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SETTING DATES FOR CHRIST'S RETURN



UP Ultimate Purpose

BY DOUG BATCHELOR

I remember getting the dreadful news that my son Micah had died in an accident. It was a brutal heartache beyond words. Seeing him on display in the funeral home, I thought, "If only he could just open his eyes and tell me it was all a bad dream, that he was alive."

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important purpose in mind—to seek first the kingdom of God!

This is such a tremendous opportunity. Many students will come; they'll be listening closely to these messages. That's why I earnestly ask for your prayers—that God will bless my preparations and move with His Holy Spirit as I present His case. This is also a major

investment for Amazing Facts, one we make by faith because it is such an important work. If you believe reaching college-age students is worthy of your financial support, will you please send a gift today? You will be helping many to experience a spiritual resurrection.




Finally, as you've probably noticed, this issue of the *Inside Report* is a bit different. We discovered that we can save thousands in postage each issue while still delivering the same news and inspiration to faithful friends like you—and increase our direct evangelism budget—with this smaller format. Let us know your thoughts by writing to editor@amazingfacts.org. 

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“My doctor is flabbergasted!”

“I had been struggling with an addiction to a prescription drug for 10 years. I lost hope and even felt like I didn’t want to continue living as a slave to



those pills. One day on TV I watched Pastor Doug. Then I looked up every YouTube video he posted and filled myself with knowledge. It led me to this website. It took a long time to work up the courage, but I sent in a prayer request asking for help in receiving deliverance so I could offer my entire self to Christ. Twenty days later was the last day I ever took the

drug. I have not had one withdrawal symptom. . . . I believe through your intercessory prayer God delivered me. My doctor is flabbergasted! When I received your email reply reading that you were praying for me, somehow I knew I should stop. I was afraid, but I was granted my miracle. I was baptized April 1, 2012. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.” *Rene, North Carolina*

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“Thank you for following the call of teaching people about the Ten Commandments. I watched a few minutes of your program in Bainbridge, Georgia, and I know God arranged for me to hear every word. May God continue to richly bless you with His love.” *Ebbie, email*



From One Pastor to Another

“Please tell Pastor Doug that I am a pastor (35 years in ministry) who used to shout when he was on TV. I was trying to prove him wrong biblically but could not. For some reason I never did shut him off (thank God); his preaching and the Word of God have convicted me. I am so thankful that I did not turn off the TV. So keep up the good work; he is really having an impact on many others just like me.” *Larry, Missouri*



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“Thank you for the timely message. It touched my heart tonight. It is easy to become



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very thought-provoking. I appreciate your ministry.” *Elias, web comment*

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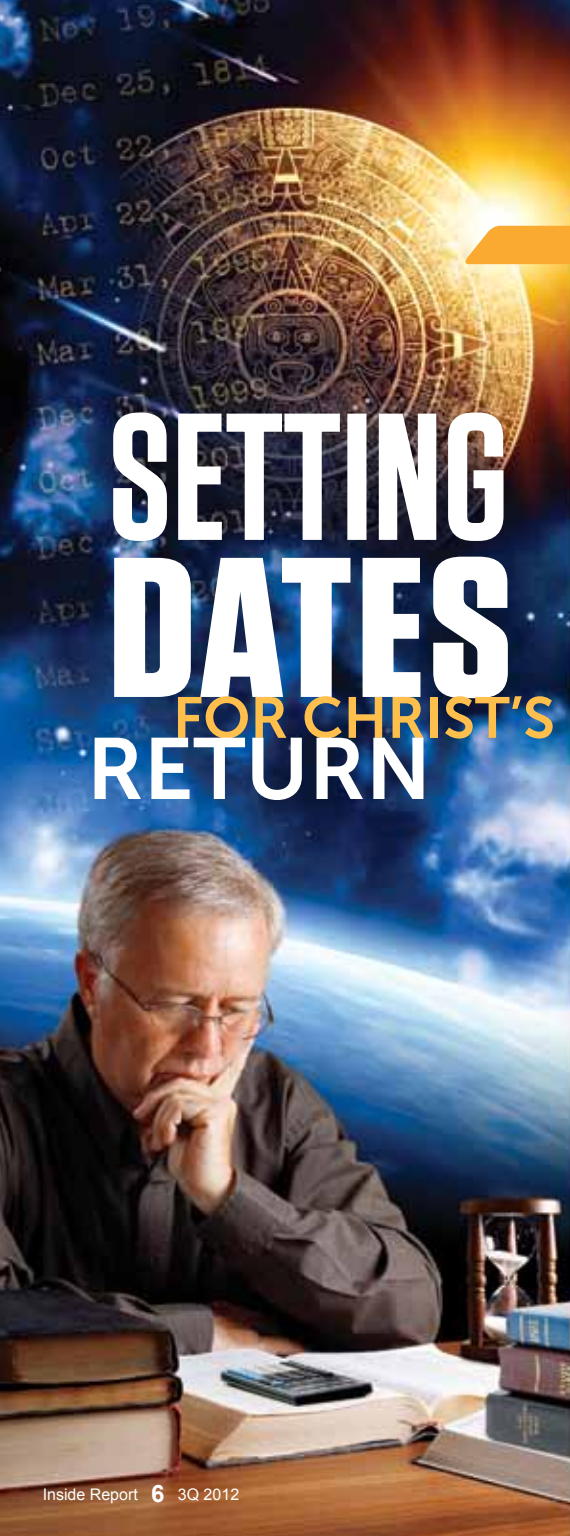
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By Pastor Doug Batchelor

*"Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But when the desire comes, it is a tree
of life." —Proverbs 13:12 (NKJV)*

SETTING DATES FOR CHRIST'S RETURN

Few things cause more sadness than failed expectations. Over time, many believers have been discouraged by failed predictions of Jesus' coming.

