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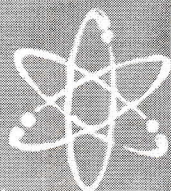
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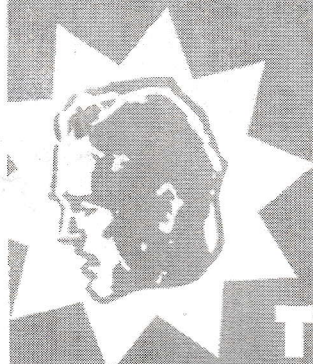
**...NOTHING GOOD
ON THE RADIO?**



**...SICK OF HEARING
THE SAME OLD
CRAP?**



**...DO THE LYRICS
MAKE YOU TURN
YOUR HEAD?**



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Skydiving

I went skydiving recently for the first time in 7 years. This time I wasn't as afraid this time as when I went before. There was a sign up that read, **SKYDIVING IS A SPORT THAT IS INHERENTLY DANGEROUS AND MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.** While I was afraid of serious injury, death I was not afraid of. This is because I am a born again Christian. I jumped before in 1993 and I was spooked. The only reason I went though with my first jump was because I wouldn't get a refund if I chickened out. I didn't know what death had in store for me.

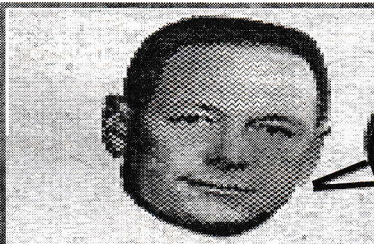
Cheating death is what skydiving is about. Our bodies are all going to die someday. When you skydive, you deal with the possibility of it happening earlier than you thought. The simple fact is that we are all falling. You may think that you have only a mind and body. The Truth is that you also have a soul and you must think about life it's all a lie, I'm not really falling. Maybe if I just ignore the ground I won't have to deal with it."

Physical life is short compared to eternity, just like the time spent in the air skydiving is short compared to the rest of your life. When we are born it is like we are just leaving the plane. Unless you are shown divine favor, gravity works on your body and pulls you down. The first couple seconds of freefall your body can reach speed of 110+ MPH. This is called terminal velocity. Without a chute, you have 25 - 30 seconds before impact. Without intervention, at these speeds the skydiver would most undoubtedly become meat waffles. The routine that you go through day after day, week after week, work, school, recreation, is a steady accelerated descent towards the physical undoing of your body. That is why time seems to pass more quickly when you get older.

Jesus Christ is your parachute. Your parachute is the lifesaving equipment used to slow your descent and make landing painless. Only Jesus can give you a full and abundant life as well as a safe landing in eternity. With a chute your fall can last up to 3 min. Jesus said, "...I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10 (KJV). You have more time to enjoy the view. There is a great sense of peace that comes with having an open canopy above you; it makes the ride down more enjoyable.

Only Jesus Christ can save you from your sins and take you to heaven. Let's face it, when you need a chute nothing else really hits the spot. If you pull your ripcord and a bunch of dirty underwear come flying out, you're meat waffles. Jesus Christ not only metaphorically has the power over sin and death, this gravity that pulls us down, but he himself has power over gravity in reality. The Bible has many references to occasions where Jesus demonstrated that he had the power to walk on water, ascend to the heavens, etc. He was granted this ability because he was here to accomplish the will of his Father. The will of the Father is that none should perish, but that they might all have eternal life. He was God in flesh and a perfect sinless man. He was sinless in that the gravity of his situation was not the same. This made him worthy to be the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of mankind and the instrument of salvation for many. His power over death was ultimately demonstrated by coming back to life after dying. Ascending to heaven for our justification is how he gives us our true salvation.

If you are going though life nervous and anxious about death and the fate of your eternal soul, know that God has provided a means of salvation for you. Jesus Christ is more than worthy to be your instrument of salvation. Pulling your ripcord is as easy as praying, "God help me!"



How are your fields?



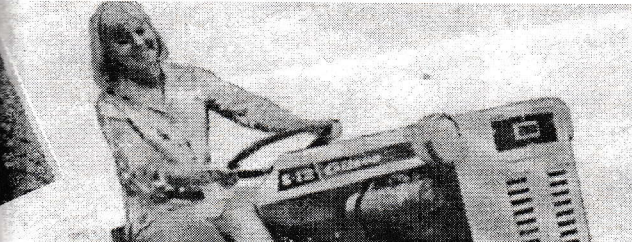
We typically go through life just looking for what this day has for me. And generally what or how it will benefit myself in particular – be it fine foods, money, clothes, a good job, the perfect boyfriend or girlfriend that will meet all my desires, and even (if we are honest) what God (whoever/whatever our god truly is) will do for my well being. This type of thinking is prevailing the world around, for it is that "what's in it for me?" or "show me the money?" viewpoint of life. In reality it is our sinful nature naturally exposing itself to those around us – and if we don't take the "see no evil, hear no evil" attitude it is evident even to ourselves. This type of thinking and living is to be expected and we know no other way to approach life than this – except for one thing. The exception is that you were not created to live this kind of life. How do I know this? Well, because God told me, and He has told you also; not only that, God came from Heaven to show you and I exactly what we were created for and how we should truly live. God has informed you and I through His Word;

"So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Son of the Father." (NLV, John 1:14)

This is from the Bible and it is talking about Jesus Christ. Now you may be thinking that "Oh, another bible-thumper trying to push his beliefs on me. Well I don't believe in the Bible, or Jesus." That is just fine with me for I don't want you to be pushed into anything. I just ask that you consider the life you currently are living and for that matter the lives of those you know around you (both older and younger). Do you see real happiness and joy in all that they do? Do you wish to live a life just like theirs? What about when you die, what is next?

Your whole life is like a field. Day by day seeds are planted in that field of your life. Those seeds grow and without effort on your part they yield a crop. This crop is the fruit of your life. At this moment you may be young, in your late teens or early twenties, thinking I have all the time in the world so why should I consider not indulging in the pleasures of this life? I agree. I too want you to have a prosperous and abundant life, but I also want for you to have a peaceful and joyous life without the worries and anxieties which are all around.

I currently live in Sudan, and see first hand the fields that are planted here and they are quite weedy. This part of the world does not have the freedoms which you enjoy. As an example, if you are a woman let me paint for you the typical life you would have. First off, as a woman you are not really a person who has the freedom to do as you want. You are to wait on your family, particularly your father and brothers, by doing all they ask. You would be up at 4–5 AM and walk down to the river, or well, and gather water for making the morning tea. You would also gather all the firewood to cook the meals for the family that day. Then after the men eat in the morning you would gather the hoe and head out to the fields to cultivate and tend all the crops that will be your families' food. Now when you are old enough to be married your father will raise a flag above his house which signifies he has a daughter ready to be married. The men of the village who desire you will come over and place their flags on that same pole and thus a competition is made for you. The "winner" is the man who offers the most to your father (typically, 5–10 cows, some chickens, and a few goats). When your father accepts then you are married, and off you go to the man who "bought" you. Examples of these marriages are a 70-year-old man married to a 17-year-old girl, and another man who has over 22 wives (the typical is 2–3 wives). You, as a woman, have no say in the matter and after the marriage you will do the same work as before but now for your husband but with the addition of meeting his sexual desires. True love does not enter anywhere into this picture – either for the man or the woman.




Now I know if you're a man you are thinking that this is just great - where do I sign up! But let me tell you of your typical life. First as a boy you will be far better off than your sisters while you live at home - with two exceptions. First, your father is typically drunk starting at 10 AM; therefore, you will need to walk a fine line not to upset him and as you are just a child, and one of many from his multiple wives, you will not have any special place in his heart. The man with 22 wives has over a hundred children, so what more than a number will you be? Additionally, you will not bring in any dowry to make him richer when you get married so therefore you will just be the tender of the cattle and his wealth. Now comes the real trial - when you reach the age of 14-16 the army will come through your village and mobilize you for war. They will come by night and take you from your home, by force, and if you resist they will cane you severely. You will then be loaded on a large trunk along with the 200-400 other young men and driven off to undergo 3 months of training after which time you will be sent to the front. After 5-6 years there, if you survive, you will have the opportunity to return home - but you always can be mobilized again if the military so desires. Upon returning to your village you are now old enough that you cannot live at home and so you then have to build your own home to live in and try to find work to make some money just to eat. Let's say you find some girl that you really like and want to marry. You see her father put the flag up and you go over to talk with him such that you can put your flag up but lo and behold you have no money for the dowry so the father rejects you and marries her off to another. How does that life sound?

