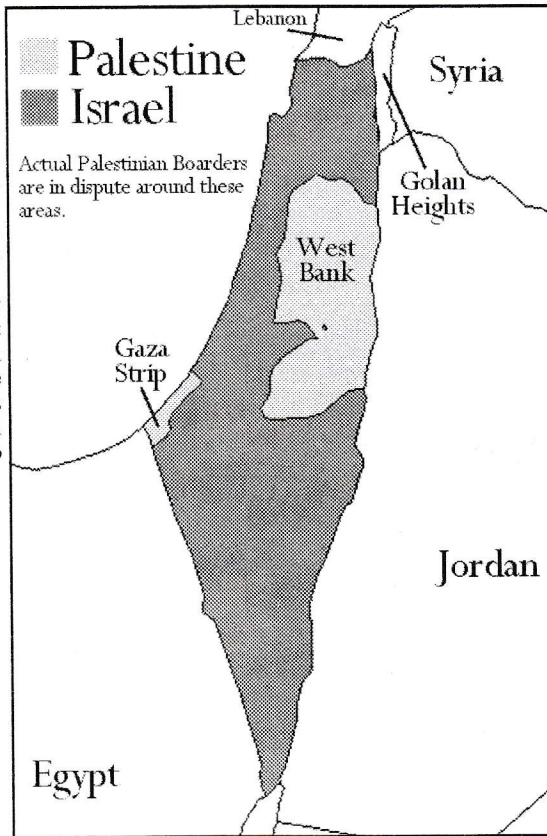
The U.S. State Department estimates Hezbollah's strength at "several thousand supporters and a few hundred terrorist operatives." Some experts say the Lebanese-based guerrilla movement includes 300 to 1,200 full-time fighters and several thousand reserves.  
Hezbollah receives financial and political assistance as well as weapons and training from Iran, according to the United States and Israel. Among Hezbollah's arsenal of rockets are thousands of short-range, old-style Katyushas and a smaller number of longer-range weapons, including the Zelzal-2 rocket, the Iranian Fajr-3 and Fajr-5 rockets, and C-802 guided cruise missiles, according to GlobalSecurity.org. Katyusha is a name given to a variety of unguided artillery, including the Russian-made 122 mm Grad rockets. <sup>(2)</sup>

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| <b>1948</b> | <p><b>Creation of Israel</b></p> <p>May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1948; Israel declares independence from British rule. Attacks on many fronts from various surrounding nations follow over the next few months.</p> | <b>1956</b> | <p><b>Suez Crisis</b></p> <p>October 29, 1956</p> <p>Israel invades Egypt's Sinai Peninsula in secret alliance with France and Britain.</p> <p>Kafr Qasim massacre. 48-49 Arab civilians are killed by Israel Border Police as they return to their village from work.</p> <p>Egypt expels its Jewish population and confiscates their property.</p> | <b>1964</b> | <p><b>Creation of the PLO</b></p> <p>February 3, 1964</p> <p>The Palestine Liberation Organization is founded in Cairo. Even though Ahmad Shuqeiri is the official leader, the organization is more or less controlled by the Egyptian government.</p> | <b>1967</b> | <p><b>Six-Day War</b></p> <p>The Six-Day War. Israel launches what it describes as a pre-emptive strike against the Egyptian Air Force on suspicion that Egypt and Syria are planning to invade. There had been an Egyptian naval blockade and military buildup in the Sinai Peninsula. Israel defeats the combined forces of</p> |
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**DAMAGES DONE** The death toll of both military and civilians of the entire conflict in 2000-2006 is estimated to be 3,844 Palestinians and 1,011 Israelis. These numbers do not differentiate between combatants and civilians. Of the Palestinian victims, at least 118 were killed by fellow Palestinians. Of the Israeli victims killed during the riots of October 2000, 12 were Arabs. <sup>(2)</sup>

Property damage has been immense over the past few years. Beirut, Lebanon has lost its airport, many civilian homes have fallen victim to suicide bombings and missile strikes, and numerous business districts throughout Palestine, Lebanon and Israel have been utterly destroyed with little or no hope of rebuilding.



Strip. An agreement signed by the PA and Israel in November 2005 authorized the reopening of the Rafah border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt under joint PA and Egyptian control, with monitoring provided by the European Union. <sup>(3)</sup>

The main unresolved issues between Israel and Palestine are:

- The status and future of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem which comprise the areas for the proposed State of Palestine.
- Israeli security and recognition of Israel's right to exist.
- Palestinian security.
- The nature of a future Palestinian state.
- The fate of the Palestinian refugees.
- The settlement policies of Israel, and the ultimate fate of settlements.
- Sovereignty over Jerusalem's holy sites, including the Temple Mount and Western Wall complex. <sup>(4)</sup>

**The Land of Israel** According to the Bible, in the book of Genesis, the Land of Israel was promised as an everlasting possession to the descendants of Hebrew patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by God, making it the Promised Land. God laid out the boundaries of the land for Abraham, the father of the Jewish people, in Genesis 15: 18-21.

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first became an independent state, created cultural values of national and universal significance, and gave to the world the Hebrew Bible, which is also known as the Old Testament.

A major dispersion of Israeli Jews occurred in 70 A.D. when Rome destroyed Jerusalem, and then again from 135-139 A.D. when the emperor Hadrian forbid the presence of Jews in Israel. The Jews were scattered to various surrounding lands and many went to Europe. However, they always held on to the hope of one day returning to Israel.