Jesus cautions in Matthew 24:11, "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." It's a straightforward warning that He repeats a little later in verse 24. He says, "If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not" (v. 23).

The subject of this article is extremely important: dealing with the danger of setting or embracing particular dates for Jesus' return. Christians need to be reminded periodically what the Bible plainly says about this perilous practice, even now, when it seems like His return could come at any moment.

When anyone starts predicting the day and hour of the second coming, in light of everything Jesus said about what we can know and what we can't know, it's reckless.

Still, we've all been exposed to these false predictions, and it's not going to stop. Probably one of the most well-known episodes in recent times was when Harold Camping, president of Family Radio, predicted that Christ would return May



21, 2011. When that date passed, he said it would be October 21, 2011—and obviously, if you're reading this article, we're still here. His adherents were so convinced that judgment day would occur that many sold everything they had to announce this prediction all across America.

Sadly, Camping had already once predicted that Jesus would come in September 1994. His followers did not learn from his first mistake, but had they known their Bibles, they would have seen the Word is very clear on the matter of date setting. That's why it's so important for you and I to be clear about it too.

A Brief History of Date Setting

History is replete with those who have set a date or two for Christ to return—and then watched those dates come and go. There isn't enough space here to cover all of the false prognostications, but it would be good to cover a few high points.

But first, let me clarify that some of these date setters were well meaning, so

I'm not judging their love for the Lord. Some of them just misapplied Bible verses and overzealously proclaimed it on a grand scale ...

- William Miller, a well-intentioned and godly man, said the Lord was coming October 22, 1844. He took Bible prophecies that talked about the sanctuary and misapplied them to the second coming. I believe he had an accurate date but the wrong event.
- Hal Lindsey wrote the bestselling book *The Late Great Planet Earth*, in which he predicted Jesus would come in 1988. Thousands got excited, but none of it happened. Today, Lindsey still has a TV program where he explains prophecy.
- Edgar C. Whisenant sold 4.5 million copies of his book *88 Reasons Why the Lord Is Going to Come by 1988*. Trinity Broadcasting Network interrupted their programming to tell people how to get ready for the rapture. The next day, their normal programming simply resumed.

Non-Christians Aren't Immune

It's not just Christians who are interested in apocalyptic date setting. Remember Y2K? And once again a troubled world is asking questions about the end. You've

likely heard about the Mayan calendar, which some say declares the last day on December 21, 2012. However ...

Authors disagree about what humankind should expect. ... Sandra Noble, executive director of the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, says, "For the ancient Maya, it was a huge celebration to mark the end of the whole cycle; to render December 21st, 2012 as a doomsday ... *is a complete fabrication* and a chance for a lot of people to cash in" (*USA Today*, 3/27/2007, emphasis added).

Did you catch that? It's not only televangelists trying to "cash in" on date setting. It's also people trying to sell books or tickets to a movie.

My wife Karen and I were in Belize recently and explored the Mayan ruins. At one point, I was sitting in a van with a driver who was Mayan and asked him about it. He just laughed and said, "It doesn't mean anything." So why do we get so excited about these things?

Do We Really Want to Know?

There's a certain amount of insecurity we all feel about the future, knowing our lives are going to end. Perhaps some just want to know when their time is up so they can fit everything in on their bucket list before it's too late.

Still, if you could know the day you were going to die, would you want to? What if I told you it was 100 years from now? Would you feel better about it? If it's next week, would you want to know? Are you ready for it? For you, the jury might still be out.

What kind of attitude should you have about the second coming? Fortunately, the Bible tells us. Even in New Testament times, self-styled prophets were unsettling everybody by predicting dates for the end. Paul writes quite a bit about the second coming in 2 Thessalonians. He

says, "Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord ... we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter" (2:1, 2 NKJV).

It's interesting that he says not to be troubled. Everything else we read in the Bible offers a sense of urgency—"I am



*"It is not for you to
know times or seasons
which the Father has put
in His own authority."*

—Acts 1:7

coming quickly"—yet Paul says here, "Wait a second! Don't be shaken." Even if you have a dream, hear it spoken by a famous evangelist, read it in a bestselling book, or even if a spirit appears saying it has the exact date calculated—don't be troubled! Why? Because we don't base our conclusions on dreams. It's got to go along with what the Word of God says.

What Does God Want Us to Know?

