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DIE(T)ing

All through school, I remember hearing about issues like Anorexia, Bulimia, and other food-centered disorders. Not once did I consider the possibility that any of these applied to me, though I spent a great deal of time distressing about food and my weight. At 5'3", I have never in my adult life weighed over 110 pounds. To me, this seems a rather large number. My desired weight is some twenty to thirty pounds less. This quickly became much more than a desire, it was my obsession. I would go to any lengths to be thinner; to gain control of what I looked like. Starvation and diet pills became a daily pattern in my life.

My thoughts and actions all centered on the avoidance of food. I convinced myself that eating was a disgusting ritual, and that each morsel of food added inches of fat to my body.

To recall the exact time that food became an issue with me would be to go back to early

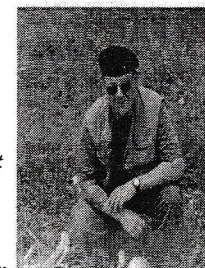
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*Far Reaching Ministries*

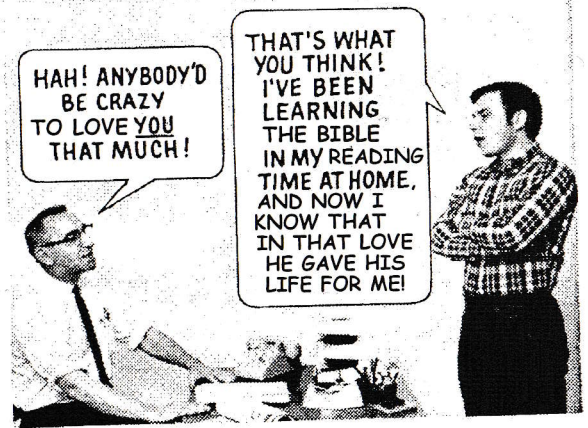
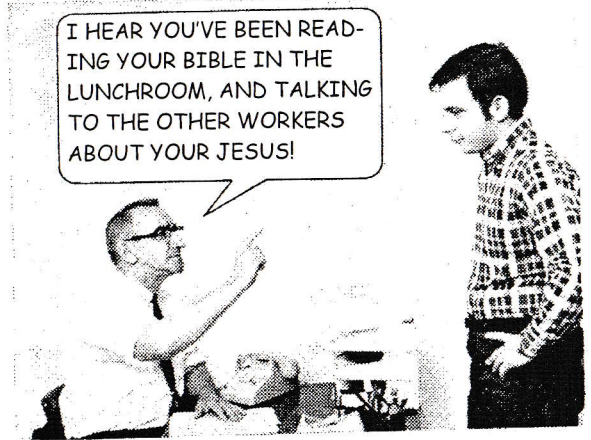
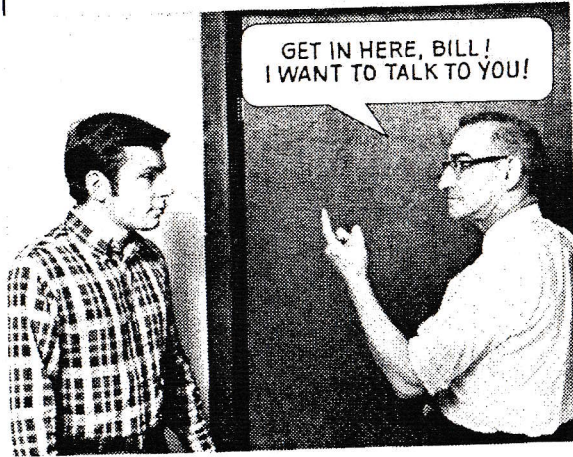
*To what lengths would you go to serve the One who saved you from death and gave you life? Would you be willing to wade through waters with 18 foot crocodiles? Would you be willing to spend nearly four years in the bush of south Sudan as a potential target for bombs and machine gunfire from the brutal Islamic Government of Sudan?*

*Wes Bentley is a missionary in South Sudan, the most persecuted nation on earth for Christians today. Pastors are crucified, skinned alive, or burned at the stake for their faith. Entire families are slaughtered for refusing to deny Jesus Christ. Islamic forces come through and raid Sudanese villages in the early morning hours. They burn houses, churches, schools, and take men and women into slavery. Women and girls age 17 and older are sold as concubines for the procreation of new soldiers. Boys as young as age eight are taken to Islamic training camps to be*



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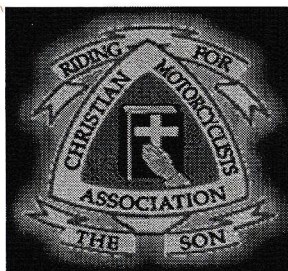
AS HERB STARTED OUT, HE QUICKLY SAW THAT THE MOTORCYCLE INTRODUCED HIM TO MASSES WHO WERE NOT GOING TO ATTEND THE CHURCH HE PASTORED OR ANY OTHER. HE KNEW THERE WAS A NEED FOR SOMEONE TO GO TO THE MOTORCYCLE EVENTS AND RALLIES TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH THEM. IN A DRAMATIC STEP OF FAITH HE RESIGNED FROM HIS CHURCH AND LEFT HIS COMFORT ZONE WITH NOTHING MORE THAN HIS BIKE, A VISION, AND A LOVE FOR THE LOST.

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## Groovin' with Big Fat Jam

It was a chillin' night down at UW-Stout on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, with live music by Big Fat Jam. The band added boas, platforms, and oriental rugs to the Pawn Patio, creating a 70's-ESQUE atmosphere that attracted many. Despite brief power outages and drizzle, the band played on undaunted. Their self-described, groove-rock sound penetrated the entire campus.

Big Fat Jam played their own homegrown tunes and also a few hits from the 70's, attaching their own twists to the messages of the songs. They played the ever-popular Rolling Stones' tune "I Can't Get No Satisfaction," shar-



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## B.U.D.