You probably are thinking I'm glad I live in America where at least I can do, marry, and live as I want. This is true but I submit to you that your field will be just as weedy as those here in Sudan. You will leave home, find a job, maybe get married, and spend most of the money you make paying taxes; servicing the growing debt from the charge cards, auto, and home payments; and supporting the other needs of the family; ending finally in paying alimony payment if a man or scraping by as the woman with the kids. Both parents will most likely have to work and little time will be available to really enjoy the freedoms you see before you in America; not to mention you probably will never be able to afford them.

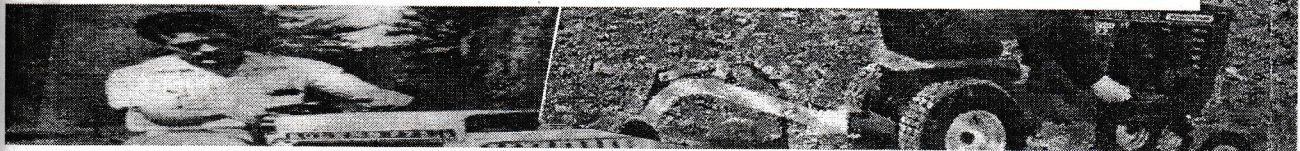
I submit to you that this is the typical lives that are led in the world today with one just having the illusion of being better off than the other is. I ask you really consider this life which you have. Reflect and learn from those who have lived before. Do you want that same life? Also, remember that your time on this earth is limited, you truly do not have "all the time in the world". Now, what do you really want to yield as a crop at the end of your life? There is a life, which is drastically different than the typical, and it does come from and through a relationship with Jesus Christ. These are just a few of His words, He said:

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (NAS, John 10:10)

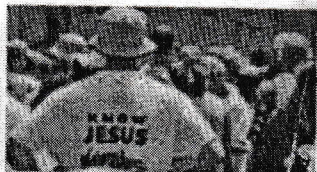
"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come unto the Father except through me." (NLV, John 14:6)

"For God so loved the world [you] that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it." (NLV, John 3:16-17, italics added)

Now if you have made it this far in reading I commend you, but I also implore you to really think and reason out this thing we call life and what is true. I can guarantee a life which is abundant and will bear much fruit throughout the days you reside here on this earth. This promise is not mine but God's - through faith and believe in Jesus Christ and His grace and reconciliation with God given for you. If you truly, with an open heart and mind, search for God, read the Bible you too will find the truth, and that truth will set you free.



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Hey-I know what you are thinking. You see all these posters and signs and hoopla about this thing called the Gathering, yet you can't quite figure out what it's all about. Well, I wanted to know, too, so I asked this guy named Tom what the deal was. Now I bet you are wondering who this Tom character is and why I would go and ask him. It turns out that Tom is the Street Level pastor down on campus, and this is what he had to say about this thing called the Gathering:

My vision for the gathering is that those who attend would be strengthened in their spiritual life...that their desire for God

and His will for their lives would become stronger each day and that they would experience a change in their lives over time because of the Lord and His Word. The college student's life is seemingly in change just by being at school. There are new freedoms and responsibilities and with that comes stress, struggle, hardship, and feelings of depression, failure and guilt. These things are not possibility but probability. Part of my vision is to be there for them When they get used, get in trouble, or have nowhere to turn. It is at these times when God touches lives in a real and life changing way.

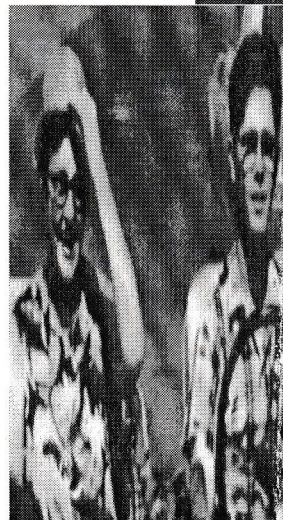
In detail, my goal is this: I feel that if I can, by God's directing, show them Jesus in a real light, through the Gospel of John, and express to them His human personality and basically His humanity, they will grow in their personal relationship with Him and thus come to trust Him more and know that the words in the Bible are His words and words they can stand on. I desire to show them that the Bible is real, true, trustworthy, and that it stands true today as it did in the day it was written.

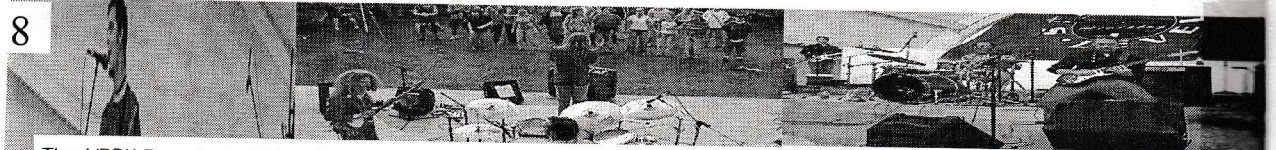
My passion behind ministering there is that those who come would feel the Love of God in the gathering of His people and that they would feel comfortable coming in to check us out. I desire the teaching to reach the non-believer, the new believer, and the seasoned saint. I teach the chapter set before me and God handles the rest.

With all the anti-God propaganda, world humanism, false science, and money focus the campus dishes out sandwiched with the selfish lusts and desires, date rape, alcoholism, drug abuse, and thirst for selfish gain brought by other students, I've known many young people to leave college with loss of all dignity and purpose being chewed up and spit out by the life dealt them at college. This

IS reality. No one likes to talk about it. "Just put it behind you" they say. It doesn't have to be this way, but even if it is, Jesus has the Love and the power to pull you out of that, set you on your Feet, and then blow your mind with His hand in your life.

Go to the Gathering. Get purpose.





The YP2K Bug: Not A Hoax!

It was a warm September Saturday morning when the "bug" hit Menomonie. Many people turned out to see if things were going to fail or if things were going to explode. To the surprise of all, things were loud, the message was clear, and the bug began it's work.....spreading into the hearts of those who were sitting, standing, dancing, and turning an eager ear to the variety of sounds emitting from the sound system. No, we're not talking about computers but about the loudest all day concert that Menomonie has experienced in a good long while. The bug is best known as Yeshuapolooza 2000 (YP2K).

What is that? The name comes from this: *Yeshua* is the Hebrew word for God. It also translates into English as Joshua which when translated into the Greek language is Jesus. *Polooza* is the scientific term derived from the Latin term "Poaloozus" meaning "hardcore outdoor festival." Basically it's a Hardcore Outdoor Jesus Rock Festival. (Just kidding about the polooza part) Three years running, Yeshuapolooza 2000 blasted into the local community with high power. From the first guitar strum to the last note sung nothing but the truth of Jesus Christ was spoken of. Most people in the "we think we're cooler than you" part of the world believes that Christian music is nothing but a big "cheese-ball." In some ways we at Street Level agree. It has only been in the last ten years or so that the more modern styles of music have been represented in the Christian genre. Some are even at a point of introducing new methods and styles to the world. It seems through history that the Church as a whole has been drifting into this mindset of being "not of the world" as the Bible says, so much that it has taken them to a point of not "being in the world" at all. Christian music is uncomfortable for a lot of people. Is it of the devil? Not according to those who attended YP2K this year. Not according to the musicians who played YP2K. Not according to Street Level and most importantly, not according to the Bible. As a ministry Street Level's core goal is to be "edgy" and share the love of Jesus with those who live on the edge. Yeshuapolooza is a culmination of a year's preparation and prayer in carefully choosing bands, speakers, and methods of ministry. There are those who leave in the end of the show with a new-found faith in Jesus, those who found their way back to Him, those who thought it bizarre that such cool music could be about Jesus Christ, and those who had no interest at all.