*Why is everyone so divided in their opinion of Israel?*

*Why does the U.S. take a chance and support Israel?*

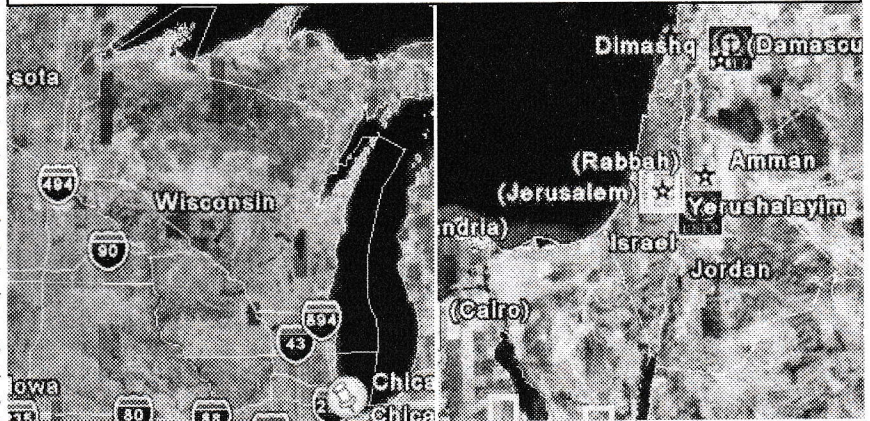
## WHAT THE MEDIA WON'T TELL YOU

**Israel and Palestine** The division of the former British mandate of Palestine and the creation of the state of Israel in the years after World War II have been at the heart of Middle Eastern conflicts for the past half century. The major issues have been a result of strife and conflicting beliefs between Palestinian Arabs (PA) and Israeli Jews. The two nations co-inhabit chunks of land whose ownership are in dispute. Direct negotiations to determine the permanent status of Gaza and West Bank began in September 1999 after a three-year hiatus, but were derailed by a second wave of violence that broke out in September 2000. In April 2003 the Quartet (US, European Union, United Nations, and Russia) presented a roadmap to a final settlement of the conflict by 2005 based on reciprocal steps by the two parties leading to two states, Israel and a democratic Palestine. The proposed date for a permanent status agreement has been postponed indefinitely due to violence and accusations that both sides have not followed through on their commitments. Longtime Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat died in November 2004 and Mahmud Abbas was elected PA president in January 2005, bringing hope of a turning point in the conflict. In February 2005 Israel and the PA agreed to the Sharm el-Sheikh Commitments (an agreement signed between Prime Minister of Israel Ehud Barak and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in 1999), focused on security issues, in an effort to move the peace process forward. Progress has been slow because of different interpretations of the verbal agreement by the two sides.

In September 2005, Israel withdrew all its settlers and soldiers and dismantled its military facilities in the Gaza Strip and four northern West Bank settlements. Nonetheless, Israel controls maritime, airspace, and most access to the Gaza

### Israel in scale comparison to Wisconsin

Israel is 70+ miles wide at it's widest point which is the rough distance from Woodbury, MN to Chippewa Falls, WI.



Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and their supporters and captures the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip from Egypt, East Jerusalem and the West Bank from Jordan, and the Golan Heights from Syria. Some Israelis settle in these territories. After the annexation, Jews and Christians were permitted to enter the Old City and its holy sites, which they (except for Arab Christians crossing from Jordan) were forbidden from under Jordanian rule.

**1973**

#### Yom Kippur War

The Yom Kippur War. Syria, Egypt, Jordan, and Iraq surprise-attack Israeli forces in the Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula on the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. Israel is victorious.

**2000**

#### Second Intifada

Second wave of violent confrontations break out between Israel Police forces and Sunni Muslims. There are a number of underlying causes for the outbreaks.

**2002**

#### U.S. Calls for Palestinian Independence

George W. Bush calls for independent Palestinian state living in peace with Israel.

**2006**

#### July 12, 2006

Hezbollah infiltrates Israel in a cross-border raid, kidnaps two soldiers and kills three others. Israel attempts to rescue the kidnapped, and five more soldiers are killed. Israel's military responds, and the 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict begins.





This hope was realized in 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Israel. The General Assembly required the inhabitants of Israel to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.

The timeline below records the events that led to Israel's establishment as a state, and the conflicts that occurred with surrounding nations both before and after the fact. If you look at the map, you'll notice how Palestine and Israel share portions of the land. These are the disputed areas.<sup>(4)</sup>

### Israel and the U.S.

Why is everyone so divided in their opinion of Israel? It's just a tiny little country that has managed to stay afloat in the midst of constant opposition. Why does the U.S. take a chance and support Israel?

Israel-United States relations have gone from an initial United States policy of sympathy and support for the creation of a Jewish homeland in 1948 to an unusual partnership that links a small but militarily powerful Israel, dependent on the United States for its economic and military strength, with the U.S. superpower trying to balance competing interests in the Middle East region. Some people in the United States question the levels of aid and general commitment to Israel, and argue that a U.S. bias toward Israel operates at the expense of improved U.S. relations with various Arab states. Others say that democratic Israel is a helpful and strategic ally, and that U.S.

relations with Israel strengthen the U.S. presence in the Middle East.

**Israel and the United Nations** Suffice it to say that UN relations with Israel haven't exactly been friendly since their statehood in 1948. The UN Charter gives every state the right to membership of the UN Security Council, and says that membership will be decided according to equal geographic distribution. Without membership in a regional group, a member state cannot sit on the Security Council or other key UN bodies. Geographically, the State of Israel would belong to the *Asian Group* in the UN, but that group has repeatedly denied Israel's admission. Israel has been the only UN member excluded from a regional group. As a result of this, UN decisions regarding Israel are usually swayed against them. A few countries have consistently supported Israel's actions in the UN, such as the United States of America and also the tiny states of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, which are both associated states of the U.S. In recent times, Australia, under the leadership of John Howard, has also supported Israel at the UN.

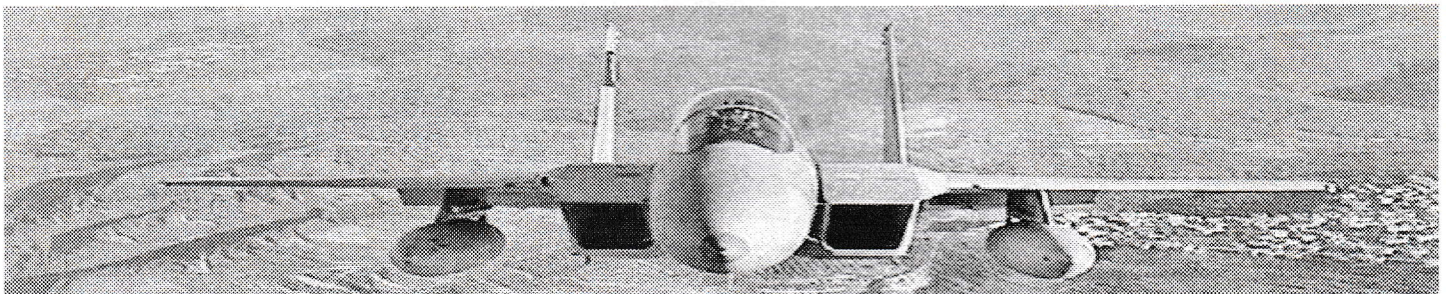
**Israel and the Bible** Israel is the land that God set aside as special from the beginning. What other reason could there possibly be for such a small, underdog country that's surrounded by enemies to have survived for this long? The Bible says that Israel is God's prized possession, that the Jews are his chosen people and therefore they will not be permanently destroyed. It's interesting to note that people used to say prior to 1948 that there would never again be a nation of Israel due to the fact that the Jews were a small and scattered group dispersed throughout various countries. The Bible's prophecies regarding the reformation of Israel were therefore thought to be false. However, when the unthinkable happened and Israel once again became a nation in 1948, prophecies such as this one, written by the prophet Ezekiel thousands of years prior, were shown to be amazingly accurate.