Inner city outreach ministries are popping up all over the Twin Cities. One of the busiest is Bethany Urban Development (B.U.D.). Their main direction is to the immigrants, homeless, handicapped, and the ones on the streets no one wants to go down. They go into homes, the corner of Chicago and Lake, and Marilyn Manson concerts showing love and telling about the real Jesus of the Bible.

Steve Harrison from Bethany Fellowship International saw that the world in all its diversity had settled into Minneapolis. He also saw it as an awesome opportunity for the students he worked with at Bethany Missions College, another ministry of Bethany Fellowship for hands-on ministry, right on the street.

The Lord led him to step out in a rather challenging leap of faith and move right into the

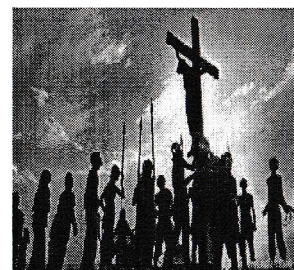


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## What's God Ever Done For Me?

Is this the first time you have heard this question, or have you asked yourself this at some point in your life? Have you ever felt like you got the short end of the stick as far as life goes, or like God owes you a better life than what you've had so far? Perhaps you think that if God really does exist, He can't possibly be the "God of Love." Perhaps you think He is impersonal; that He made the Earth and everything in it, put a spin on it, and split...never to be seen or heard from again. Perhaps this is an accurate portrayal of your perception of God, but this is not the picture of God that the Bible depicts.

According to the Bible, God is very personal. He knew you before you were born. He knows every thought you have before you think it, He holds your every breath in His hands, and He knows how many hairs are on your head. He knew you'd read this article before I knew I'd write it. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:7 talks about



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memories of the eating routines and habits I lived under in childhood. I find this to be a frivolous endeavor and so I will begin with the recent events of my life, which inspired this article.

The daily struggle with food seemed to me, legitimate. There were times where there was not enough food to go around as I prepared meals to feed my children. Knowing that food was necessary for their growth, I opted to feed them before myself. My real reasons though, had nothing to do with lack of food. Food had always disgusted me. The thought of food made me sick to my stomach. I fought hunger pains daily. The pain seemed to be worthwhile as I was constantly complimented about my 100 pound size. I strove to become a "perfect," 80-90 pounds. Hunger though, was a persistent reminder of the harm I was doing to my body, so I began to take appetite suppressants. This way I could curb the hunger and would lose the desire to eat, thus solving my problem. I could remain thin and maintain control. Everything seemed to be working out just fine until the day of my collapse at work. A slight overdose of diet pills and soon I awoke in an ambulance racing toward the hospital. My blood sugar was next to nothing, my blood pressure at its highest.

As I was being released from my "quiet" admittance to the hospital, I had every intention of resuming a normal dosage of appetite suppressants, against the recommendations of the doctor. The very next day I received a call from my mother (who knew nothing of my episode) who told me that she was being admitted to an outpatient treatment program for eating disorders. My heart sunk to the floor. As she told me of her long-standing addiction to diet pills, I knew that God was speaking to me on this same issue.

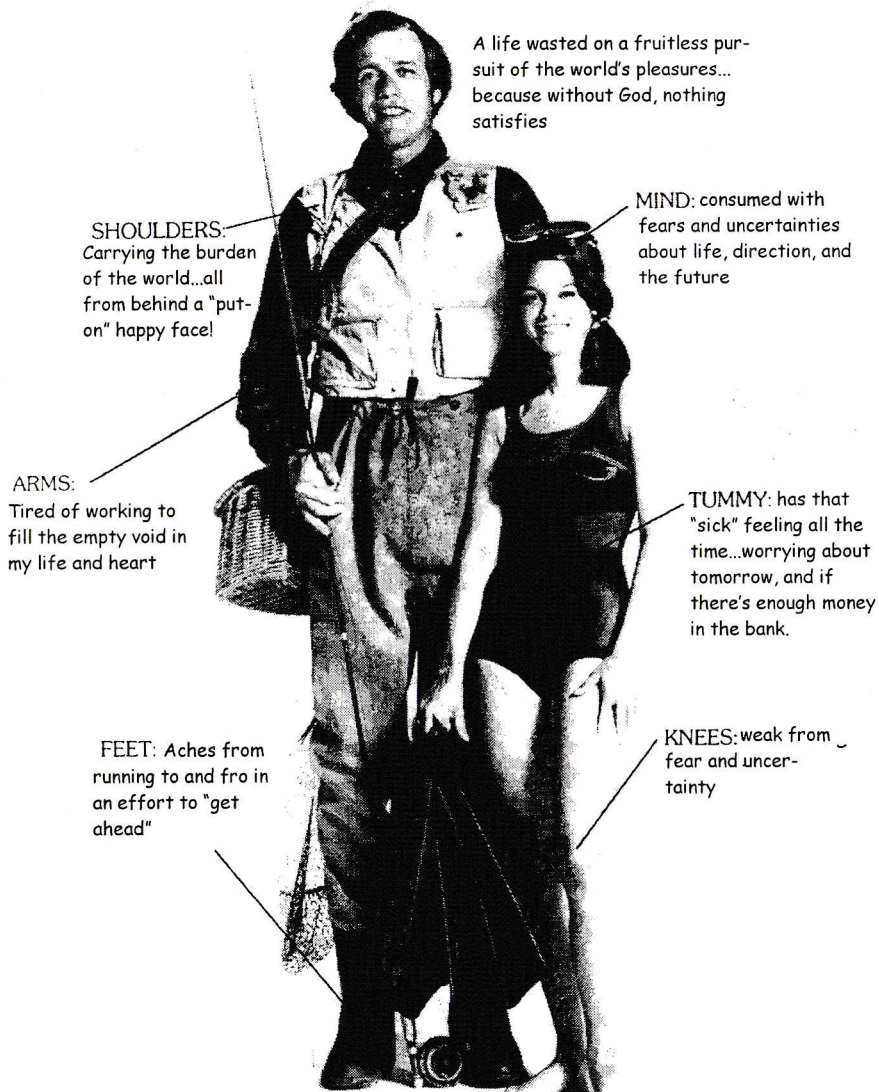
I have been a Christian for nearly three years, never considering that what I was doing to myself had anything to do with my walk with Jesus Christ. All the while, my own mother struggled with the same problem. In this conversation with her, she shared her story in fear that I would think less of her. When she finished, I told her what had happened with me. We had both been carrying this secret, this burden alone. It was at that moment that I decided that if dieting had to be done in secret, it did in fact, affect my relationship with Jesus.

