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It's a remarkable story. It's even a beautiful story.

A young child with a life-threatening illness is rushed into emergency surgery. As the procedure wears on, complications arise and the little boy, Colton, slips the bonds of life. Yet amazingly, he is miraculously resuscitated and makes a complete recovery.

As the weeks after rolled by, Colton, the son of a pastor, began to convey extraordinary revelations to his mom and dad. Colton claimed that during his surgery, he was able to look down and see his doctors working on him and also his dad praying for him in a nearby waiting room.

But more than that, he told them about his journey into heaven. There he met a miscarried sister who no one told him about and his great grandfather who died 30 years before Colton was born—sharing convincing details no one believes he could possibly know. He even revealed information about God and Jesus and explained he saw Mary standing at Jesus' side.

These and many other remarkable episodes are revealed in the *New York Times* bestseller

called *Heaven Is for Real*. It features a beguiling message about heaven and, ominously, warns people to get ready because a coming last battle is just around the corner. Hollywood is already jumping on the bandwagon to produce a major feature film based on the book.

It's deeply saddening that a deception of this magnitude is being wrought through the innocence of a child—but it is just another devastating volley in a major campaign of

deception being heaped on the world. Of course, we don't know if Colton simply hallucinated nor the true source behind his claims. He's innocent. But we can compare them to Scripture and see they plainly contradict the Word.


That's why we chose to tackle the subject of what really happens after death in this issue of the *Inside Report*. Sharing the Bible truth plainly and clearly is why *Amazing Facts* was founded, and it's why God called you to be our partner. We need to let confused souls know that deception can come in the most seemingly innocent packages and that it's always okay to stand solely on God's Word. 



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“I just want to say how much I love this website! It’s a priceless source of comfort, encouragement, and fellowship to me. I come here all the time as I feel it’s home, a retreat from the cruel world of deceit that so many have believed. When I began to grieve the death of someone very close to me, the first night alone I was afraid to fall asleep. I don’t know why. The only thing that gave me comfort was listening to a sermon by Pastor Doug on this website. The sermon was about what happens when we die. His sermon was so comforting to me, I was able to fall asleep ... having total peace of mind. You’ve prayed for me when I requested it and answered questions when I needed it. Thank you with all my heart!” *Lucy, Ontario*

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"Just a quick note to let you know how much I liked the smaller format of the *Inside Report*! The articles are also very interesting. Way to go!" *Beth*

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PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

CONFUSION IN THE

CEMETERY

AN AMAZING FACT:

In 1876 a handful of mobsters botched a morbid plan to kidnap the body of Abraham Lincoln and hold it ransom. The hapless grave robbers were arrested two days later. Fearing another attempt, the government secretly hid the body of the sixteenth president in an unmarked grave for 25 years. Then in 1901, under the urging of Robert Lincoln, the president's only surviving child, Lincoln's body was dug up and placed inside a steel cage, lowered into a 10-foot-deep vault, and buried under tons of concrete. He's still there today, in his tomb, on the grounds of Oak Ridge Cemetery. So do the dead care when their remains are disturbed? There's no evidence that Abraham Lincoln ever complained about all the odd grave shuffling.



ONE of the most important subjects in life is to understand what happens when it's over.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of confusion about death, inside and outside the church, which makes it very difficult for the average person to understand such a vital subject.

Perhaps the greatest understatement ever would be to say that death is unpleasant. In our culture, when people die, we quickly cover

them up and whisk them away. We don't want to think about death, especially when it comes to those we love and ourselves. But the topic must be faced, not only for the practical reason that we're all touched by it eventually, but because understanding the truth about death is actually good news if you have everlasting life.

It's not hard to see why people are so confused about what happens when we die. Even the many and varied tombstones at graveyards reveal this state of confusion. For example, one tombstone might read, "Father is sleeping now in the arms of Jesus, waiting for the resurrection trumpet." But a few tombstones over, one reads, "Mother is now singing on golden streets with the angels."

So which is it? Are the dead sleeping, waiting for the resurrection, or are they alive somewhere? If so, what are they doing? There is a debate about the afterlife, even among good and honest Christians. This brief study on death will help you see what the most important document in human history — the Holy Bible — really says about the subject.

Life and the Human Soul

Before we can understand what happens at death, we need to understand the basics of how life happened. The Bible tells us that when God made Adam in the garden of Eden, the man became a living soul. "The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and

breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7).