This year's line up was great. Surprisingly only two of the bands had to come from more than one state away. We are finding that there are some incredible local Christian artists who actually want nothing more than an opportunity to share Jesus with the locals. Our headliner this year was Big Fat Jam. They are a grass-roots, blues based, southern rock group from the Twin Cities area whose influences range from Lenny Kravits and the Black Crows to classics like Skynard. These guys came out on stage in a flood of sound packin' two new guitarists, Tod and Pete, who had large shoes to fill but from where I was standing they punched it loud and ripped it hard playing the first kickin' track off their self-titled 1999 release, *Liquid Love*. They had the crowd jumping and the beats were pounding. The energy of the day had built to this point only after the rockin' grooves of the opening band, *Passing Thru*, started. This pushed into the modern rock melodies of *Wellspring*. After a short break of silence to allow a military 21 gun salute to occur for a local funeral the energy picked back up with the funky jive jams of *Ira N' Tha Christo Palace*. After all of this the energy stepped up one more level as the Kansas area rap-core band *Pillar* hammered the stage with heavy hardcore rap style beats, heavy metal-esque guitar riffs and shouting lyrics about following Jesus like "All Day, Everyday!" This is where the energy level was when Big Fat Jam walked out on stage and gave it everything they had. As the last note of BfJ's last song echoed off into the noise of screaming fans and a high pitch of feedback hung in the air until silenced by the noise of traffic and the night, everyone sat back in awe of the day. It was an awesome feeling of release that finally rested in the hearts and bodies of those who had participated. It was the perfect time for everyone to sit back and drink in the moving lyrics of acoustic singer and songwriter Mitch McVicker and band, *Brad and Cobra Joe*. Mitch shared his heart and the heart of our Creator with all of us in his song "Hope" and told us of the fires of life in his metaphorical song about watching the fields of Kansas burn. The close of the YP2K stage was concluded with a short message by Pastor Tim called "What must I do to Not be Saved" and warming worship music by Pastor Bill Waters from Plainfield, WI. Another successful year under our belt! We look forward to next year and hope you can join us. Until then, God Bless.



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CONCERT KICKOFF WITH ANNIE'S APOLOGY!

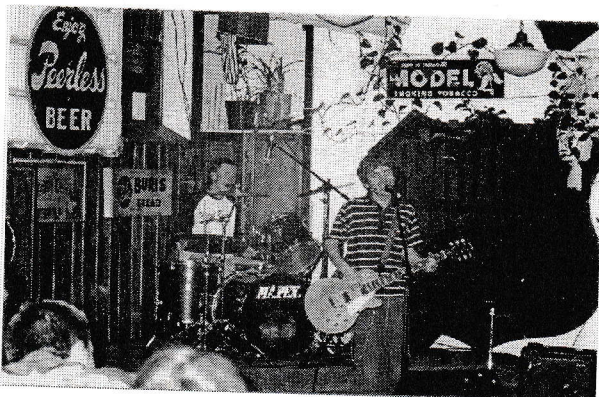
THE BLIND MUNCHIES COFFEEHOUSE WAS BLESSED TO HAVE ANNIE'S APOLOGY KICK OFF THE SEMESTER WITH PRAISE AND

WORSHIP TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR EMO STYLE. THEIR BAND, LEAD BY SINGER MATTHEW SCOTT, HAS ONLY BEEN TOGETHER SINCE AUGUST OF 2000, BUT IS EAGER TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE MANY LOST SOULS IN THIS DAY AND AGE.

MANY MAY QUESTION THEIR STYLE OF LOUD CYMBALS AND ELECTRIC GUITAR IN CARRYING OUT GOD'S MESSAGE, BUT OUR LORD CERTAINLY DOES NOT. PSALM 150:4-6 READS, "PRAISE HIM (GOD) WITH THE TIMBRE AND DANCE: PRAISE HIM WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS AND ORGANS. PRAISE HIM UPON THE LOUD CYMBALS: PRAISE HIM UPON THE HIGH SOUNDING CYMBALS. LET EVERY THING THAT HATH BREATH PRAISE THE LORD. " IN THESE PASSAGES WE SEE THAT NOT ONLY THE TRADITIONAL ORGAN IS MENTIONED, BUT THE STRINGED INSTRUMENTS AND CYMBALS ARE AS WELL. MATT AND BRANDON ARE USING THEIR GIFTS WITH

INSTRUMENTS TO ANSWER THEIR LIVES. WE, LIKE-MAN'S TRADITIONS TO KEEP NEW FOUND LOVE IN GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF (ROMANS 12:5-8) TO CARRY OUT HIS PER-HIS GOOD PLEASURE.

ANNIE'S APOLOGY IS LOOKING FOR A PERMA-

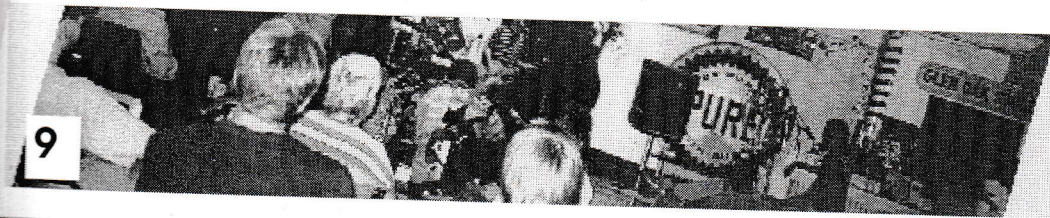


THESE NON-TRADITIONAL GOD'S CALLING UPON WISE, CANNOT ALLOW US FROM SPREADING OUR CHRIST WITH OTHERS. US THE UNIQUE GIFTS THAT WE NEED IN ORDER FECT WILL ACCORDING TO

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THEIR MISSION STATEMENT IS TO USE THEIR MUSICAL ABILITY ALONG WITH THEIR LOVE FOR CHRIST TO SHOW BOTH CHRISTIANS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW JESUS "THE BREADTH, AND LENGTH, AND DEPTH, AND HEIGHT OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST" (EPHESIANS 3:18) AND HOW MUCH OUR SAVIOR WANTS US TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM. "BECAUSE THY LOVING KINDNESS IS BETTER THAN LIFE, MY LIPS SHALL PRAISE THEE." PSALM 63:3



O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

Jerusalem is undisputably, year after year, the top news story in the world. That fact reflects the fulfillment of multiple prophecies concerning this remarkable city and its unique place in Gods will. The ongoing actualization of these prophecies in our day is absolute proof that God exists, that the Bible is His Word and that the Jews are His chosen people.

The very fact that Jerusalem is mentioned more than 800 times in the Bible makes it worthy of special attention. This unique city is the only one upon which God has bestowed His distinctive blessing and protection (Ps 132:13-14), and the only city for whose peace we are commanded to pray (Ps 122:6). God says He has chosen Jerusalem as the place where He has put His name forever (2 Chr 6:6; 33:7; Ps 46:4; 48:1-8; 87:3). The new heavens and new earth will contain "the city of my God...new Jerusalem" (Rv 3:12; 21:2). That there will be a "heavenly Jerusalem" (Heb 12:22) but no "heavenly" New York, Paris, London, Damascus, Cairo, etc. speaks volumes.

After decades of pleading with Israel to repent of its idolatrous rebellion, God pronounced through Jeremiah His reluctant judgment upon His city and upon His land (Lv 25:23). Daniel referred to "the word of the Lord...to Jeremiah the prophet" (Jer 25:3-11), that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem" (Dn 9:2).

Two views (the second is correct) define the prophesied 70 years of desolations: 1) that it began with the first taking of captives to Babylon about 605 b.c (2 Chr 36:6-7) and ended with the Edict of Cyrus around 536 b.c. (Ezr 1:1-4, etc.), allowing Jews to return to Jerusalem; or 2) that it began with the destruction of the temple and the city in 586 b.c. (Jer 52:7-14) and ended with the temples completion about 516 b.c.

That the temple was restored and sacrifices resumed at the end of 70 years is established history. The angel Gabriel told Daniel that after the Messiah had come and been "cut off" (i.e., killed, "but not for himself") the temple and Jerusalem would be destroyed again (Dn 9:25-26). This post-Messiah destruction would leave the Jews for "many days without a king...and without a sacrifice..." (Hos 3:4). Obviously, something would prevent the temple from being rebuilt! As quoted above, Jesus explained that the Gentiles would control Jerusalem.

For 1,930 years since the a.d. 70 destruction of the temple, Christs words (proving that He is God the Messiah - Isa 9:6). have been fulfilled in history, and their continued fulfillment today is at the heart of the Middle East crisis. Control of Jerusalem was the major issue breaking down recent peace talks at Camp David. Sadly, neither the Israelis nor the Arabs in their "peace" negotiations give heed to what God has decreed for His land and His city. Were the world to take the Bible seriously, real peace would be instantly established. UN secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali expressed the worlds true intent toward Israel: "The Jews must give up their status as a nation and Israel as a state, and assimilate as a community in the Arab world."