Excessive dieting and the taking of diet pills in this way is sin. It is vanity, pride, selfishness, and self-centeredness. This is the root of anorexia. It is a focus on oneself. The eating disorder itself is not the issue. The issue is my focus. Is my focus on me, or on furthering the kingdom of God? This is the scale on which all things are to be balanced. When I fail to give every aspect of my life over to God, there is potential for "disorder" to occur in it. This life is not mine to do with what I please. I have a Maker, a Creator in Christ Jesus who I am accountable and responsible to. Today, you do too. You may not know Jesus Christ. You may be struggling with dieting, or some other problem. Know this; God has created you in His image! He desires that all come to know Him. There is no need to "perfect" yourself before you come to Him. We can't do that. Jesus never said, "Come to me all you who are perfect and sinless." No, He said, "Come to me all you who are weary and need rest." Come as you are. He is waiting for you. And in Him is the power to heal you regardless of the problem.

It would be dishonest to say that I still do not fight temptations to starve myself. I do not claim to have attained a perfect attitude in this area. Rather what I have found is that if I give God each day and keep my mind set on Him and the ministry that He has called me to, I am much more likely to behave in a way that is glorifying to Him. There is no "treatment" that can help me. My help comes from Him. He is my Rock and my salvation. He is my strength and my place of refuge.

God is not iron fisted. He doesn't seek to condemn us. He is a God who loves His children. He is a God who cares enough about every aspect of our lives to do whatever it takes to get us to see that what we are doing is harmful to us. He desires for us to be free! If only we will let go of our chains, He will make us free indeed.

# The "typical" American:



A life wasted on a fruitless pursuit of the world's pleasures... because without God, nothing satisfies

**SHOULDERS:**  
Carrying the burden of the world...all from behind a "put-on" happy face!

**MIND:** consumed with fears and uncertainties about life, direction, and the future

**ARMS:**  
Tired of working to fill the empty void in my life and heart

**TUMMY:** has that "sick" feeling all the time...worrying about tomorrow, and if there's enough money in the bank.

**FEET:** Aches from running to and fro in an effort to "get ahead"

**KNEES:** weak from fear and uncertainty

"My life is no longer than my hand! My whole lifetime is but a moment to you. Proud man! Frail as breath! A shadow! And all his busy rushing ends in nothing. He heaps up riches for someone else to spend. And so, Lord, my only hope is in you..."

