

Fresh Facts from the Fishers

A Christian on the Moon

We used the fiftieth anniversary of the first man on the moon, to feature the testimony of astronaut Charlie Duke. He told about his involvement in 5 of the 9 Apollo moon missions – including the Apollo 13 “Houston, we have a problem!” and his conversion to Christ!



Talking to first moon men as Capsule Communicator Houston during Apollo 11



Walking on the moon during Apollo 16



Safely Back on Earth

I recorded an interview with him in 2009. We invite you to listen to both parts of it at <https://www.twr360.org/ministry/16/truth-in-the-test-tube/lang.1>.

He told me about the elation of walking on the moon, but his “tripping up” on Earth. His wife Dottie felt so neglected that she prayed that if God was real, intervene in her life; if not, she wanted to die. The profound change that God made in her impressed him, but he still resisted.

When a “Faith Alive” group came to town for a Friday-through-Sunday event, he reluctantly attended with her. There he saw “a happiness and peace that I never had.” Soon after, he accepted God's gift of salvation.

Looking back, he reflects, “Our focus was all wrong. My mind and body were in good shape, but the spiritual side was bankrupt.”

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For more details and humor, listen to his speech to the American Scientific Affiliation at Baylor University a few hours after our interview. For **audio** <http://www.asa3.org/ASAradio/ASA2009Duke.mp3>. The **video** includes scenes that he took on his way and on the lunar surface, <http://www2.asa3.org/movies/ASA2009Duke.mp4>.

Welcome to the Family



Dahlia Olive Palmer landed on Earth April 13. Dave's grandson Sean and his wife Cassie are the proud parents, making Dave's daughter Louise a grandmother. They live in New Hampshire.

Caesar Augustus Writes...

...**From Peru:** “It is edifying to read the studies and biblical themes. It will serve to invite other friends to instruct us in the Word of God.” *The first two of his four names really are “Caesar Augustus.” For privacy, we won’t tell you the rest.*

Mexico: “It has helped me to understand questions that I had since my childhood and to have scientific and **solid arguments** about evolutionism and the materialists.”

Colombia: “Spectacular glory to God who extends His kingdom.”

Puerto Rico: “They [the programs] provide powerful tools for the apologetics of the gospel. I'm a professor of humanities at the Christian University, **but the textbook is secular and I spend my time fighting with the author.**” *We're glad we can provide ammunition for him.*

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The Moon Olympics

Gravity is only a sixth as strong on the moon as on Earth. So Charlie Duke wanted to see how high he could jump. He told *Business Insider* that stunt put his life in jeopardy.

Duke and mission commander John Young had done their assignments and had a few moments left before they needed to return to the lunar module. Duke decided to engage in what he called the "Moon Olympics." He jumped several feet into the air. But the weight of his life-support backpack flipped him onto his back. He remembers, "The backpack weighed as much as I did. So I went over backwards. It's a fiberglass shell, and it contained all your life-support systems. If it broke, I was dead."

Young helped him to his feet, and Duke listened anxiously to see if he had broken any of the pumps or other mechanisms inside his backpack. He didn't hear anything unusual, and no hissing that would indicate a tear in his space suit. But he played it safe for his remaining moments on the moon.

Duke reflects, "I learned a lesson. Never do anything in space that you haven't practiced. And we had not practiced the high jump."

Still a Work in Progress

My mobility continues to improve. I'm doing at least an hour daily of various exercises, including walking with a walker.

For months my attempts to walk consisted of "left, right, pause – left, right, pause..." Now I'm developing a more continuous, more "flowing" gait.

Eleanor spent a week with her daughter in Georgia, and my daughter Louise and husband Scott came from New Hampshire to "dad-sit" me. She's an RN, so she taught me some helpful new tricks.

By the time you read this, I will have had another MRI, another blood test, and will have begun another series of physical therapy sessions.

If I had to choose what to lose – my ability to think, to use my hands, to speak, or to walk – walking would be the most dispensable. But please join us in prayer that God will enable me to regain full recovery of walking, in His time.



- That the Puerto Rican professor will convince his students of a biblical worldview – though the textbook contradicts him.
- That God will convince listeners that we're telling them the Truth – contrary to what they hear at school and in media.
- That Dave's health and strength will continue to improve.
- That each grandchild will follow God's will in major life choices.

Japanese Fully Funded

It takes time to build an audience, and more time to convince listeners that what we're telling them is true (especially when, as the Puerto Rican professor pointed out, it contradicts what their textbooks and media are telling them). So we've never run *Truth in the Test Tube* for less than a year in any language. In fact, we've aired Mandarin Chinese and Spanish for six years and Russian for twenty.

But it looked as if we would have money for only six months of Japanese. Then suddenly, two donors stepped up with enough to cover another six months.

China Inland Mission founder J. Hudson Taylor said, "God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply." Thank you, God, for confirming that this new outreach is Your will.

Yours for Christian credibility,
Dave and Eleanor Fisher

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