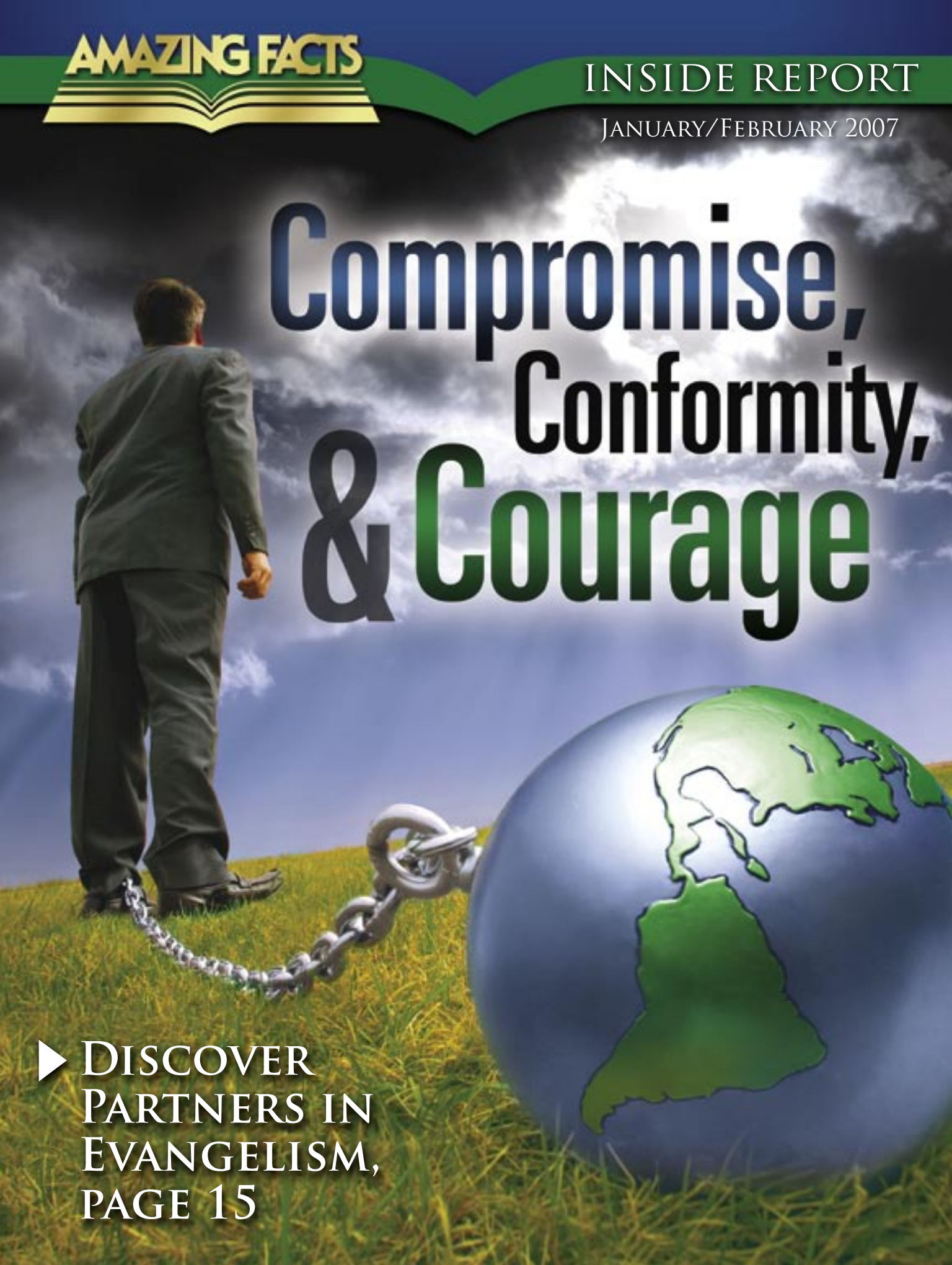


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WITH PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

FOUNDATIONS

After part of the Oakland Bay Bridge's upper deck collapsed following an earthquake, the city committed \$3 billion to rebuild the 10,176-foot structure that connects Oakland to Yerba Buena Island. Faced with turbulent currents, powerful winds, and deadly earthquakes, the bridge must be able to withstand some of the most violent conditions on earth. That is why its central pillar is founded on the bedrock that lies beneath 360 feet of muck and sand on the floor of San Francisco Bay.

Likewise, the bridge to heaven survives the storms of this world because its foundations are buried deep in the rock of Jesus' Word. We can trust that they will stand firm even in the most turbulent of times, providing us a highway to heaven.

Yet we are living in a culture that seeks to demolish the foundational truths of Christianity and rebuild them on the shifting sands of popular opinion. Every pillar of biblical truth is being aggressively challenged today in some form—whether it is the story of Creation or the divinity of Jesus.

As we see these pillars being assaulted like never before, we must be willing and able to stand firm. If we let these worldly gusts loosen our grip from the central truths of our faith, we are like “a man that without a foundation [who] built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great” (Luke 6:49).

It is always important to do your own honest investigation and evaluate the tenants of our faith. But at some point, we must become confidently rooted in the truth and not find it necessary to forever second-guess the primary pillars. “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables” (2 Peter 1:16). It is settled for me that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and I

no longer need to question the divine nature of Jesus or His ministry in the sanctuary.


Yet the devil is constantly seeking to stall our progress, which is why we need to be rooted in our faith like the new East Bay Bridge. Otherwise, when storms come into our life, we will be tossed about by every wind of doctrine until we are dashed upon the rocks of complete unbelief.

Truth is not relative! If you build on this foundation with

Jesus as the cornerstone, you will have a peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7). When you hear someone brush away a foundational truth based on nothing more than their culture preference, remember James 1:17, which promises that God and the truths of our faith aren't subject to the whims of a particular time or culture. Rather, in God there is “no variableness,” no “shadow of turning.”

I hope in this new year, you will

stand with me and boldly emphasize the fundamentals of our faith in your life and be a light for truth. Recognize that many spirit-filled Christians disagree on what might be called nonessential beliefs, but if even one of the primary pillars of our faith is removed, the whole bridge of truth is in jeopardy. You might want to look at my book *Advindication* to examine just a few of those pillars being attacked. But most important, daily Bible study and prayer will help keep you rooted on the Rock of Ages and shielded from the storms.

Lastly, in Luke 6:48, Christ says we must do one more thing than just believing His Word. We must do His Word. For those who do, He explains, “He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.” Let's keep our eyes on Jesus, clinging to the Rock and His Word with all our might. 



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God has worked miracles through these books. I have witnessed two individuals—one from a Sunday church and a Jehovah’s Witness become Sabbathkeepers through these books. May God be praised! *South Africa*

Discovering Sabbath Truth

Our 16-year-old son listens to your programs, and when a friend questioned his belief in the Sabbath, he was able to give all the right texts to back up his beliefs. He did such a good job that the parents of this friend could not refute his findings, but sadly would not allow this friend to talk to him anymore. Thank you



for always giving Bible texts. Justin writes every text down when he is listening to Pastor Doug’s programming and has created his own webpage just for witnessing. He

has a group in Africa that God sent to his website, and now they want to be baptized. Praise the Lord! You are doing a wonderful work even in young people’s lives. *E-mail*

Thank you for teaching about the Sabbath. I’ve been a member of several churches over the years, and no one has ever taught me the truth of the fourth commandment and all the other corresponding Scriptures. The eyes of my understanding have been enlightened. May the Lord bless you for teaching God’s truth about His holy Sabbath. *Georgia*



HITTING HOME

Your Tuesday-night message really hit home. By the time the Holy Spirit was done with me, I discovered it was 2:00 in the morning. It was revealed to me just what was holding me back from a complete walk with God. I am so happy now, I could run a mile ... and I haven’t been able to run for a very long time. *E-mail*