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*"I, the Sovereign Lord, will gather you back from the nations where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel once again."*  
Ezekiel 11:17, New Living Translation

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**Wrap It Up** Next time, when you catch yourself scanning headlines at the newsstand, consider the facts about the key players and places involved in this ongoing conflict, namely Israel, Palestine and Lebanon. Think about the long history of strife between these nations before you're quick to think this war can be easily ended by "peace" protests. After looking at the timeline depicted at the bottom of the page and the ongoing conflict, it doesn't appear that these nations will easily let these issues drop. Israel and Palestine both want a homeland on the same small chunk of real estate, and the issues of background, race and religion become endlessly wrapped up in this quest for property. Consider America's involvement in this part of the world and the fact that we currently, legitimately, back Israel but at the same time confess that Palestine deserves a country of its own. Consider Israel, an unlikely and tiny nation at the center of the world's interest. At the line dividing eastern and western culture; at the line where left-to-right writers meet right-to-left, sits the birthplace of the man who all of time is gauged on the date of his birth; why is Israel so important?



### Post-Thanksgiving Ramen Recipe:

Ok, here it is: 2 packs of Ramen in seasoning, preferably oriental cooked. Drain and add 1/2 cup leftover stuffing. Then as much white meat Turkey as your mom sent home with you. Voila! You have your self a slice of home right in your dorm room.



*("Who Saves Who" continued from page 1...)*

the fact that this 12 week forum is not so much intended to explore alternative approaches to Christianity, but to denounce one approach specifically: the conservative view that Jesus is God and He is "the only name under heaven by which man can be saved" (Acts 4:12). Walter Brueggemann, one of the many scholars on the video, says, "The Bible is an act of faithful imagination." Another presenter tells us, "There's no orthodox doctrine of salvation." Yet another states the Bible is "a human product...not a divine product."

Many, however, are able to see this gathering for what it really is as the Bible itself would declare it to be. A former student at UW-Stout had this to say about the presentation: "So is it 'Saving Jesus' or is it slicing Him open and dicing Him up to be some sort of feng shui artwork that calms us and makes us feel good about ourselves? I can't believe that they are actually saying this." Pastor Tom Karl of Street Level Ministries said, "This idea, to me, seems quite ridiculous. It is on the parallel, in my mind, to a group of people meeting in some building weekly in the name of the Wizard of Oz and saying, 'we know the Wizard is fictitious but he had some moral things to say.' Either Jesus lived, died, did and said the things He did, or the Bible is the story of a lunatic in Lala Land. I'm sure David

Koresh had some moral things to say; he said he was the Son of God. I don't think anyone reading this would disagree that David Koresh was a crazy man. I'm not going to listen to him."

The bother with all of this is that many of these people are labeling themselves as Christians, which is a term borrowed from the same Bible they reject (see Acts 11:26). The Bible has strong words for those who will bring any "gospel" that is contrary to the one taught in the Word of God. In Galatians 1:8-9, the Apostle Paul says that these people should be "accursed" or "damned" to hell.

When the possibility that God's Word is inerrant and infallible is left out, the quest for one's faith becomes far less than adventurous. What a bizarre concept that the One we have understood to be the Savior of mankind for thousands of years is now Himself in need of salvation. A concept so deep and intellectual that only the most educated of scholars can understand it. The Bible reports that man was created in the image of God, but how tirelessly we have, throughout the centuries been striving to make God into our image. It is disappointing to know that this is what the local churches have to offer to those who may truly be seeking the honest truth.

*(Intelligent Design...continued from page 3)*

themselves."

Oakland got the opposite reaction when he spoke at a university in Victoria, Canada. Most of the students attending the lecture had been drinking. He said he was nearly stoned. He didn't go into details, though he did jokingly thank us for being such a good audience.

Oakland stated that he wanted people to walk away knowing they have a choice. He wants students to have a choice in the classroom and in the decisions they make. He believes that everyone should be given both sides of the argument so they can make an educated decision as to how our origins came about.

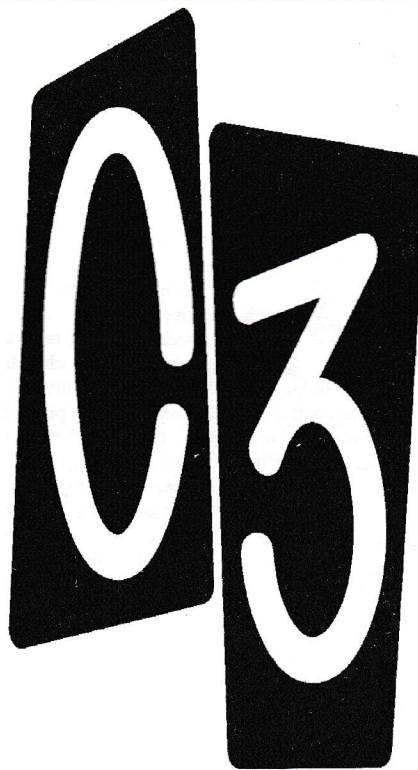
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Roger Oakland's website: [www.understandthetimes.org](http://www.understandthetimes.org)