Does the Lord want you to calculate the day of His coming? In Mathew 24, Jesus says, regarding the temple in Jerusalem, that not one stone was going to be left upon another. His disciples surely thought, "Wow! That must be the end of the world!" So they asked Jesus when these things would be. But see how Jesus answers them in verse 36: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

In Acts 1:6, we read, "They asked Him, saying, 'Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' And He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or

seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.'" Notice that emphasis—the Father has it in His own authority.

Instead, Jesus takes them from their focus on *when* He's coming back and places it elsewhere. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me ... to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8 NKJV). The reason Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit is not so we can untangle a mathematical secret and announce it in a book. No! He gives us the Holy Spirit so we can live godly lives and bring people to the cross.

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them [food] in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his

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Weighing the Truth

by Curtis Rittenour

Allen Haulk of Greeley, Iowa, knows a lot about weighing things. For years he worked for a company that built and installed big scales to weigh big things like trucks. But something more recently was weighing on his heart—the Sabbath.

Allen grew up in Davenport, Iowa. His stepdad worked for a local candy company and his mother worked in bars. Because of learning disabilities and other struggles, Allen never finished high school, yet it didn't keep him from moving forward in life. He began working full-time at age 17; his proficient hands-on and machinist's skills soon led to work in service departments in the south.

While in Little Rock, Arkansas, Allen began attending a Sunday church and was eventually baptized. His involvement with the church grew to the point where he was asked to teach and preach. He also sat on the church board. It was also there where he

found and married Rosemary, who grew up in the Catholic Church but was baptized into his church.

Challenges and Questions

When work with scales began to suffer in the economy, Allen was trained as an orthotist to fit people with prosthetics. Now living in Iowa again, he continued to preach on Sundays in local churches, never accepting wages but always willing to help out.

But then, after four years, he quit church. Something didn't quite set right with what he preached, especially the issue of the Sabbath. "I didn't feel like I was preaching the whole truth."

Eventually, several health challenges gave Allen a reason to slow down, to take time off to study and think more deeply about the Bible, especially the issue of the Sabbath. He finally concluded on his own that Saturday was the Sabbath, but they were unable to find a church that made them feel at home.

Not long after, Allen met Doug Peterson, a Sabbath-keeper, while on a trip to Wisconsin. He and Doug began to study together. One day Doug asked Allen, “Why aren’t you a member of my church?” It got Allen to weigh his spiritual life.

During this time Allen also happened to discover Pastor Doug Batchelor and enjoyed watching him

speak. Because of a back injury, Allen would find himself up at 5:00 A.M. in time to hear the Amazing Facts broadcast. “At this time in my life, I heard Pastor Doug preach a message I needed to hear, a message about getting back to church.”

Then in early February 2012, Amazing Facts evangelist Tyler Long arrived in Dubuque, Iowa, to hold a series of Bible prophecy meetings. Allen was reluctant to go, but the local pastor, Mark Luckiesh, encouraged him to attend. Allen and Rose ended up going to every meeting except one.


Rose says, “I believed everything Tyler preached. We were worshiping on the Sabbath here in our home, but the meetings answered a lot of other questions and put

things in perspective for me. Being raised a Catholic, I had many questions that needed to be settled.” She told Allen, “We’ve visited many churches over the years. I don’t want to join another church. But Tyler’s messages

convicted me. I had a little talk with the Lord and decided it was the right thing to do.”

On March 10, 2012, Allen and Rose were baptized by Pastor Luckiesh.

Though both had been baptized by immersion before, they felt God wanting them to set an example for others. Allen also says, “Christians should not spend all of their time in the four walls of the church. It is so important to reach out to our communities.” Allen is actively involved in prison ministries in their area, sharing the everlasting gospel with those weighing their lives in the darkest of circumstances.

Allen has weighed many large trucks in his life, but nothing compares to the weight of truth he found in the Bible. Thank you for making it possible to reach people like Allen through multiple channels, such as our TV and local church evangelism outreach efforts. You made the difference! 





Reviewing YOUR Estate Plan



Most information written about estate planning is geared to the individual who has no estate plan. Therefore, we often think that once we have signed our wills or planned our estates, we can forget about them.

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 3. Has your plan been reviewed within the last five years? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 4. Do you have a letter of instructions for the distribution of household goods and personal effects? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 5. Have you considered the many advantages of a living trust? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 6. Have there been substantial changes in people, property, or plans for your estate? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 7. Have you done everything possible to avoid interpersonal conflicts among family members? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 8. Is the ownership of your property coordinated with your estate documents? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 9. Have you provided for guardianship and property management for minor children? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 10. When you established your estate plan, did you realize that God was the owner of all and was your plan designed under the direction of the Holy Spirit? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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BIBLE Answers

with
Pastor Doug Batchelor



Is it possible for a person who commits suicide to go to heaven?

This is a very sensitive and difficult issue to address, and I suspect most reading this know of someone, a friend or family member, who made this tragic decision.