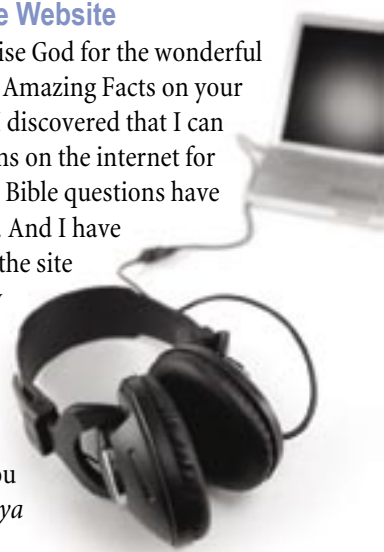


Atheist to Youth Pastor

About 10 years ago, while I was a pretty devout atheist (or maybe I just didn’t care), God placed one of your sermons about prophecy in my hands. Since then, I have not only been saved but have been educated as a youth pastor and have seen about 80 teenagers get saved! I pray God will bless many others through you. *E-mail*

A World Wide Website

I want to praise God for the wonderful teachings from Amazing Facts on your website. Since I discovered that I can listen to sermons on the internet for free, oh! All my Bible questions have been answered. And I have recommended the site to all my family and friends in Africa. God bless you, Pastor Doug, and all those you work with. *Kenya*



The MAP

We watched your *Most Amazing Prophecy* series at our church in Albuquerque. As a result, my husband is now going to church and we are having Bible studies in our home. He gave his life to Christ last Sunday during our studies. Praise the Lord for your sermons! *New Mexico*

God Is Good

I have been attending your prophecy seminar in Newport taught by Lowell Hargreaves. The Word of God has been so great; it has blessed my soul and opened up my mind more to God’s Word. I want to thank you for your ministries. God is doing a great work through you. It brings joy to my heart to know that your ministry is out there spreading the good news. Thank you with all my heart. God is good all the time. *Virginia*

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BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

Compromise, Conformity, & Courage

An Amazing Fact: Because of its unusual growth habits, the tropical Banyan tree is known as a “strangler fig.” These large trees usually start life when their seed is deposited by a bird high in the foliage of another tree. The Banyan’s roots descend over the trunk of the host tree seeking out the soil below. Once they have rooted themselves, the roots of the strangler fig rapidly thicken and lengthen. Where the fig roots cross each other they fuse, creating a lattice around the host tree’s trunk. Gradually they prevent the host tree from growing by robbing all its light, water, and nutrients. Eventually the Banyan chokes out the host until it dies and rots away, leaving the strangler fig standing in its place.

Likewise, as the seeds of compromise are rooted in God’s remnant church, spiritual life and fruit are being sapped away.

Everyone yearns to be accepted. But for the true Christian, it is impossible to have both the acceptance of the world and the approval of our heavenly Father. Jesus said, “No servant can serve two masters” (Luke 16:13). And James wrote that friendship with the world is enmity with God (James 4:4.)

But the sad truth is that millions of professing Christians are searching for a way to strike a workable compromise between their convictions and the ways of this wicked world. I feel passionate about this issue because I too struggle with the insidious influence of compromise in my own walk. We are all under relentless pressure to conform to the world. The devil is always offering to negotiate our values and principles, rarely using an all-out frontal assault. Instead, his most effective game plan is an internal, step-by-step erosion that we often barely perceive until it is too late.

Make no mistake: Compromising with the devil is deadly to the spirit, and it will never bring lasting satisfaction. Our Lord clearly tells us we cannot play the middle. “He that is not with me is against me” (Matthew 12:30). And in reality, it is impossible to truly compromise with the devil. Any attempt to negotiate with Satan will ultimately bring total capitulation. Only by constant dependence on God and personal vigilance can we hack off the tentacles of this monster called “creeping compromise.”

Good and Bad Compromise

Compromise is not always a dirty word. It can be a wonderful principle that helps provide and maintain peace and unity within relationships. But when Christians begin to compromise elements of truth, sacrificing biblical principles for the sake of achieving peace, it can be eternally fatal. In the words of Martin Luther; “Peace if possible, truth at all cost.”

In an article like this, it is tempting to launch a moral blitzkrieg targeting the many areas in which the church is compromising. I could parade a list of Christian standards that have been sacrificed on the altar of compromise to gain acceptance with the world. I could even take on the most dangerous of all conformities: the watered-down, generic theology in which believers are never called to deny self and take up their cross.



Each one of these compromises has neutralized peace in the hearts of believers, diluted the potency of the gospel, and strangled church growth.

Alas, the limited space will not permit me to unpack each of these issues in detail. So instead, I will direct your attention to the broader principles that lead to bad compromise and sinful conformity and how we can resist the temptation to fall in line with the devil.

Don't Play With Compromise

While the Egyptian captain Potiphar was away on business, his two-timing wife attempted to seduce Joseph, his most trusted servant. Joseph was tempted to consider the benefits of that forbidden relationship—he could have enjoyed more prestige and wealth in his household with a manipulating lover on his side. In the least, it seems he would have *avoided* jail time for spurning her advances.

It must have been a powerful temptation for a single, healthy young man to compromise his principles for power and pleasure. Yet even with all the whisperings of the devil, Joseph knew it was wrong and refused to consider the evil deed.

“So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her (Genesis 39:10 NKJV). If you didn't notice, not only did Joseph refuse to commit adultery, he also *stayed away* from the temptation. Be warned: If you stray near forbidden boundaries, the deadly vortex of sin will suck you in like a category five tornado.

When you are being tempted by someone or something to compromise your convictions, steer as far away as you can from the edge of evil. Don't let sin work on you, whittling down your resolve. Eve wandered too close to the forbidden tree and then waited to hear Satan's rationalizations. As soon as she saw that tree and heard the serpent question God's truth, she should have run. The Word of God commands us to flee from temptation (1 Timothy 6:11).

“Just a Little Sin”

It's not very popular to speak out against sin, especially those that have been generally accepted by the church. Those who do speak out can count on being called uncompromising and legalistic by their fellow Christians. I know, because it has happened to me many times. As just a small example, I once attended a Christian wedding reception where someone poured champagne in the glass at my place at the table. A little surprised, I politely responded, “No thank you. I don't drink.”

The host assured me, “This champagne is only eight-percent alcohol. It won't get you drunk.”

“But I don't drink any alcohol,” I affirmed.

Obviously annoyed, the host answered, “We're just celebrating a wedding tradition. Don't you want to offer your

best wishes and toast the bride and groom?” He even suggested that I put the glass to my lips and pretend to drink. It was just like the devil was saying, “After all, everyone else is doing it.”

“Don't you care about anyone but yourself?” “Just do it this once.” “Don't be a fanatic.” These familiar rationalizations often precede a compromise. But we have to say no to the temptation. “Make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof” (Romans 13:14). Wanting to avoid even the appearance of evil, I refuse to even hold a glass of alcohol in my hand (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

Another familiar mantra of those who endorse worldly compromise is “balance.” I can't count how many times I have been told that I need “more balance” in my Christian walk. But when it is carefully evaluated, the definition of “balance” is usually to conform our Christian standards to worldly values. It sounds something like this: “It's okay to take the family to the football game on Sabbath once in a while. You need to have balance.” In other words, they are recommending that we balance our holiness with a little sin. But is being Christ-like being out of balance?

Compassionate Compromise

Another popular rationalization used for compromising Christian standards is to make Christianity more attractive to the world, an approach taken by some church leaders in the days of Constantine.

The Roman and Greek pagans loved their idols. The second commandment regarding idolatry was a real stumbling block that prevented countless pagans from easily embracing Christianity. The thought of defacing or destroying their precious idols represented a tremendous struggle for these devout but superstitious pagans.

So in the interest of evangelism, these leaders suggested, “Why not allow them to rename their idols after Christian heroes and saints? After they come into the church, we will slowly educate them to abandon their idols.” But you know the rest of the story—instead of the church converting the pagans, the pagans converted the church. It is how things like this typically work: The world makes sin much more palatable for church members.