**For more info read:**

- Searching For The Truth on Origins-Leader's Manual* by Roger Oakland and Larry Scroggins
- The Evidence for Creation* (By McLean, Oakland and McLean)
- Understand The Times-A Simplified Biblical Perspective* (By T.A. McMahon and Roger Oakland)
- Evolution: The Fossils Still Say No-Dr. Duane Gish*
- The Young Earth*-John D. Morris
- Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation*-Dennis R. Peterson
- The Illustrated Origins Answer Book*-Paul S. Taylor
- Evolution Shot Full Of Holes*-By Jim Bendewald with Frank Sherwin



**Campus Crusade for Christ**

Thursdays

7:34 pm @ MSC

[www.ccc.uwstout.edu](http://www.ccc.uwstout.edu)  
[www.everystudent.com](http://www.everystudent.com)

**After Turkey Day Pizza**

- 2 pkgs Pillsbury Crescent Rolls
- 2-3 cups of your favorite mashed potatoes (cooked)
- 1 turkey breast-cooked leftovers
- 1 cup of your favorite stuffing (cooked)
- 2 cups (I think) of chicken or turkey gravy
- 1 small package of grated cheese

Roll out the Pillsbury Crescent roll packages flat and roll them together into a nice "phlat" crust!!

Bake the crust to a nice "golden-a-brown-a" using temp from the package. Pull out and spread mashed potatoes over everything.

Spread the gravy for a nice sauce.

Add random clumps of mashed potatoes.

Next, sprinkle the stuffing and turkey over the mashed potatoes and then add the cheese. The cheese doesn't need to cover everything like a conventional pizza. Just add some because we all like cheese!

Put back into the oven and heat until the cheese is melted. Pull out and cover with gravy, or cut up and use the extra gravy for dipping! Yumo!





## One Girl's Journey to Finding Imperfection...

Growing up, I was just an average girl from an average town. I really wasn't anything special, just average. However, all that changed the moment I met God.

Let's start at the beginning, or near the beginning anyway. I grew up in a small town in Southwestern Wisconsin. From 1<sup>st</sup> grade on, I attended a private school where I was able to learn about God, Jesus, and Bible stories on a regular basis. I knew what it meant to be "Christian". I went to church services several times during the week and even read a few verses out loud in church

every now and then. Overall, I remember trying to be good during this time in my life. As I grew into middle school, I tried to be even better. I wanted my life to be perfect by getting A's, having people accept me, and by being a "good" Christian. I had to keep trying harder and harder because perfection never seemed within my grasp.

When I started my freshman year in a public high school, I began to get depressed. My friends seemed to be finding other friends that did "bad" things. I was too "good" for that, but I felt the bitter pain of rejection which caused me not to like myself very well. I was still trapped by these moral standards that I couldn't shed. What was wrong with me? My depression became a bigger problem as the year went on.

The one bright light in my school was my English teacher. She was just out of college and seemed to pick up on the fact that I was really struggling with life. By inviting me to a Christian Club she was the advisor for in school, she showed me Jesus in a new light. I wish I could say that at this point my problems went away and I lived happily ever after, however, I must continue with the real story. Summer came and I reached the lowest point with my emotions. I lost all hope and remember thinking about death on a daily basis.

It was the end of July when I reached the breaking point. My mom and I had just gotten in a huge fight and I thought of nothing else than wanting to end it all. So before I could change my mind, I took more than a few pills. I just plain wanted to die. I cried myself to sleep that night, hoping I would never wake up. But morning came and upon realizing I was still alive, I cried out to Jesus like I had never done before. And the best part is that He answered me! I knew then that He loved me and wanted the best for me. I was the sinner that He died for. Even though I had struggled to live my entire life perfectly, I still fell short. I needed a savior.

When school started in the fall, I came back as a more

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confident sophomore. I got involved with the Christian club and God surrounded me with a few close Christian friends. A year later, I started going to a church where I learned more about who Jesus was and more about my relationship with Him.

I went to college after I graduated from high school and learned a bit more about life through those experiences. I'm still not perfect; I've definitely made my share of mistakes. However, because of those mistakes, I've felt the forgiveness of God that I totally don't deserve. I can honestly say that He has always been there for me. He has never left me because my sin is too "bad". Through the years, I have also learned that no matter how "good" I try to be, God will love me just the same. There is nothing I can do to make Him love me any more or any less than He always has and always will.

The days of hopelessness and depression are gone and when I look back, the memories seem like I'm watching a video from someone else's life. I have changed so much, but it wasn't me doing the changing; it was God. Next summer, I am graduating from Stout and getting married. God has not only changed my life, but He has blessed me so much by giving me a guy who loves God too, a close church family, and a college major which I am passionate about.

### Thursday, December 28

Men's Basketball vs. Jamestown College, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. McMurray at Southwestern University, 7 p.m.

### Friday, December 29

Men's Basketball vs. Viterbo University, 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Southwestern or Concordia-Illinois at Southwestern University, 1/3 p.m.

Men's Basketball hosts Jamestown vs. North Central, 1 p.m.

### Music/Entertainment

Nov 2, 8 pm, Grits, LA Symphony, & Manafest in concert, Club 3 Degrees, Minneapolis, MN

Nov 3, 7 pm, Mike Blair Project in concert, Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, no cover, presented by Street Level Ministries

Nov 3, 8 pm, Kutless, Disciple, Red, & Run Kid Run in concert, Club 3 Degrees, Minneapolis, MN

Nov 4, 7 pm, "Good Night and Good Luck" presented by Blue Devil Productions, Applied Arts 210, UW-Stout

Nov 8, 7:30 pm, Gaelic Storm in Concert, Eau Claire State Theatre

Nov 8-11, 7:30 pm, Picasso at the Lapin Agile, Harvey Hall Theatre, UW-Stout

Nov 10, 8 pm, The Afters in concert, Club 3 Degrees, Minneapolis, MN

Nov 18, 8 pm, Project 86 and Children 18:3 in concert, Club 3 Degrees, Minneapolis, MN



# UNDYING ANTHEM

## Confessions!



**1 What brought you together as a band in the beginning?**

A love of God and rock music, with strong urging from the Almighty.

**2 What types of problems, if any, do you have or have you had in the past when going to play a concert somewhere?**

Small crowd, bad P.A., broken van, malfunctioning gear...