I picture two kinds of people when I get this question. One is a discouraged Christian teenager calling *Bible Answers Live* thinking his life has become too painful. He's wondering if he can just say a prayer, kill himself, and still wake up to see Jesus in heaven. I do all I can to convince the person that suicide is a terrible choice that often results in even worse consequences. The Bible says that the just shall live by faith, and suicide, typically, is the result of a total loss of hope and faith (Hebrews 10:38). Further, the Bible tells us, "Thou shalt not kill," which includes oneself. Suicide is a violation of the sixth commandment. So generally speaking, it would appear that if the last act of a person's life were to lose hope and faith and then commit "self-murder," it would not provide great optimism for one's eternity. Instead, it's best to remember that where there is life there is hope. "For him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion" (Ecclesiastes 9:4 NKJV).

The second kind of person I picture is the parent who has lost a child to suicide. Mom and Dad want to know if there is any hope that their precious child could be in the kingdom.

I believe only God truly knows the human heart, which is why I'm glad He has commanded that we


aren't to judge someone's eternal destiny. It goes without saying that most suicides are the result of extreme depression, unbalanced brain chemistry, and compromised thinking processes. God has said that He holds us accountable only for what we know we are doing. Here is a text to contemplate, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

God is far more merciful than we can even imagine. There are some people who have taken their lives because their grief or pain was more than they could bear at that particular moment in time—and in a rash decision, ended it when maybe, had they waited but five minutes, the urge would have passed. They loved the Lord, they served the Lord, but they were in so much agony because of physical suffering or some emotional devastation or chemical change, they tragically took their own lives. I do not believe God judges the panorama of someone's life based on one deadly rut of depression.

Ultimately, I believe that God will take every case into consideration and evaluate it individually. For instance, there was a difference between the suicides of Judas and Saul and that of Samson. There is evidence that Samson repented of abusing the gifts God had given him. Samson's death was not so

much a suicide as it was a sacrifice. Strangely, it was God's Spirit that filled him with the strength to collapse the temple upon himself.

However, I can say with total assurance that it would not be God's will for anyone to take his or her own life as an escape from this world.

He loves each of us with a deeper love than we can know and wants to give us an abundance of life. When things get tough and emotions low, remember nothing can separate you from the love of God and that love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (Romans 8:39; 1 Corinthians 13:7 NKJV). 



If you are in need of a qualified Christian counselor who could assist you in dealing with your struggles or suicidal thoughts, we recommend the New Life Clinics, located throughout the United States. Call 1-800-639-5433 to get immediate help, and they will also help make arrangements for you to see a counselor in your area. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255.

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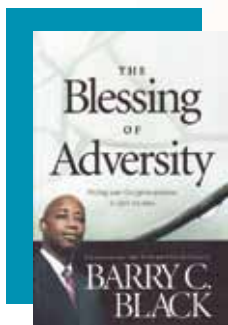
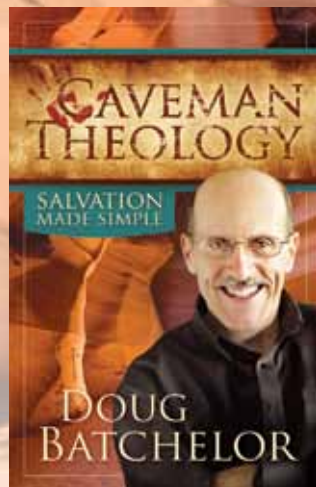
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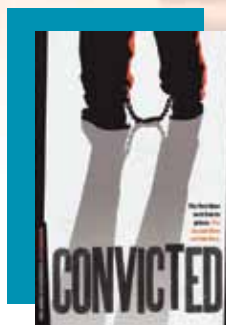
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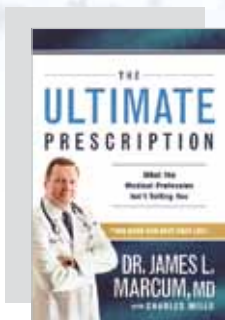
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Canada
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Tyler Long

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Dave Steward

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August 11: Menomonie Church,
Wisconsin

August 18: Le Center Church,
Minnesota

August 25: Clark Fork Church,
Idaho

(Dennis Priebe continued)

September 1: Inchelium Mission
Church, Washington

September 7, 8: Burnaby
Westminster Church, British
Columbia

September 14, 15: Abbotsford
Church, British Columbia

September 21, 22: Seattle South
Center Church, Washington



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Andreas Klungsør

GOD'S EMPLOYEE

Andreas Klungsør, a Norwegian fan of our Study Guides, crosses the Atlantic to ensure the people of Norway have an opportunity to learn about the full and everlasting gospel!

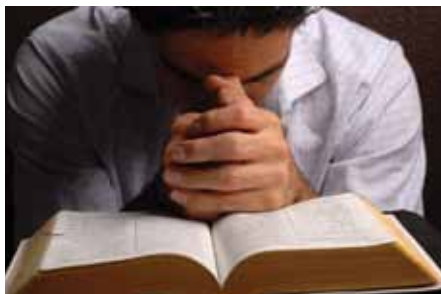
Like almost all Norwegians, I was born and baptized by sprinkling into Norway's state religion, but as an adult, I had no religious interest and at times very much doubted that God even existed.

At the age of 16, I went to sea. Work became my focus, and I quickly worked my way up to chief engineer. By the time I was 34, however, after a six-month stint at sea, I learned that my wife had started attending a Sabbath-keeping church in Aalesund.