Compromise or Combat

In the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, the Jews began to rebuild the temple that had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar. In Ezra 4, the



Bible records, “Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity [were building] the temple . . . they . . . said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him.” But the Jews knew these neighboring nations commingled the worship of the true God with Assyrian pagan gods.

How did Israel respond? They “said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD.” They made the right choice, refusing to let an unconverted pagan help build the Lord’s holy temple. But then catch this: “Then the people of the land,” that is those who offered to help, “troubled them in building.” Suddenly, the Jews’ peace-offering neighbors showed their true colors and became their harassing enemies.

Likewise, when you stand up for what’s right and do not get involved in apostate alliances, you’ll be persecuted for it. First the devil’s approach will be, “Let’s just work together. Let’s all love each other and be united. Unity is so important!” If you don’t fall for that trap and take a stand for truth, they will become your worst enemy, which tells you where their hearts really were in the first place.

This is a vitally important lesson as we head into the last days. Eventually the world’s religions will make concessions to form a united front that will ultimately promote false worship.

If we are developing a pattern now of sacrificing our convictions for the illusion of peace, we are paving the way in preparation to worship the beast.

A Fear of Offending

Have you ever heard about the pastor who did not want to offend his wealthy congregation? He said, “Dear brethren, unless you consider repenting, in a measure, and be a bit converted, as it were, you will possibly, I regret to say, be damned to some extent.”

In reality, a great percentage of compromise and conformity worms its way into our lives and the church because nobody wants to offend anybody. We are trained from our earliest years to be polite and considerate—to comply with people’s requests and not do anything that might upset somebody. But Jesus taught that it is not possible to preach the gospel without causing some offense (Galatians 5:11).

Suppose you should develop a small spot of malignant skin cancer, but the dermatologist, not wanting to upset you, told you it was poison ivy. Would the dermatologist be your friend? By its very nature, the convicting essence of the gospel turns a blazing light on our hearts to peel back our layers of hypocrisy and expose our selfish motives and impure thoughts. For many, such a revelation is offensive.

The apostles were all slain or imprisoned for their faith because their message offended somebody. “All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Timothy 3:12). I believe one reason we do not see more severe persecution of Christians in North America today is because we have compromised so much with the world that the offense of the gospel is virtually non-existent.

A Straight Path

The reason a river becomes crooked is because it follows the path of least resistance, the same reason that Christians become crooked. But the path of the Christian should be like a tight rope rather than a meandering trail.

Moses told the children of Israel before his death, “You shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you . . . that it may be well with you” (Deuteronomy 5:32, 33 NKJV). This is advice that we need to heed today, and advice that Christ took to heart.

Luke 4 records the devil’s chilling attempt to get Christ to compromise. “And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. . . . All this power will I give



thee, and the glory of them. . . . If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine” (vs. 5-7). The devil wanted to make a deal. He asked Christ to negotiate a treaty to end the great controversy between good and evil, enabling Jesus to avoid the cross and rule the world . . . if He would only give Satan worship. On the face of it, it would seem very tempting for Jesus to avoid the horrors He would face in saving our souls.

But what did Jesus say? “Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve” (vs. 8). Jesus would not even consider it. This was the same answer Christ gave Peter when he also suggested that Jesus shouldn’t go to the cross. Sometimes the devil will work through those closest to us, but when we’re tempted to compromise Christian principles, we need to learn how to say, “Get thee behind me, Satan. I am not going to do it.”

Compromise Killed Christ

In the events surrounding the trial of Christ, we can see that compromise ultimately crucified the Lord. In John 18, while being interviewed by Pontius Pilate, Jesus says, “I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice” (vs. 37). Pilate’s response, “What is truth?”, is a telling indicator of the vacillating ruler’s cynical attitude about absolute truth.

In the Roman Empire, everybody debated everything. (It’s not much different in America today.) In fact, one philosopher in Rome encouraged every person to debate both sides of every issue, hoping to broaden the minds of the citizens. But Augustus evicted the man because eventually people thought of truth as something fluid and relative—nobody would stand up for any definite truth. No one would take a stand, because every position had some rationalizing argument against it.

In this case though, the truth was very clear, and Pilate openly admitted Jesus was innocent: “I find in him no fault at all” (vs. 38). Yet instead of taking a stand for truth and releasing Jesus as innocent, Pilate sought to compromise his conviction of truth to win approval of the crowd, a behavior that frequently plagues politicians.

Wanting to appease the majority, Pilate explains that he will have Christ beaten and then released. Yet if Jesus is innocent, why have Him beaten? The answer is that once you begin to walk down the road of compromise, no matter where you stop, the devil will pick you up and complete the walk for you. Why? You have already signaled your weakness by displaying a willingness to negotiate with wrong if the price is right. Once you begin sacrificing your convictions, it is very easy to slide down into ruin.

Sensing Pilate’s weakness, Satan used the crowd to press the wavering ruler all the way for crucifixion. Pilate already started down the road of negotiating with evil, and that’s where the devil wanted him. That’s why when Pilate attempted to outsmart the

devil, it backfired. He offered them Barabbas as a compromise instead of Jesus. Pilate paraded the cold-blooded killer in front of the throngs as an example of real evil to contrast with the example of the sinless Christ. He must have thought to himself, “They just want to see a crucifixion. I’ll offer them a compromise, and they’ll obviously pick Jesus to release.” He never dreamed they would ask him to release Barabbas, but that’s what they did.

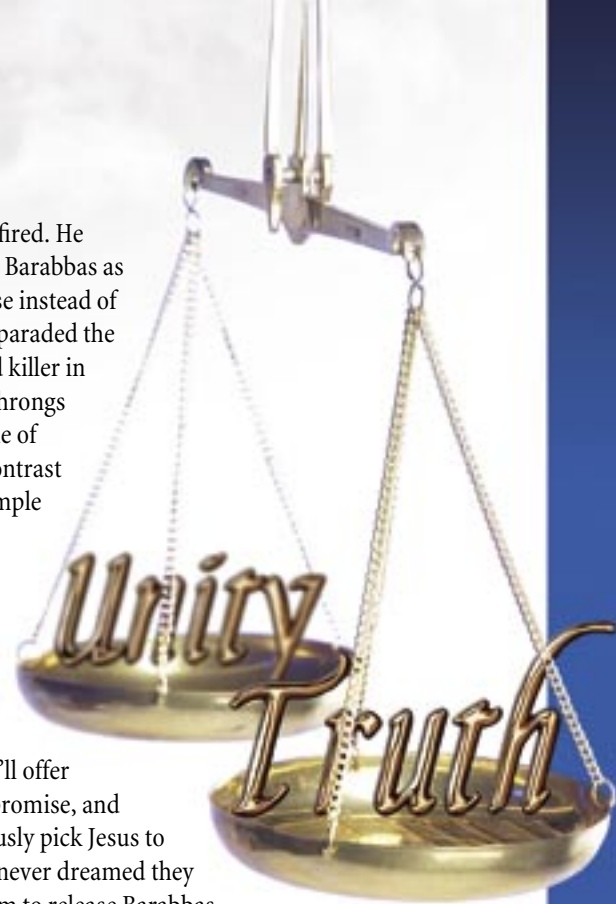
Finally, Pilate’s little concession to compromise got to the place where it was completely out of his hands. “When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it” (Matthew 27:24). But was he really clean? He had declared the Savior innocent but conformed his judgment to the pressure of the crowd.

Likewise, when we begin to compromise with truth, and our actions finally get out of hand and the consequences come full and hard, we won’t be able to claim innocence either. Once you start thinking of going down the road of compromise, remember Pilate. Remember that Jesus died because someone thought he could compromise truth.

Be Courageous!

Refusing to buckle to the pressure of compromise requires divine courage. The Lord told Joshua, “Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:7).

We don’t need to worry that God won’t forgive us if we sincerely repent of our compromise and turn the other way. But when we sin, when we stumble into error, we train ourselves to go down that road again. God can give you a new heart, but don’t think you can continue to compromise and not reap the hazards that come



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BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



What does the Bible say about people who are good but haven't accepted Jesus? Will I see them in heaven? What about those who have never heard the gospel or were born into another religion?