Popes throughout history have opposed Gods prophecies and promises concerning Jerusalem. The Crusaders captured Jerusalem from the Muslims for the Church, not to restore it to the Jews to whom God, as the Bible repeatedly declares, had given it as a possession forever (Gn 13:14-15; 17:8; Lv 25:23; Jer 31:35-40; Ezk 37:26, etc.). Pope Urban II, organizing the First Crusade in 1096, called the Jews "an accursed race, utterly alienated from God" and urged the Crusaders to "start upon the road to the Holy Sepulchre to wrest that land from the wicked race and subject it to yourselves." Urban IIs offer of full forgiveness of sins for Crusade participants brought forth hordes of volunteers who, under the banner of the Cross, massacred Christs earthly brethren, the Jews, by the thousands all along the route to Jerusalem. The Crusade leader, Godfrey of Bouillon, vowed to avenge the blood of Jesus upon the Jews, leaving not one alive. Upon taking the City of David, the Crusaders chased the Jews into the synagogue and set it ablaze.

Coming to modern times, Theodor Herzl records in his diary that when in 1904 he asked Pope Pius X to support the Zionist cause, the Pope replied, "We cannot prevent the Jews from going to Jerusalem, but we could never sanction it." In 1919, Cardinal Pietro Gaspari, Vatican Secretary of State, said, "The danger that frightens us the most is that of the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine." A 1928 Vatican decree refers to Jews as "the people formerly chosen by God." The Second Vatican Council in 1965 affirmed the centuries-old claim that "the Church is the new people of God...." We have quoted [TBC, Sep. 99] the June 22, 1943 letter to President Roosevelt from Pope Pius XII which said in part, "If a Hebrew Home is desired, it would not be too difficult to find a more fitting territory than Palestne. With an increase in the Jewish population there, grave new problems would arise." So the "vicars of Christ" and their Church have consistently opposed the fulfillment of Gods promises to His chosen people!

That Jerusalem would be "trodden down of the Gentiles" has been a fact of history, exactly as Christ foretold. The Babylonians held Jerusalem, then the Medes and Persians. Alexander the Great took it for the Greeks in 333 b.c. Later the Egyptians and Syrians alternately had it until the Romans under Pompey captured Israel in 64 b.c. and held it into the fourth century a.d. In the seventh century Islamic invaders took control, to be replaced near the end of the eleventh century by the Crusaders. They held Jerusalem until Saladin (Sultan of Egypt and great Muslim warrior) retook the city in 1187. Later the Islamic Mamelukes of Egypt possessed Jerusalem. Then the Ottoman-Turkish Empire ruled for about 400 years. The Turks sided with Germany in World War I, so the Allied victors gave Britain a mandate in 1917 to administer the region.

Central to the Middle East conflict today is the issue of the so-called Palestinian people. The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), headed by Yasser Arafat since 1969, claims to represent them. To this day, the PLO declares, "The struggle with the Zionist enemy is not a struggle about Israels borders, but about Israels existence."

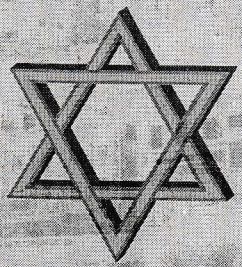
The PLO is an Islamic terrorist organization. It trained most terrorists around the world: Idi Amins murder gangs who killed about 300,000 black Christians in Uganda; the Italian Red Brigades; German Baader-Meinhof gang; the Iranian Revolutionary Guards; terrorists in Latin America, etc. Arafat committed his first murder at age 20. Under him the PLO became the most vicious and bloodiest terrorist organization ever known. It holds records for the biggest hijacking (4 aircraft at once), the largest number of hostages (300 at one time), the largest ransom extorted (\$5 million from Lufthansa) and the greatest number and variety of targets (40 civilian aircraft, five passenger ships, 30 embassies or diplomatic missions, and massacres of school children), etc. The Palestinian Prize for Culture was recently awarded to Abu Daoud for his book telling how he planned and murdered eleven Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics!

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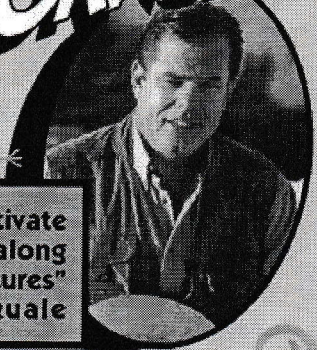


The Mountain of God

Most of us have been brought up with the idea that the Bible is a good book. We have been told that it has truth regarding humanity and that it is a good source of instruction in morality. But we have also been discouraged to really consider it a historical book...one that accurately records details of past people, places and times. In fact, Islamic public schools and Universities have rewritten ancient Middle Eastern

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BOB CORNUKE

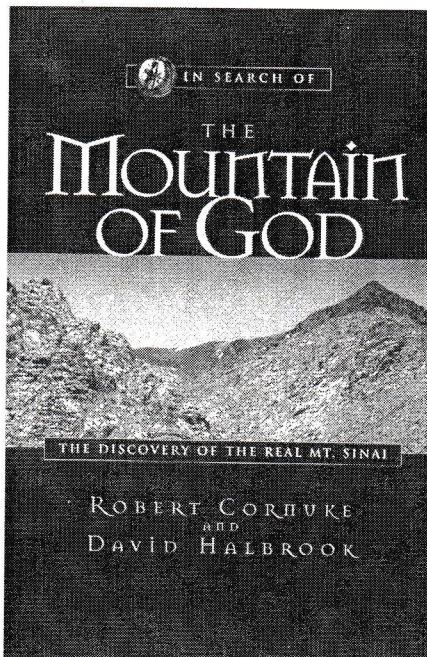


"Bob Cornuke will captivate you as he takes you along on his incredible adventures"
-Dan Quale

history to not include the Hebrew people. Many Americans today say they believe the Bible but do not think there is true historical evidence behind the people and places mentioned in it. They believe one can not take the Bible literally and to do so would be committing intellectual suicide.

On November 13th UW-Stout had the unique opportunity to hear from a man who found what many biblical scholars believe to be the most significant archeological find of the century. The true Mt. Sinai.

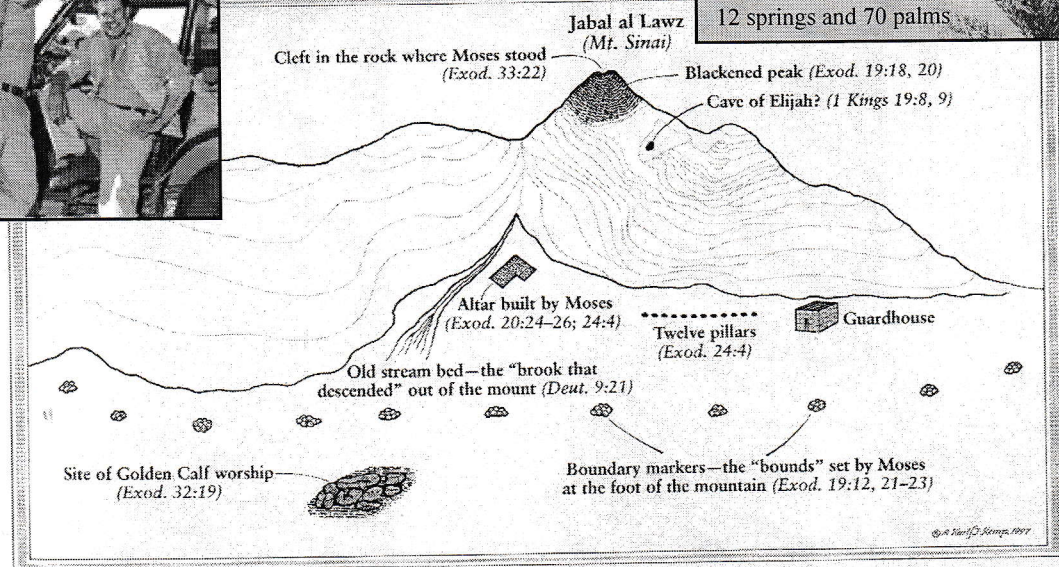
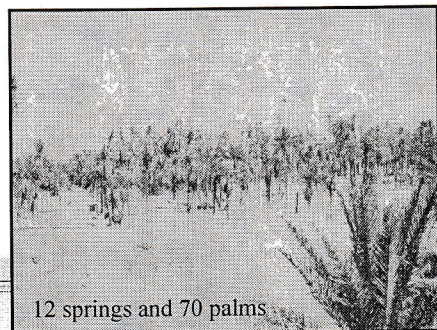
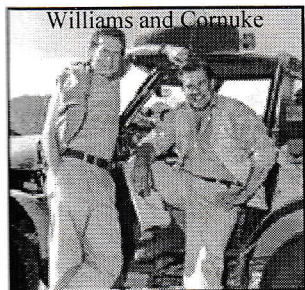
Bob Cornuke, former Costa Mesa Swat Team investigator, was no stranger to digging into details to find the truth. His good friend and former astronaut, Jim Erwin, tipped him off of the possible location of what later Bob Cornuke and Larry Williams, (partner to Cornuke) believed to be the true Mountain of God or



