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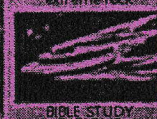
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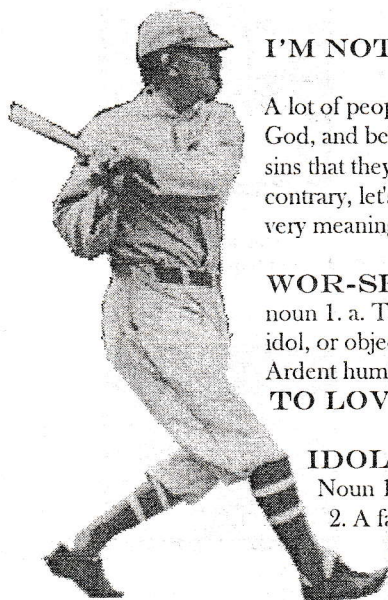
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SAY WHAT?



I'M NOT AN IDOL WORSHIPER.

A lot of people think that because they are a Christian and believe in God, and believe that Jesus died on the cross to save them from their sins that they are not an **IDOL WORSHIPER**. On the contrary, let's take a look at the definitions of these words. Their very meaning will shed new light on this.

WORSHIP

noun 1. a. The reverent love and allegiance towards a deity or idol, or object b. a set of actions where this love is expressed. 2. Ardent humble devotion. 3. To honor and love as deity. 4. **TO LOVE OR PURSUE DEVOTEDLY.**

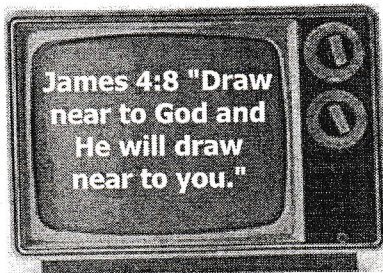
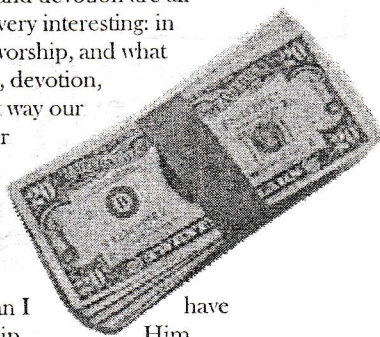
IDOL

Noun 1. An image used as an object of worship.
2. A false god 3. **A PERSON OR THING THAT IS BLINDLY OR EXCESSIVELY ADORED**



The definition of worship makes it clear that honor, love, and devotion are all signs of worship. A friend of mine pointed out something very interesting: in essence, whom or what you think about most is what you worship, and what you worship is your god. Who do you give your time, love, devotion,

respect, and attention to? When we think about it that way our answer changes, doesn't it? Some of us think about our really cool car most of the day, or our beautiful girlfriend or wonderful boyfriend. Some of us think about weed all day, crack, heroine, or money. Some of us worship ourselves and don't even realize it. We tend to think about ourselves all day long. How do I feel? How can I feel better? What do I want? How can I my needs meet? As a believer, God wants us to worship Him. God wants to be our fulfillment, our joy, and our need. God wants to be the one who makes us happy, satisfied, and complete. So if you are running on empty and can't seem to ever be fulfilled, take a look at who you are worshipping. God wants to be your fulfillment all day every day.



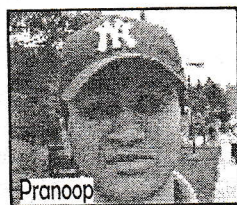
Where do you find your fulfillment?

-what UW-Stout students and staff had to say:



Jamie

"Family"



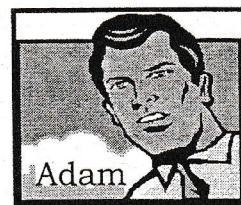
Pranoop

"by going to a good college and into a good profession"



Pratik

"Family"



Adam

"Being accepting of what happens in life"



"family, friends, outdoors, and time"



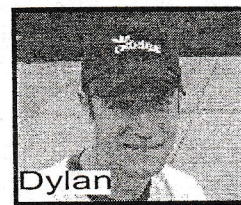
Brian

"Outdoors"



Mic

"Outdoors and being among people"



Dylan

"Being valued by others and being nice to people"



Tim

"teaching"



Kelly

"family and friends"



"friends and boyfriend"

The truth is that each one of us has been or is searching to find something that will fill the void in our lives. The fact is that material items break, possessions can get stolen, and every one of us dies. Jesus Christ is the *only one* who will fill the void in our lives, and He promises us eternal life in heaven with Him. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). God loves you and wants to have a personal relationship with you. Jesus says, "Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends" (Revelation 3:20). Jesus not

only offers us eternal life in heaven with Him but He also wants to help us here on earth. Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke fits perfectly, and the burden I give you is light" (Matthew 11: 28-30).

If any of you are searching and wondering what is missing in your life, know that Jesus loves you and wants to come into your life and help you. His love lasts for eternity. "The grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8).



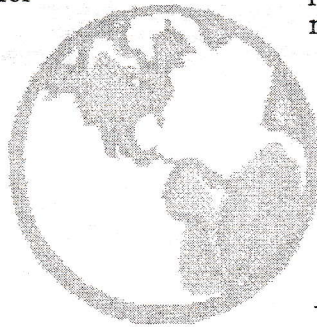
GOSPEL SPOKEN TO WHOLE WORLD

A first.

One man, Billy Graham, spoke the gospel to practically the whole world September 14th. He gave a sermon at the National Memorial Service that was broadcast on every major television station in the U.S. and by satellite to the world. Because it was a geo Political event, every leader watched and heard as it was translated into his/her language, and every country in the world received this broadcast.

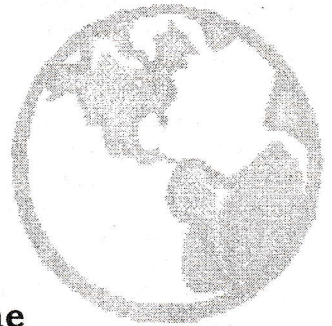
Just in-

Eight Western aid workers who were charged with trying to convert Muslims to Christianity in Afghanistan have been released. The aid workers had been locked in Afghan prisons for more than three months by the Taliban.



FROM THE DELHI HOUSE:

We had another park service today. Everybody seemed so stoned and out of mind that Ton said to them, if you are not interested in what we tell you and if you don't respond on it and ignore and just go on wasting your lives in drugs we won't come anymore, I won't talk to you...then suddenly all of them shouted, No don't go. We want to hear the message, we want to change our lives, we need you, speak to us, pray for us. And the response was great, they cried out to God.