Since I have always believed that religious freedom is a human right, I didn't have a problem with it. But she soon wanted to take our children out of the state church, which forced me to make a choice. It was a serious decision, so I researched this new church very closely. For the next two months, I went to church every Sabbath. I also bought a Bible and borrowed *The Great Controversy* and

several other books. They all made a great impression on me. When I left for sea again, I continued to study the Bible carefully against everything this new church taught.

During this two months, I quit using tobacco and alcohol. I also agreed to resign our children from the state church. I also resigned. The next year, realizing it was impossible to keep the Sabbath in my current position, I quit my job at sea and instead became a mechanic on a shipyard near home. This job had a much lower





salary and was less than I needed to care for my family. Regardless, I decided to trust that the Lord would provide. I was also baptized into the church, and from day one I paid my tithes, even if my financial statements showed I couldn't afford it! Amazingly, just before my savings were depleted, God provided me well-paying work as an engineer and my financial challenges were solved!

Looking back, I can really see how the Lord has blessed. He has led me to a situation where I can afford to work for Him the rest of my life while living off my savings.

Connecting With Amazing Facts

My first contact with Amazing Facts was through Lifestyle TV in Norway. They broadcast several Amazing Facts programs, and my attention was drawn to *Central Study Hour*. The teachers were good and the topics well explained; I even started using it as preparation for Sabbath school in my church.

On one program, Pastor Doug advertised the Amazing Facts *Prophecy Study Bible*. It caught my attention because I had wanted an English-language Bible since I often

attended camp meetings featuring American speakers. I looked it up on afbookstore.com and a few weeks later I had it in my hands.

I also discovered the Bible had all the Study Guides included in the back, but even though they looked interesting, I didn't have time to read them then.

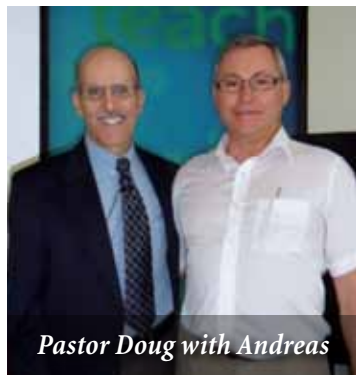
But last summer, I gave these Guides my priority. I read through all 27 in one week. I was amazed. This was it! This was the end-time message the world needed. I searched

amazingfacts.org and saw these Guides were available in several languages, but not in Norwegian. I immediately felt a call from the Lord to do something about it, knowing the Norwegian people had an urgent need for a message like this.

In September 2011, Ted Wilson came to Oslo, Norway, and I went to hear him speak. I was able to tell him about my plan to translate the Study Guides into Norwegian and make them available for the Norwegian people. He liked the idea and put me in contact with Amazing Facts. On November 24, I had a DVD with all the original Study Guides in my hands.

At the same time, I started a Bible study group at my home, and four people have

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Pastor Doug with Andreas



— AFCOE GLOBAL — THE PHILIPPINES

Amazing Facts evangelist Lowell Hargreaves offers an inspiring update on our AFCOE Global school in the Philippines.

BIG things have been happening at AFCOE in the Philippines (PAFCOE)! We completed our first school session in June, graduating 23 faithful students after intensive classroom work and practical experience in the mission field—just like we do at AFCOE in North America. Not only did they learn essential Bible doctrines and prophecy, they learned how to share their faith anytime, anywhere.

It was a huge blessing to have this first team of students engaged in our PAFCOE five-week “Mysteries of Prophecy” series as part of their training. Taking classes during the day and conducting a full-scale evangelistic effort in the evening left them little time for anything else, but the Lord blessed their time abundantly.

After the conclusion of that series, 84 souls were baptized. One of our students, Jowel, had 15 of his Bible study interests

baptized! One of these is a lady named Beth. Her husband had attended Christian schools growing up but discouraged her from joining the church. His father, Beth’s father-in-law, is a stroke victim

but had been studying the Bible with Jowel. When PAFCOE started, Ayolani Hill, an AFCOE graduate brought in to teach home remedies at PAFCOE, took some of her students to his home and began giving him treatments. He began to recover feeling in the side of his body affected by the stroke. It made a

profound spiritual impact on him, along with his granddaughter Bethany.

When I visited them, Beth told me her only hesitation for baptism was her husband. As we talked, I asked her, “If Jesus came here and asked, ‘Do you love me?’ what would you tell Him?” Without hesitation, she responded, “Yes.” I replied, “And



if He were to ask you, ‘Beth, do you love me enough to get baptized this Sabbath? what would you say?’ She smiled and said, ‘I’d have to tell Him, ‘Yes.’”

So Beth, together with Bethany and both in-laws, were baptized in the blue waters of the ocean the next Sabbath. Her



father-in-law was one of the last baptized. Four pastors carried him out into the ocean in a plastic chair and gently buried him, chair and all, in the water.

PAFCOE Students in the Field

Our focus then shifted to student-run prophecy seminars in May. With 20 sites across the Philippines, our students conducted their own month-long series. This is part of the PAFCOE training and a requirement for graduation.