Mt. Sinai. Most biblical scholars have rejected the supposed location of Mt. Sinai on the Sinai Peninsula as marked by St. Catherine's Monastery for lack of archeological evidence. Fasold, a friend of Jim Erwin, had found what he believed to be gold around the base of the mountain, Jabal al Lawz. Upon being asked to leave the Country by the Saudi Government, Fasold wrote down the details on a napkin of the whereabouts of this mysterious mountain. This napkin was the beginning of a journey that would venture thousands of years into the past.

Bob and Larry started their search at the southern

tip of the Sinai Peninsula. This is where they decided to investigate first as the likely place of the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites. The Egyptians would have chased them through what is now known as the Sinai Peninsula (at that time part of Egypt) to it's southernmost tip. It was from this point that the Israelites would have miraculously crossed the Strait of Tiran over to the Land of Midian (Saudi Arabia). Bob and Larry thought that they should look for Egyptian char-



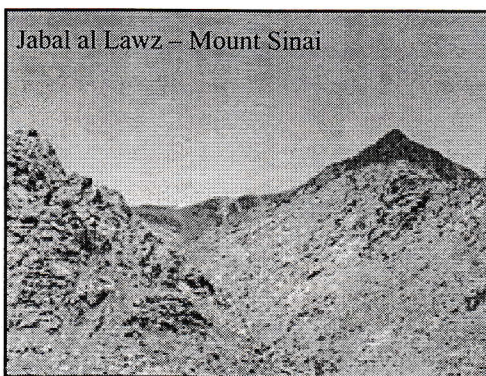
Using the Bible as their guide, Williams and Cornuke found the visual proof they had been searching for—Jabal al Lawz was Mount Sinai.

iot wheels at this location as the Bible tells of the entire Egyptian army being buried under water. Well, they did not find any wheels but they did find what seems to be an underwater land bridge that crossed the strait! The Exodus account in the Bible mentions the Israelites passing through the Red Sea on dry ground. This underwater land bridge amazingly connects the Sinai Peninsula with Saudi Arabia.

Bob and Larry continued on their trek with Bible in hand and some satellite photographs. They read of the "twelve springs and seventy palm trees" (Ex. 15:27). They found the 12 springs and many palm trees and ended up camping there. As they continued they found the caves in Midian where Moses lived with his wife and children. The area of the caves is now a military facility. Also, near the town of Al Bad (biblical town of Elim) they found an alkaline well - the Springs of Marah (Exodus 15:22-23).

Bob and Larry knew their trip would have been folly if there was no evidence of the true Mt. Sinai and the gold of Exodus. They finally made it to the mountain known as Jabal al

Lawz. To their amazement, it was now a highly secure military base. Guards were at their watches 24 hours a day...for this mountain in the wilderness? Bob and Larry had to sneak in under a fence at night to get a closer look. Risking their lives, they found several pieces of evidence (see illustration) that seemed without a doubt to link this site



with the historical Mount Sinai of the Bible. They found boundary markers around the perimeter of the mountain (Ex. 19:12, 12-23), twelve pillars (Ex. 24:4), the old stream bed - "brook that descended" out of the mount (Deut. 9:21) and the site of the Golden Calf worship (Ex. 32:19). They also noted that the top of the mountain was burnt black... not by a volcanic eruption (Ex. 19:18, 20) but by the fire of God!

Bob and Larry's story has been featured in Newsweek and Vanity Fair magazines and is currently in the process of being made into a motion picture by Castle Rock Entertainment.

The PLOs terrorism against Jordanian civilians was so vicious that King Hussein chased them into Lebanon. There the PLO wiped out the Christian towns of Damur, Beit Mallat, Tall Abbas and others. Its reign of terror went largely unreported. The international press was cowed into silence by the brutal murder of those who dared to tell the truth: Larry Buchman and Sean Toolan of ABC-TV, Mark Tryon of "Free Belgium Radio," Robert Pfeffer of *Der Spiegel* and others. About 300,000 Lebanese civilians were murdered in the PLOs rape of that country before the Israelis expelled them. Yet Israel was painted the villain!

Incredibly, Arafat and his PLO murderers have been sanitized and lionized by world media. John Pauls recent trip to Bethlehem was in response to Arafats invitation to join him there to celebrate "our Jesus Christ." *Our Jesus Christ?* Arafat says Jesus was a Palestinian freedom fighter against Israel, and the Pope smiles and blesses him! John Paul II has warmly received Arafat in Rome many times. This ruthless, sadistic terrorist and murderer was given the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 and is honored as the champion of justice for the Palestinian people.

Palestinians? There *never* was a Palestinian people, nation, language, culture, or religion. The claim of descent from a Palestinian people who lived for thousands of years in a land called Palestine is a hoax! That land was Canaan, inhabited by Canaanites, whom God destroyed because of their wickedness. Canaan became the land of Israel given by God to His people.

Those who today call themselves Palestinians are Arabs by birth, language, and culture, and are close relatives to Arabs in surrounding countries from whence most of them came, attracted by Israels prosperity. The name Palestine comes from the *Philistines*, who were not Semites, but invaded Canaan from Crete and parts of Asia Minor. Yet Arafat, an Arab, claims that ancestry.

In a.d. 130, the Romans rebuilt Jerusalem as a pagan city with a temple to Jupiter where the Jewish temple had stood. Provoked to rebellion, about 500,000 Jews were killed and thousands sold into slavery. The Romans angrily renamed Israel "Syria Palaestina." Jews living there became known as Palestinians. During World War II, the British Army had a Palestinian Brigade made up entirely of Jewish volunteers. The Palestinian Symphony Orchestra was all Jewish, and *The Palestine Post* was a Jewish newspaper.

In 1948, Arabs who had fled from Israel (attacking Arab nations had broadcast, "All Arabs get out!") began to claim they were the true Palestinians and that the land of Israel had always belonged to them. World media eagerly promotes that lie. Yet in 1948, Arabs owned a mere 3 percent of so-called Palestine.

Israels claim to the land goes back 4,000 years to Abrahams purchase of the cave of Machpelah in Hebron. There Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Leah are buried. In Hebron David was crowned king. This sacred Jewish site has *no relationship* to Arabs or Muslims. Yet Muslims claim Hebron as their own, built a mosque to keep Jews and Christians from visiting the cave, and are determined to drive out every Jewish resident.

For 3,000 years Jerusalem was the capital of Israel. Temple Mount on the summit of Mount Moriah is the heart of Jerusalem. This 35-acre parcel arouses such explosive passions that it could trigger World War III at any time. This is where Abraham built an altar to offer his son Isaac to God. That spot was purchased by King David from Ornan the Jebusite to build there an altar to God. There Solomon built the first temple. In its place now sits the Dome of the Rock, a monument to Islams unbiblical and irrational claim that Abraham offered, not Isaac, but Ishmael.

Perpetuating a Muslim lie, Ikrema Sabri, mufti of Jerusalem, declared again early this August that the Temple Mount is Islamic and "not subject to negotiations." Given its 3,000-year Jewish history and importance to Christians, on what basis should Muslims control this site? That Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Koran exposes the lie of Islams claim to any part of Jerusalem as a holy site.

Today we see the continuing fulfillment of Christs remarkable prophecy that Jerusalem would be "trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Lk 21:24). UN Resolution 181 in 1947, supported by the Vatican, declared that Jerusalem must remain an international city. Israels Knesset is there. But nations locate their embassies elsewhere in Israel. No other country is forbidden to decide its own capital! The European Union repeatedly says it "does not recognize Israels sovereignty" over Jerusalem. By what right do Gentile nations claim Jerusalem as their international city?

