

Fresh Facts from the Fishers

Reading a Book Without Opening It?

How do you start a conversation about God, with someone who never opens a Bible? One way is to arouse curiosity with a provocative question.

So we began one program by asking how you can you read something, when it's been **burned** so badly that it looks like a lump of charcoal?



The charred scroll

Archaeologists found it on the Dead Sea shore, in En-Gedi, a city destroyed by fire in A.D. 600. It looked so burned that they saw no hope of reading it – and so fragile that a touch could break it into dust particles!

But with high-tech imaging and computer processing, they deciphered and read entire pages, finding they were part of Leviticus.

When God Opens *His* Books

We used that to illustrate the judgment described in Revelation 20, “And books are opened.” We said, “I can visualize that scene. God reads a man's record and pronounces him guilty and deserving eternal punishment. The man protests, ‘But God, I **burned** that book! You have no evidence against me!’

“God replies, ‘I reconstructed it – with all the phone and electronic messages you ever sent. Do you dispute my information?’”

The man admits the record is accurate, and that he deserves to be punished forever. “...Every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.”

We closed with an invitation to be ready for when “the books are opened.”

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Fire at TWR HQ

Fires broke out at TWR's international headquarters in Cary, NC, December 22 and again December 23. They are being investigated as criminal acts. Thank God no one was injured. While affected areas are being rebuilt, some staff are working in an adjacent building, others working from home.

Insurance will cover a lot of reconstruction and other expenses, but with deductibles and other replacement costs, we're expecting to need at least \$100,000 out-of-pocket cost.

Firing Up “The Big One”

Imagine a single station with this reach:

- Northward to **Cuba** and the Caribbean, **nearly to Florida**, and
- Southward into Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil and elsewhere.



Old coverage in blue, new coverage in red

This map is a composite of Bonaire's outreach. We focus the power **like a fire-hose nozzle** to specific targets. Examples, to Cuba during some Spanish hours, to Brazil during Portuguese hours, etc.

The 450,000-watt transmitter was to begin operating in January – at 800 on the AM dial. No need for shortwave or other specialized radios. Everyone has AM!

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Why Do Atheists Like *Star Wars*?

Hollywood released another *Star Wars* sequel, showing extra-terrestrials “a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.”

For many viewers, it was just innocent amusement. But *Psychology Today* ran an article “Atheists Love Aliens,” saying “The less people believe in God, the more they believe in E.T.” Why would that be?

If God Doesn't Exist...

Because if intelligent life exists only on Earth, it may be a unique creation of God. But if it exists in other worlds, it makes it easier to believe that natural processes like evolution created it. It gives an alternative (at least in the imagination) to believing God made us and we're accountable to Him.

Why haven't aliens at least sent radio signals to tell us they're there? Maybe aliens once existed, but they developed such lethal military technology, that they destroyed themselves.

Alternatively, radio and TV signals have been entering space from Earth for decades. If aliens observed our wars, violence and murders, maybe they reasoned they would not enjoy our company.

Scientists are asking, “Where are they? Do they really exist?” It's fun to fantasize that E.T.s may have existed “a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.” But it's more important to be in contact with the “true and living” God who exists today.

Listeners Respond

- David reacted to “A Brain Built with Brilliance,” saying, “It has made me aware of myself.” How “fearfully and wonderfully” God has made us!
- Vusi liked a Christmas program, “How Could a Virgin Be a Mother” and commented, “There is power!” (We're not sure whether he or she means “God has the power to do this miracle” or “This is a powerful explanation” of an issue that had been a puzzler.)

Health Update

Dave has symptoms that seem to indicate an early stage of Parkinson's Disease. He's controlling it by exercise and medication.

His cancer is also being kept in the “safe zone” with an injection every quarter.



Targets for Prayer

- **That listeners in Bonaire's expanded coverage area will find the station soon after it begins its full-power operation. It includes the Spanish version of *Truth in the Test Tube*.**
- **For wisdom in choosing topics that will catch the attention of unsaved people, and discernment in presenting spiritual points convincingly.**
- **That health issues will remain under control.**
- **For God's wisdom and provision regarding new languages and formats.**
- **That each grandchild will follow God's will in all life choices.**

Yours for Christian credibility,
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