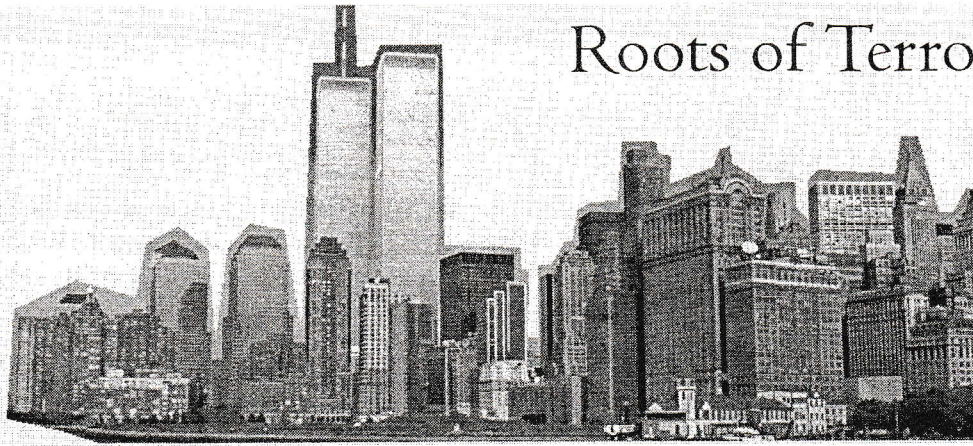
P.O.D in the NEWS

P.O.D's new album, "Satellite," goes platinum only a month after its release and TV's "Stargate SG-1" wants to take you on the trip of a lifetime to see them perform live during a special concert in a surprise city -- not open to the public! Watch "Stargate SG-1" in syndication this November for your chance to win.
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Roots of Terrorism



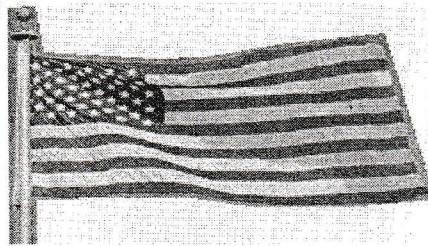
The destruction of The Twin Towers. The incredible loss of human lives because of a group's hate for America.

It is so inconceivable that a group of people would hate another so much. Where does this conflict originate? Why is there this much hate in the world that men would conspire to sacrifice their lives in order to kill others? It is all explained in the book of Genesis in the Bible. In chapter 15:5, Abram was promised many descendants: "Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars if you be able to number them: so shall your seed be. And he believed in the lord: and he counted it to him for righteousness." The Hebrew race was chosen by God to be his group of people He would bless. Abram was to be the original father of the Hebrew race. This nation was to come from the child he would have with his wife Sarai.

Even though Abram is known as a great man of faith, he still had doubts. This happened when his wife was found barren. When they were getting to the age that would be too old to have children, Sarai decided Abram should have a child with Hagar, Sarai's handmaiden. Abram was tired of waiting for God to make good on his promise, so he took matters into his own hands. Hagar conceived a child. Sarai hated Hagar for this and drove her away. An Angel of God then came to Hagar and said, "You are with child, and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael; because the Lord has heard your affliction. And he will be a wild man;

his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of his brethren." (Genesis 16:11-12)

When Abram was 100 years old and Sarai was 90 years old, God told him that their names were now Abraham and Sarah because they were going to have a son who would receive an everlasting covenant. God said, "As for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold. I have blessed him, and I will



make him fruitful, and I will multiply him exceedingly: twelve princes he shall have, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto you at this set time next year." (Genesis 17:20-21)

God gave Abraham the descendants he promised through Isaac; these people are the nation of Israel. He was supposed to wait for God to work a miracle by having them give birth to Isaac long after it would normally be naturally possible. Instead of waiting for God to provide him a natural son, Abraham chose to have one

with his maid. The descendants of Ishmael form the Arab nations of the world today. The predominately Muslim Arabs believe they have the rights to the holy land and will not be content until the Jews are gone. The reason we have war and suffering

in Jerusalem is because Abraham took matters into his own hands. Osama Bin Laden wants to see the Jews driven out of the Middle East. We had warning about the attack to come. Bin Laden told an Arab journalist in an interview that the U.S. would soon be the target of unprecedented acts of terrorism because of its support of Jewish concerns in the Middle East conflict.

The purpose of terrorism is to scare people. People are frightened of death because they don't know what happens after they die. Jesus came to take that fear from us. Terrorists need liberation from the fear and power of death more than anyone. The terrorists that attacked the World Trade Center took a gamble that by killing the Americans they would inherit eternal life. The Muslim religion teaches that the only way to be sure of inheriting eternal life is to die a martyr's death. But the god they worshiped deceived them. Jesus talked of this in John 10:10: "The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." We must realize that even the best of us is no better than one of these terrorists. Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our sins just as we forgive those who sin against us." Our enemies need eternal life just as much as our friends.

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—MESSENGERS—

My eyes opened suddenly. Something was wrong. A split second passed as I battled for my consciousness to overcome my subconscious state of slumber. Something was definitely out of place. Then I saw something. Though there was only a sliver of moonlight penetrating through the curtains of the room, my peripheral vision locked on to a small figure standing a few feet to my left. It was still. It was looking at me.

Panic gripped my heart. Why was this happening to me? There were supposed to be lights, where were the lights? I know Jesus. This can't be happening to me.

I lay stunned while my heart raced. A multitude of questions came pouring through my mind, but only one conclusion came forth. "This *is* happening to me and I need to do something about it. I can't just lay here in fear."

I tried to reach for my bedside lamp. At that point, a more complete realization hit me. I was paralyzed. Immediately my head increased in heaviness and my thoughts slowed. I noticed my vision started to blur. My teeth began to push together so hard that the tendons around my jaw were hurting. Each thought was a struggle... but I knew the truth and I knew the truth would set me free...

My heart cried out to Jesus. I was

helpless and in need of Him. I had not been obedient to Him the night before, but I needed Him so much now. Where else could I turn but to Him?

Between the impulses of panic and the mire of confusion within my head, words began to form.

Greater is He that is in you...

Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

The tension on my jaw relaxed. My head was still humming from the strain, but my thoughts were returning to me. I noticed I could move my hand. I looked to the left and saw nothing. Where did it go? What...was it? Slowly, with a trembling hand, I reached for my bedside lamp. In a complete state of exhaustion, with my arm stretched out, I passed out, falling into a deep sleep.

Awaking to the sunrise, I found myself with the side effects of a throbbing head and an extremely tight jaw. But this was a wonderful state to be in. Jesus had delivered me. I was free.