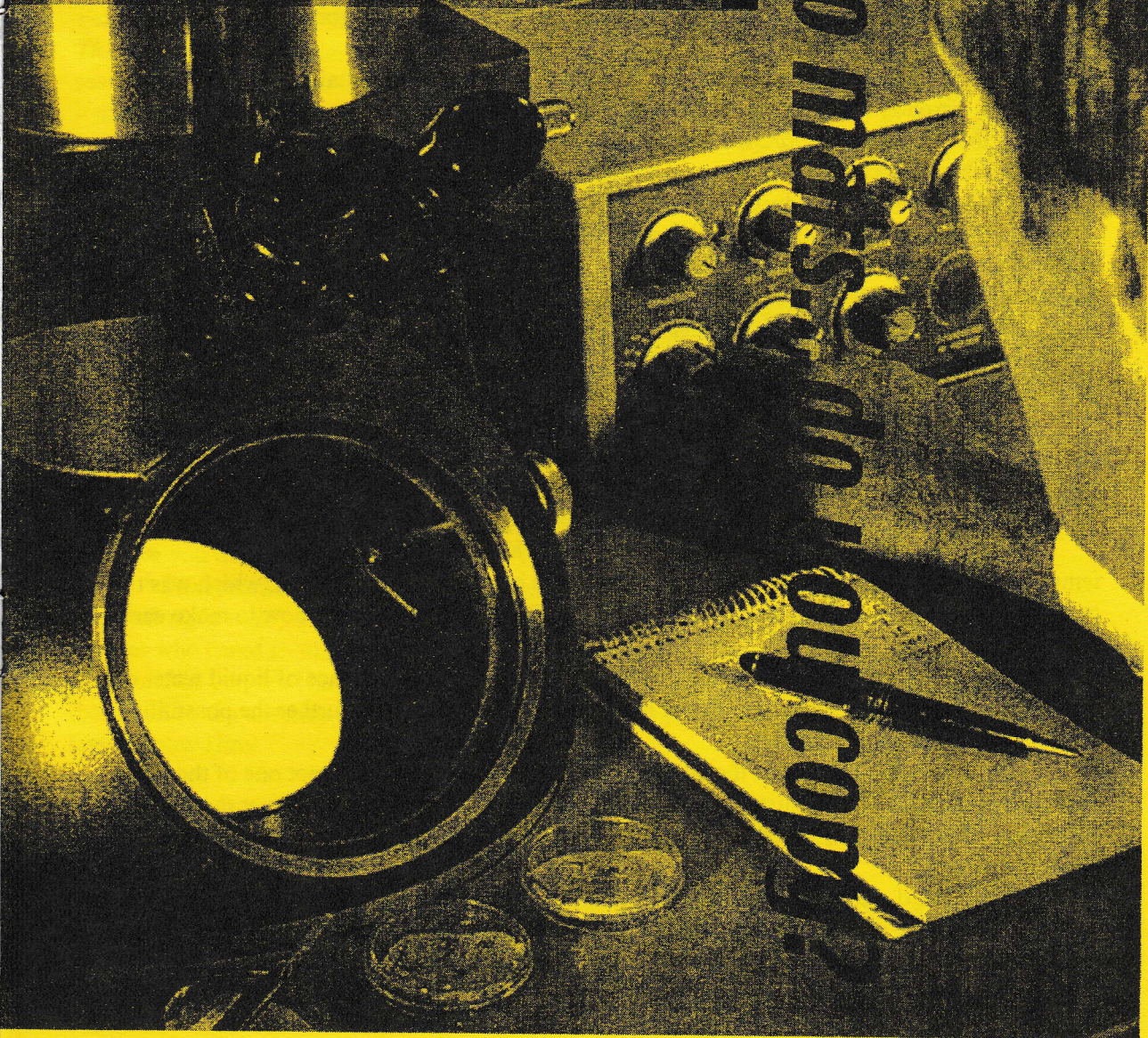
*Psalms 39:5-6 Living Bible*

your words were found  
and I ate them.

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## Earth to Mars ...Do you copy?

paleontologist Simon Conway Morris told an international conference on astrobiology - the study of extraterrestrial life - at NASA's Ames Research Center in "I don't think there is anything out there at all except ourselves," British Mountain View early this month." (Saint Paul Pioneer Press, Sunday, April 16, 2000, "Dreams of extraterrestrial civilizations are fading")

*Mission to Mars? First Contact?* The message rings out loud and clear that we are not alone. The movie industry; "Mars Rock" finding; new planets found in our sky...*SETI at Home* running on your PC...as we strive together to find intelligent life in the cosmos! Ironically, it seems as though the experts are turning away from the idea that we are going to find intelligent life elsewhere in our universe.

A recent conference at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California, hosting 700 astronomers, biologists, chemists, geologists and other researchers, was organized to discuss the big question...*"are we alone in this universe?"*. With the recent failure of the last two missions to Mars, the feel of the conference was that of a more sober skepticism.

Though the movie industry portrays the reality that life is "out there", it seems the true experts in the field are whistling to a different tune. Dan McCleese, Mars program scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, stated that it was time to "tone down expectations... This quest is likely to require a considerable number of decades of scientific exploration." With the recent loss of the Mars orbiter and lander and the plan to bring back Martian soil with it's possible evidence of life, NASA must now wait for this data beyond the expected return of the probe, slated for 2008, to no sooner than the next decade.

Most scientists now believe that the "Mars Rock" found in Antarctica a couple years ago does not contain fossils of biological life, but rather the remains of chemical structures. In fact, researchers have discovered how to "create" these same chemical markers in a laboratory environment, which was thought solely to be the markings of biological life.

University of Pennsylvania astronomer, James Kasting, stated that Martian temperatures might never have risen above 37 degrees below zero (Fahrenheit), which was too cold for life, as we know it to survive. He stated that "We don't understand how to make early Mars warm,".

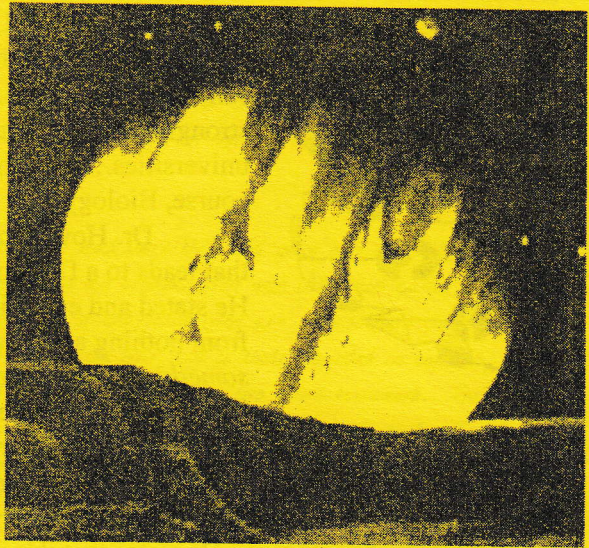
Robert Haberle, NASA-Ames scientist, suggested that the existence of liquid water on Mars was probably for a short time and in few locations, reducing even further the possibility of life evolving to higher life forms.

It's interesting that out of the 34 planets that were just discovered, not one of these hot, gas filled planets could ever sustain life. Alan Boss, a theoretical astrophysicist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, stated that "None of the systems found so far is consistent with habitable planets,".

Peter Ward, geologist at the University of Washington, Seattle, stated that the chances of finding primitive animals, not to mention intelligent beings with whom we can communicate

is probably small.

It's interesting that modern science now seems to be pointing to what the Bible has declared for thousands of years...that this universe was designed to the very last detail. Recent data retrieved by some of the world's greatest scientists on the study of the "big bang" theory and the origin of the universe has pointed to a more biblical perspective on the origin of life. They have concluded that the notion of evolution of man from ooze millions of years ago to modern man seems inconsistent with recently discovered scientific evidence which points to intelligent design. They now hold to what is known as the *anthropic principle*. Derived from the Greek work *anthropos*, this theory states that the universe is man-centered. David, in the Old Testament asked God, "*What is man that Thou art mindful of Him*" (Ps. 8:4) and it does seem that God is mindful of mankind. Crazy as it may seem, it is quite possible that God intended the universe to exist for us. It's interesting that with as much as God has to inform man through the Scriptures, He forgoes mention of any other intelligent life in our universe, and if there is intelligent life out there, we most likely will never find it.