Notice it doesn't say that God "gave man a soul," but rather, "man *became* a living soul." The dust from the ground (the body), combined with the vital breath of life from God, produced a soul.

When someone dies, it is creation in reverse. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7). The spirit that returns to God at death is the energizing breath of life given by God in Genesis 2:7.

"All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils" (Job 27:3). Here Job is talking about "the breath of life" mentioned in Genesis 2:7. In fact, it's the very same Hebrew word in both passages. At death, the body returns to dust, the breath of life returns to God, and the human soul ceases to exist.

An Eternal Reward—the Afterlife

Nobody is suffering in hellfire today, and the vast majority of people who have died are not in heaven. This might shock you, but it's exactly what the Bible teaches.

"Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation



22:12). Everyone gets his or her reward when Jesus returns. It's important to understand this because Jesus hasn't returned, has He? Judgment Day is still in the future.

"So man lies down and does not rise. Till the heavens are no more" (Job 14:12 NKJV). The dead do "not rise" from the grave until the heavens are no more. When will the heavens be no more? "The day of the Lord will come . . . in which the heavens will pass away" (2 Peter 3:10 NKJV). The heavens pass away on the day of the Lord, when Jesus returns to the earth. Until then, the dead do "not rise" from the grave.

But aren't there people in heaven now?

Yes. A few. They are the exceptions. The Gospels tell the story of the transfiguration, when Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus on the mountaintop. They were real and in the flesh. Jesus spoke with them; the apostles saw them. They had come from heaven to offer encouragement

to Jesus. But how did they get to heaven?

In 2 Kings 2:11, the Bible tells us that Elijah was caught up to heaven in a fiery chariot.

Elijah went to heaven, even though he didn't die. Moses died first, but the Lord raised him up and took him to heaven (Jude 9).

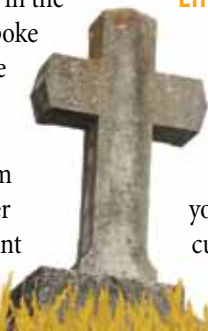
In Matthew 27, during the time when Christ died on the cross, there was a strong earthquake, and many of the graves around Jerusalem opened up. Many of the saints who had died—patriarchs and prophets who lived prior to the time of Christ—were

raised in a special resurrection. It doesn't name names, so we don't know who they were. But the Bible says they came out of the graves after His resurrection and went into the holy city where they appeared to many.¹ At the ascension of Christ, they ascended with Him.² These resurrected humans were what the Bible calls the first fruits of Jesus' successful mission.

Empty Cemeteries

When you go to the cemetery, does it ever make you feel creepy?

Especially around sundown, are you afraid that some ghost is going to lunge out from the grave and grab your ankle? We've been trained in our culture to think that the dead aren't



really dead. But the Bible teaches the dead don't come back. They can't communicate. They certainly don't haunt cemeteries!

Have you ever gone to bed and woken up, thinking you had only slept a short while, then you peek at the clock to discover it was hours longer than you thought? You have no awareness of time in sleep. That's how the Bible describes the sleep of death. For the saved and the lost, it's the same.

"Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death" (Psalms 13:3). Death is called "sleep" over and over again in the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments. Jesus clearly referred to death as "sleep" when speaking about Lazarus. "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep" (John 11:11). The apostles took Jesus literally, so Jesus clarified for them that Lazarus was, indeed, dead.

It took Jesus four days to get to Lazarus' tomb. Lazarus' body was decomposing, turning back into dust. Martha was even afraid of



the stench of an open tomb. They reluctantly rolled away the stone, and Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" That's what Lazarus did.

I believe Jesus allowed Lazarus to be in the grave for four days so there would be no doubt that Lazarus was very dead. Some skeptics suggest that other resurrections in the Bible were probably due to coma, arguing the people weren't really dead yet. But Lazarus had been embalmed and wrapped up. If he had been alive, he would surely have suffocated to death! The stench of his decomposing body wafted out of the open tomb and gagged them. But Lazarus came out alive at Jesus' command.

If that happened today, FoxNews and CNN would have called Lazarus for an interview. What do you think would have been their first questions?

*What happened? What did you see?
What did you do? Who'd you meet?
What was it like to be dead?*

Despite the fact that this is one of the most public miracles of Jesus, and all the

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A Lasting LEGACY

When considering the great accomplishments of King David, most people think about his stunning victory over Goliath or his poetic prowess revealed in the psalms. However, one of his most outstanding acts of devotion is often overlooked.