Such experiences as this are not as uncommon as we would like to believe. In fact, evidence continues to mount which supports the existence of extraterrestrial activity within the U.S. and even within our state. Here are some facts regarding alien and UFO phenomenon that you may or may not be aware of:

- Wisconsin launched a website for reporting UFO sightings on September 1st, 2001. This sight received 1,200 hits in its first week.¹
- Wisconsin reports the second highest number of yearly UFO sightings within the United States while New Mexico reports the highest.²
- Over 1 million Americans report having been abducted by aliens.³

Whether you believe in little gray men and flying saucers or not, the number of those that claim to have witnessed such paranormal activity is staggering. Because of this, many philosophies arise to try and explain the purpose behind this chaos.

Rather than examining the explanations that man has developed within the last 50 years, lets take a look at what our most historically accurate book, the Bible, has to say.

Could it be that Satan and his fallen angels are somehow related to this unusual phenomenon? In scripture we read, "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" ^{2 COR 11:14}. Looking closely at this passage, it is interesting to note that the original Greek word for "angel" (aggelos) has a more basic root meaning of *messenger*.⁵ Could it be possible that Satan and his legions are actually messengers sent to deceive us? If he succeeded in deceiving us, what effect would that have? Would the idea of an evolved man be more appealing? Would the one on one relationship between mankind and God be compromised?

Elsewhere in the Bible, when Jesus is speaking of the end times, we are told "Take heed, lest any *man* deceive you." ^{Mark 13:5} Note the italics in this verse. Most King James versions of the Bible will show this word using italics. The reason for this is that when the New Testament was

translated from Greek into the Authorized Version (King James version), the word "man" was added for clarity.⁵ The word does not exist in the original Greek manuscripts. So the literal translation of the verse is "Take heed, lest any deceive you." Is *any* referring to man, or is there deeper, hidden aspect to this verse?

Later in the same passage, Jesus tells us that "false messengers will arise, and show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even God's chosen." ^{Mark 13:22}

What are the signs and wonders being talked about here? Are the increases in UFO sightings and extraterrestrial activity related to the signs and wonders that are declared to happen in the end times?

Unfortunately, the answer to many of these questions is not known. What we do know is that through God's Word we are given all things that lead to life and godliness. ^{2 Peter 1:3} We also know that Jesus wants to develop an intimate, indwelling relationship with each one of us. He wants this relationship to go beyond our fear and confusion and to touch us with His love and peace. He wants us to be fulfilled in Him.

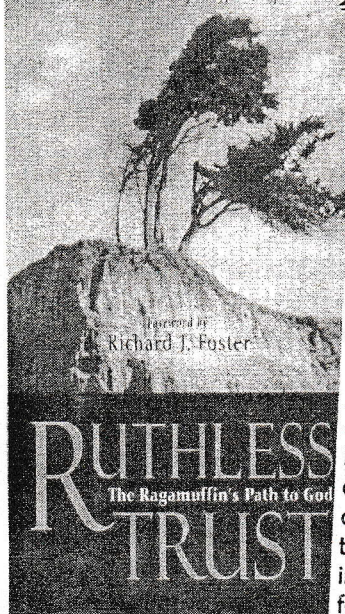
His instruction is this: "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." ^{James 4:7-8} Thank God that He has provided a way out. Thank God that He has set us free.

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BRENNAN MANNING

Author of *The Ragamuffin Gospel*



RUTHLESS TRUST

That looks like a simple mathematical equation right? Then why do so

FAITH + HOPE = TRUST

thankfulness (or lack thereof) to the Lord, our tainted trust, and our

many of us struggle with trusting the Lord for our entire Christian lives? Why do we desire to grow, but so fear the unknown that we refuse to move? In his book, *Ruthless Trust*, Brennan Manning talks about our struggles to let go of ourselves and hang on to Jesus. The book calls us to let go of our own ideas and wants, and let God have them, trusting Him in a way completely unrelated to our own desires. It's "ruthless (without pity) trust." As Richard J. Foster describes in the book's foreword: "This book, in fact, is a frontal attack on all the egocentric, hyphenated self-sins of our day: self-indulgence, self-will, self-service, self-aggrandizement, self-gratification, self-righteousness, self-sufficiency, and the like."

humility. Trust is something that we can all stand to learn about and put into practice in our lives. But it's not an overnight thing or something we can will ourselves to do, as Manning explains. It's something that comes over a period of time through our relationship with Jesus Christ: "Like faith and hope, trust cannot be self-generated. I cannot simply will myself to trust."

...HOPE IS THE RELIANCE ON THE PROMISE OF JESUS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE EXPECTATION OF FULFILLMENT...

What outrageous irony: the one thing that I am responsible for throughout my life I cannot generate. The one thing I *need* to do I *cannot* do...What does lie within my power is paying attention to the faithfulness of Jesus." One of the best things about this book is that its focus is on paying attention to the faithfulness of Jesus. Manning recognizes that you can't have real trust if your real trust isn't in Jesus. This is what makes the book worth your reading.

...TRUST IS THE WINSOME WEDDING OF FAITH AND HOPE."
(BRENNAN MANNING)

"FAITH ARISES FROM THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF JESUS AS LORD..."

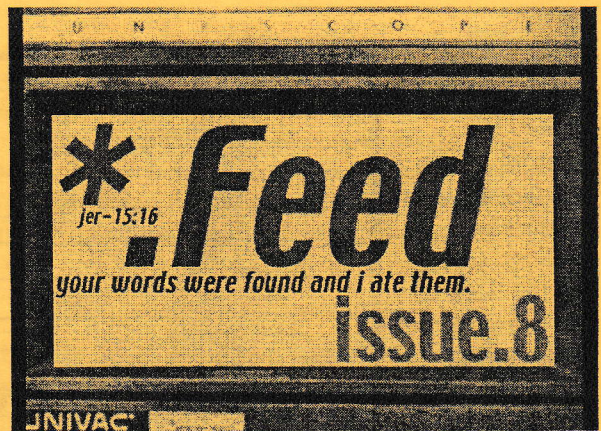
Manning uses many stories and illustrations throughout the novel to demonstrate his various points, and although some of his terms may seem a bit heady, the message or meaning of what he is trying to convey is never lost. His point is clearly stated: God wants us to trust Him fully rather than in our own way, which is self-centered and only a partial trust. It's scary, but it's worth it because it leads to a richer life with the Lord.