In 1998, the Vaticans foreign minister called the Israeli presence in East Jerusalem "illegal occupation." In a papal bull on the Year 2000 Jubilee, John Paul II again rejected Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem. In mid-February 2000, the Vatican signed an agreement with the PLO calling for "international guarantees" to keep Jerusalem under international control.

Muslim nations have spent billions since the Yom Kippur War for missiles carrying a variety of deadly warheads. These are not defensive weapons. They exist for one purpose: to rain death and destruction upon Israel, so that Muslims can possess the land God promised the Jews. The new borders imposed by the Oslo Accords (1993) allow Katyusha rockets to be moved to within deadly range of Israels narrow heartland which holds 70 percent of the Jewish population, 80 percent of its industry, its only international airport and its most important military installations.

As the "peace process" continues, Arabs murder and torch the homes of fellow Arabs suspected of cooperating with Israel. Muslim terrorists who kill Jews are honored with streets and holidays named after them! Yet Israelis dream on of peace with those who have sworn to exterminate them! An ad in *The Jerusalem Post* for "The Jerusalem Heights Penthouses" reads, "As Close to Heaven as You Can Ever Get."

When will "the times of the Gentiles" end? Clearly, not until the Gentile nations are defeated at Armageddon. Just ahead lies "the time of Jacobs trouble" (Jer 30:7). The armies of the world, led by Anti-christ, will be brought to Armageddon by Jahweh to punish them for mistreatment of His people Israel (Ezk 38:16-18)—and to discipline Israel for her unbelief.

No wonder Christ wept over Jerusalem! For 1,900 years, as Hosea foretold, Jews have had no sacrifices for sin. We are driven to one of two conclusions: either God has abandoned them—or the Messiahs once-for-all death for sin has fulfilled and replaced animal sacrifices. Let us pray that Israel will awaken to the truth.

The Strange Long Strip

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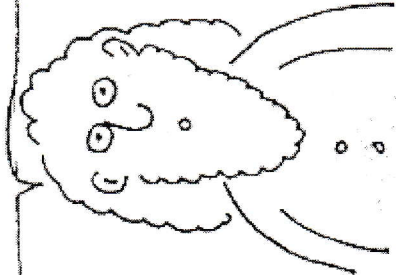


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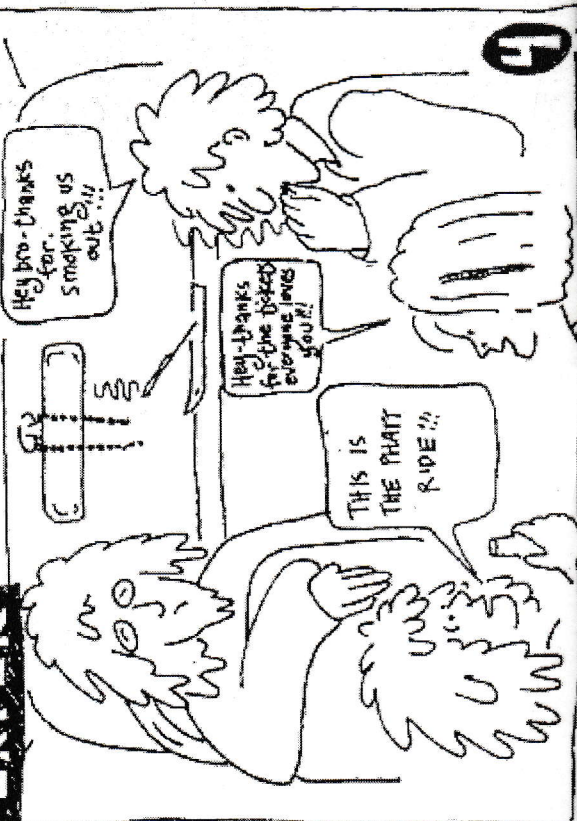
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Well Son- If you insist
I will do as you ask
and give you the money.



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LATER



THIS IS
THE PARTY
RIDE !!

Hey- thanks
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everyone loves
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Hey bro- thanks
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That rich kid will supply us
with whatever we need.

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Hey kid. Try
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you'll be a hero

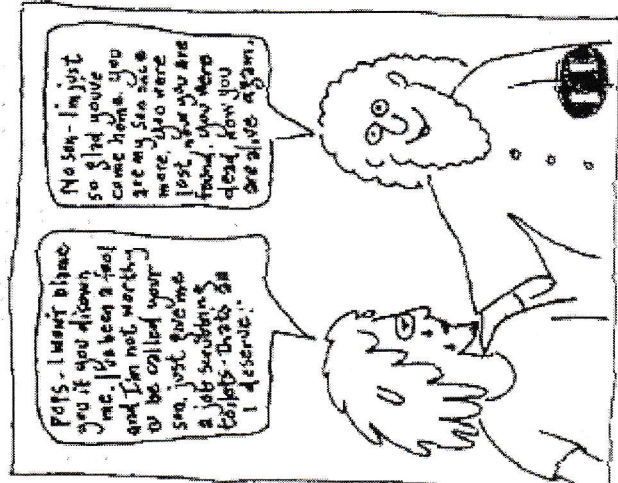
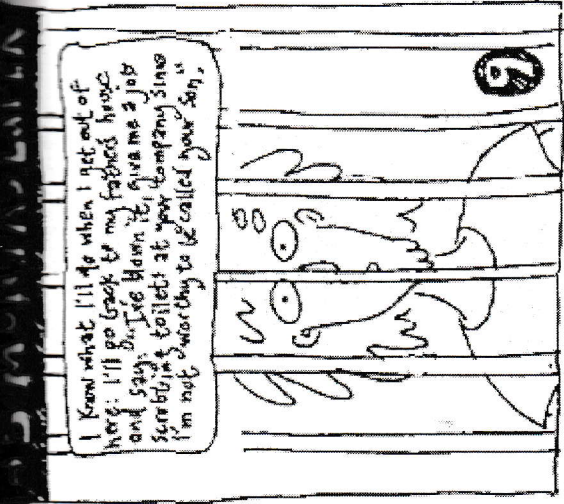
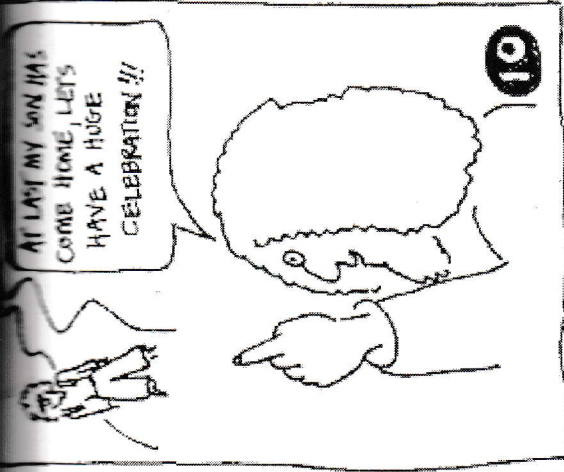
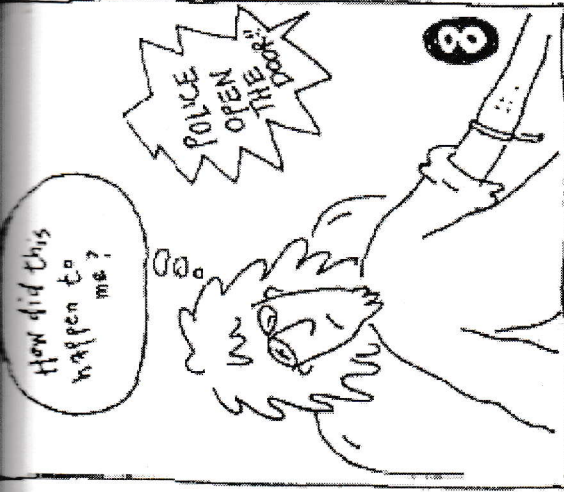
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Nice work
officer.