**3 If you had to pick a favorite movie or TV show from before 1990, what would it be?**

Spinal Tap

**4 There are probably a lot of things that you enjoy about your music, but if you could pick one thing that brings you the most joy, fun, etc. as a musician, what would you say it is?**

Hearing from people who love it like we do and how God uses it to affect their lives.

**5 Are there times in the past when you have felt discouraged and wanted to quit? If so, what made you keep going?**

Yes. Prayer, brotherhood, passion, need.

**6 From the performer's point of view, what can the crowd do to make it a better or more enjoyable show for both you and them?**

BE LOUD! Sing the songs as well as you can, and dance like nobody's watching!

**7 What is the best snack food to have with when traveling to do a show?**

Whatever item our bass player Sam doesn't expect us to bring. Plus meat-sticks equal flatulence...not good.

**8 Before you go out to play a concert, what do you hope the listeners take away from the concert?**

A renewed sense of joy and hope, and a feeling of belonging.



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Nov 25, 2 pm and 7:30 pm, Tonic Sol-FA in concert, Eau Claire State Theatre

Nov 30, 8 pm, Open Mic Night presented by Blue Devil Productions at the Rec Center, Memorial Student Center, UW-Stout

Dec 8, 7 pm, Runway 36 in concert, Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, no cover, presented by Street Level Ministries

Dec 14, 8 pm, Open Mic Night presented by Blue Devil Productions at the Rec Center, Memorial Student Center, UW-Stout

Dec 31, 7 pm, New Year's Celebration of Emerging Artists, Mabel Tainter Theater

### Stout Adventures

Nov 7 and 8, Camping 101 Clinic, 7 pm-9 pm

Nov 14 and 16, Kayak Roll Clinic, 8 pm-10 pm

Dec 6, Nordic Ski Waxing Clinic, 7 pm

### Turkey Roasting Guide:

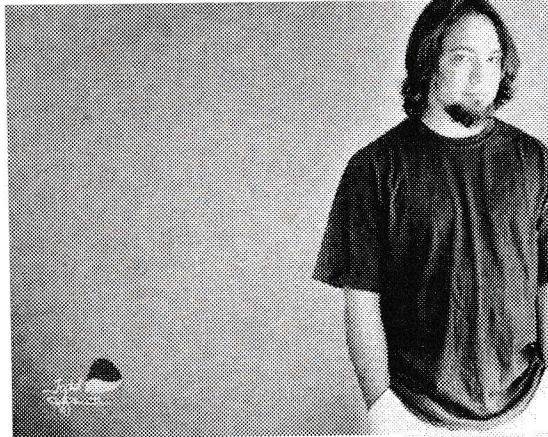
Estimate the roasting time of your thawed, unstuffed turkey

| Weight       | Time                 |
|--------------|----------------------|
| 8 - 12 lbs.  | 2-3/4 to 3 hrs.      |
| 12 - 14 lbs. | 3 to 3-3/4 hrs.      |
| 14 - 18 lbs. | 3-3/4 to- 4-1/4 hrs. |
| 18 - 20 lbs. | 4-1/4 to 4-1/2 hrs.  |
| 20 - 24 lbs. | 4-1/2 to 5 hrs.      |

For best results, roast the bird with the breast down (upside down). It's not pretty looking when done but keeps the white meat extremely juicy.



## Todd Agnew & Matisyahu



### Todd Agnew

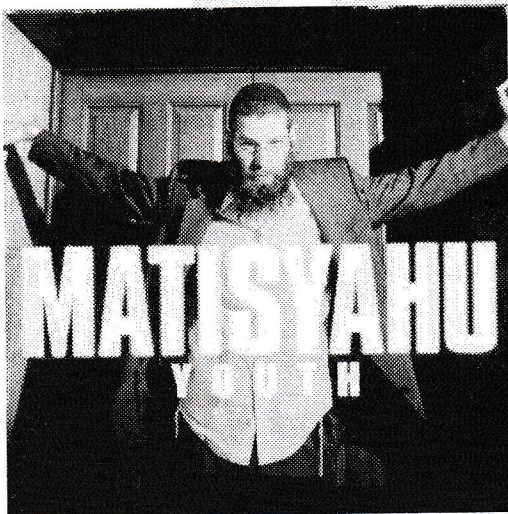
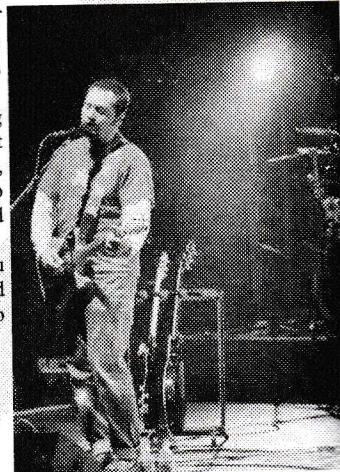
Album: *Reflections on Something*  
Genre: Rock/Inspirational/Worship  
Fall 2006

Everything we see is a reflection of something, or so says the inside cover of Todd Agnew's most recent album release, *Reflections on Something*. This album, Agnew's second release, takes on a bit of a different sound from his first album, *Grace Like Rain*. *Reflections* seems to take on more of a bluesy sound, with not as many of the catchy or radio-friendly songs the first album contained. If you are unfamiliar with Agnew's sound, he has a more bluesy and classic guitar rock style, sounding a bit like James Clay or Third Day.

The album's first radio single, "Unchanging One", does have a similar sound to the hits off of his first album, such as "This Fragile Breath". However, other songs,

such as "Mercy in Me", deliver more of a classic rock sound. Lyrically, the new album tends to challenge its listeners to take a serious look at themselves. Songs such as "My Jesus" which contains the words, "My Jesus would never be accepted in my church/The blood and dirt on His feet might stain the carpet" are evidence of hard-hitting lyrics.

All things considered, *Reflections on Something* is an excellent album, although you may be disappointed if you are looking for a clone of Agnew's first album *Grace Like Rain*. *Reflections on Something* was released in August 2005 and is available at most CD retail stores or online. Agnew does not make it to the Midwest very often, but if you really want to see him live, visit [www.toddagnew.com](http://www.toddagnew.com) for info on his tour dates.