During David's eventful life, the Lord blessed him with substantial wealth. But as he looked ahead, he was deeply concerned that after his death, sufficient funds would be available for completing the temple of God. He wanted to return to God the blessings bestowed on him so abundantly.

"Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might gold: for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, . . . wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, . . . and marble slabs in abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver."

—1 Chronicles 29:2, 3 NKJV

For more than 45 years, Amazing Facts has been faithfully working to build up the temple of God with living stones—souls saved through evangelism—by preaching a clear and powerful message of salvation from sin through Jesus. "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5).

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MORE THAN WE DESERVE

BY LAURA IM



Although born to a family with a faithful Christian mother, Robert Smith* chose a wayward path, going through years of drinking, playing cards, and even dabbling in the occult. However, strange things soon began happening, like his bed sheets suddenly lifting up off the bed on their own!


When he told his mom about these events, she explained, “Robert, you have put yourself on Satan’s playing ground. If the enemy tries to take your life, cry out to Jesus.”

One night, Robert awoke to someone choking him, except no one was there. He knew he was being attacked by a demonic spirit. As he struggled to release himself, he remembered his mother’s words. With all the breath he could muster, he cried out to the Lord to save him. Immediately, the grasp let up and he fell off the bed onto the floor. When he gathered his breath, he went to his knees and gave his life to the Lord.

When Robert recounted the incident to a friend, he was urged to attend an evangelistic series—a life-changing moment in his life. Robert first became acquainted with Amazing Facts when he heard Joe Crews on the radio.

He also read several pamphlets and found them insightful. He continues to believe in the ministry that Amazing Facts is doing.

Robert and his wife were inspired to create a gift annuity this year. They appreciate the fact that they can give a gift and receive an income they can live on. The decision was easy for Robert, because he considers his money to be the Lord’s. “I saw that if any held on to their property and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, ... in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them” (Ellen White, *Counsels on Stewardship*).

Although he is retired, Robert has been faithfully distributing Christian books for the past 20 years. He wants to continue to reach out to the lost and to create more gifts to the ministry. He says, “I am here today by God’s grace and the example left to me by my mother. I want to give back. The gift annuity is just a small part of it. Truly, when you promise to give your life to Christ, He will give you more than you deserve.” 

*“I am here today by
God’s grace and the
example left to me. ...
I want to give back.”*

*Not his real name.

BIBLE Answers

with
Pastor Doug Batchelor



How do I know I
haven't committed the
"unpardonable sin"?

In Matthew 12:31, 32, Jesus gives a very solemn warning about a specific kind of sin. He says, "All manner of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven man, except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit." This sin is also commonly known as the unpardonable sin.

This statement from Jesus has caused all kinds of confusion among Christians, and many who don't know what this sin is live in fear that they've actually committed it. On the other hand, others don't know how close they've come to this disastrous act. Let's take a few moments to clear this up.

In Greek, the word is *blasphemos*, and according to one dictionary's definition, it means "to vilify, to speak impiously, to defame, to rail upon, to revile, to speak evil, to hurt or blast the reputation, nature or works of God." To call God foul names and to besmirch His Son's saving grace are certainly forms of blasphemy.

Additionally, in John 10:33, we read that some leaders in Israel were trying to find a reason to stone Jesus. "The Jews answered Him, saying, 'For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.'" These men accused Jesus of blasphemy when He claimed equality with God and the right to forgive sin. Of course, they would have been correct to do so *if* Jesus were not God.

But blasphemy itself is not the unpardonable sin. In 1 Timothy 1:13, the apostle Paul writes:

“Although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.” We know Paul will be in heaven even though he was a blasphemer. God’s grace to us is exceedingly abundant; it forgives even blasphemy. Remember, “Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men.” God’s grace is amazing!

So what about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is unforgivable? Well, to answer this, we need to understand what the Holy Spirit does. Once we do that, we’ll see why His function is so crucial that blasphemy against Him is so serious a sin that it cannot be forgiven.

The Holy Spirit does three things: First, He teaches us the things we need to know for our salvation (John 14:26). Second, the Spirit guides us into all truth (John 16:13). Third, the mission of the Holy Spirit is to convict of sin (John 16:7,8).

This is His work. It is logical, therefore, to conclude that as long as we allow the Holy Spirit to teach us, to guide us, and to convict us, we could never be guilty of committing the unpardonable sin.