I won't give the whole content of the book away, but some of the things he discusses are: our view of the Lord, our

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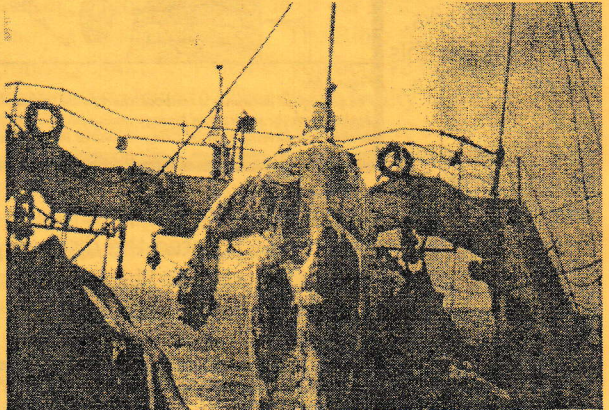
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creation vs. evolution debate
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Meet the Flintstones

Since I was a kid, I was taught that Man evolved from a primordial "goo" like substance. Through millions of years of time and gradual changes in biology we arrived. We have been taught that modern day creatures are a result of an explosion in time, known as the "Big Bang." With a bang, the universe was created and the organic "goo" that we came from was first stirred to form the very elements of life. Evolution teaches that advanced life forms evolved from much simpler life forms over a great period of time. In just



about every evolution- based science textbook, time.

there exists an illustration, the Geological Column, that attempts to explain the theory of Evolution. At the bottom of the illustration it illustrates simple organisms such as one-celled creatures. At the top of the illustration it represents complex creatures, like humans. In between, there are all sorts of life forms. The illustration shows how all of today's life forms have evolved from a very simple molecule such as a protein (which in reality is a very complex, micro factory with processes and functions more complex than any factory man has made). According to the geological column, mankind evolved 65,000,000 years after the dinosaur. Thus, according to the column, humans and dinosaurs did not live together at the same

More recently some compelling evidence seems to point to humans indeed living with dinosaurs...in fact, even in our own times! Probably the most intriguing evidence for a modern day dinosaur existing with humans was found off the coast of New Zealand, April 25, 1977. A two week old rotting corpse of an unknown sea creature, weighing in at 4,000 pounds with a length of 32 feet, was drug up on a fishing boat. Just before dumping it back in the water for fear of contaminating the cargo, a fisherman managed to take four pictures of the beast. The photos were developed and submitted to some marine scientists.

The scientists were unable to identify the creature. A piece of a flipper was chemically analyzed to be like the flesh of a fish or reptile but not of a whale. Its neck was too long for it to be a fish. Also, it had vertebrae, which is not present in most fish, including sharks. Most believed this creature to be a plesiosaur, or aquatic dinosaur, because of it's

size and it's four large flippers. In 1977, the Japanese government commemorated the discovery of this creature by creating a postage stamp with the illustration of what appears to be a plesiosaur.

The Old Testament book of Job seems to make reference to such a creature. It also seems to describe a large dinosaur with a tail the size of a cedar tree. In chapter 41 of Job, we see mention of an aquatic creature, called Leviathan. The description paints the picture of an underwater monster such as in the stories of sea monsters found in folklore. God, speaking to Job about this creature states, "Can you draw out

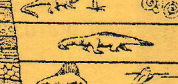
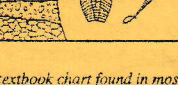
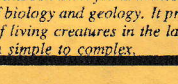
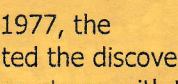
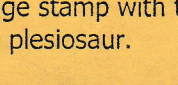
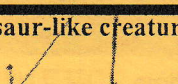
THE GEOLOGICAL COLUMN				
ERA	PERIOD	ROCKS	DOMINANT LIFE	
CENOZOIC	Tertiary			Mammals
	Quaternary			Mammals
MESOZOIC	Cretaceous			Reptiles - Ammonites
	Jurassic			Reptiles - Ammonites
	Triassic			Reptiles - Ammonites
PALAEOZOIC	Permian			Amphibians
	Carboniferous			Amphibians
	Devonian			Fish
	Silurian			Fish
	Ordovician			Invertebrates
	Cambrian			Invertebrates

Figure 66:
The geological column is a textbook chart found in most books dealing with the subjects of biology and geology. It proposes to show the development of living creatures in the layers of the earth in an order from simple to complex.

Leviathan with a hook, Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower? Can you put a reed through his nose, Or pierce his jaw with a hook?" (Job 41:1-2) Apparently, this Leviathan creature was not something to mess with!

Recently, there has been some interesting evidence supporting humans living with dinosaurs, unearthed from Peru. Dr. Javier Cabrera, retired professor of medicine at Lima University has collected over 1,100 burial stones from around 500-1500 AD. Many of these depict man interacting with dinosaurs. (www.ca.com)

In 1945, Waldemar Julsrud, German immigrant and knowledgeable archeologist, found clay figurines buried near the foot of El Toro Mountain outside of Acambaro, Guanajuato, Mexico. There have been over 33,000 ceramic figurines found near El Toro and by the Chivo Mountain on the other side of town. Other artifacts in the area have been dated around 800 BC to 200 AD. (www.ca.com)

In the dry river bed of the Paluxy River near Glen Rose, Texas there have been found Dinosaur tracks with human foot prints, illustrating the coexistence of humans and dinosaurs. (Whitcomb and Morris, pg. 174). What do evolutionary scientists say about man living with dinosaurs? Check out the following quotes:

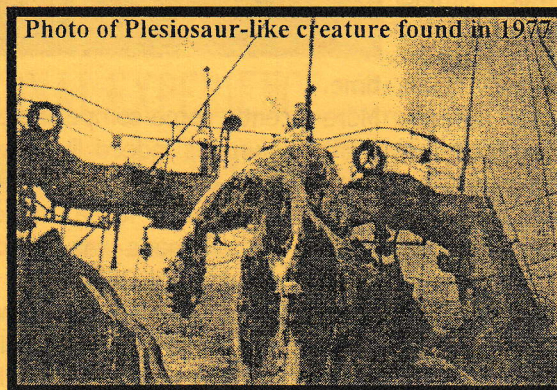
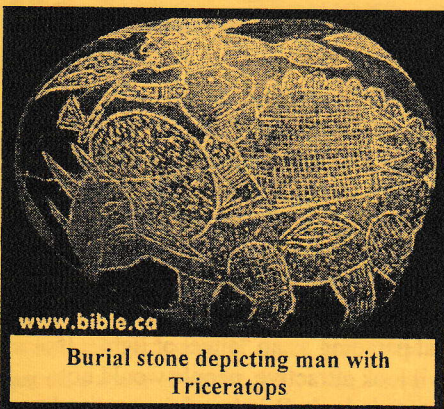


Photo of Plesiosaur-like creature found in 1977

1. Richard Dawkins, Oxford "...there are certain things about the fossil record that any evolutionist should expect to be true. We should be very surprised, for example, to find fossil humans appearing in the record before mammals are supposed to have evolved! If a single, well verified mammal skull were to turn up in 500 million year old rocks, our whole modern

theory of evolution would be utterly destroyed. Incidentally, this is a sufficient answer to the canard, put about by creationist and their journalistic fellow travelers, that the whole theory of evolution is an 'unfalsifiable' tautology.