### Matisyahu

Album: *Youth*  
Genre: Reggae-Rap

You probably would not expect a traditionally dressed Jewish man in his mid-twenties to be one of the latest musical hits, but somehow Matisyahu has managed to do just that with his reggae-rap sound. *Youth* is the third release from reggae-Jewish musician Matisyahu. The album definitely has a different sound, especially if you are not familiar with reggae. *Youth* is a mix of more traditional reggae, with rap and modern rock all blended together. Three-piece band Roots Tonic backs Matisyahu on both his studio album and his live concerts.

For most people this will not be an album to fall in love with after listening to it once. A few die-hard reggae fans may find themselves enthralled by the album, however it will take the average person a couple of listens to begin appreciating the music. "Time of Your Song", "Youth" and "King Without a Crown" offer the most enjoyment for the average listener and provide the best starting ground for those unfamiliar with his music. While he is definitely worth checking out, his somewhat less-than-perfect singing

ability and somewhat changing accent may scare a lot of people away from putting this on their favorite albums list. While Matisyahu has experienced a flurry of popularity over the last year, it will be interesting to see if he has the staying power necessary to keep his popularity up or if he is just a fad that will pass away over the next couple of years.







# Movie Reviews

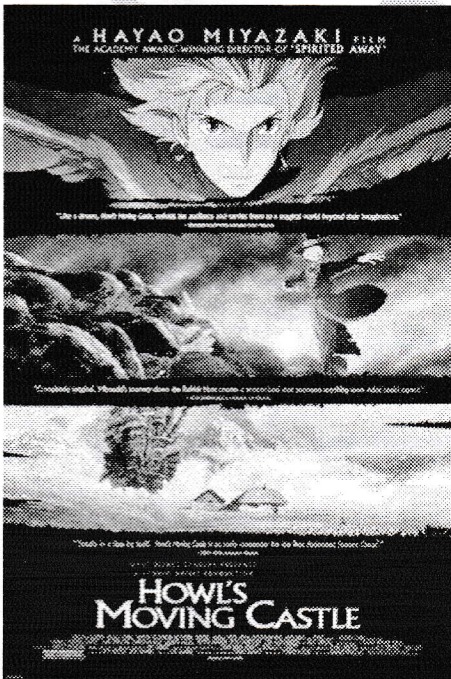
## Click & Howl's Moving Castle



**Click**  
Rating: PG13

Ready for a serious film from Adam Sandler? Well, most people would probably say no to that, but *Click* does offer a more serious tone than most of Sandler's past work. *Click* centers around a young architect who has been overlooking his family to chase his career. Through a series of circumstances, he comes across a universal remote that allows him to use its functions, such as pause and fast-forward, on his life. When the remote starts acting on its own, his life starts to quickly pass him by, causing him to think about the importance of his family. *Click* is a more dramatic movie from Adam Sandler, although it certainly still holds much of the type of humor we expect from Sandler, such as his fits of anger and token fart jokes. The humor is well done for the most part, although in a few scenes, such as when Sandler is chasing a group of kids, it seems a bit forced. If you normally find yourself annoyed or disgusted with Sandler's style of humor, the same will probably be true for *Click*, but maybe not to as great of an extent. Also starring in the film are Kate Beckinsale as the main character's wife and David Hasselhoff as the main character's boss. Christopher Walken also appears in an interesting role. His

performance, as always, is quite good and kind of creepy. This is not a film you walk away from raving about how great it is, but if you go in expecting the typical Adam Sandler flick, you will likely be impressed by the mix of humor and substance. The film did pretty well, making around 140 million in domestic box office sales. *Click* is rated PG-13, is about 90 minutes long, and is currently available on DVD.

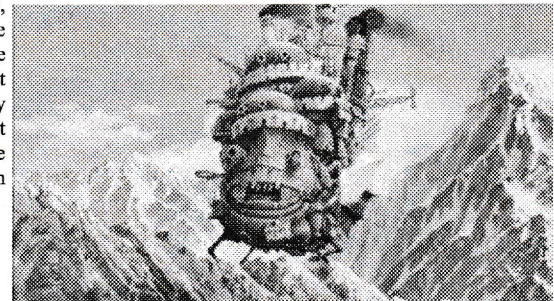


**Howl's Moving Castle**  
Rating: PG

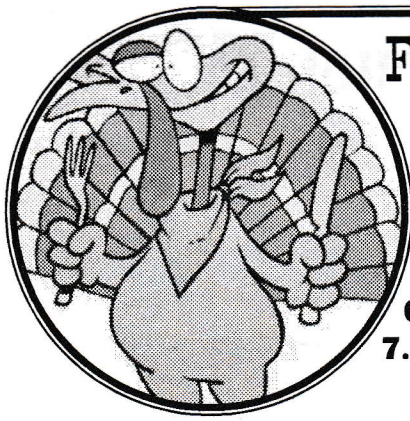
If you think anime movies are only action oriented with lots of guns or swords you will find yourself surprised at *Howl's Moving Castle*. *Howl's Moving Castle* was released on DVD June 10, 2005, and is one of the more popular animes by Hayao Mizaki. Mizaki was also behind the popular anime, *Spirited Away*. *Howl's Moving Castle* is loosely based on a book by Dianne Wynne Jones. The English version of the film includes Billy Crystal and Christian Bale as voices for two of the main characters.

After being cursed by the Witch of the Water, the film's main character Sophie turns into an old woman. Ashamed of how she looks, she flees into the hills where she crosses paths with a moving castle which roams the hills. It is said to belong to the young and handsome wizard Howl, who has a bad reputation for stealing young girls' hearts. Within the castle, Sophie befriends the fire demon Calcifer, who promises to help her remove the curse in return for Sophie's help freeing Calcifer from Howl. The film follows the group as they face dangers, their own fears, and a few enemies along the way.

The movie is visually stunning and takes place in a very imaginative world with flying gun ships, wizards and, of course, an enchanted castle. Some downsides of the film are that it is a bit long for some and the plot appears thin at times, which may cause some to lose interest. The character development, however, is well done and makes you feel more connected to what is going on in the film. There are funny moments as well as suspenseful ones and it will prove to be entertaining for most. The DVD is available at Mr. Movies in Menomonie.