OVER 7



This is a modernized version of a parable that Jesus told (commonly called "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" (Luke Chapter 15, verse 11)). The story beautifully demonstrates God's joy when one of his children "comes to his senses as Jesus says, and returns to God the Father asking to be received back into the family. Jesus said that because of our rebellion against a holy God, we had become "children of the Devil," but that through faith in him (Jesus was God, and came to show us the way back to God, by dying for our sins) we could be adopted back into God's family and be forgiven of our sins. God wants us back so badly that he was willing to take the punishment we deserved upon himself. Jesus said that if a person would repent (turn from sin) and make Jesus Lord of their life - that they would be saved and live eternally with God in his kingdom. The Bible says that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" but that "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us," and that through Jesus Christ we have "received reconciliation" with God.

If you want to be received into God's family: 1) Repent (turn to God and away from sin) 2) Believe that Jesus is God, who died for your sins 3) Ask Jesus to forgive you 4) Make him Lord of your life - leaving everything to follow him 5) Read the Bible and follow its teachings 6) Believe that you are a new creation.

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WHAT A LONG STRANGE TRIP IT'S BEEN.

EXCERPTS FROM TWO JOURNALS OF THE 2000 PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP

Journal Entry 1

It's probably not the best thing to start off a missions trip with a severe lack of sleep, but I was so excited that I couldn't bring myself to sleep. The 24 hours of flying can be summed up by me being too cheap to pay \$2.00 for headphones to watch a movie only to find out that the movie was Beethoven 3 (you know, that big St. Bernard that destroys everything). This coupled with some scary turbulence, caused me to promptly take a Dramamine and sleep it off rather than learning how to use the little "discomfort bag." But all of this was a small price to pay as I found myself looking out the window of the plane. I saw a completely foreign land and looking down at all of the tiny houses and people, I realized how big the world really is and was amazed at how, out of all of the people in the world, God took the time to come and find me. Olongapo is right near the former American military base in Subic Bay. The pastor of the Calvary Chapel there is named Michael Vrooman and I've never met anyone like him in my life. He's a white missionary (although he doesn't consider himself a missionary, he says he's just the pastor of the church) who has led an incredible life. The man is full of story after story of God's provision and miracles. He and his wife moved to the Philippines only to find out that the place someone had told them they could stay at was only someone's vision. They moved into the Olongapo dump where they lived for six years. Michael took all of us down to the dump and we walked through it. He said it's like paradise now compared to what it used to be because after the Mt. Pinatubo volcanic eruption in 1991, it was covered with about 10 feet of ash which buried most of the garbage. He took us to the spot where he and his wife used to live. There he spoke about the wonderful joy that they had. He spoke of his wife giving birth to their youngest daughter on the dirt floor of their "home" in the garbage. He speaks of washing their hands and feet off at night so that the rats wouldn't bite them at night and how their lives were threatened. It took them two years of living in the dump before the people finally accepted them. He describes these situations with the simple phrase, "Yeah, those were hard times." I was so blessed just to listen to this man and see where he used to live. I could barely stand the smell and here he was commenting on how clean the dump was. This man just radiates Jesus. The Lord showed me a living breathing example of His abundant love and grace and provision. He showed me a couple who literally gave up all the material comforts of the world so that they could share the love of Jesus with a people they didn't even know. The thought in my mind was that only God can do this in someone's life. Only Jesus can transform a person's life so completely. I guess the words of Jim Eliot come to mind when I think of Michael and his ministry in Olongapo: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Dumaguete is the most southern part of the Philippines that we traveled to, abundant with lush palm trees and lots of cute little (and big) geckos. Here we met up with Fred who is the pastor of a little Baptist church located near the Dumaguete Airport. Fred not only pastors the church near the airport, but he also has several outreach ministries as well. The first one we went to was in the middle of a woods, just outside of Dumaguete, away from the city. It was beautiful. We had to cross a rock bridge to get to the little village. Here we were out in the middle of nowhere and Fred was leading about 25 little children in Bible songs! One of the biggest blessings there was that one woman started weeping during praise and worship and said she was just overcome with joy that we would care enough to come all the way out to her village. How blessed I was that she would love and accept us into their village and listen to us! Being out in the middle of the woods made me so keenly aware of God's presence and His Holy Spirit at work there. God works in the state of Wisconsin in the USA and God works in a tiny village in the middle of a forest in the Philippines. God is all over, all the time. It's wonderful to get together with people and connect with people because of the Lord. Only Jesus can bring people together like this. Jesus transcends all language, culture, and race.

Journal Entry 2

What a strange and wonderful thing it is to sit on the steps of a hotel in the Philippines watching the sun go down. The brilliant colored sky moving and changing over the ocean before me in ways I've never seen before. On one end of the road, I watch a few street kids up late begging only to turn it all over at the end of the day in fear of whoever owns them. On the other, I watch a group of medical students with their cell phones all pile into a nearby Internet cafe. Slowly the sky turns into a rich midnight blue, to where you can no longer tell where the sky ends and the sea begins. I can barely believe what I've seen these last few weeks. There is nothing like going over seas to throw your whole body in to a complete sensory over-load. It is so refreshing. Manila is one of the largest cities in the world. The only thing I could compare it to would be New York City, but still much larger. My body was in shock to the new world around me. I might as well have been on another planet. The mixture of diesel smog, sewage, and street vendors selling "squid balls" was a little uncomfortable at first, yet so exciting to be able to smell something for the first time. I was very impressed by the fact that there are very few streetlights or marked lanes, or any written traffic laws at all, yet we never saw an accident. They can fit six cars across a three-lane highway, by common courtesy and a secret car horn language. I've found myself marveling God's work and love so much more

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so much easier for me to keep

my focus when all I had was a backpack and a small hotel room. It pains me that God had to lead me to what most would consider a third world country to realize I was straying from Him spiritually. I almost didn't realize that I was slowly focusing more on the details and the outcome of ministry than the people. It's so simple really; it's about a personal relationship with Jesus and deep love for the ones who don't know about Him yet. There is the strange need inside for me to over complicate it, turning it into a business like game with a long list of what constitutes victory. How I long to give it all up to Him and let Him decide what is victory. Finally standing in the middle of a Philippine night market in Olongapo, I realized that no matter how much I waver day to day, God is moving and changing me in ways, I've never seen before. That maybe someday I wouldn't be able to tell where God's will ends and the desires of my heart begin.

Cold

The difficult part of the Gospel to accept is that a loving God would pour out his wrath on sinners. While witnessing to a guy he said to me, "That is Cold, for you to say that if I don't believe in what you are telling me, I will go to hell and suffer forever...Cold!" He thought that punishing someone was cruel. That it was equal to wishing someone harm. An all-loving God should not be capable of this.

God the Father not only has perfect love, but also justice. God's perfect holiness requires that the infinite penalty must be paid for man's sin. In order to pay the infinite penalty we would be separated from God forever. To prevent this, God became man through the virgin birth to justify us by paying the penalty in our place.

For this reason no one can complain. God in his infinite love paid the penalty for us. He proved his love by doing all he could to secure our salvation. This involved not only dying on the cross, but at the same time, having his heart broken and being torn apart. If a simple man were sinless his whole life and then at the time of his death prayed to God, "I love my brothers, commit to me the punishment that they deserve that they might be spared from your wrath and be able to commune with you." If this man were to suffer for eternity, this ransom he paid would still only be enough for one man to be saved. The reason that Jesus Christ's ransom was so powerful lies in who he is and what has done.

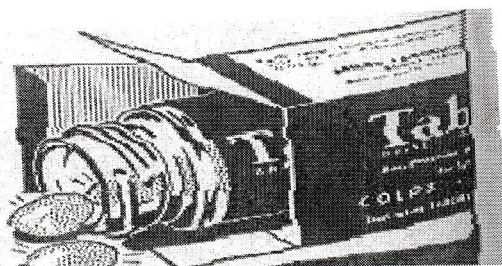
After hearing a medical doctor describe the details of what happened to a man who was crucified, I discovered that Jesus didn't die from blood loss or suffocation, but a broken heart. In John 19:34(KJV) the Bible says, "...But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." The factors involved in the process of crucifixion were such that they depleted the blood of oxygen slowly. The nervous system would drive the heart to overcompensate to the extent that the heart would literally explode. A membrane around the heart would fill with blood and water. This was a sign that the heart had ruptured. If the soldiers wanted to speed things up a bit they would break the legs of the condemned. Then he would die of suffocation. This however did not happen to Jesus Christ. In John 19:33(KJV) the Bible states, "...But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs."