Every skydiver feels a certain “thrill” when he’s about to jump out into thin air. I often feel a similar excitement

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The poster features a man in a dark t-shirt crouching on the edge of the Earth, looking down at an open book. The background is a deep blue space with stars and a bright light source. The AFCOE logo is a circular seal with the text 'CENTER OF AMAZING FACTS AFCOE EVANGELISM' around the perimeter.

NEWS to NOTE



New Look for AmazingFacts.org!

We're in the process of refreshing our homepage with a new look and new user-friendly tools to help improve your Bible study and learning experience. We're also making it easier for surfers to find article, video, and audio archives that will open up the Bible for them in new and exciting ways. We hope to debut the new website by the end of August, so make sure you stop by!

Warehouse Studio Construction Begins

Amazing Facts began converting old warehouse space into a media studio in June. We need our own TV production studio to create high-quality, up-to-date video that can reach millions with trustworthy Bible information. Your gifts to this project ensure that we can create new programming and save money in the process. After clearing out some space, the construction crew has begun sound-proofing the studio—the next step in an exciting new direction for the ministry!



AFCOE in Germany

In the picture above is our graduating class from the spring 2012 AFCOE session! But AFCOE isn't just a North American outreach. In addition to the Philippines, we've also opened branches in England, Ukraine, and India. And after returning from a special AFCOE to Go session in Germany, we're now looking to start a permanent school in the very place the Reformation began. Our training is truly sweeping over the world! In 2011, nearly 200 souls were baptized as a direct result of AFCOE Global! Praise the Lord!

Work in China Growing

China is a notoriously difficult mission field, but we are thrilled to say that we know of at least seven secret baptisms in 2011 as a result of our Internet and literature sharing campaign in that nation. We wish we could say more, but please know your support of our efforts to share the three angels' message in China is bearing tremendous fruit. Our next steps are making our Study Guides available online and more translation of our best outreach tools into Mandarin and Cantonese.



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found these Guides very interesting, and three of them have accepted the Sabbath truth. My local church members are also looking forward to seeing them on the Internet for personal study and for sharing with others.

Across the Sea

On February 29, 2012, the translation work was complete, and all 27 Study Guides were sent to Susan Kollenberg at Amazing Facts. Foreseeing a possibility that a last check of the Norwegian text would be needed, I offered to come over to Amazing Facts to do that, picking up my own expenses.

I flew into Sacramento on May 1 and started immediately on the job. I was accommodated at Weimar, a lovely place filled with friendly people, and in between

all the work, I also found time for rest and peace. The job was done on Friday, May 11, and I returned back to Norway on May 13. The Guides are now available at www.amazingfacts.org in the Norwegian language, and my prayer is that every Norwegian-speaking person will be aware of it and search the truth in them guided by the Holy Spirit.

Finally, I thank Amazing Facts for the cooperation I experienced and for taking care of me in such a good way while I was in California. I also want to thank the members at Sacramento Central Church; without them, there would be no broadcasting and millions wouldn't have the blessing and inspiration that comes from watching the live streaming and the TV programs around the world! 

HAVE A PLAN

Follow-up for Your Great Controversy Outreach

Amazing Facts is supporting the church's worldwide *Great Controversy* book project by offering discounted prices on our classic Study Guides. For the remainder of 2012, we're discounting these lessons by 10 percent when you buy 100 or more! Make the most of your outreach and save!

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when I'm about to start a new outreach. For our 23 students, it was a mixture of excitement and fear, since most had never done anything like this in their lives.

The final week of classes was a whirlwind of activity, as we conducted final exams, final preaching practice, and final meeting preparations. The children's



programs alone seemed overwhelming, as we prepared 50,000 crafts for the 2,000 children

we were expecting. But God helped the team do the impossible, and boxes of supplies were shipped off with students to their various sites.

Some students went by bus, some by car, some by boat, and a few by air, but all accepted the challenge to "go." My family and I packed up for our own series in San Jose as well.


God Is Blessing AFCOE Global!

The reports we received from our students are thrilling! Many faced great odds in just getting their meetings started, but all reported good attendance and were amazed to see how God used their efforts. And considering all the difficulties, the adversary must not be happy. In one area, because of prejudice against Sabbath-keepers, our student had to broadcast his series on radio for safety reasons—but in the end, the Holy Spirit moved dozens of listeners to call in to request baptism! In the end, for all series combined, more than 375 were baptized!

*Many made decisions
for baptism.*



The gratitude in our hearts for God is not only in seeing so many people saved, but to see the joy in our students when they gained decisions for Jesus. And for those

who have helped sponsor these students and PAFCOE, our staff extends a heartfelt "Thank you!" This global outreach training could never have been realized without your support and prayers. 

*Visit <http://pafcoe.blogspot.com> to
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efforts in the Philippines.*

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TV

AMAZING FACTS PRESENTS

A weekly 30-minute program with Pastor Doug that explores the Bible in depth, offering practical guidance and information for Christian living, prophecy, and more!

JULY 22 & 29

BOWING TO BABYLON, PARTS 1 & 2

Explore the ancient Bible kingdoms that established their own systems of worship in defiance of the Creator and how this will soon be repeated in the last days.

