

Fresh Facts from the Fishers

In the Nick of Time

A girl in Uruguay listens regularly to TWR and another religious station. **The other station said the story of Jonah was a parable**, making her upset because she had always thought it was true. A few days later, *Truth in the Test Tube* spoke about Jonah. We asked, "Was a fish big enough to swallow Jonah?" Yes! In fact, whale sharks have been observed longer than 40 feet, able to swallow a man with room to spare!

Hearing that and other documented facts, she became more calm and **confident that the Bible is true**. She concluded, "Thank you for the program, for broadcasting the truth."

By the way, Spurgeon wrote about Jonah, "God never allows His children to sin successfully."

The providential part:

None of us at TWR had a clue that the other station was raising the subject. I had sent the script to our Spanish staff weeks before. Thank God for **coordinating the air dates** – that our answer came just days after the "upsetting" denial.

From Czech Listeners

- "I always hear something interesting and valuable."
- A woman – "I like the programs of *Truth in the Test Tube* very much."
- "It is really great that you are offering such excellent programs. ...I am interested to have **all the programs** – I will **use those in the youth group**."
- "Please, could you send me written text of the TTT programs..."

In English

A man responded to my interview with astronaut Charlie Duke: "I can't wait to see the universe from God's perspective – the glory of God indeed!"

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Man Becomes His Own God

An article in the August *Money* magazine says, "Channel Your Inner Bill Gates with These Beach Reads." One book he suggests is *Homo Deus*, or "Man God." A reviewer says the author predicts that humans will evolve into a "human god," endowed with supernatural abilities and even eternal life.

Words like "channeling," "karma," or "human potential" usually refer to some kind of New Age idea. Man is supreme, and there are no absolute "thou shalt." One website cartoon expresses the idea as a "touchy-feely" emotion. Everything "orbits" around our wishes and whims, with us as the center of our own universe.



At the request of Spanish broadcaster Esteban Larrosa, I'm working on scripts to deal with this deception that is so dominant in many countries. One helpful book is *Larson's Book of World Religions and Alternative Spirituality*, by Bob Larson, from Tyndale House Publishers.

Give Your Hands a Hand

There are no muscles in our fingers. To enable the hands and fingers to be compact and flexible, their muscles are located in the forearm, between the elbow and the wrist. The muscles work remotely from there, pulling on tendons that activate the hands – like strings controlling a marionette.

Talk about versatility! The hands can break rocks with a hammer and chisel, then gently pick up a potato chip without crushing it.

The punch line on that script is that our hands deserve **"a hand" of applause**. But the real credit belongs to God for making them!

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Health Updates

Eleanor has had at least two episodes of atrial fibrillation. Medication seems to be keeping it under control.

Dave's latest PSA number is 3.41, down from 23 three months ago. Anything under 4 is considered OK, but we'll take it lower.

He may have to live with misplaced spinal vertebrae. The disease has weakened bones, so doctors advise not manipulating them into place. The discomfort is usually minor.

Want More?

Our prayer letters can give only brief summaries of topics we cover. For your own curiosity, or to strengthen your witness to friends and family, you can find full-length scripts of "Was a Fish Big Enough to Swallow Jonah?" and "Give Your Hands a Hand" – plus lots of other topics designed to capture the interest of sceptics as well as believers. Some topics also have audio.

It's all **free/gratis/complimentary** at <https://www.twr360.org/ministry/16/truth-in-the-test-tube/lang.1>.

"Holy Dissatisfaction"

That's an expression the late Dr. Ralph Freed used, when he was Field Director at the Monte-Carlo station. He emphasized that "every creature" needs to hear the good news of what Christ can do for them.

Various people have suggested *Truth in the Test Tube* could be useful in more languages. For example, many citizens of the former Soviet republics – alphabetically from Armenia to Ukraine – were taught "scientific atheism." They scoff at John 3:16 **until they're convinced of Genesis 1:1.**

Portuguese, Please?

Another missionary suggests that Brazil, with its 211 million people, could benefit from having it in Portuguese. And several language producers say more stations will air a 5-minute program than the current 15.

Which possibilities are merely for a human "wish list"? And which are God's will? Please pray for wisdom and provision.

Travel Plans

Dave flies to a scientific conference in Colorado July 28-31. While there, he plans to see granddaughter Katrina, her husband Mike, and great grandson Charles Haddon Benjamin. On the way home, he will visit son Paul's family in Arizona.

August 28-30 he will be in meetings at TWR headquarters in North Carolina.



Targets for Prayer

- **That health issues will remain under control.**
- **Our German branch has produced a pilot program. Please pray for regular production to begin soon.**
- **For God's wisdom regarding new languages and formats.**
- **That new listeners will find the program and believe.**
- **That God will convince listeners that we're telling them the Truth.**
- **That each grandchild will follow God's will in all life choices.**

Yours for Christian credibility,
Dave and Eleanor Fisher

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