But suppose we refuse to acknowledge these three operations of the Spirit in our personal experience with God? That is exactly

when people begin to approach the deadly parameters of the worst sin on record.

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is a perpetual, constant resisting of the drawing love of God’s Spirit, so much so that you lose the capacity to hear the Holy Spirit’s voice. The conscience becomes seared (1 Timothy 4:2). This deadly blasphemy is also called “grieving away” the Holy Spirit. Paul says to “Grieve not the Holy Spirit, wherewith you are sealed,” meaning we can permanently grieve Him away.

Eventually, a person loses the capacity to repent, and therefore cannot be saved. It is for this sin that a person cannot be forgiven, because they have rejected the Spirit that convicts of sin (John 16:8). So if you still feel convicted of sin and have the desire to repent, then you have probably not committed the unpardonable sin.

Unfortunately, there is so much more I could cover—but, alas, space does not allow. However, I’ve just written a book entitled *Beyond Mercy: What Is the Unpardonable Sin?*, which covers a lot more ground. I encourage you to order it today from afbookstore.com. 



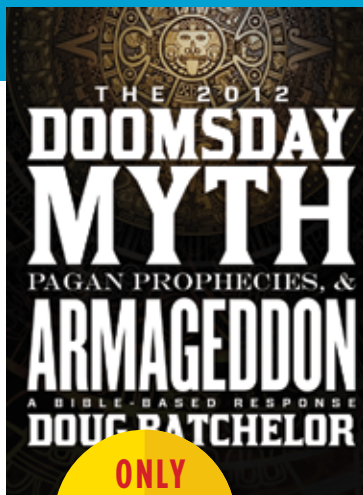
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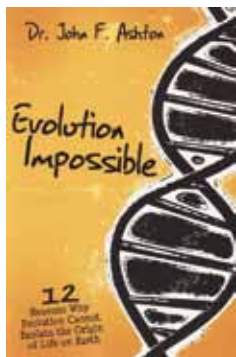
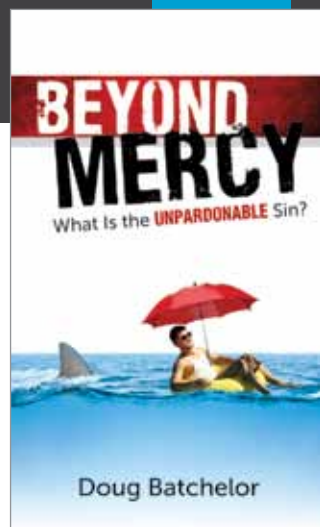
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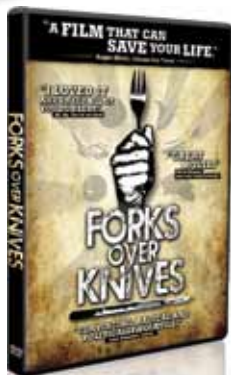


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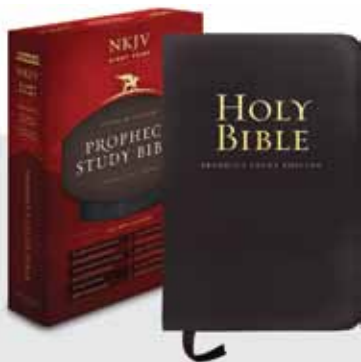
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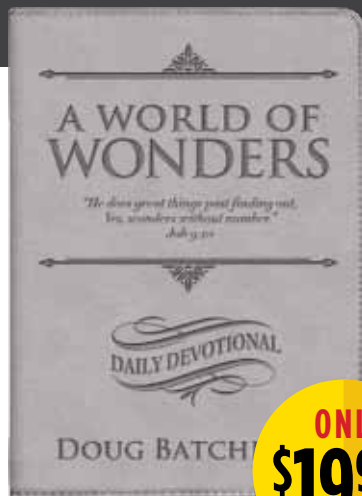