AUGUST 5 & 12

THE MILLENNIUM OF PEACE, PARTS 1 & 2

What is the millennium? Find out what the Bible really says about this mysterious era to come and what you'll be doing for a thousand years!

AUGUST 19

ARMAGEDDON COUNTDOWN

Open up the fascinating pages of the Bible to discover just how close we really are to the end of this age—and how you can be ready to meet Jesus in the clouds!

AUGUST 26 & SEPTEMBER 2

A TALE OF TWO WOMEN, PARTS 1 & 2

Is there really such a thing as God's "true church"? You can believe it! Pastor Doug opens up the pages of Revelation to show you how to identify it.

SEPTEMBER 9

NICODEMUS: BORN AGAIN

Explore the story of Nicodemus, a curious Pharisee who asked Jesus about the road to salvation. A powerful message about baptism and eternal life you don't want to miss!

SEPTEMBER 16
BROKEN PEOPLE

No matter what's happening to you, God will help you see it through. Discover life anew in this incredible message of hope that will bring you joy and assurance.

SEPTEMBER 23
EXTRAVAGANT GIVING

Is tithing *really* a part of a faithful Christian life? Dig into Scripture for a true picture of what God really asks of your finances and why it still matters.

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lord when he cometh shall find so doing” (Matthew 24:45, 46). Jesus wants us to be feeding others the Word of God. He doesn’t want us to be running off to some wilderness hideout, holing up like hermits waiting for the end. You might have met people like this. They want to calculate a date because they want to know when to start liquidating their assets, running to the hills, storing up their ammo and dry goods.

They want to know that *they* are ready for the end. Who are they thinking about? Themselves. They’re not thinking about helping the lost get ready to meet Jesus.

Christians ought to be as motivated to share the gospel now as His disciples were then. Christ has not withdrawn His commission simply because He’s closer to coming back than yesterday. Why do we need a date to stir us up? After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, our church had our best attendance in years. We had people spilling out of the sanctuary. They thought, “Maybe it’s the end; I’d better get back to church.” But Luke 12:40 says, “Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.”

You Might **Not** Know What You Think You Know

As a prophecy teacher, I’ve often been asked if the ongoing economic crisis is a sign that Jesus is coming. My answer is, “Yes and no.” (I’m not trying to hedge my bets, mind you.) Yes in that it shows we can’t put our trust in money. But no in that Jesus doesn’t say that after great economic stress He’ll come. He actually suggests otherwise: “As it was also in the days of Lot: they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded” (Luke 17:28). In the days of Lot, the citizens were out being



industrious and investing their gold the same day the end came.

In a sense, the prophecies of Scripture are better understood looking back. For instance, we know Jesus prophesied His death to the apostles. How many times did He tell them plainly that He was going to be betrayed, crucified, and would rise again? How much good did it do for the disciples? In Luke 24:6–8, after the faithful women arrived at the tomb, the angels said,

He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words.

Typically, the truth of the future can be kind of fantastical—it goes in one ear and out the other because it's beyond our understanding. Jesus says in John 13:19, “Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.” He’s saying He wants to reveal the future so that when those events happen, people will understand that Jesus is the point of all prophecy. Indeed, prophecy isn’t always about knowing exactly when this or that will happen.

What We Can Know Today

How can we be prepared if we don’t know the date? Jesus says,

When it is evening you say, “It will be fair weather, for the sky is red”; and in the morning, “It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and



threatening.” ... You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times (Matthew 16:2, 3 NKJV).

If you're in the south and you see the barometric pressure dropping, you know it's time to batten down the hatches. You might not know exactly when that storm will strike, but you do know to be prepared.

In the same way, when we look at the confluence of everything happening in our world, it's significant. Wars and rumors of war are a daily headline. Political and religious tensions are growing. Monstrous natural disasters seem to strike every other month. Doesn't it seem to you that

if Christ doesn't come soon, all flesh would die? But knowing this isn't about a date or hour—it's about something else altogether.

How You Can Be Ready Even When You Don't Know

First Thessalonians 5:1–3 is an impressive warning for the people of God:

Concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

The Lord is not coming at a time when people are looking for a fire escape. Rather, Jesus is going to come at a time when His people are serving Him because of their love for Him. Luke 21:34 says, “Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly” (NKJV). If we get caught

up in the cares of the world, we won't be preparing our hearts to meet Jesus.

If we're living lives of consistent surrender and obedience and looking for opportunities to share our faith, we won't need to worry about the date on the calendar because we'll be ready every day for the Lord's coming!

A Spiritual Rush and Depression

One of the major problems with date setting is that it's like getting your vigor from eating a giant candy bar; sure, you'll feel a surge of energy, but there will be lethargy afterward. Setting a date gives people an artificial spiritual high. When the date passes, there is a corresponding depression that follows.

The fallout for these false alarms can be an attitude of increasing doubt about


the Word of God—like the boy who cried, “Wolf!” Read 2 Peter 3:4 and ask yourself how motivated you would be to live for Christ if you were to stop believing He's really coming.