Burial stone depicting man with
Triceratops

Ironically, it is also the reason why creationist are so keen on the fake human footprints, which were carved during the depression to fool tourist, in the

were created at one time."

5. Ernst Mayr, Harvard, "Creationists have stated that humans and dinosaurs were contemporaries in time... Were this momentous statement true the names of its discoverers would thunder down the corridors of time as individuals who made one of the most outstanding discoveries of the twentieth century." (Gish-Mayr Debate, Evansville, Indiana.)

With the evidence we have looked at in this short article and the multitude of other evidence out there, at least we should consider that the theory of evolution is not accurate in explaining the complexity of life and how it originated. As sited in the above quote from the Nova TV special, if dinosaurs and humans truly did coexist, then one would conclude that this world was created by something or someone outside of our space-time domain...a creative designer. The Bible states, "In the beginning, God...". Whether you believe in evolution or creation you have to come to the reality that you believe by faith. None of us were there to see it all go down. I believe the evidence screams that all life was created at the same time...and yes, life has been diversified through micro-evolution, such as in-breeding. But there still has yet to be found a single "true" transitional life form such as a half fish/half reptile or half ape/half human. There should be millions of these transitional forms of life in the fossil record. Evolutionists, with all the text books in the world, have failed to provide *one* example of true evolution. Therefore, I have chosen to accept the testimony of the Bible and the evidence of science that we were created by a very thoughtful designer. I know Him not only as my designer but also as my savior and friend who made me for a purpose...to live with Him and worship Him now and forever.

dinosaur beds of Texas," (*The Blind Watchmaker*, 1986, p.225)

2. Niles Eldridge, *American Museum of Natural History*, "We have been looking at the fossil record as a general test of the notion that life has evolved: to falsify that general idea, we would have to show that forms of life we considered more advanced appear earlier than the simpler forms." (*Monkey Business*, p.46, 1982)

3. Steven M. Stanley, Johns Hopkins University, "There is an infinite variety of ways in which, since 1859, the general concept of evolution might have been demolished. Consider the fossil record--a little known resource in Darwin's day. The unequivocal discovery of a fossil population of horses in Precambrian rocks would disprove evolution. More generally, any topsy-turvy sequence of fossils would force us to rethink our theory, yet not a single one has come to light. As Darwin recognized, a single geographic inconsistency would have nearly the same power of destruction." (*The New Evolutionary Timetable*, 1981, p.171)

4. NOVA TV Special, *God, Darwin And The Dinosaurs*, "...dinosaur footprints, side by side with humans. Finding them would counter evidence that humans evolved long after the dinosaurs became extinct and back up...[the] claim that all species, including man,

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HARRY POTTER IS COMING TO TOWN

On the Breakpoint radio broadcast of November 2, 1999, Chuck Colson [Christian speaker] commended Harry Potter and his friends for their "courage, loyalty, and a willingness to sacrifice for one another... even at the risk of their lives."

Colson dismissed the pagan practices as "purely mechanical, as opposed to occultic. That is, Harry and his friends cast spells, read crystal balls, and turn themselves into animals... but they don't make contact with a supernatural world. [It's not] the kind of real-life witchcraft the Bible condemns."

However, as kids around the world anxiously await the fall opening of Warner Bros.' film "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," an occult expert has released a documentary video, "Harry Potter: Witchcraft Repackaged, Making Evil Look Innocent," claiming that the messages of Harry Potter are incompatible with Christianity.

Since the books were released in the States in 1999, Harry Potter has become extraordinarily popular, with four books already published and a fifth installment coming soon. Parents rejoice that Harry has made their children hungry to read, and teachers read the books out loud with their students. Book stores are delighted with the sales, and the upcoming Warner Bros. film has been considered the most anticipated movie of the year.

Praised as moral books, with deep and provocative lessons, the Harry Potter series presents the occult as a virtuous lifestyle, and for this reason, many parents and religious groups have expressed concern that the stories should not be taken lightly as mere children's fantasy literature. The Bible warns;

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! - Isaiah 5:20

While God condemns witchcraft and sorcery, the Potter books not only promote witchcraft, but portray those who are ignorant of or antagonistic towards the world of witchcraft, the "muggles," as boorish, mean and shallow. Harry Potter gives witchcraft great appeal; both fun and useful for doing good things, as well as for combating evil.

Satan is an expert at parading as an "angel of light". If he did not make evil look attractive, people would not be deceived and drawn in by it. Witchcraft is practiced in the real world today and is also made to look good. It does bring encounters with spiritual beings who give the witches good feelings and power and knowledge and the ability to make things happen. However, the Bible absolutely condemns witchcraft and sorcery, consulting with "familiar spirits" or attempting to contact the dead. These practices open the participants up to demonic deception and oppression, from which they may not be able to escape when they try.

Harry Potter's world has many moral aspects to it, and teaches moral lessons. However, he does not let children know that the only way to fight demons, is not through good magic, but through the power and authority that comes through Jesus Christ, whose power alone is good.

Much of the information for this article was excerpted from the article "Potter Books: Wicked Witchcraft?" by Julie Foster, found on our site at <http://www.khouse.org/articles/personal/20011001-374.html>.

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The Other "Towers of Babel"

Throughout history we can see that society has always had a tendency to create symbols or icons of great stature based on figures, dances, or places where humans tried to make themselves equal to or greater than God. Sometimes, the people turned back to God, but sadly, it was usually only great catastrophes such as hurricanes, earthquakes, or even just the proximity of a comet that got the people's attention. But when the menace disappeared or the fear subsided, the people soon returned to their self-adoration and tried to create something else that would make them superior to God. But with each attempt, there were catastrophic consequences.