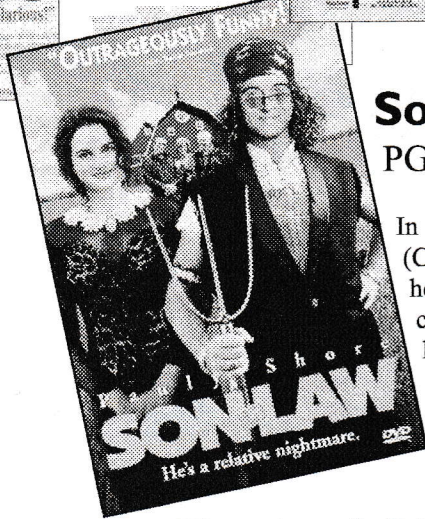
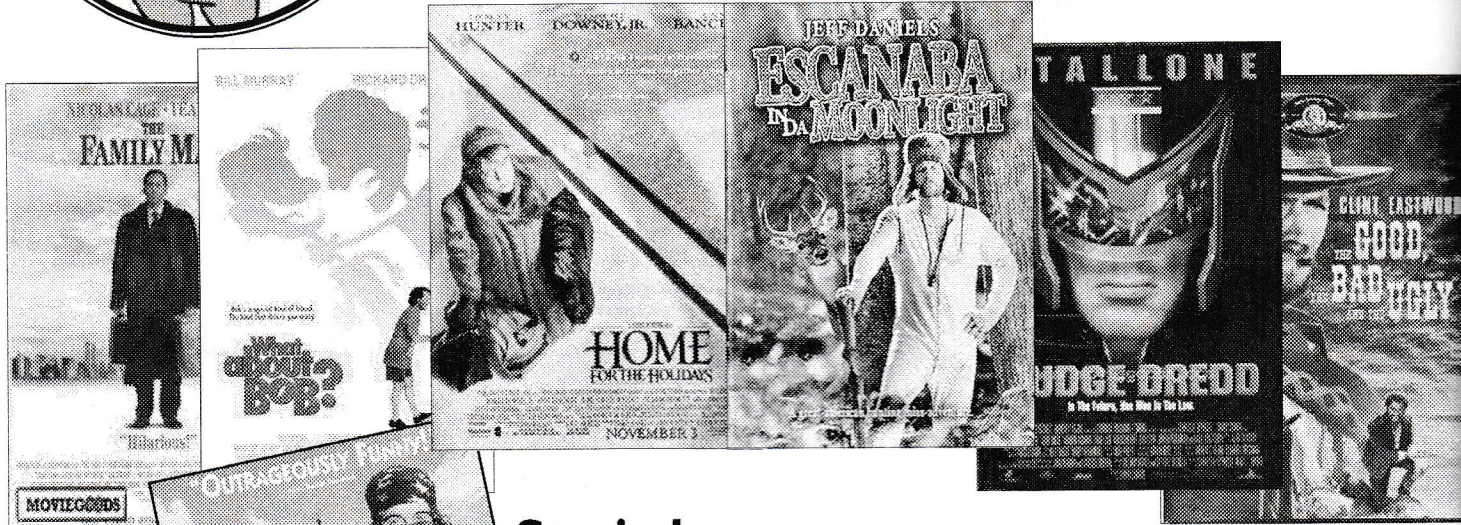




# Favorite Thanksgiving Day Movies

1. **SON-IN-LAW**
2. **Escanaba In Da Moonlight**
3. **Home for the Holidays**
4. **The Family Man**
5. **The Good, the Bad and the Ugly**
6. **Judge Dredd**
7. **What About Bob?**

**Disclaimer:** Some of these movies have nothing to do with Thanksgiving, but are rather enjoyable after stuffing you face with turkey and taters.



**Son in Law (1993)**  
PG-13

**← A MUST SEE !!**

In an effort to ward off a boorish hometown suitor, college student Rebecca (Carla Gugino) asks her spaced-out roommate, Crawl (Pauly Shore) to pose as her fiancé during a trip home for Thanksgiving. Back on the farm, Rebecca's conservative family doesn't know what to make of their prospective son-in-law—who teaches some hayseeds how to do the funky chicken. By and by, Crawl's feigned love for Rebecca gives way to the real thing. Watch on a full stomach of Turkey Day fixings. (bio-Netflix.com)

## Best of Menomonie: Cheap Eats:

### Volume I-Late Night Snack

**1) Best "I-Forgot-to-Eat-Dinner-and-Have-Class-in-10-Minutes":**

**Parmesan Chicken Sandwich from the Pawn and a 20 oz. fruit punch Crystal Light** • This tasty and filling sandwich is hot and ready to go in seconds and although the punch may seem a bit fruity, the red food coloring and fake sugar give you a much needed boost.

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**3) Best Frozen Treat:**

**Dairy Queen Buster Bar** • This treat is a bit over looked, but for great price this gooey pea-nutty treat is well worth it.

**4) Best "Good-for-You-Like-Hugging-Nature" Snack:**

**Energy Bites at the Menomonie Co-op** • They have enough healthy goodness to make you feel better about your Pawn Melt and lots of power to get you through at least the next few classes.

**5) Best Cup of Joe:**

**Organic Timor at the Blind Munchies Coffeehouse** • This is the only place you will find this rare cup in town. Roasted fresh in small batches from a local roaster nearby, this tasty bean is the best in town. Just 2 blocks from campus and \$1 for a 12 oz. cup makes this an excellent choice.



# A Message From India



Hello, I am Pastor Christodan from India.

Dear Friends-in-Christ, I greet you all from a distant corner in His glorious and matchless beauty. I am happy to join once more this year. I feel honor to be a part of Yeshuapoolooza sitting in a small room. I am not ashamed to testify that this unique festival brings the ray of hope among the tribal believers in India.

You are certain that your effort to build a tribal church in Badamanjeri last year is not without effect in the Lord. It is certain the joy of worshipping in a big and beautiful church building upon the highest mountain of their state is unspeakable. They are grateful to you all. You know friends the little work you do for the Lord is not pointless or without fruit.

The proposed church building at Kanakote village in another part of India is also a very needy and important piece of work. The people here live in small thatched houses. They are not getting good yielding for last few years.