This is a very sensitive yet important question. Part of what I write here is by permission, rather than something absolute. But let me begin by establishing an indisputable fact. Any one who is in heaven will be there by the grace and blood of Jesus. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

That is, no one will make it to heaven because of their good works. Since the Bible declares that all have sinned, anybody in heaven must therefore be there by God's grace.

But the verse in Acts does not necessarily mean that only those who have heard the name of Jesus will be allowed into heaven. If that were so, it would eliminate everybody who lived the 4,000 years before Christ came. And of course, there are the countless numbers of people who have never had the benefit of hearing the story of Jesus or about the God of the Bible.

I believe that God still has ways of saving people who may not have heard of the Bible or Jesus. For instance, the goodness and power of God can be seen through His creation. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:20). God's Holy Spirit also pleads with people to guide them in the way of right, as do His angels.

Here, There, and Everywhere

Not long after Christ began His ministry, He almost got killed preaching in His home town of Nazareth. The prevalent thinking among the Jews was that they, the children of Abraham, were the only ones who were going to be saved. Jesus shocked them when He declared:

"I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was

throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian." (Luke 4:25-27).

Christ was illustrating that He has people everywhere who are walking in the light they have. He looks on their hearts and knows that they are really His people. So I'm not willing to shut the door because of ignorance. I've heard ministers say that unless a person hears and accepts the gospel, he or she is going to burn in hell—no ifs, ands, or buts. But I don't believe the Bible really teaches that.

We are not saved based on how much light we receive, but more important, whether we are walking in the light we have received. If people are faithfully following the little they have, even if it is only just a tiny portion, God will reward them according to their works. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48).

I believe there are going to be people in the kingdom who didn't know anything about Jesus' life and sacrifice. Jesus said, "If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth" (John 9:41). Those in most danger of not being in heaven are those who have heard the good news but reject it. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17).

Lost By Virtue of Birth?

As far as those born into other religions; well, the Bible tells the story of the ten talents. Before the master left, he gave different amounts of responsibility to people according to what each could handle. Likewise, God does not require people born into the error of pagan religions to live up to the same degree of truth that others have. Paul declared, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30).

Now this verse also means that we can't excuse away God's new light in our lives because we were raised in another religion. We all must willingly follow where He leads, whether we were born into a Christian family or not.

What does the Bible say about people who are saved but haven't accepted Jesus? Will I see them? What about those who have never heard? Were they born into another religion?

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Still, as a church, we must be extremely careful in our thinking. A lot of souls have been turned off by religion because of hypocrites in the church or other bad PR. They are being deceived by the media and popular culture, even though they might have very sincere, genuine hearts. But I simply can't say what the future would be for them, except just to know that humans can only look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. And if a person's heart is regenerated by the Spirit, then God will have mercy.

Love and Salvation


"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; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28, 29). I read this verse at my brother's funeral. During his life, Falcon never professed Christianity, but he had a golden heart. He started a camp for children with cystic fibrosis; he helped all of his friends every way he could; and just before he died, he asked me to pray for him. I don't know what happened with my brother's eternal destiny. That will be for God to decide.

But remember the parable in which Jesus compared the judgment to a shepherd who separates the sheep from the goats. In the end, Christ will ask us, "When I was hungry, did you feed me? When I was thirsty did you give me a drink? When I was naked, did you clothe me? When I was a stranger, did you come to me and take me in? When I was imprisoned or sick, did you visit me?" (See Matthew 25:35-40.)

Christ will judge people based upon whether they loved others as He loved them. The two great commandments are love the Lord and love your neighbor, two pillars that are simple summaries of the Ten Commandments. It is the Spirit of God that inspires within our carnal hearts love for Him and our fellow man. How will we respond to God's mercy in our life, by returning that grace by loving God and our neighbor? Or shaking our fists in rebellion?

Sadly, Jesus said the majority of people in the world are going to be lost, including many in the church who claim to be born again. One of my favorite authors made this powerful observation: "Many who have not had the privileges that we have had will go into heaven before those who have had great light and who have not walked in it. Many have lived up to the

best light they have had and will be judged accordingly."

Still, it all is very clear. Jesus said that the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations—and then the end will come. The time is coming when no one on earth today will be able to say, "I didn't know!" For these people and you and me, there is only salvation in turning to Christ. Anyone who is saved, whether in Old or New Testament times, is saved by virtue of the sacrifice of Christ. We can choose our own destiny by responding to that act of grace with love and obedience. 

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India NOW!

*A Great Adventure
for Christ!*



An Amazing Fact: Nearly 20,000 have already been baptized into God's end-time church as a result of Amazing Facts' evangelistic efforts in India. However, dozens of Bible workers continue to reach out to the lost even as they train and build up God's church in India to multiply the harvest.

*"And the Lord added to the church daily
such as should be saved." —Acts 2:47*

It is called **It is called the land of a million gods,** and a short stroll along one of India's many crowded urban streets confirms why—temples and makeshift altars dedicated to animal idols and countless other false gods dot the land like stars dot the nighttime sky. In this nation, Satan preys easily on the poverty stricken and oppressed, convincing them to turn to deities with a deaf ear to their prayers and to follow beliefs that offer no lasting hope or change.

Yet even in the midst of growing religious oppression and persecution, it is still a nation primed for the planting of the gospel seed in a people craving and willing for spiritual renewal. Thus, God sent Pastor Doug Batchelor and a team of 88 dedicated medical and evangelistic workers to reap a bountiful harvest of souls for the kingdom.

Along with such diverse ministry partners as Maranatha Volunteers International, United Prison Ministries, AMEN, and Advent Hope, Amazing Facts completed one of the largest mission projects in the history of the Sabbathkeeping church's work in India, resulting in a thrilling number of baptisms and changed lives!

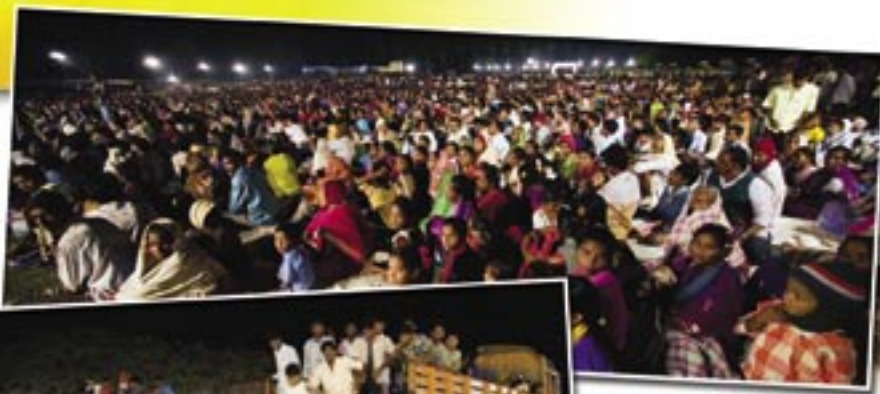
A Lion Roars

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8 NKJV). Doug Clark, director of Maranatha India, says that about 1,400 Indian workers were needed to staff the gargantuan task and was one of the most encompassing Christian outreaches his team had undertaken in a single effort.

It's no wonder that when so many of God's people come together to touch hearts and souls, the forces of evil lash out in anger. For instance, unseasonable heavy rains nearly caused the cancellation of the open-air meetings. The fields were covered with puddles of water that caused serious technical problems with the sound, projectors, lights, and computers. The rain also threatened to arrest the work of medical and visitation teams by turning village roads into toxic rivers of mud.



Says Pastor Doug, "It was a fierce spiritual battle from our first night of meetings to the very end. The torrential rains caused many seeking souls to keep away, though many chose to sit on the damp ground to hear the Word." Knowing that bad weather would stunt the momentum of the meetings, Pastor



Doug led a special season of prayer. He reports, “As we prayed, the rain stopped—and it never rained again!” God even brought out sunshine to dry up the waters. The crowds that began with hundreds quickly grew to thousands. Within a few days, nightly attendance grew to 10,000 per night.