One of the first of these figures is mentioned in the Bible when the people tried to build a tower that would reach God in order to bless themselves. It was called the Tower of Babel. According to the Bible, God knew their intentions and decided to disperse different languages to the people as a punishment for their selfishness and vanity. So everyone was speaking a different language and couldn't understand each other. Therefore, they were unable to communicate to finish the tower. (Genesis 11:1-9)

The 20th Century contained many more "Tower of Babel" icons than ever before. Technological changes marked this century and brought society the illusion of power and self confidence, producing a time where God was relegated to a bedtime story for children and seen by the young generation and media as a mere symbol of the older

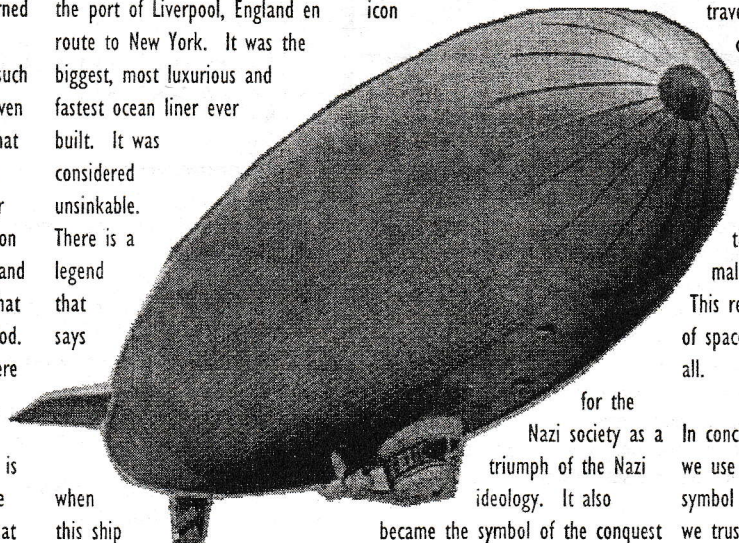
generations. Unfortunately, this was wrong and the consequences didn't wait. Let's take a look at some of these icons.

In April of 1912, *The Titanic*, left the port of Liverpool, England en route to New York. It was the biggest, most luxurious and fastest ocean liner ever built. It was considered unsinkable. There is a legend that says

when this ship was put into the ocean there was a banner hanging on the pier that proclaimed, "Not even God can sink this ship." *The Titanic* was the symbol of the best of the world for Great Britain. It signified luxury, economic power and the triumph of technology over nature. But a few miles from Nova Scotia, the ship sank after colliding with an iceberg.

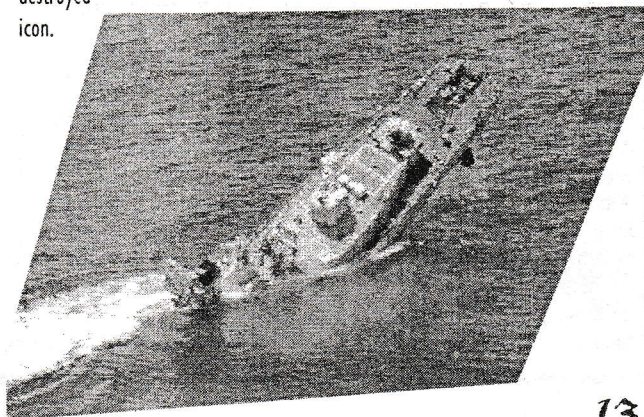
During the Olympic games in Berlin in 1936, the spectators were surprised when they were suddenly covered by a large shadow. A huge cigar-shaped silver blimp appeared over the crowd while strong noises came from its four Daimler piston engines. It was the size of two football fields and was a lavish "hotel in the air." It boasted a piano bar, restaurant, and rooms with private bathrooms for 100

wealthy passengers and 175 crew members. Its name was *The Hindenburg*. Built in Germany in the early 1930s by the Nazi government, it soon became a propaganda machine and sacred icon



for the Nazi society as a triumph of the Nazi ideology. It also

became the symbol of the conquest of the North Atlantic skies. It crossed the Atlantic Ocean almost 40 times until one rainy afternoon in Lake Hurst, New York in 1937 when it exploded into flames, caused by a combination of static, helium gas, and highly volatile paint. People again woke up to a painful and sad reality of another destroyed icon.



We thought that space travel wasn't risky anymore--that we were masters of the universe and nothing could stop us. We thought that technology had reached beyond state-of-the-art and mass space travel was just around the corner. Then in 1986, the shuttle *Challenger* exploded and the remains of the cabin crashed to the ocean, killing all of the crew. The cause was a seal located on the main tank that malfunctioned and caught fire. This reminded us that the dangers of space travel weren't over after all.

In conclusion, technology is good if we use it without passion or as a symbol or icon of our greatness. If we trust in technology and forget that God exists and loves us, then tragedy will strike. Books on technology can become obsolete over night, but the Bible is still true. God was, is, and will be the same. Without God, there can be nothing but chaos.



CELEBRITY • DISH

Word on the Street checking for true light in the spotlight...

I've been doing some looking on the Internet and have uncovered a sweet reality in our "Hollywood" society. There are many celebrities who have come to Christ. Some are musicians and some television or movie stars. Numerous celebrities have reached out to Jesus whether they had come to the end of themselves with drugs or, in reaching the height of stardom, they had grown weary of the emptiness of "having it all." God knew just when to "call them out" and now they are standing for Jesus in an environment void of God and pushing further away as each day passes. We must remember, no one is too far away from the love and grace of Jesus.

In the early 1980's when our world was finding no comfort in the cold war situation with Russia and the economy was tough but not bad, kids were growing up in a world of television programs, video games, and MTV. Youth aggravation was perpetuating mixed feelings from movies, situation comedies, news media and music. Exposure to the realities of the frailty of life was displayed before our eyes. Death, poverty, nuclear war, and hate were becoming common place on our TVs and, therefore, were common subjects of the song-writers and musicians of that time. Heavy Metal was taking off in two main directions. One was a "pop" direction known as Glam-rock. Typically, these bands wore heavy make-up and tight Spandex pants and sang about sex. The other took off on the tails of punk rock with its heavy beats and fast rhythms and was known as "Thrash/Speed-Metal." Bands like Metallica, Nuclear Assault, Megadeth and Anthrax found a fan-base and a market. Hundreds of bands followed. It was finally a way for the young people of America and soon the rest of the world to release their frustrations. Slam-dancing and mosh pits were new and exciting. This was the beginning of a road for our subject at hand, Dan Spitz, former lead-guitarist for the thrash band, Anthrax, now a Jesus freak. Here's what he had to say in a recent interview.

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"There Is No Me"

By Michael Clark

Thrash-metal rocker gets high on the Spirit.

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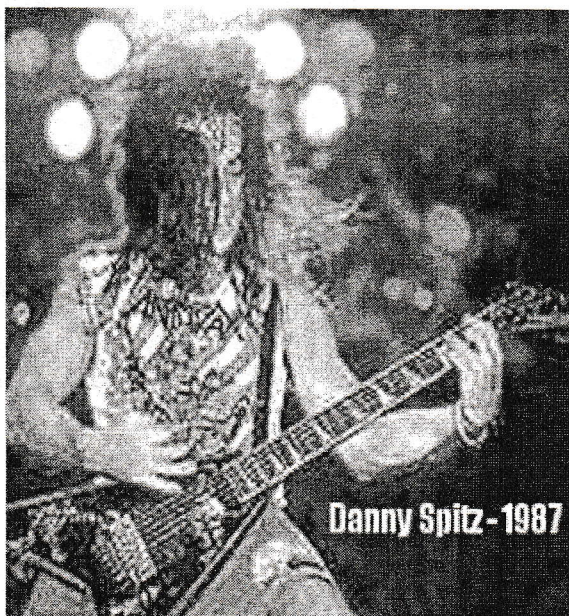
Like heavy-metal rock fans who once idolized him, Dan Spitz is on a mission. Unlike crowds of slam-dancing "metal heads" in concert mosh pits, Spitz is not about sex, drugs, or rock-and-roll. The former lead guitarist for the hard-rock band Anthrax is on a mission from God.