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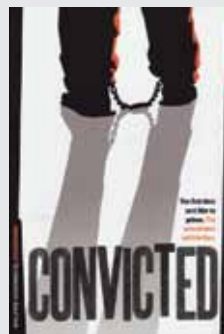
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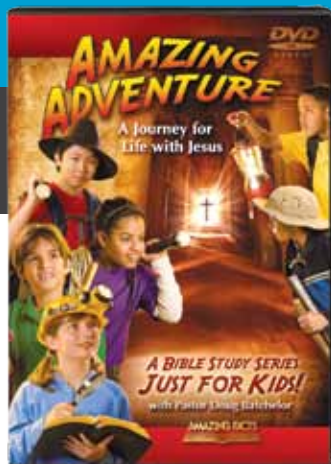
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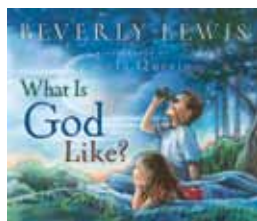
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Says Pastor Doug, “It is our desire to stay on the cutting edge of technology that will bring the truth within everyone’s reach with greater ease and speed. We are excited how our new site offers a vast and growing library of truth with just a few mouse clicks. It’s an economical way to conduct global evangelism at lightning speed!”

Some of the new features include a Current Events Blog, better social media integration (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), and an updated media library with every sermon of Pastor Doug’s all in one place. The sophisticated search engine will allow you to find messages by topic, language, Bible verse, or key words. Even the video quality has also been enhanced. Please join us today to check out the new site!

A Special Birthday

Pastor Doug traveled to Southern California as a surprise guest to celebrate the 100th birthday of Byron Spears, the legendary evangelist known as the “Walking Bible.” Pastor Spears could quote as many as 100 Bible passages in a sermon—all from memory! Today, Pastor Spears calls Doug Batchelor his pastor because he watches Amazing Facts’ church services on AFTV.



Life for Byron began July 3, 1912, in Topeka, Kansas. At the young age of 24, he was stricken with polio and meningitis. This rare case of having both diseases was the only one known in the county. For many years, he walked with two canes, but he always held his head high and kept his faith in the heavenly Father. Amazing Facts carries Pastor Spears’ *The Trumpet of Truth* 31-CD series at afbookstore.com.



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AMAZING FACTS

GOD PREPARES A WAY FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM



by Steve Binus

Sharing the light of Jesus through His Word is an obligation that God has placed on every professed believer, especially in these last days. As a theology graduate, I felt it was time for me to do just that, but for some reason I found myself not knowing how to do it in a practical way. While the academic studies of biblical languages and systematic theology enhanced my understanding of Scripture, I realized that they did not prepare me for the real soul-winning work of evangelism.

At that time in my life, I was running my vegan bakery and café in College Place, Washington, called His Garden. I utilized this business for years to distribute literature and teach people about health, but because of the intense daily work that had to be done, I didn't really have time to study with people and



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bring them to Christ. As the daily hustle and bustle began wearing on me, God kept on impressing me that I needed to take a break from the health food work in order to learn how to provide people with spiritual food in a practical way. But where could I go to learn how to do this kind of work?

Old Friends, New Path

One day, I received a phone call from one of my best friends, Jonny. Now Jonny and I

had gone to high school together, where we got into a lot of trouble. Back then, we ran with a crew of gangsters that dominated southeast Portland. Our days and nights were consistently spent smoking weed and drinking booze. Shortly after high school, after years of living rebelliously, I realized that my life was out of control and that I needed help from something greater than myself. Through a series of providential experiences, God brought me to my knees on a backpacking trip, where for the first time I made a full surrender to Christ. It was awesome!

Immediately after my conversion experience, I came back to my gangster friends to encourage them to also give their lives to Christ. Out of all of my friends, Jonny was the most supportive of my change. He wasn't ready to completely change himself yet, but he was happy for me and open to hear my newly discovered truths. It wasn't until after I moved away to go to college that Jonny would have his own conversion experience. About seven years had passed, when finally Jonny called me to notify me that the following week he would be attending the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE).

Up to this point, I had never heard of AFCOE, but when Jonny explained it to me, I knew it was the place I needed to go.

But classes were about to begin, and I had no money, no time, and no one to run my businesses while I would be gone.

God Clears the Way

It looked impossible for me to attend, but fortunately, we serve a God who specializes in turning impossibilities into possibilities. I laid my dilemma before the Lord and made a deal with Him. I prayed, "Lord, I know that you want me to acquire the skills of evangelism, and I am willing to go to AFCOE if you want me to. But you know that this cannot happen unless you



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take care of the issues keeping me here. Please open the doors for me to go, and I promise that I will walk through those doors. Amen."