Soon many villages that were not originally included in the outreach area became very curious. Some of their leaders requested Amazing Facts bring the message of life to their people, so the ministry arranged to send additional trucks to their villages, bringing thousands more to the nightly meetings.

Joseph Brooks, Jr., a volunteer, had a divine appointment in India when one Sunday church asked him to preach during their service. He boldly presented the Sabbath truth and received a thrilling response. Many were changed forever by his presentation, committing their lives to the truth. In addition, another Sunday pastor is taking



what he learned from our series and is presenting it to his own church, saying he found clear Bible truth at IndiaNOW!

Volunteers Reach Out

Dr. Mel Underhill, a volunteer from Collegedale, Tennessee, reports, “I’ve been on 30 mission trips, and this is one of the best I’ve ever been a part of. Yes, we came so that we could help and bless the Indian people, but I was changed forever. I believe

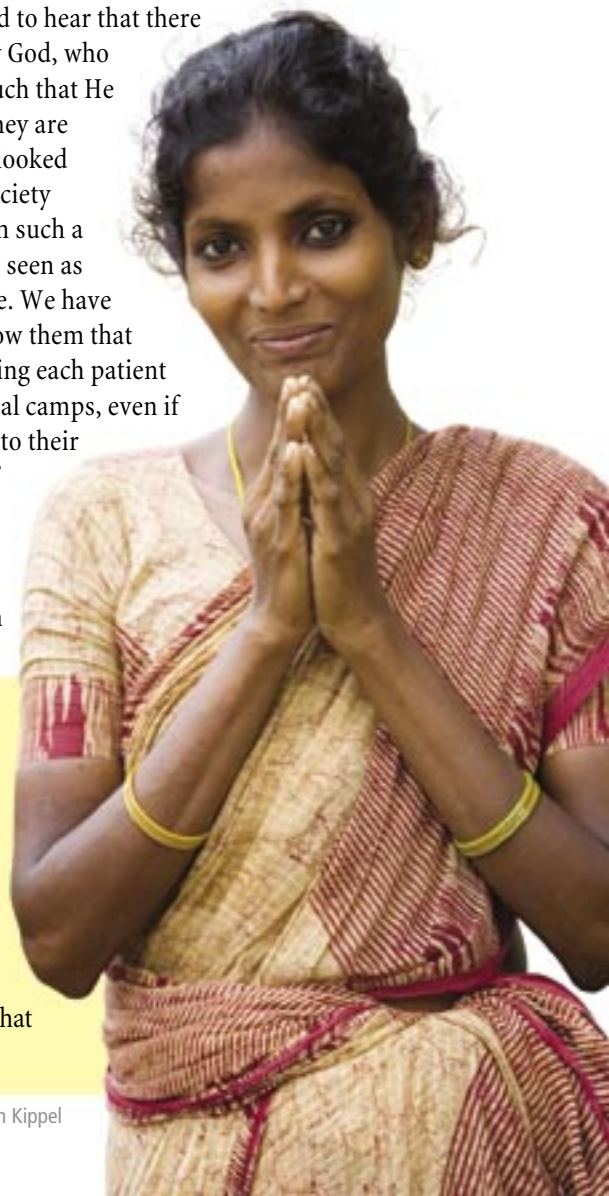
that every person who came on this trip now has a newer and closer walk with Jesus than they ever had before. We also have a greater appreciation for the work that still needs to be done before Jesus can come. It was a great adventure for Christ.”

Healing Touch

One of the most crucial components of outreach was the medical teams who treated more than 10,000 patients. The experience not only transformed the hearts of those receiving treatment, but also those providing it. Dr. Mel Underhill, a volunteer dentist, says, “In the villages, the people flocked around us as if we were long-lost loved ones. They greeted us with love in their eyes—an experience we will never forget.”

Christine Pfeiffer, another medical team member, adds, “These precious people were desperate for a better life. I think that’s why they crowded around us and begged for prayer. They’re so excited to hear that there is a God, the only God, who loves them so much that He died for them! They are so used to being looked down upon by society because they’re in such a low caste and are seen as having little value. We have really tried to show them that we care by touching each patient during the medical camps, even if it’s just listening to their heart and lungs.”

This healing work not only strengthened the spiritual outreach





by following Christ's example of healing and preaching, it also saved the evangelistic meetings. Pressure from Hindu leaders threatened to keep searching souls from going at all. Some even offered incentives like free clothing in an attempt to keep them from going to the meetings. Yet people came, and they came in droves to hear the gospel.

Sadly, religious and political opposition grew as Pastor Doug and his team neared the end of the meetings, when most seekers were in the valley of decision. As the series neared its final days, local police were told by the largely Hindu government to shut down all foreign meetings, but again the Lord intervened. Reports Jim Ayer, event coordinator, "Because of the extensive medical work in area villages, the local police, moved with compassion, allowed the outreach meetings to continue, while at the same time shutting down evangelistic series conducted by other ministries working in the area."

Building His Kingdom

Even as the police warned they were unable to protect IndiaNOW! workers from violence, the hand of God protected the event and secured, at the time of this article, more than 19,000 people in His kingdom through baptism. On the series' final night, nearly 20,000 people heard the resounding altar call and thousands gave their heart over to Jesus. "It is a scene I will never forget," says Pastor Doug, describing the sea of humanity converged on the field. "The honking horns, shouting people, running children—it moved my heart to remember that most of these people jostled in the back of trucks, rode bicycles,


Joy, a former upper caste orthodox Hindu, became a Sabbathkeeping Christian through watching our 2005 *Prophecy Code* meetings. When he heard we were in India, he rode a train 400 miles from Bangalore just to say thank you for bringing him the truth and changing his life. His tears of gratitude really belong to you for making it possible.

or walked for hours after working all day to come and hear the wonderful teachings of Jesus Christ."

Now Amazing Facts continues the work by supporting 140 Bible workers and building even more churches with the partnership of Maranatha Volunteers. These 70 new churches will serve as a light on a hill for their local and neighboring villages. Several have already been dedicated, overflowing with people eager to learn the truth of salvation.

Says Pastor Doug, "We experienced a great victory through Christ during India NOW! I thank all of our faithful supporters and volunteers who made this vital work possible." It also couldn't have come at a more crucial time.

He adds, "When I said we had to reach India before time ran out, our friends heeded the call to reach God's children before it was too late. It seems the door to sharing the gospel in many parts of India truly is closing. Yet the faithfulness of God's people reaped eternal rewards."

It was exciting for every Amazing Facts staff member and volunteer to be a part of a huge outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Though the team of medics and evangelists bade farewell to thousands of new Christians, these precious children of God are now under the watchful care of Bible workers sponsored by the ministry. Please keep these workers and these new souls born into Christ in your prayers, and praise God for His wonderful power to save souls through Amazing Facts all around the world. 