Dan Spitz, 37, enjoyed astounding success—money, professional success, and the adoration of thousands of fans—as a member of one of the best-known heavy metal bands of the 1980s and 1990s. But, he gave it all up in 1995—leaving Anthrax, the band known for pioneering the "thrash metal" sound—when he lost his love of playing guitar.

He had grown to despise all music. Even picking up his guitar made his hands feel like they were burning. Spitz "had to join society." So, he went to school for a few years in the U.S. and Switzerland to become a watchmaker, like his grandfather. Then Spitz opened his own jewelry store. But, the store didn't fulfill him.

"I would get in the car and start to go to work," Spitz said, "and I would look around, and I would see everyone going to work in their cars. Then, at five o'clock, they'd all be going home. On Friday, they'd get their paychecks. Saturday and Sunday, they'd go to the mall and spend all their money. And this is their vicious cycle, and it just does not compute with me."

Spitz was also suffering emotionally. He faced depression, his wife left him, and the specter of suicide hitched a ride with him. "Every day, driving my car, going, 'I'll just do it, into the barrier right now,'" Spitz said.



Reckless rockers on suicidal paths no longer surprise society. Drugs, booze, and more drugs can wreak havoc on the mind and emotions. But Spitz was clean. He didn't use drugs and had been on a spiritual path for most of his adult life—even for the 12 years with Anthrax. During that time, Spitz continued to observe his Orthodox Jewish faith. But, he knew nothing of the Holy Spirit. He also survived his suicidal urges. He credits his sister-in-law and pastors at the time for steering him through trouble. He even picked up a guitar for the first time in about five years. The separation from the guitar, the experience of joining society, all set Spitz up for the impact of the Holy Spirit.

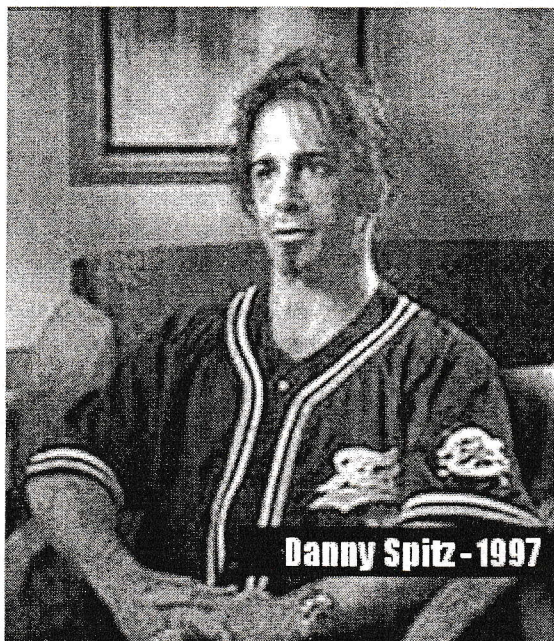
"All this stuff just started pouring out so fast," Spitz said. "I didn't grow up in church and see people get hit with the Holy Spirit. This is all new. And to top it all off, I'm not normal, I'm from rock-and-roll. For Him to do this in me, He can definitely do this in anybody."

God brought the music back to Spitz in a rush. In a 10-day period, 22 songs came to him. He had 10 people staying in his home at the time, ready witnesses to what was happening.

"We'd wake up in the middle of the night and write lyrics in a minute-and-a-half, and they would match a song musically that I had recorded three days before, perfectly," Spitz said. "If the verse was four bars long in the first verse, six bars long in the second verse, and a two-bar bridge going into the third verse, it all fit. It was too whacked out for me to even handle, so the pen just wrote."

The message of Spitz's upcoming release is glory. But, he's struggled with the decision of how to handle his new and inspired music. He can take it the conventional rock industry route—though he wonders if he has the strength to return to that scene. Or, he can take the music to the Christian music industry. Either way, Spitz understands that it won't be his decision. "There is no me," he said. "If it were me, I wouldn't be here. I am the vessel." As the vessel, Spitz hungers to perform live in concert again. He wants to bring his new music to the masses of believers, and to those on the way to believing. He hopes to inspire other rockers hiding their beliefs—which he said he knows are out there—to join him in standing up for their faith. That's just a part of Spitz's mission. "And the other part of the mission is building a recording studio where I'd like to help the Christian bands get a good sound and get some good music in the Christian realm," he said. That's the message Spitz offers to Christian singers and songwriters.

"I need to guide them in the right direction," he said. "It's not a matter of money; it's not a matter of time; it's not a matter of musicianship. Their message is great. They just need some good production. And, I hope I can help and guide them. Anything I can do, I'm here. I'm just a vessel—24 hours a day. Find me."



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We live in rather interesting times. Geo-political landscapes are changing on a swift pace. Violence, famine, war, and pestilence, the order of the day. Ironical, all the big shots talk about peace. Vengeance in the air. Prince of peace, have your way. In Delhi the summer nears its end. The air slightly clouded by fog. In the evening the moon rises, stately, slow, a blood-red queen veiled in saffron. The sudden call of a night bird amplifies the serenity of our little rural community the "Sewa Ashram". I stand amazed at the spirit of charity among its members. We feel carried by God. Some might call Him the Ultimate, or else. We however call Him Jesus.

I see the tremendous value of living together as a community. As a way of healing for our deep traumatized brothers and sisters. Men and women, boys and girls are accepted the way they are. Mute, lame, mentally ill, cripple, amputees, aids-patients, addicts, the old, the terminal ill, the dying. It is love they find at the threshold. Love that leaves them often speechless for several days, just taking it all in, eyes above the bed-sheet. Emerging from their animal existence. A life marked by abuse, punishment, hunger and sickness. Heart-rending loneliness, in many cases even torture. The mentally ill when not cared for are the saddest lot.

"Rodney King" sits on his string-bed, his leg in plaster. Two months ago we found this mentally ill man under a bridge, his leg smashed on many places with a steel rod. A victim of police-violence. Uma, uma, he says, wild gesticulating of his arms, a language of repetitive movements, indicating the torture unleashed on him. His finger draws the form of an epaulet on his shoulder, then he twirls his moustache. It's a police-men he is "talking" about, a man in uniform, of course with a moustache. Then he re-enacts how his hands are tied together and how his leg is smashed with a rod. After that his sign language becomes lurid, clearly sexual abuse. Above his broken nose, eyes stand in perpetual wonder. And that is the most striking about Rodney King, his eyes a big question mark. What is it what happened, why me, why this violence?