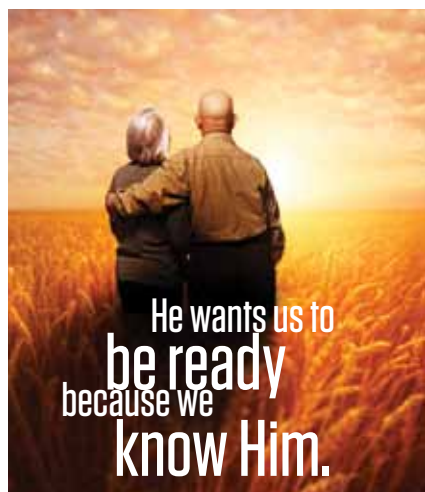
His Promise Is Sure

Thousands of date setters have failed, but that doesn't mean the Lord has forgotten about us. He's coming back; we might not know the day and the hour, but we know He is coming and the time is near. We just need to be ready for it.

Remember, the Lord doesn't want us to get ready because we know the date. He wants us to be ready because we know Him. If you're motivated to get ready because you know a date, you have the wrong motive. How would you live if you thought Jesus was coming in a week? I ask you to live like that now for the rest of your life. Just be the way He wants you to be because you love Him and know He is coming someday soon.

Maybe you haven't truly accepted Jesus as your Savior, trying to wait until the eleventh hour to get ready. Don't tempt fate. Wouldn't you like to know that you're ready now? God is coming to rescue us from the sin-stained world—that's a promise.

My prayer is that the Lord will deliver all His people from our inclination to calculate and fix the date on our calendars. Instead, let's invite Him into our hearts now so we can be ready at any moment. 



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God's Healing



by Michelle Irwin

In Genesis 9:13, God sets a rainbow in the sky and says, "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." It's amazing to me how He fashioned the rainbow out of the light of the sun and the water of the sky to create such beauty. Similarly, all plant life needs water and light

for life. Is it possible, too, that God gave us healing promises in the rainbow of colorful fruits and vegetables that come from the earth?

In this article, we'll explore the various health benefits of fruits and vegetables by their respective colors relating to the rainbow.



Red

Red fruits and vegetables contain lycopene, which help fight and prevent cancer. They also contain anthocyanins, which are powerful antioxidants that protect cells. Antioxidants are also important to heart health. Some "red" examples include:

Apples, Red	Cabbage, Red
Cherries	Cranberries
Grapes, Red	Goji Berries
Lettuce, Red Leaf	Peppers, Red
Pomegranates	Potatoes, Red
Raspberries	Rhubarb
Ruby Red Grapefruit	Strawberries
Tomatoes	Watermelon



Orange & Yellow

Orange and yellow fruits and vegetables contain beta-carotene, which also help fight and prevent cancer. Beta-carotene is beneficial for the eyes, heart, and the immune system. Examples include:

Apricots	Butternut Squash
Cantaloupe	Carrots
Grapefruit	Lemons
Mangoes	Nectarines
Oranges	Peppers, Orange
Papaya	Peaches
Pears	Persimmons
Pineapple	Tangerines
Yams	Peppers, Yellow
Squash, Yellow	Watermelon, Yellow



Green

Green fruits and vegetables are made up of chlorophyll, which contains lutein and folic acid. Lutein protects against macular degeneration, and folic acid is an important B vitamin that protects against birth defects. The “green” group is also critical for cell regeneration and healing. Here are some examples:

- Apples, Green
- Avocados
- Brussels Sprouts
- Collard Greens
- Dandelion Greens
- Honeydew Melon
- Limes
- Parsley
- Swiss Chard
- Zucchini
- Artichokes
- Bok Choy
- Celery
- Comfrey
- Fennel
- Kiwi
- Okra
- Peas
- Tomatillo
- Asparagus
- Broccoli
- Chives
- Cucumber
- Green Beans
- Lettuce
- Onions, Green
- Spinach
- Wheatgrass



Blue

Blue fruits and vegetables contain powerful antioxidants that protect cells. They also help reduce the risk of cancer, stroke, and heart disease—while slowing the aging process! Some examples include:

- Broccoli, Purple
- Carrot, Purple
- Kelp
- Cauliflower, Blue
- Grapes, Blue
- Blueberries



Indigo

Indigo foods are good sources of vitamin K and lycopene. Here are a few examples:

- Blackberries
- Black Currants
- Boysenberries
- Black Beans
- Black Olives
- Plums
- Black Cherries
- Black Raspberry
- Prunes




Violet

Violet foods are rich in antioxidants and vitamins. A few examples include:

- Black Tomatoes
- Elderberries
- Mulberries
- Purple (Red) Onions
- Purple Eggplant
- Purple Green Beans
- Purple Plums
- Dulse (seaweed)
- Kohlrabi
- Passion Fruit
- Purple Cabbage
- Purple Grapes
- Purple Peppers

Just as there are seven colors of the rainbow, there are seven days of the week. You could incorporate into your diet a selection from each color for each day of the week. Why not make Sunday your “red” day, Monday your “orange” day, Tuesday your “yellow” day, and on down the line? Or try to eat a rainbow every day through juices, salads, smoothies, and soups.

No matter what your strategy is for eating a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables, we can be sure that God’s gift of health is certain through His rainbow garden. 

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