With this prayer and many others, the strong arm of God began working in a mighty way. I filled out the application

for the school, sent it in, and began informing my family and friends that I wanted to go to AFCOE. Within one week, I had received more than \$4,000 in donations, an amazing manager to run the businesses, and a free flight to Sacramento, California, where I would begin the adventure of a lifetime. I arrived in Sacramento three days after class began, and Jonny was at the airport to pick me up.


It was so good to see my old friend on fire for the Lord, and we both realized that God had put us there at the same time to redeem our past record together. This time around, Jonny and I would not be hanging out to cause trouble but would be working together to bring souls to Christ!

AFCOE and Beyond

Jonny and I were outreach partners for the AFCOE training. We got to witness conversion after conversion during our time together, and it was the most incredible experience of my life. Shortly after graduating from AFCOE, Jonny went on to score a position as a Bible worker and teacher at an academy in the San Jose area, while I went back to my businesses with a new focus—EVANGELISM. Right away I began going door to door with little loaves of bread to tell people about the Bread of Life. I got to preach five full evangelistic series and was able to witness many lives changed by the simple work of one-on-one Bible study. I had acquired the long-lost skills that some universities no longer teach, and I was now fulfilling the obligation of Christ's Great Commission. Praise the Lord!

Since my experience at AFCOE,
God has led me back down to



Sacramento, where I currently work as a youth pastor for Pastor Doug's church in Sacramento. I now get to work with the teachers and preachers who trained me at AFCOE, and I'm actually getting paid to do the work I love most. God's providential leading has been amazing in my life, and I want to encourage everyone reading this testimony to let Him lead mightily in your life too. Maybe the Lord has been convicting you that you need to step out in faith and go through an AFCOE training session. Maybe your means, time, and situation are making it look like an impossibility to go. Well, it is under these circumstances that God works in mysterious and marvelous ways. Won't you present your case to the Lord and ask Him to make a way for you? God wants you to be a rightly trained gospel worker, and AFCOE will give you that training! He will open up the doors as long as you whole-heartedly decide to walk through them. May God bless you on your path of evangelism. 

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Witnessing CORNER

Sharing the Good News About the Last Days

Ministry friend Volker Schmidt is thrilled that God has given him the opportunity to distribute copies of *Final Events of Bible Prophecy*, *Storacles of Prophecy*, and other inspirational resources to his community.

Every Wednesday after work, he gathers up eight *Final Events* DVDs, eight folders of the *Storacles of Prophecy* lessons, and eight copies of *Finding Peace Within (Steps to Christ)*.

He then gets on his knees and prays that God will prepare the hearts of those he visits. He especially thanks the Lord that he can have a part in helping to finish the work so Jesus can come. He also thanks God for His presence, His angels, and the Holy Spirit. He says, "Satan always gives you negative thoughts why you really don't want to go, so it is very important to remember that God is with you and you aren't alone."

Volker carries about four of each resource with him when he approaches a home. He rings the doorbell, steps back, and waits for an answer. He takes a moment to look around for nice flowers or anything else he can comment on to break the ice.

When the door opens, he says, "Good afternoon, I am Volker and I live on [his street]. I wanted to share

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IS BORN INTO THE
KINGDOM of God
as a **MISSIONARY.**
The receiver
becomes a **GIVER."**
—E.G. White

something with you that has meant a lot to me.” Volker then hands them the *Storacles of Prophecy* folder, which includes an address if they want to learn more or set up a Bible study. “My main thrust is to give them everything they need to accept Jesus. I believe that the Holy Spirit will help everyone who is longing and willing to follow truth.”

Volker then explains that he

attended a seminar about the prophecies of the Bible and learned a lot. He asks if the person has a Bible, which could reveal a lot about their interest in spiritual things. He then explains, “From my study of the Bible prophecies, I have come to the conclusion that we are living in the very end of time.”

Next, he says, “They just came out with this *Final Events* DVD and I would like to leave it with you.” He also gives them a copy of a book. With that, Volker tells them God loves them very much and “God bless you.”



Volker (right) shares the gospel in a way his neighbors can appreciate and relate to.

“My main mission is to hand them this good news in book and DVD form so they have a chance to get ready.”

Then it’s on to the next house! If no one is home, he leaves the items inside the screen door or some sheltered place.

After Volker completes his day, he returns to his car and again prays for the truth-filled

literature and the people, that God will direct in a providential way to save them. “In your daily talk with the Lord, remember these people and ask God’s blessing on them.”

Volker explains, “One of the benefits of this work is that you will come away recognizing how very blessed you are knowing this precious truth and love it more. We need to pray that God will give us a burden to carry the good news to save the friends around you.”