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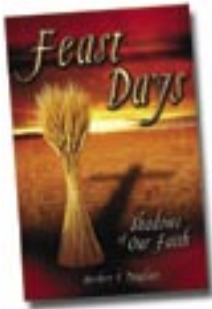
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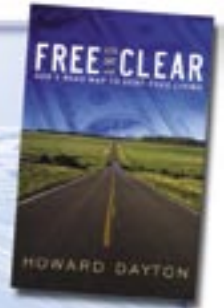
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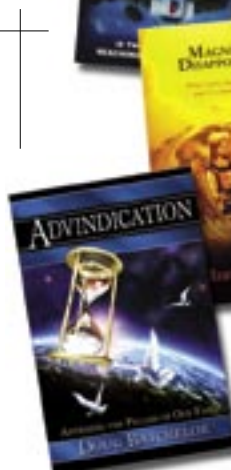
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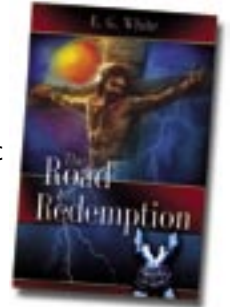
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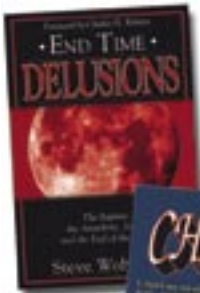
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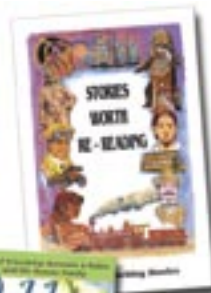
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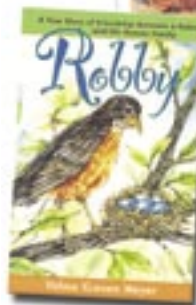
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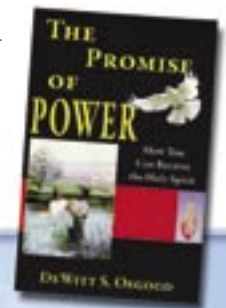
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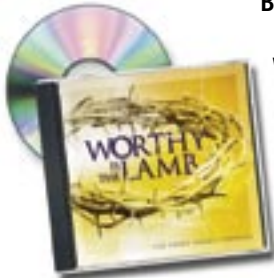
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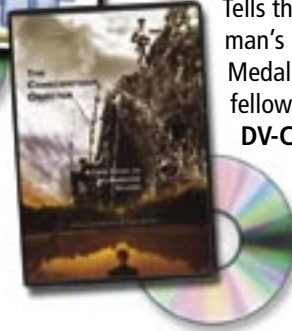
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THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT



Michelle Stanhope, Volunteer Coordinator

Here is an exciting amazing fact to get us started: Did you know that Amazing Facts has more people volunteering than are on payroll? It's true!

Amazing Facts has been growing by leaps and bounds. Our staff is as large as it has ever been, our evangelists have been as busy as ever, and we find ourselves leaning on our volunteers more than ever. God has given us the honor and responsibility of ministering to so many people around the world, and He has sent us dedicated staff and hardworking volunteers to do the job.

I know in my heart that God is the one who has sent the right people. Let me explain:

Our website at www.bibleuniversity.com is designed to bring together our brothers and sisters in Christ who have the gift of being bilingual for the purpose of translating ministry soul-winning materials into other languages.

Bob Curtis, our software developer, works with volunteers from around the world as they translate our resources into languages such as Spanish, French, Indonesian, and many others. The volunteer headcount for this project has already reached 64 in 2006 alone. What's the amazing part? This website has not been advertised ... ever! Glory to God for sending us every volunteer!

In addition Frank and Willietta Hufana have been volunteering with our Bible School since June of 1996! Talk about dedication! And twelve other dedicated men and women also come on a regular basis to grade lessons, enter data, handle mail, and take care of our online Bible School. The Bible School, in all its formats, is one of our most important ministries, but it would be potentially cost prohibitive if we did not receive all the volunteer help that we do.

An Opportunity for You

Jim Ayer, event coordinator for Amazing Facts, writes, "Arvid and Doreen Jacobson were bitten by the evangelism bug some time ago and have been infected ever since. When I traveled to Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 2004 for *Oh for Revival!*, I met this wonderful couple who exhibited a love for God and were excited about volunteering. Along with them, almost 100 other volunteers came together to create the backbone of our series.

"The volunteer team cheerfully helped everywhere they could, including the children's programs, greeting attendees, ushering people to their seats, staffing our display booth, and generally creating a smooth flowing event. Without the efforts of all of these wonderful people, the meetings would not have happened!

"Arvid and Doreen continue to be very faithful to Amazing Facts with their time, extending their dedicated service to Washington, D.C. for *The Prophecy Code*, to Ft. Worth, Texas, for *'05 Revive!*, and most recently *Most Amazing Prophecies* in Michigan. What creates such a desire to serve? Says Doreen, "The pleasure and the blessing have been all ours." In other words, they have experienced firsthand the true blessings we receive when we bless others.

"Would you like to experience the same joy? Amazing Facts is seeking volunteers to partner with us to reach the world in this generation. How can you help? Camp meetings are a good example. We've started a program in which volunteer applicants will be provided a booth, hand-out materials, and other appropriate tools to represent the ministry at camp meetings across the country. If you like to smile, talk with a lot of people, love Amazing Facts, and want to forward God's work in an exciting way, this just might be for you!"



Arvid and Doreen Jacobson

Join Our Ministry Team

By God's grace, there are so many people who are sacrificing their time to work with us, and we're always in need of more as we grow each month. We're looking for several volunteers to work with us in our Roseville office, and many others to work with us over the internet and out in the field with camp meetings and other conferences.

If you're feeling called to volunteer at Amazing Facts, we first ask that you spend some time praying about it. When you know the Spirit is moving you, please let us know via e-mail at MichelleS@AmazingFacts.org or by phone at 916-434-3880.



Special Opportunity for Your IRA

For a limited time, it's now easier to donate money from your IRA to Amazing Facts. But there is only a small window of opportunity to make this tax-wise gift! In 2007, a person 70-1/2 years or older can take a tax-free withdrawal from their IRA, up to \$100,000 a year. If the withdrawal is donated directly to a charity, it is excluded from your income. Keep in mind:

- The distribution must go directly to the charity. Ask your IRA administrator to send a check to Amazing Facts, Inc., Planned Giving Department, P.O. Box 1058, Roseville, CA 95678. (If the check is made out to you, you will owe taxes on the withdrawal!)

A charity withdrawal counts toward your required minimum distributions for the year, so by donating it to a charity, you can meet the minimum requirement without incurring a tax bill!

The provision is limited to IRAs. If you have a 401-K or similar plan, you'll need to roll it into an IRA before making a contribution to Amazing Facts. Remember, you only have 12 months to take advantage of this opportunity, so contact us today if you need more information or need assistance to make a gift from your IRA to Amazing Facts. Call 1-800-436-2695, ext. 3029, and ask for Dan or Judy.

Pastor Doug Featured in Documentary Film

Phil Ward, the editor of the Australian Union Conference Newsletter Evangelism News, writes in with this exciting update!

Doug Batchelor is featured in a new feature film documentary called *God on Their Side*, released November 2 in Australian movie theaters. It is an unbiased look at participants at a religious convention that occurred in Texas this past year.



An interview with Pastor Doug features prominently in the film. Segments featuring

Doug were shown in TV news broadcasts on several free-to-air network news programs, and featured on Australia's highest rating breakfast TV program *Sunrise*.

The interview with Doug was originally filmed for the high-rated Australian TV program *Enough Rope*, a weekly 60-minute chat program on ABC-TV in Australia. The material filmed was so good, the producers decided to make it into an extended version of the TV program.

However, as they kept editing, they realized they had more than just a TV program, so they made it into a feature film for cinema release.

It is the first time this has ever been done. The interview with Doug Batchelor is edited in an impartial way, unlike the experience with the National Geographic Channel!

Praise the Lord that many have been introduced to the Amazing Facts ministry, and pray that many will be inspired to visit our website and learn last-day truth!

Most Amazing Testimony Results!

We received many thrilling responses to the Most Amazing Testimony article featured in the September/October 2006 issue of *Inside Report*. We thank everyone who participated. All those receiving gift certificates have been notified.

Results can be obtained by writing to editor@amazingfacts.org or writing to Amazing Facts, Attn. Inside Report Editor, P.O. Box 1058, Roseville, CA 95677.



i Network Re-airs *Final Events* Documentary

On Christmas Eve, i Network rebroadcast *The Final Events of Bible Prophecy* special with Pastors Doug Batchelor and Dwight Nelson. The Lord blessed the original September 11 airing earlier with tremendous response and provided another excellent primetime slot at an unbelievable rate. Viewers who watched the program were offered a free copy of the DVD (with shipping and handling) plus a free *Captured by Tongues* pocketbook. We ask that our friends pray for every soul who saw the broadcast, that they will further seek God's will for their lives.

Plus, former presidential candidate Al Gore has acknowledged that he received a copy of *Final Events!* Pray that he will indeed watch the documentary and that the Holy Spirit will touch his heart with the truth.