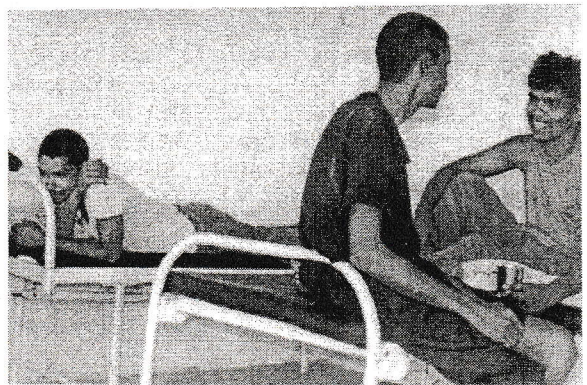
On a bed in the Rescue Center sleeps Anwar. He looks like the Elephant-man. A tumor as big as an egg is taken out of his brains. This poor man lived afflicted with the tumor for a long time on the streets. Passersby would quickly look the other way, avoiding having to look at this pitiable monstrous looking man. One eye bulges out, blind and infected. His

shaved skull a patchwork of skin stitched together. He lost a lot of weight in the hospital. TB went un-diagnosed. We are happy he is back. Anwar is happy too, even though unable to show it, it's just the glint in that one eye.

Next to Anwar sits Anil, 20 years old. I know him since a couple of years. He is a junkie that after recovery always returns to the streets. Not any more though. His HIV-infection turned into full-blown AIDS. The yellow color of skin and eyes caused by hepatitis-B, induced by tuberculosis-drugs, stand out even more due to his anemia. An atrophy in his brain causes epileptic attacks. He falls backwards, paralyzed, eyes turning around, bloody foam comes out of his mouth, he bites his tongue almost off, which started a bleeding not to stop. After vomiting out liters of blood he laughs about his own immense misfortune. Will he survive?

It is 8 o'clock in the evening. The different-abled kids and me hobble next-door to the Ashram. I hear the boys singing in the distance. Everyone is so excited, they love to come together, the team, the kids, the junkies. The boys formed The Sewa Boys Band. They sing loud, bold, almost defiant. They are quite a group to look at. Young, healthy and happy, Spirit filled. I read some scriptures, I tell a story, we sit together and pray. In the corner sits 16 year old Mukthar and his brother in crime, love and drugs; Ragoo. They arrived a couple of days ago. Both did surrender to the agony of drugs-withdrawal and vomit "comfortable" over the edge of the terrace.

Thank you all for your love, prayers and support.



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Serendipity

Movie rating:



PG-13
for a scene of
sexuality and
language.

John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale star in this romantic comedy as Jonathan and Sara, who meet in a department store both seeking to buy the last pair of black cashmere gloves for their current partner. Cusack's charm and wit come alive as usual and sparks of love and electricity begin to fly.

Even though they both are already committed to another they find themselves spending the whole afternoon chasing the idea of each other. Sara is a huge believer in fate and destiny. She believes that everything is fated and we all are being sent clues about our destiny, but it is up to us to make the choices. Jonathan is a bit more grounded and realistic. He wants to date Sara and doesn't see the reason to wait for clues to show him. Sara doesn't seem to know exactly what she believes. When she tries to explain it to Jonathan, it doesn't seem to make sense. She starts to tell him that nothing happens by accident that it is all "fated." Jonathan questions "Then is there someone or something orchestrating our whole lives?" At one point after Sara writes her name in the inside of a book to sell the next day

at a used book store somewhere in New York, she suggests that Jonathan should just have some faith that if it's destiny then he'll find the book. Jonathan confused yells... "Have faith in what?" Sara frowns because she doesn't quite know.

Faith is only as good as what you put it in. You can't just have faith in faith. It is terribly ironic that people can tell there is a plan for their lives and that they feel more comfortable that a higher power will decide who they are supposed to be with forever. That higher power is God, The Creator of the Universe. He has a plan for everyone's life. He doesn't send us elusive clues. He wants to have a relationship with you, and reveal His plan for your life to you personally.

It is a wonderfully romantic comedy co-starring Molly Shannon and Jeremy Piven. It's a clean fresh story about two people trying to figure out how they are supposed to know who is "The One." It's truly one of the most wonderful romantic comedies of the year.

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We've chosen the easy road
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Whatever makes us comfortable
Just going through the daily routine and motions
Go to high school, college, marry, have kids, have grandkids

Distracted and self-absorbed
We walk about aimlessly
No vision, no purpose, no hope

We live in darkness
We don't have the truth
We decide what is right and wrong
We take pills
We go to counselors
We read self-help books
We get bored
We plug our ears
We don't want to think about death

Is our comfy little world getting turned upside down?
Is it possible we aren't in control?
Someone is trying to send us a wake up call
Will we pick it up or let it ring
Will we let the machine get it
Or return the call later?

That Someone is Jesus Christ
He is the same yesterday, today, and forever
He created us to have a relationship with Him
We've chosen to sin
He's chosen to love
There is a gap between Him and us
But Jesus died for that sin, paid the price, and now lives
The wages of our sin is death
To turn from sin and live for Jesus is life
The emptiness will flee
Contentment will be ours

We are here to make a decision
We aren't here to sit with glazed eyes
Let's answer the phone
He says we won't be disappointed

JARGON:

\jär - gän\ n: the special vocabulary of a particular group or activity

Match the underlined word to the correct definition. Check below to see if you are



1. "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ ..." Gal. 2:16 (NKJ)

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| a. giving money | b. putting emphasis on |
| c. belief and trust | d. doing good |

2. "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," Rom. 5:1 (NKJ)

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| a. made rich | b. blow dried |
| c. made perfect | d. whipped about |

3. "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." Titus 2:13-14 (NKJ)

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| a. maim or disfigure | b. give human form |
| c. dish out | d. rescue by paying a price |

4. "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21 (NKJ)

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| a. surgically removed | b. thoroughly beaten |
| c. delivered or protected | d. lost |



5. "By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Heb. 10:10 (NKJ)

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| a. traveled through | b. set apart |
| c. contagious | d. assembled |



ANSWERS: 1) C, 2) C, 3) D, 4) C, 5) B

Are Ya Gonna Go My Way?

J e s u s i s t h e w a y

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me."
John 14:6



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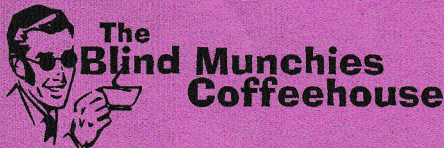
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