God has done everything possible to make Himself real to you. He loves you and has a plan just for you...He will give you a purpose for your life other than having a family, getting a career and paying taxes. If you've been running from the Creator, rest assured that He is patiently waiting, as any loving Father, with arms open, ready to receive you. Jesus not only paid the penalty for the sin in your life...the very sin you were born into and the sins you commit today, but also Created you and had a purpose in mind for you that will reach into eternity. David, a man after God's own heart, summed it up well... "*I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*" *Psalms 139:14, KJV*. I challenge you to find out more about this loving Creator who cared so much that He would die in your place. Jesus intends to blow your mind in this world as you see His glory in what was created, but moreover in the eternal realm where there will be the absence of the depravity of this sin stained world. He truly is an awesome God! Get to know Him!

Sources:

Robert S. Boyd, "Dreams of extraterrestrial civilizations are fading," Washington Bureau, Saint Paul Pioneer Press, April 16, 2000.

## Modern Day Folklore

In April, Street Level Spoken, a UW-Stout student organization hosted lecturer, Kent Hovind, regarding the controversy on the origins of life. Originally, Dr. Hovind was scheduled to debate a university professor on the topic of Creation vs. Evolution. A formal invitation to debate Dr. Hovind was sent to over 200 local university professors from UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire, UW-

River Falls, and the U of M for anyone who held to the evolutionary origins of life and felt equipped to stand behind it. NOT ONE person agreed to defend evolution. Yet evolution is taught and strongly adhered to in the many facets of higher education in our universities...everything from Anthropology, Psychology to of course, Biology.

Dr. Hovind presented factual, not speculative information that leads to a Design/Creation perspective rather than Evolution. He stated and evolutionist believes that the entire universe evolved from nothing and how this explanation begs the question, "how can *something* come from *nothing*." Regarding the true definition of *science*, Hovind states, "*Science* means knowledge gained by observation and experimentation. There is no observation of macro evolution (*organisms evolving from simpler to more complicated life...*

### DNA: The Creator's Blueprint

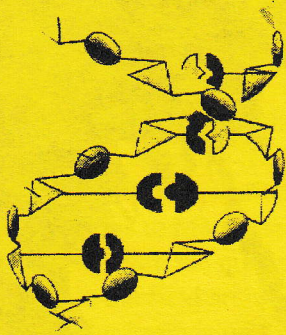
*e.g. frog to a man*) We only observe great diversity within a *kind*...such as the variation between a Schnauzer and a Great Dane. He states that this process within a *kind* of animal, Micro-evolution, is a variation that is predicted in the Bible.

Hovind commented regarding the Laws of Thermodynamics, "First, matter/energy cannot be created or destroyed. If this is true, how did the universe come to be? There must be an origin point outside of time, space, or matter, i.e. God. Second, any system will tend to decay, becoming unusable. This indicates that there was a beginning. Nothing organizes itself. We can observe the winding down which means that if it is following the 2<sup>nd</sup> law, it had to have been greater at one point. Something(One) had to set it in motion in the first place."

Hovind stated, "Both views require faith. Evolution, however, requires much more faith as there is no evidence."

Hovind is not an advocate of teaching only Creationism in schools. He just doesn't want to see our taxes feeding education that is based on something that is not scientific.

It is planned that Dr. Hovind will be coming back to debate next year...so if you know anyone out there that would stand behind evolution, and would be interested in a debate, tell them they have a year to prepare!



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*brainwashed, then trained as soldiers and sent back to kill their own people. Wes tells of having walked through fields where literally thousands of men, women, and children lay dead.*

*For 16 years, Sudan has been at war with the Islamic government. The intention of the Islamic north is to take over all of North Africa, turning it into an Islamic state. Over this 16-year time frame, the population in Sudan has dropped from eight million people to four million. One million of those lost have been displaced out of the country. Three million have been killed.*

*For a missionary such as Wes, there is a 50% chance of returning out of Sudan alive. Yet for the past three and a half years, Wes says that he "has had the honor and privilege" of serving full-time in this highly dangerous area.*

*In 1996, the opportunity arose for Wes to go to Sudan. It was there that God gave him a heart for discipleship among the people. A year and a half ago, Wes began an organization with this focus called, "Far Reaching Ministries." This ministry involves the training up of chaplains (who are also soldiers themselves) in Sudan to minister to those who have lost family members in the war and to those wounded in combat. These chaplains-in-training spend eight hours in classes a day with an average of two hours homework. The commitment of these chaplains is great. They are well aware of the fact that they have one life to live for Jesus Christ and that their life is likely to be short in Sudan. Often in their spare time the chaplains are found spending two to three additional hours reading their Bibles and in prayer. I ask you, do you have that solid a relationship with your Savior? Dedication in this country is not hard to come by. As Far Reaching Ministries takes the gospel message to the individual tribal areas, there are villagers who walk 75 miles to hear of Jesus Christ. What a shame that in America, with a church on every block, many will not get out of bed on a Sunday morning to hear the Word of God.*

*The Islamic Government is not the only opposition Wes and his staff (now numbering almost 50) face. Conditions are terrible with 120 degree weather at 90% humidity, filthy water supplies, and wild beasts. Among the creatures Wes has come across are killer centipedes, scorpions, grass vipers, water vipers, mambas, and tree vipers. These vipers are known to drop from trees. One bite from such a snake will kill a person almost instantly. Despite the opposition, there is work to be done. Recently, Far Reaching Ministries invested in the building of an orphanage in Uganda. The orphanage (still under construction) is a place for children whose families have been casualties of war. The goal is to place these children in homes of other families. These families are assisted with the cost of schooling, clothing, and food with an emphasis on helping them to remain productive for themselves.*

*In America, we just do not face the persecution for Christ that is experienced in Sudan. As Christians, we spend so much time trying to fit into the world, that we fail to have an effect on the world around us. The*

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Bible calls us to "come out from among them (the world) and be ye separate." You either trust the Lord or you don't. There is no in between. He (God) has chosen us for such a time as this. Our calling is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is time to count the cost.

If you do not know Jesus Christ today then, "today is the day of salvation." Time is short. It is plainly seen that we are not long for this world. The "religion" you have seen around you and heard of is not true Christianity. God sent Jesus Christ to die on the cross so that you could commune with Him. Right now you could be communing with the Creator of the Universe. This same God that Wes serves in the bush of Africa, you too can have a relationship with right where you are.