They are migrating to different cities and towns in search of their livelihood. But God's love has moved many people to believe in Christ and be saved. They are gathering in different places yet facing lots of trouble in rainy and hot days. Now the

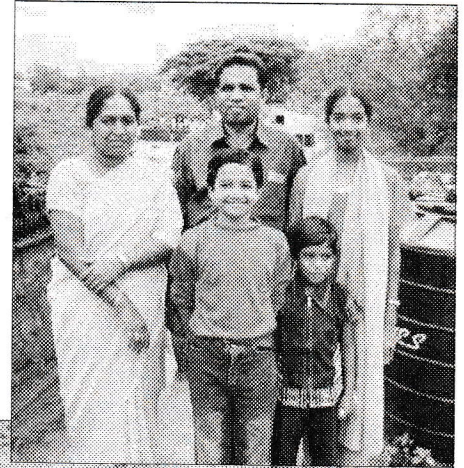
believers have hope through this new project to get a new church building. It will be another milestone of Jesus Fellowship of Believers in Menomonie.

It is almost 2000 years passed yet India unreached with gospel. The stronghold of Satan is continuing upon the minds and the hearts of Indians. Therefore we sincerely covet your effectual fervent prayer to bring down the stronghold of Satan and to reap a great harvest in big and lovely India.

I can say vehemently India needs Christ and Christ needs you. Keep on storing up your treasures for yourselves in India where neither moth nor rust destroy, disfigure and corrupt and also where thieves do not break or steal.

I am really grateful to Pastor Tim and Team for giving me this rare opportunity to share the ongoing ministry here in India.

-May God richly bless you all.  
Christodan Takri



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# Fill of flesh

*When my flesh is filled  
and the deed is done  
I'm overtaken with guilt  
and shame has overcome.*

*The flesh is revived  
living and well  
he attained that which he thrived  
so he forgets about hell.*

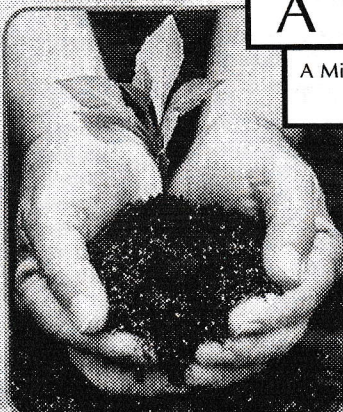
*So my soul cries out  
seeking the forgiveness of God  
in the silence I shout  
and the thought of repentance is  
sought.*

*But when my flesh is alive  
the deceiver steps in  
and fills my thoughts full of lies  
and reminds me of my sin.*

*So when the flesh has been filled  
and there is no more temptation  
I desire to do HIS will  
and attempt to rebuild our rela-  
tion.*

*So in my emotion  
I forget about the flesh  
I go through all the right motions  
but the flesh still evades death.*

*So around again I go  
in this circle of religion  
lost without a home  
or any victory of my sin.*



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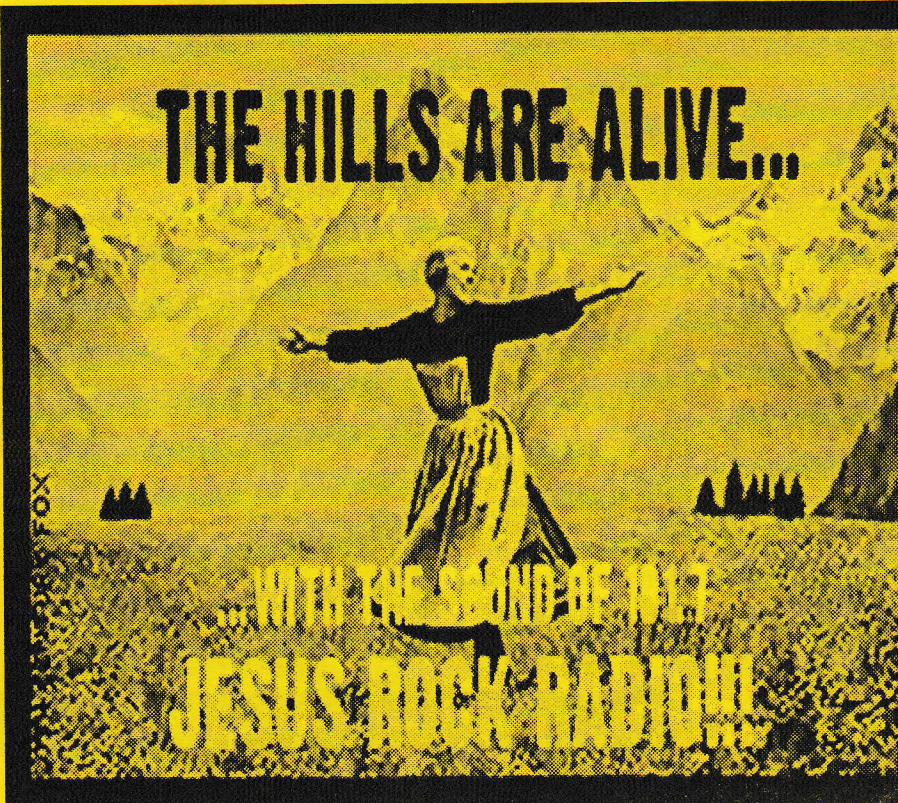




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**Rock the Flock (Bible Study)**  
Noon  
**Wildcard (Bible Study)**  
5 pm  
DJ show-Jeremy Kadinger-Segues 11 pm

**Tuesday**

Live DJ show-Jeremy Jones-Jones' n in the Morning 7-10 am  
**Wildcard (Bible Study)**  
8 am  
**Rock the Flock**  
Noon  
Get a Life (Bible Study)  
5 pm

**Wednesday**

**Wildcard (Bible Study)**  
8 am  
**Rock the Flock**  
Noon  
**Wildcard (Bible Study)**  
5 pm

**Live D.J.**  
5:45 - 6:45 pm  
**Live Underground Bible Study**  
7 pm  
DJ show-Jeremy Kadinger-Segues 12 am

**Thursday**

**Wildcard (Bible Study)**  
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**Rock the Flock**  
Noon  
**Get a Life (Bible Study)**  
5 pm

**Friday**

**Live D.J. show-Josh & Travis Morning Show**  
6 - 7:30 am  
**Wildcard (Bible Study)**  
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**Rock the Flock**  
Noon  
**Wildcard (Bible Study)**  
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DJ show-Jeremy Kadinger-Segues 10 pm-12 am

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