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Misunderstood

BIBLE PASSAGE REGARDING DEATH



How do we explain what Jesus told the thief on the cross? “Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43). It seems, at first glance, that Jesus is telling the thief that on that very day, both of them will be in heaven together. This is an unfortunate mistranslation. The original Greek had no punctuation, so translators had to guess about where to place a comma. They decided on the common rendering of the text.

But they got it wrong. It should read: “Verily I say unto thee today, shalt thou be with me in paradise.” Jesus is saying, even though right now I don’t look like a king, I’m telling you right now that because you called me Lord and King, you’re going to be with me in heaven.

We know it’s a misplaced comma because *Jesus didn’t go to heaven that day!* Three days after that promise, Mary saw Jesus after His resurrection and grabbed hold of His ankles. He said, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father” (John 20:17). He could not have been in heaven on Friday! The Bible makes it clear that the thief did not go to heaven with Jesus Friday afternoon.

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Gospel writers knew about it, we find nothing regarding Lazarus commenting on his experience.

Lazarus has the answer to the biggest question in history! But there’s no comment. Why? Jesus tells us Lazarus was asleep. Lazarus had a fever, he was sick, he lost consciousness, and eventually he died. He didn’t know anything until, all of a sudden, he woke up feeling great, wrapped up in something like perfumed first-aid bandages. He didn’t know what was going on. He was hearing Jesus call him. That’s all he knew. He stumbled to his feet and shuffled to the shiny entrance. To him it was like waking up from a nap.

Some believe that while the body might perish, the soul remains conscious. But the Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, “For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their



hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.”

Talking to the Dead

Paul, to the Thessalonians, writes about death, “I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep” (4:13). Paul wants you to understand the truth about death because not understanding this opens you up to deception in the last days.

In fact, there are several prominent television programs that feature folks who allegedly talk to or “channel” the dead. Some of them reveal things only loved ones would know. According to the Bible, it’s not dead people. It is either trickery or Satan’s minions. They know a lot about us, even our secrets. They can use these bits of knowledge to trick you into thinking you’re talking to your dead loved one.

I miss my brother Falcon and would love to talk to him. But I can’t. He’s dead. If anyone appears to me with red hair and freckles claiming to be my brother, as much as I miss him, I know from the Bible it’s not my



brother. Either my mind is playing tricks on me or it’s the devil.

There are *hundreds* of scriptures on the subject of death, so how can the church be so confused on this topic? How has the devil been able to bamboozle Christians? Why has he bothered to put so much energy into deceiving the church on this subject? *Because he’s going to use it to his advantage before Jesus comes again!* “In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (1 Timothy 4:1).

Why the Truth About Death Is So Important

Of course, you’ve heard reports of near-death experiences, of people on the operating table who floated around the room. Yet researchers have shown that when people temporarily stop breathing, they will quickly build up too much carbon



dioxide in their system and hallucinate. Some have interpreted these events as visions, but it's dangerous to base your theology on an operating table dream or hallucination.

"He said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets" (1 Kings 22:22). There are going to be in the last days lying spirits in the mouths of false prophets. Revelation 16 says these unclean spirits go forth to the kings of the earth, working miracles to deceive. That will have a trickle-down effect and deceive people into thinking they should embrace a certain theology based on the testimony of demons posing to be the spirits of the dead.

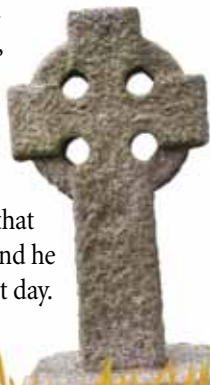
"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders" (Matthew 24:24). The spiritualism infecting the church today is going to be used by the devil in the last days to deceive, similar to how he deceived Saul. Israel's troubled king, in the desperation of his last days, went to see a witch. He saw a devilish apparition, not the dead prophet Samuel, that greatly discouraged him, and he committed suicide the next day.



How can we avoid being deceived in the last days? "They received the word of God with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). The Word of God is our only sure foundation. "If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20). It doesn't matter if it looks and sounds just like your departed grandma or Mary the mother of Jesus, and it knows all the intimate secrets only they would know. If someone dead appears to you, it's of the devil or your brain is not functioning properly.

The Fate of the Righteous

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of



God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first” (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Jesus made it very clear that this resurrection is in the last days ...