Psalm 22:5 says "They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted You and were not disappointed."

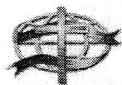
We only get one life - one chance. Make it count.

Far Reaching Ministries

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**FAR REACHING**  
MINISTRIES

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ing with the crowd that even today, Mick Jagger still has no satisfaction. Lead singer, Lance Dalbey professed that only Jesus can truly satisfy, and the crowd of dancers up front went wild in agreement. They proved that Jesus isn't all about pipe organs and hymnals; HE'S also into seeing His kids groove out while worshipping Him.

Most of the songs they played were from their self-titled album, Big Fat Jam. It's their only CD as of yet, but the band did say they're open to suggestions for some new cover tunes for their shows. Gigs, bios, pictures, etc. can be found at their colorful website: [www.bigfatjam.com](http://www.bigfatjam.com).

Big Fat Jam got their start back in 1995 in Mora, MN, jamming in a place they like to call "The Shack." Influenced by Led Zeppelin, The Black Crowes, Cream, and Jimi Hendrix, but most importantly, Jesus Christ, the guys have a vision of spreading God's love everywhere they go. They believe that they were given the gift of rock n' roll and are to use this gift for God's glory. When asked about future plans, their simple answer is "booking and playing shows wherever God leads us." This includes "playing our fat jams anywhere we can and bringing the life-changing message of Christ wherever we go." A totally rockin' concert. The band knew how to stir up the crowd and kept everyone dancing until the very end with their energetic and captivating performance. They played great music and didn't shy away from the truth of the gospel. As one member put it: "We just want to tell people about Jesus and have fun doing it."



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inner city of Minneapolis, MN, in January of 1998. Not long after that, other staff members followed to help give leadership to the Bethany Missions College Students that had volunteered to start this ministry. Bethany Urban Development, more commonly known as B.U.D., was formed shortly after this move. The aim of B.U.D. is to be "A Christian partnership dedicated to restoring the people of the inner city through the power of Jesus Christ," says Harrison. "B.U.D is essentially ministering and training those seeking to be spiritually transformed, and those seeking skills for urban ministry."

They decided on a rather unconventional method for their ministry. A very hands on approach, going right into the heart of the city meeting physical needs while sharing the gospel person by person.

By meeting these needs they are reaching many ethnic and refugee families. They go in and meet the families right where they're at by tutoring the Cambodian children, teaching English as a Second Language classes in the Hispanic neighborhoods, and helping Somalian families adjust to a new culture.

They are involved in several types of direct spiritual ministry as well. Kid's Bible school, street drama teams, practical labor teams, and adult discipleship Bible studies dealing directly with the real life situations of the inner city. They dive even deeper to minister to the drug addicts, gang bangers, pimps, and prostitutes through street evangelism on the corner of Chicago and Lake. They have turned a storefront into a Christian music and ministry venue called The Urban Jungle. It's a funky little urban place to hang out and catch some awesome Christian bands. This Lake Street music venue is covered with lush exotic plants, vines, and a thatched ceiling. Although it is a work in progress, it is a ranty for the city.

One of their most recent outreaches was to shock-rocker Marilyn Manson's concert. About 150 people from B.U.D., Bethany Missions College, and Bethany Fellowship came and hung a huge banner that read "Christians for Marilyn Manson say...The real Jesus would never despise or reject you!" They gave out pop and passed out about 3,000 neon green flyers with Manson's real name, Brian Warner on them. The flyers also discussed Biblical Christianity and "phony religion" saying, "The real Jesus upset the religious establishment far more than you ever will. Those Christians that despise you have the wrong Jesus. The problem is, you have the wrong Jesus too and your idea of Jesus is not much different than theirs." The outreach went better than expected; they ran out of flyers and had to run and make more. What surprised many of the concertgoers was the volunteer's attitude. "We are aware that a lot of people would come with a judgmental spirit. Jesus was so different from the Pharisees that they couldn't mistake the fact that he was different. He did things the God way. That's what we did. We tried to do it Jesus style. We tried to combat hatred with love," explains Tony Hendrick of the Bethany College of Missions. "Our key point is that Jesus is viewed wrongly by Brian Warner. It's a misapprehension of who Jesus is, and the same Jesus a lot of Christians have, vindictive and unloving. The real Jesus was found with sinners." They were there witnessing, praying, and sharing the love of the real Jesus with the concertgoers until midnight.

Ministries like B.U.D. are spreading like brush fire, being real with the people and meeting them where they're at. It's about going back to the basics, back to the cross, and back to the way Jesus ministered while He was here.



### Superstar

Saturday Night Live's "Mary Catherine Gallagher" played by Molly Shannon stars in the hilarious comedy, "Superstar." Mary Catherine is the classic High School girl who just doesn't fit in. The movie takes place in "Besame Heights" where Mary Catherine lives in the "ugliest house, with the ugliest lawn, and the ugliest dog." Her life long dream is to become a superstar so that she can be kissed in that "special Hollywood way." This kiss can't come from just anyone. Mary Catherine has someone in particular in mind for the job. Sky Corrigan (Will Ferrell), the best dancer in school.

Mary's big break comes when the school announces "Catholic Teen Magazine's Talent Contest to fight V.D. with a chance to be an extra in a hollywood movie with positive moral values." This is the moment she's waited for; if she can only convince her grandmother and her arch rival Evian Graham, (Elaine Hendrix) to let her try out.