Dear Amazing Facts:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of "The Final Events of Bible Prophecy." As you can imagine, I have been traveling extensively promoting my new documentary film and book, "An Inconvenient Truth." I look forward to watching it once the promotional tour slows down.

Again, thank you for thinking of me.

Best Wishes,
Al Gore

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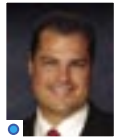
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Building His Kingdom Together



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Funding Goal: \$1,500,000

Storehouse: \$524,134

Project: New Television Program and Broadcast Expansion

We're developing a new weekly, 30-minute television program featuring Pastor Doug's best sermons and making them available to a much bigger audience than ever before. The new packaging will appeal to today's viewer, with new, eye-grabbing graphics and more focused ministry

promos that will present Amazing Facts as an awesome Bible resource warehouse!

Funding Goal: \$3,000,000

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that potential millions will see and respond. Be a part of this exciting new effort!

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Storehouse: \$137,527

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- Amazing Facts gladly accepts vehicles, stocks, mutual fund shares, and real estate that we can convert into soul-winning resources.
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with it. Continued compromise can and will numb your conscience, so that your fruit is one of total conformity with the world.

That is why the devil is setting up the church in the last days, preaching a message of unity through compromise. Little by little, he's softening up our resolve, encouraging us to make little concessions and compromises so that when that big test comes, he has us. And worse, he will be able to effectively crumble our influence so that few will be persuaded to become followers of Christ.

Read Daniel 3 and bear with my expounded paraphrase. Nebuchadnezzar said to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, "So you didn't bow down? I'll tell you what: I don't want to lose you; you're good workers. I'll give you another chance and have the band play the music one more time. Perhaps you just want a different song? But when you hear the sound, you need to bow down."

But the three young Hebrews resolutely told the king he need not waste his time on them. "O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Daniel 3:16-19). They didn't negotiate, even when the devil tried to engage them.

The devil wants you to die after you've disobeyed, not as a martyr and victorious example. But if you die in this world upholding the Word, you will live in the next. So today we need to be faithful in that which is least. We may not think the little tests we face now are so important, but if we compromise and conform without a death threat hanging over our heads, what are we likely to do when we are threatened with imprisonment or death?

Stand!

When the children of Israel reached the borders of the Red Sea and their Egyptian enslavers were riding hard on their heels to capture them, the situation looked bleak. But Moses told the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD,

which He will accomplish for you today" (Exodus 14:13 NKJV).

Once we know that something is right according to God's Word, our responsibility is to take a stand. God will do great things for us if we choose to stand still in His will. "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show

Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chronicles 16:9 NKJV). When you stand firm for truth, your life will be a saving witness to your family, your friends, and your neighbors. God will look down from heaven and say, "Have you considered My servant, that there is none like that on the earth, one who fears me and shuns evil?" (See Job 1:8.)

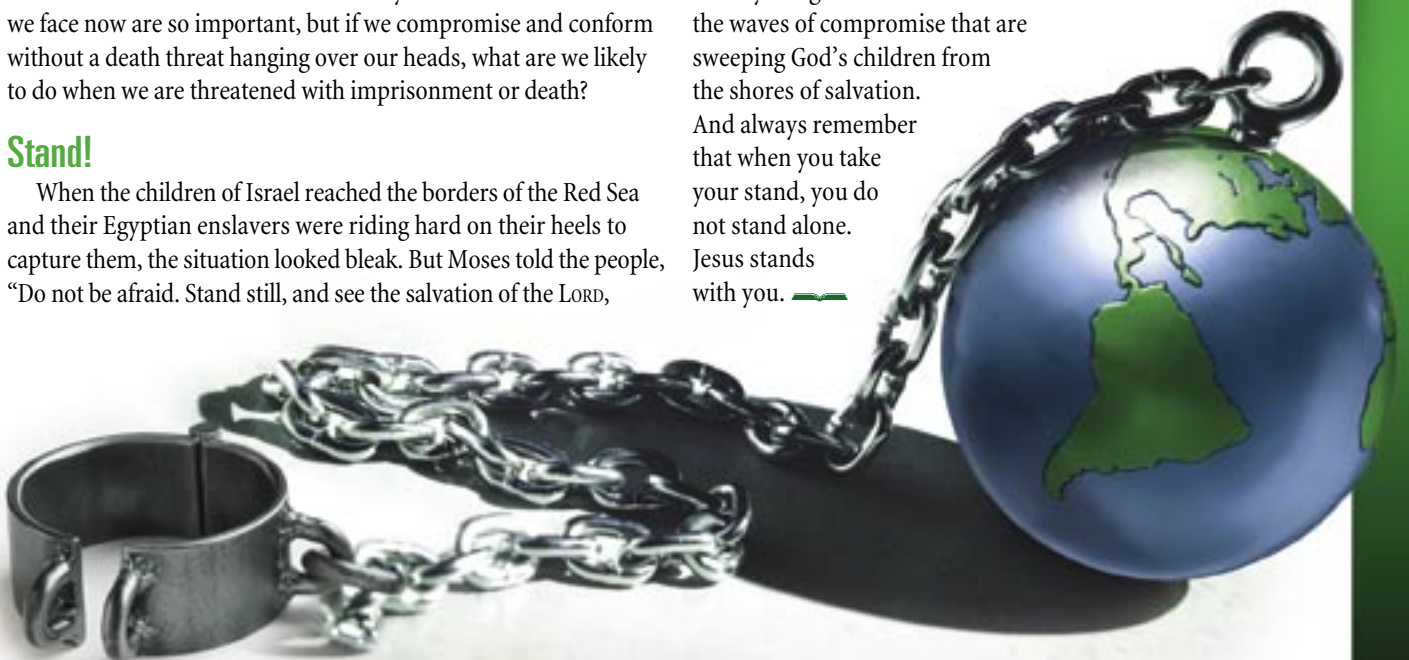
Ellen White, one of my favorite Christians authors, said it like this: "The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls

are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall" (*Education*, p. 57).

Paul concludes, "Do not be *conformed* to this world, but be *transformed* by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2 NKJV, emphasis added). We should not be *conformed* but *transformed*.

With God all things are possible, including living a life without worldly conformity and compromise. Resolve now by His grace to stand on the Rock and resist the waves of compromise that are sweeping God's children from the shores of salvation. And always remember that when you take your stand, you do not stand alone. Jesus stands with you. —

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE



Final Events & MAP Lead to Baptism

By Nelson Ernst, Assistant Literature Ministries
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In Fresno, California, Shaka was sitting in his living room undisturbed when he heard a faint knock on his front door. Thinking that it was just a salesman, he ignored it. But then there was another knock, only this time *much* louder. A minute later, another loud knock finally brought Shaka to his feet.

As he proceeded to the door, he was prepared to face a very persistent salesman. In fact, he was all ready to deliver a rather harsh rejection . . . until he beheld who actually stood on his doorstep. Immediately his demeanor softened.

Standing there were two young girls, Ashlee Bohlman, 16, and Sachi Kleiman, 20. They were student literature evangelists working that summer to gain a scholarship by going door to door and leaving health and devotional books for donations. The California Youth RUSH program is designed to reach people with the last-day message while helping students with their school costs. For many students, the opportunity to share is the experience of their lives.

Ashlee was a little timid, and barely knocked on the door. But Sachi, the team leader, was determined to get someone to come to the door, so she knocked the next two times much harder—while praying that God would send someone to the door who would encourage Ashlee.

Shaka stared at both of them, wondering how girls that small could knock so hard. He listened patiently as they shared with him what they were doing. He also decided to give a donation for a *Final Events* DVD. Before they left, the two young evangelists asked, “Would you mind if we had prayer?” As they prayed, Shaka’s heart was touched by the sweetness and simplicity of the prayer.

Says Shaka, “After I heard them pray, I wanted to learn to pray like that!” After the prayer, Sachi and Ashlee offered to have someone come by and study the Bible with

him. Shaka signed up, and the girls walked away encouraged by the experience but not expecting what a blessing would come of that visit.