Jesus was a perfect, sinless man and God in flesh at the same time. In John 14:9(KJV) Jesus says, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not known me, Phillip? He that has seen me has seen the Father; and how say you then, Show us the Father?" Not only was Jesus the physical representation of God on earth, he was one with God. In John 10:30-31 Jesus says, "I and my Father are one." And then the Jews took up stones to stone him. The simple fact is, not only was the life of Jesus laid out as a ransom and his heart broken. He was spiritually torn apart. Christ pleaded in the garden, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me" Matthew 26:39(KJV). The full brunt of God's wrath against sin is separation from God. That men nailed Jesus to a cross would only condemn us. His death did not in itself pay the penalty. His separation from the Father paid the penalty for our sins in full. In Matthew 27:46, "Jesus cried with a loud voice saying, 'Eli Eli, lama sabachthani?' That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Jesus demonstrated his deity by the power of his resurrection. In John 10:17-18 he describes this, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man takes it from me, but I lay it down myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it again. This commandment I have received of my Father." His sacrificial death on the cross was an act of submission. Heartbroken and torn apart was what he became to prevent us from being lost forever.

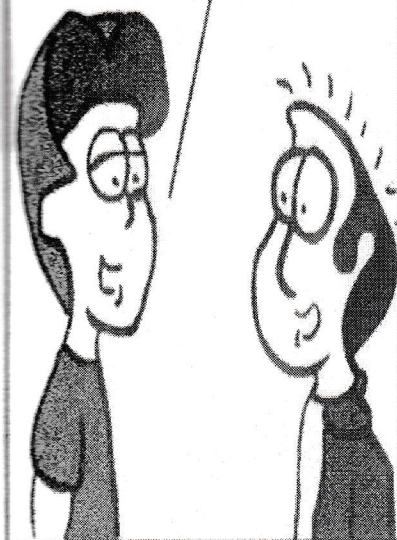
The Father honored this by bringing him back from the dead, giving him power over sin and death, and the authority to judge the dead and grant eternal life. God loves you more than any person ever could. If you would like to be saved it says how in Romans 10:9-10(KJV) "If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved. For with the heart man believes to righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made to salvation."

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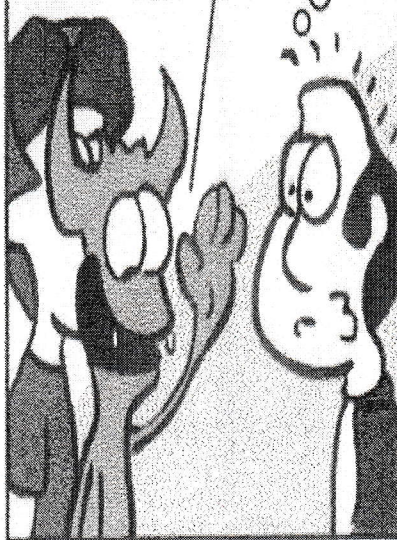
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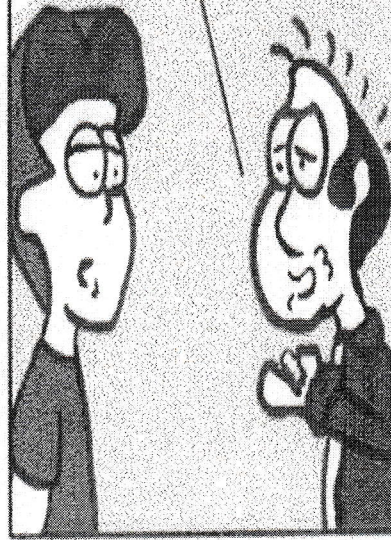


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John 14:6

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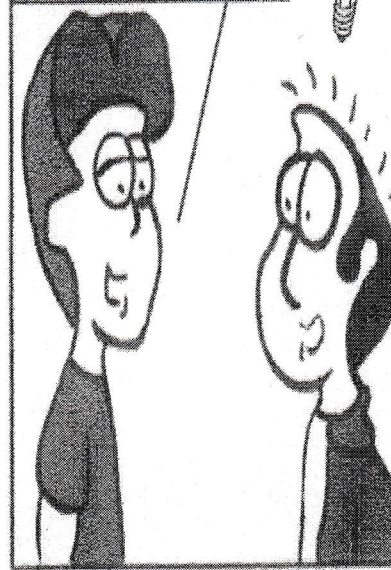
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I'm so glad we studied the Bible, Elmer. To think, I used to believe ALL religions lead to God...



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THIS COMEDY IS ABOUT A LOW-LEVEL SOFTWARE COMPANY EMPLOYEE WHO ENLISTS A POWERFUL SEDUCTRESS TO HELP HIM WOO A CO-WORKER WITH DEVILISH CONSEQUENCES. BRENDAN FRASER IS HILARIOUS IN HIS DEPICTION OF A MAN STRIKING VARIOUS DEALS WITH THE DEVIL. IN RETURN FOR HIS SOUL, HE GETS SEVEN WISHES.

EVERYONE WANTS LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE. BRENDAN IS LONELY AND REJECTED. HIS CO-WORKERS SHUN HIM FOR NOT FITTING IN TO THEIR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS. THE WOMAN HE HAS A CRUSH ON DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THAT HE IS ALIVE. IN ORDER TO GAIN HER AFFECTION, HE WISHES FOR THINGS ONLY THE WORLD CAN OFFER. HE WISHES FOR MONEY AND FAME AND BECOMES A WEALTHY AND FAMOUS COLUMBIAN DRUG LORD. HE WISHES TO BE THE MOST EMOTIONALLY SENSITIVE MAN IN THE WORLD, AND HE CAN'T STOP CRYING AT EVERYTHING HE SEES. HE ALSO WISHES TO BE ATHLETIC, INTELLECTUAL, AND EVEN TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE THINGS HE WISHES FOR ARE FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED IN VERY FUNNY WAYS. HE DOES NOT SUCCEED IN HIS MISSION TO GAIN THE AFFECTION OF HIS CO-WORKER. HE GETS VIRTUALLY NOTHING FOR SELLING HIS SOUL. LEFT WITH ONLY ONE WISH, HE GAINS HIS REDEMPTION BY GIVING AWAY HIS LAST WISH. THIS IS CONSIDERED IN THE MOVIE TO BE A BENEVOLENTLY UNSELFISH ACT AND IT GAINS FORGIVENESS FOR ALL OF HIS SELFISH WISHES. IT SAVES HIM FROM ETERNAL PUNISHMENT FROM THE DEVIL.

THIS MOVIE IS GREAT IN THAT IT DEPICTS THE REALITY OF GOD, THE DEVIL, AND ETERNITY. IT IS WRONG IN THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE DEVIL IS THE TORMENTER OF LOST SOULS AFTER DEATH.. ALSO, AN UNSELFISH ACT IN ITSELF CANNOT REDEEM A PERSON FROM PUNISHMENT. GOD IS NOT ONLY LOVE, BUT ALSO INFINITY JUST. HIS INFINITE JUSTICE REQUIRES THE INFINITE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN. WHICH IS SEPARATION FROM GOD. GOD, IN HIS INFINITE LOVE, PAID THAT PENALTY IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. SALVATION FROM SIN IS FOUND THROUGH PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH, ON THE CROSS, PAID THE DIVINE PENALTY FOR SIN. THIS ALLOWED GOD TO OFFER SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH AS A FREE GIFT. WE CAN'T DO ENOUGH UNSELFISH ACTS TO EARN THIS REDEMPTION. THE DEVIL WITH THE SIN OF PRIDE WAS CURSED BY GOD TO BE SEPARATED FROM HIM AND TO LIVE IN HELL FOREVER. IF WE FAIL TO ACCEPT THE SALVATION OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WILL PARTAKE IN THIS PUNISHMENT. JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD AFTER THREE DAYS FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION. PEOPLE SEEK LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE BECAUSE THEY FIND LIFE POINTLESS AND DEVOID OF PURPOSE. JESUS SAID, "SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED ON TO YOU." HE ALSO SAID, "THOSE WHO SEEK LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR LIFE FOR MY SAKE WILL FIND IT." THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF MAN IS TO KNOW GOD PERSONALLY, TO GLORIFY HIM, AND TO LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER IN HEAVEN.

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2 Corinthians 5:17

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

John 8:36



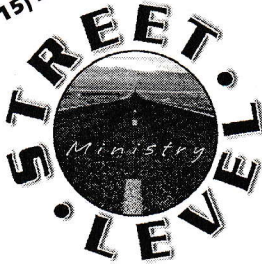
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