During this frustrating experience for Mary, she sees a vision which is accompanied by the song, "Spirit in the sky." A mixture of her mind's images of God. This mixture consists of some past authority figures, Sky Corrigan, and her dad. Her subconscious came up with him to help her deal with things. This part proved to be one of the most interesting for me. Mary Catherine Gallagher's image of God is the same as many people today. A compilation of things we like and authority figures. The fact is, our subconscious does not determine who God is. God was before we were. It is not ours to formulate a god that fits into our design. We are His design. The movie accurately portrays modern society's incorrect view of God. The movie is a five star for sure. Mary Catherine's antics are outstanding. Her queer comebacks to the teasing she sustains are charming. Superstar is "roll on the floor" funny, full of curious suspense, drama, and an incredible cafeteria "fame" scene. Does she get her kiss? Does she win the chance to be an extra in a movie with 'positive moral values'? You'll have to check it out.

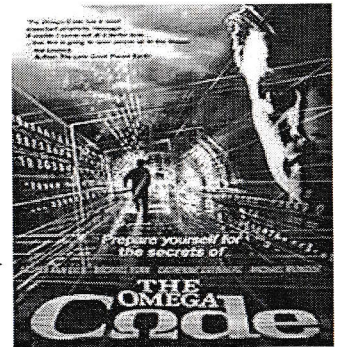
### The Omega code

All too often, the Bible has been used as a 'magic book,' with texts lifted out of context to spook the reader or to support mystery religions understood only by the initiated. There have always been those who have thought that the Bible is not a straight forward message from God, but a hidden riddle which has to be deciphered in some highly complex and mysterious way.

For example, in Hebrew and in Greek each letter also stands for a number, and so theories developed according to which the Bible was a secret numerical code. Numerology, as this is called, was very popular in certain Jewish circles, and it has resurfaced from time to time among Christians, although nowadays no reputable scholar or theologian takes it seriously.

The Omega code is about Satan using numerology contained encoded in Hebrew scrolls to find instructions for ruling the world. The movie contains prophecy from the book of Daniel and of Revelation. In the movie Satan uses the code to fulfill prophecy. The Omega code is one of several movies of it's type to come out on video lately. The End of Days and Stigmata are just a couple other ones. This trend in "end of the world movies" points to the fact that people are concerned about their eternal destiny.

The Devil is depicted as having great power in many of these movies. In reality, he only has the power that God allows him to have. He cannot take eternal life from you. Jesus Christ conquered death and rose from the dead. If you accept that He paid the price for your sins, you won't have to worry about your eternal destiny...



"casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

Does this sound like an impersonal God so far? Let's see how that thought holds up in light of Chapter 11 in the gospel of John. A friend of Jesus' fell deathly ill. The man's family sent word to Jesus, but the man died before Jesus arrived on the scene. This man, this friend of Jesus, had two sisters that were also counted among Jesus' friends. Needless to say, they were pretty upset at the loss of their brother. Jesus looked upon the sisters, Mary and Martha and saw their sadness. He was there with them as they grieved, and as He saw their pain, Jesus wept with them. Note that He did not cry for the loss of His friend. He was aware that in just a few short moments, He would raise the man, Lazarus from the dead and give him new life. No, He wept in sympathy of the hurt of His dear friends. A few chapters later, Jesus calls all His disciples His friends. That means that Jesus cries for me when I cry, that He is aware of every tear that I shed, what caused that tear to fall, and He's with me to share my sorrow, to weep for me. You see, Jesus died so that we could once again be friends with Him. Adam used to walk with God in the Garden of Eden. They hung out together. Once sin entered the world, we were cut off from His presence. God, being a just and holy God, could not hang with us anymore. Our sin stood from between us, separating us from each other. That's where Jesus came into play. He left the glory of heaven to come to Earth in human form so we could kill Him. Jesus came specifically to die for us. His death on the cross justifies all those who will accept Him into their hearts. The Bible tells us that all people that accept Jesus will be cleansed of sin; purified. Jesus takes our sin away so we can once again enter into the presence of God, so we can once again be friends with Him.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) God loved you and me so much that He made a way to reconcile us to Himself for now and eternity.

The more I study the Bible, the more costly I understand that price to be. As I look through the gospels, I see that Jesus had a pretty rough life while He was down here. Looking at His life as an adult, I see Jesus finds rejection everywhere He goes. His brothers reject His claim as Messiah, the Jews rejected Him, all of the religious people of the day rejected Him. In fact, there were those who He considered friends who walked and talked with Him intimately for three years that came to reject Him. It must have been very discouraging to Jesus that the very people He was dying to bring eternal and abundant life to were cursing His name, demanding of the governor that He be crucified.

Jesus was whipped with the cat-of-nine tails thirty-nine times which, in itself would be enough to kill the average man. This was on top of being beaten, mocked, spit upon, and having spikes the size of railroad ties driven through His flesh, pinning Him to the cross where He died a slow, agonizing death.

What has God ever done for you? This is the answer. This is what the true and living God did for you. It astounds me, not only that Jesus would willingly lay down His life for me, but that His Father loved us enough to let Him. I don't think I know a whole lot of fathers that would stand by as their precious son was brutally murdered so that He might become friends with those who murdered. There is nobody but the Lord who loves me enough to do anything even close to that which Jesus has done to demonstrate His love for me.

The offer of eternal life is on the table. The promises of complete forgiveness, abundant life, and never ending love are there for the taking. You can accept Jesus as the Son of God, ask for His forgiveness, invite Him into your heart and be counted among His friends, or you can join the scores of others that continue to reject Him. If you choose to ask Jesus into your heart, know that Jesus will be with you always. He promises to always be with you, to always protect you. If you choose to reject Him, know that He died for you anyway for you, to be your friend and comforter, and never to roll His eyes and you can change your mind at any time while there is still breath in your body.

Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him..."

John 11:25-26 "Jesus said unto her, 'I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Believest thou this?'"

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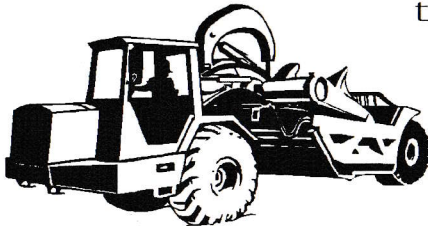
## Street Level Update...by Norm Coleman

As we grow as a group each year spiritually and the like, we move into unworked territory, and places needing reconstruction. We are experiencing changes quicker than ever.