“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life;” [the first resurrection] “and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation” [the second resurrection, at the end of the thousand years] (John 5:28, 29).

“This is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up *at the last day*” (John 6:40 NKJV, my emphasis). The words of Jesus could not be clearer! How many are raised when they die? None. The saved are raised up at the “last day.”

One more: “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His

coming” (1 Corinthians 15:22, 23 NKJV). The dead believers are raised at Jesus’ coming!

The Bible promises that one day, “God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain” (Revelation 21:4). Unfortunately, death is a reality in our world today—and it does and should cause us sorrow. But, most important, you don’t

need to be afraid of death. Jesus promises, “He who has the Son has life” (1 John 5:12 NKJV).

That life begins now because Christians don’t die permanently! You might experience a momentary

dreamless sleep, but Jesus will awaken you on that great day. You don’t need to be afraid of death if you have Jesus. So I invite you today to accept the fullness of His Word and take His grace into your life. 📖

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1. Matthew 27:51,52
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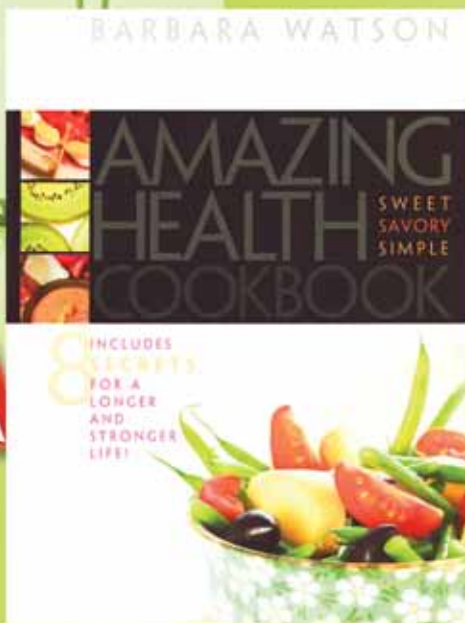
Health Bite



One of the worst tragedies regarding the American health crisis is that through poor lifestyle habits, most people actually invite the unsavory assortment of disabling diseases bent on killing them. Plagued with a pandemic of diabetes, cancer, and heart disease, many seem to spend their last 10 or even 20 years dying rather than really living! Worse, these self-destructive habits have led to astronomical medical costs.

It doesn't need to be this way. It can change. Not only for America, but for you personally and for those you love!

Most people want good health, but they are confused about where to find it. Did you know that the public indulges on the nearly 30,000 quick-fix health supplements available on the market? It's a multibillion dollar industry. More than 150 million Americans take some form of supplement each year. While taking a vitamin pill might be helpful at times, it's not a substitute for




a healthy lifestyle. It's not worth spending a fortune on something that doesn't get to the core of the problem.

But the Bible has the answers, and a brand-new cookbook from Barbara Watson and *Amazing Facts* not only shares the basic secrets of health—nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, rest, and more—it also offers a good place for even the novice to start: a better life through better eating.

Lots of people who seek a healthier lifestyle wonder, "What in the world do I eat?" They simply don't know the recipes and cooking strategies to get them on the right path. So the *Amazing Health Cookbook* was designed specifically to get you off to a great start by offering nutritious but tasty recipes, helping you lay a proper foundation

for health. And don't worry ... these meals are designed to be enjoyed!

**Beverages • Breakfast
Breads • Spreads and Dips
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Soups and Stews • Entrees
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and an incredible array of Desserts!**

Order a copy today—in fact, order more than one and share the good news about God's plan for better health. Start preparing the meals and share them with friends and neighbors, so they, too, can enjoy amazing health! You can start participating in the healing ministry of Jesus in no time! 

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Cranberry Oat Muffins

Freeze some cranberries when they are available and you won't have to wait until the holidays to serve these muffins. Dense but delicious!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup drained, crushed pineapple
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- ¼ cup almond butter
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp coriander
- 2 cups quick oats
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup unsweetened coconut
- 1 cup date pieces
- 1 cup halved, fresh cranberries

STEPS

- 1 Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2 Mix together pineapple, banana, almond butter, and honey in a large bowl.
- 3 Add remaining ingredients and mix well.
- 4 Spoon into oil-sprayed muffin tin. Heap mixture into the shape of a muffin, as they do not rise.
- 5 Bake for 45 minutes.

MAKES 1 DOZEN MUFFINS





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