More Amazing Facts Connections

Not long after, AFCOE graduate and Bible worker Jeff Bentley followed up with Shaka and his wife Stephanie, but they put off the Bible study twice even though *Final Events* had made a big impression. The third time, Stephanie said to her husband, “We’re not putting him off again.”

Their first study was on Daniel using Amazing Facts Bible Guide. Shaka loved the study so much he couldn’t stop thinking about what he had learned. For the next few weeks, as Jeff explained some basic Bible terminology and answered their Bible questions, both Shaka and Stephanie soaked up truth.

For them it was almost all new information. When they learned about the Sabbath and other important Bible topics, their first reaction was shock, as they felt like the truth had been hidden from them all their lives. Eagerly they shared this information with their friends and family, only to discover that they were wrong: not only did their family and friends not know, but they even dismissed it as being “Old Testament” theology.

Still, the couple was determined to investigate further, so they attended Pastor Doug’s Most Amazing Prophecy series.

And not long after, they were baptized on October 28, 2006. Now Stephanie is following along with Jeff on other Bible studies while Shaka is on the literature distribution team! Shaka has already brought one of his friends to church. Praise the Lord!

The Lord surely answered both Sachi and Ashlee’s prayers by using them to pique interest by sharing the *Final Events* DVD, sending a local Bible worker from AFCOE using Amazing Facts’ resources, supporting their work with an evangelism-minded church and the powerful MAP reaping series to bring two more laborers into the field!



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got kale?

by Emily Thomsen



"Dairy products are far from the solution, and may very well be a *cause* of the problem," says Anna Quisiel, M.D. in an article about osteoporosis. The dairy industry has done a terrific job of convincing the public that drinking milk is the key to adequate calcium consumption and strong bones. However, the calcium in dairy products is not as easily absorbed by the body as is the calcium in plant foods. But many people are unaware that calcium is even available in any other foods. Moreover, dairy products pose a host of undesirable risks.

Milk is touted as protection against osteoporosis. When calcium levels in the blood get low, little cells are activated that begin to break down bone tissue and release calcium. When calcium levels in the blood are high, the little cells that build bone are activated and they begin to store calcium. It seems simple: Want strong bones? Consume more calcium. But it's actually a bit more complicated.

As it turns out, countries such as the United States and Canada where diets are highest in calcium also have the highest rates of osteoporotic bone fractures. In a typical American diet, calcium comes from milk, milk products, and supplements. In Japan, daily calcium intake is less than in the United States and it comes from soy products and vegetables. Yet Japanese women have fewer hip fractures. How can this be?

One reason is that animal proteins tend to pull calcium from the bones and excrete it in the urine; plant proteins do not have this effect. Another reason is that while milk may appear to have more calcium when compared by

serving size to other sources such as leafy green vegetables or soy beans, less of the calcium found in dairy products is absorbed than that found in plant foods.



Consider a 100 calorie serving of skim milk; it has 334 mg of calcium, but only 107 mg—approximately one-third—are absorbed. In contrast, 100 calories of kale or bok choy offer 449 mg and 787 mg of calcium, respectively. More than half of the calcium in these nutrient-rich foods—59 percent of kale's calcium and 54 percent of bok choy's—is absorbed by the body! Plant foods also contain magnesium, which the body uses along with calcium to build bone.

Other nutrient-rich sources of calcium are listed in the table below.

• Calcium Content of Select Foods •

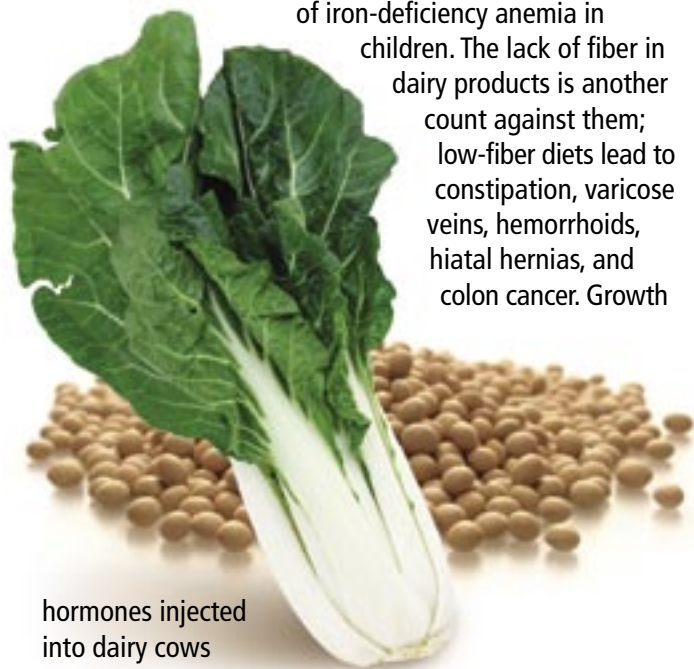
Food	Portion	Calories	Calcium in mg	Calcium per calorie
Bok choy, cooked	3 oz	12	93	7.8
Turnip greens, cooked	3 oz	20	137	6.9
Mustard greens, cooked	3 oz	15	74	4.9
Collard greens, cooked	3 oz	26	119	4.6
Romaine lettuce, raw	3 oz	12	31	2.6
Kale, cooked	3 oz	28	72	2.6
Sesame seeds, raw	1 Tbsp	52	87	1.7
Broccoli, cooked	3 oz	28	46	1.6
Tofu, raw firm	1/2 cup	183	258	1.4
Green beans, cooked	3 oz	35	46	1.3
Soy beans, cooked	1 cup	254	261	1.0

Based on U.S. Department of Agriculture data

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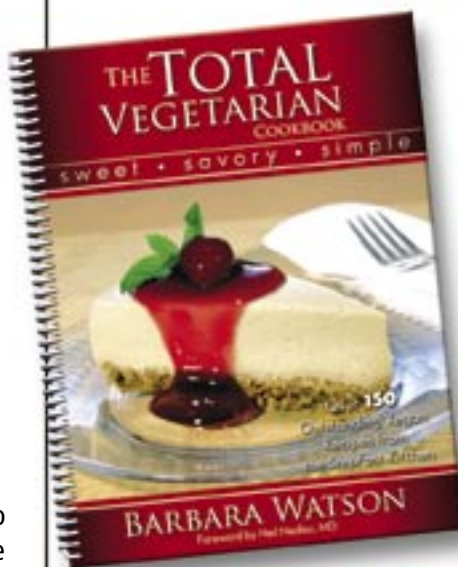
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Besides their extra calcium availability, these foods don't carry the problematic milk sugars and proteins found in dairy products. Milk proteins are the leading cause of food allergies. Found even in low fat and fat-free dairy products, these proteins may cause an immune system response that has been linked to severe cases of atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. A similar immune response has also been linked to Type I diabetes; in fact, there is a direct correlation between Type I diabetes and the amount of dairy products consumed. For some people, immune responses to dairy products may aggravate rheumatoid arthritis; many individuals have found that eliminating these foods from their diets reduces RA symptoms. Because milk is deficient in iron and can even bind with the iron in other food sources and prevent its absorption, milk is the number one cause of iron-deficiency anemia in children. The lack of fiber in dairy products is another count against them; low-fiber diets lead to constipation, varicose veins, hemorrhoids, hiatal hernias, and colon cancer. Growth



hormones injected into dairy cows raise the levels of a substance called IGF-1 which may increase the risk of certain cancers. Even low fat dairy products contain saturated fat, the culprit in both heart attacks and cancers, the two leading causes of death in America. The hormones and saturated fat in milk and milk products can also worsen symptoms of both PMS and menopause; recall the plant-based Japanese diet: the Japanese don't even have a word for hot flashes!

Compared calorie for calorie, milk just doesn't stack up. The healthiest sources of calcium are leafy green vegetables and legumes. We would do well to move more toward a vegetable and fruit-based diet, limiting the use of animal products to one or two servings per week. —



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