

Shining A **BEACON** OF TRUTH IN A DARK LAND

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An Amazing Fact: The Eiffel Tower in Paris is one of the most easily recognized structures in the world. Built by Gustave Eiffel, it originally served as the entrance for the World's Fair in 1889. Standing at 1,050 feet and made of 10,000 tons of iron, the tower requires 50 tons of paint every seven years to protect it from the elements. However, it was once scheduled to be dismantled—until officials realized its value as a broadcast antenna and as a landmark beacon of light for early aircraft.



Dear friend,

God has opened the door to reclaim His people in a land that once burned Bibles in the streets! At first glance, it appears that Satan has already won his war against God's truth in Europe—and especially in France, the birthplace of modern atheism and where the church is suffocating under a predominantly secular culture.

Yet the Lord never wants us to give up! Jesus said, "If I am lifted up from the earth, [I] will draw all peoples to Myself" (John 12:32). He wants you and me to shine a beacon of truth in one of the most spiritually dark nations on Earth. Will you join me?

Of course, the gospel needs to reach the remote pagan wilds of the world, where people worship animals and revere witch doctors. But what about the millions of technologically sophisticated and secular-minded—those who feel no need for religion? Doesn't God love these lost souls just as much?

And while 50 percent of the French call themselves Christian (83 percent of these are nominal Catholics), the vast majority never set foot inside a church except for weddings and funerals? More than 25 percent say they are atheist, while 40 percent say they aren't religious. France has even been called one of the most irreligious countries in the world.

This is no accident! It's part of the devil's strategy to destroy the faith of a country that once proclaimed the true faith.

But more on that in a moment. First, I want to ask you, how can we reach secularized souls in Europe with the three angels' messages? Well, let me tell you about Cyril ...

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An Active Witness

This young engineer from Nigeria, now living in France, came to embrace the truth after a fellow worker invited him to an Amazing Facts prophecy seminar and shared our Study Guides with him. Cyril says, “It gave me something I never had before.” And because of your kindness, he was baptized.

But that’s not the end of his story! When Cyril learned the truth, he felt compelled to share the good news too. He says, “You cannot have the truth and be quiet.” Amen!

This is what happens to thousands upon thousands who find Bible truth through Amazing Facts. Our goal is to inspire new believers to boldly shine the light of Jesus, and that’s what Cyril is doing in France today.

Cyril has a big heart for the lost in his adopted country. So do I! Even as I write, I am in Spain preparing to preach, and I prayed for the people of France yesterday as we flew over it. I want to ask you: Do you have a heart for the lost in France?



Roots of Spiritual Turmoil

Did you know that some of the great Protestant Reformers were French? Sadly, many of them, like the beloved John Calvin, were driven from their country because of their commitment to *sola scriptura*.

While they faithfully promoted the Reformation across Europe, many Protestants in France suffered terrible persecution at the hands of the Roman Church. During the St. Bartholomew’s Day Massacre in 1572, thousands were rounded up and murdered.

And during the infamous French Revolution—a backlash against the church and the extravagance of the crown—atheism made huge inroads. The barbaric Reign of Terror that followed attempted to remove God from the country completely, replacing Him with the “goddess of reason.” They banned the Scripture and even burned it in the streets! Those were some of the darkest days in France’s history.

While Christianity eventually returned, the damage had been done: cynical godlessness had taken root. What can we do to turn these jaded souls back to the Bible?

To France and Beyond!

Did you know that French is the sixth most-spoken language in the world? Nearly 285 million people speak it—and you and I are already reaching many of them in their own tongue! Because of your support, for instance, Amazing Facts translated *The Prophecy Code*, the *Storacles of Prophecy* Bible lessons, and many Christ-centered books into French. Thank you for that!

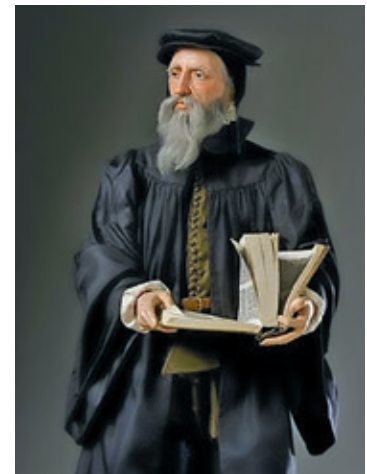


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But I have more thrilling news. God has opened the door for me to preach the everlasting gospel in Paris next year! Churches in France are planning a huge evangelistic push to change the course of that nation. The grand finale will take place in April 2019, when I will have the privilege of sharing God’s eternal truth and call for thousands to take a stand for Christ.

With your support, we’re already planning to provide churches there with free copies of our *Storacles* in French. But we can only be a beacon through your faithfulness, which is why I need you to stand with me in this outreach opportunity. Your special gift this month will be a resounding “yes” not only to sharing the last-day message in France, but across the globe.

Amazing Facts fully embraces Jesus’ call to take the gospel to the world, stretching our arms wide to touch more people with God’s life-saving truths. We provide broadcasts and resources in Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Marathi, Nepali, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, and even Zomi—to name just a few!



And France is just the tip of the iceberg in 2019. God has opened doors for Amazing Facts to preach the gospel in nearly every corner of the world!

Multiplying the Message

Because there are millions who still need to hear accurate scriptural messages, we’re urgently working to multiply the number of languages in which people can listen to, watch, or read God’s final message of mercy to the world.

Yet the enemy’s war machine is still advancing in places like Europe. You can intercept his destructive work by sending your gift to Amazing Facts this month, blazing a beacon of truth that seekers can see no matter where they are in the world. Nothing is more fulfilling than working and giving for the Master and His love!

I’m asking you to join me this month in bringing the gospel to the people of France. A gift of \$20 will put 8 sets of French-language *Storacles of Prophecy* lessons into the hands of people attending the evangelistic series. But whatever you are able to give, the Lord will bless it and together you and I will see more people like Cyril take a stand for Christ. Will you prayerfully ask God now what He would have you do this month and respond with your God-sized gift—to bring more people in France and around the globe into His kingdom?

As my thanks for your gift today, I want to send you my two-part message “Is My Christianity Real?” which I recently shared with my congregation. It’s vital that believers walk the walk in these tumultuous last days—and this series will give you and those you share it with practical and inspiring guidance. And be sure to write down your prayer request on the back of the enclosed reply card when you send your gift. We want to pray for you as you pray for Amazing Facts.

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Friend, together we must raise the beacon of truth before all the world in these end times, not just in Paris, but in all the secular centers on earth—like Berlin, the “atheist capital of Europe,” and even Albany, New York, named the “least Bible-minded” city in the USA. Will you help me take this gospel to the world before Jesus comes?

Cyril is faithfully sharing God’s truth in his new home of Paris. You, too, can advance the Lord’s work there when you support Amazing Facts today. Thank you for giving so that others might look up and see Jesus.

Lifting high the cross of Christ,



Doug Batchelor

Pastor Doug Batchelor
President, Amazing Facts

P.S. Secularism has swallowed up Europe, but your gifts are a blazing beacon that proclaims the three angels’ messages in France and beyond. Thousands like Cyril have been touched by Amazing Facts and are now sharing God’s message—but we need to make more disciples and provide them soul-winning tools. Let’s lift up a much-needed message of truth to the masses who feel no need for the God who wants to save them. Thank you for your timely gift!



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