This coming fall we are introducing a weekly

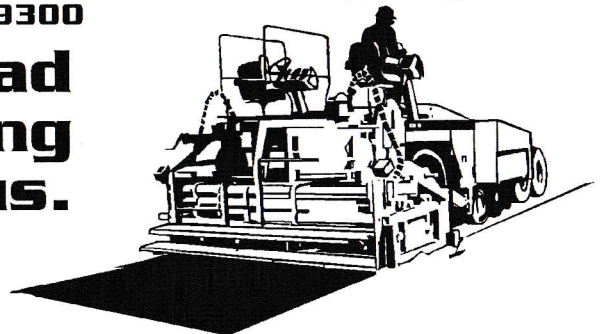
### **new campus bible study** with a live music group

Periodically we will have guest speakers and on-campus concerts. This is an awesome time to hang around and get to know the Great Foreman Jesus Christ.



Do you need something rebuilt or do you need new construction in life?  
**Dig in with us...Street Level Ministries**-a uw-stout campus organization.  
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**The road ahead  
is smooth sailing  
with Jesus.**



## The Only One

He said he'd call  
 I love you talk to me  
 It's after ten and he hasn't called  
 I love you and I'm listening  
 We always talk on Sunday nite  
 I love you and I'm here every minute  
 Why would tonite be any different?  
 I love you and I don't change  
 Why is his line busy?  
 I love you and I'm everywhere all at once  
 Who could he be talking to?  
 I love you and I'm talking to you.  
 He finally called  
 I love you and have been calling from day one  
 He said he "loved" me  
 I love you and have always loved you  
 We were always going to be together  
 I love you forever and My Word stands  
 Why did he find someone else to "love"  
 I love you and I'm more intimate than any  
 lover  
 How could he have taken my heart away?  
 I love you and I'll give you a new heart  
 Where is there to go from here?  
 I love you-come to me just as you are  
 He was my life  
 I love you-I'm the Way the Truth and the Life  
 Who are you? What is your name?  
 I love you-I'm Jesus Christ

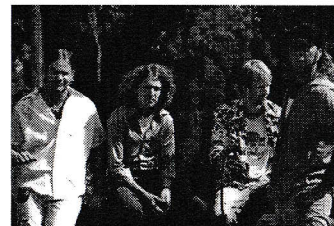
## Searchin'

Big Fat Jam (Dalbey, Yankowiak)

I've been walking for miles and miles  
 I've been looking for someone's smiles  
 I've been drowning in deep blue seas  
 I've been living just for me  
 But I know everything'll work out  
 Fine this time

Sit on the front porch and watch life  
 go by  
 Go to the river and drop a line  
 over the hills and far away  
 I find a way to get me through each  
 day  
 But I know everything'll work out  
 Fine this time  
 It's the very last time that I draw the  
 line

New Life came from a friend I found  
 Breaking all of those chains that  
 bound  
 Now I'm learning to be a man  
 He'll take you there if you take his  
 hand  
 But I know everything'll work out  
 Fine this time  
 This time I'm gonna let my Love Light  
 shine



"Sing unto him a new song: play skillfully with a loud noise. Psalms 33:3

BIBLE: the "Word" in his hand...a "map" unto his feet!

HANDS: raised high to the God who rules

MIND: Full of peace, joy, and freedom, that is so real that it kind of freaks you out

SHOULDERS: Jesus said, "my burden is light". Obviously the case here.

TUMMY: has that "full" feeling...*been dining on pizza and the "meat" of the Word.*

FEET: Goin' places fer' sure... walkin' in the path of Jesus.

# The "typical" Street Level Christian



# Summer Festivals

Celbrtion 2000  
June 9th 3 p.m.  
Eau Claire, WI  
[djembeman\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:djembeman_@hotmail.com)

Alive Festival  
June 21-24 2000  
Clays Park  
Canalfulton, OH  
[alivefest@alive.org](mailto:alivefest@alive.org)  
[www.alive.org](http://www.alive.org)

His Oasis  
June 25-27 2000  
Plainfield, WI  
715-335-6534 or 715-335-6640  
[www.hisoasis.com](http://www.hisoasis.com)

Crossover Festival  
June 7-10 2000  
Stoneridge Ampitheater  
Camdenton, MO  
1-800-366-0917  
[www.crossoverfestival.org](http://www.crossoverfestival.org)

Cornerstone Festival  
July 5-8 2000 A.D.  
Cornerstone Farm  
Bushnell, IL  
(773) 989-2087  
[www.cornerstonefestival.com](http://www.cornerstonefestival.com)

Fisherman's Festival  
June 9-11  
Milwaukee, WI  
(414) 358-3567  
<http://www.execpc.com/~dolly/spi/>

## Yeshuapoolooza Concert Extravaganza 2000

**Big Fat Jam,**

**Mitch McVicker,**

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**September 16th  
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**(715) 235-9300  
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Sonshine Festival  
July 13-15 2000  
Wilmar, MN  
1-800-233-3378  
[www.sonshinefestival.com](http://www.sonshinefestival.com)

Lifest 2000  
July 14-16  
Sunnyview Expo & Fairgrounds  
Oshkosh, WI  
(920) 738-5587  
[www.lifest.com](http://www.lifest.com)

Spirit Fest  
July 21-23 2000  
Soo Pass Ranch  
Detroit Lakes, MN  
1-800-493-3378  
[www.spiritfestmidwest.com](http://www.spiritfestmidwest.com)

Legacy Fest  
August 4-5 2000  
Witchita, KS  
(877) 612-4649  
<http://www.kidbrothers.org/legacyfest/>

Image Fest  
August 19th 2000  
Big Fat Jam  
Poor Bakers Dozen  
Sonic FLoad  
St. Cloud, MN  
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