

Thank You, Joe!

Every week for nearly a decade, I recorded Joe Steiner speaking Hungarian in TWR's Monte-Carlo studio. After one session, Joe had a request that changed my life and ministry. Many Hungarians weren't taking his messages seriously, because schools and media told them God doesn't exist, and science proves it!

So after my assigned work was done, I spent many evenings writing about things in nature so "fearfully and wonderfully made" that they imply the all-wise God made them. Later *Truth in the Test Tube* became my full-time ministry in several languages. Thanks, Joe, for nudging me in that direction!



**With Billy Graham
in 1971**

And in his office

Joe was saved at a Billy Graham crusade in Madison Square Garden in 1957. Twenty years later, Graham went to Hungary for the first time. Authorities didn't allow publicity, so maybe word of mouth would bring 2,000 people. Joe announced the meetings on the radio, and **15,000 people showed up!**

God promoted Joe to heaven January 10, at age 86.

What a Change!

In the 1960s, our family went to Hungary to record material to broadcast, when barbed wire sealed the border. Now, Prime Minister Viktor Orban states publicly, "*This country was built upon Christian principles. ...We are in the process of strengthening the ruined foundation.*" He even subsidized some Christian TV production.

How much did Joe have to do with changing his country's spiritual climate? Only eternity will tell.

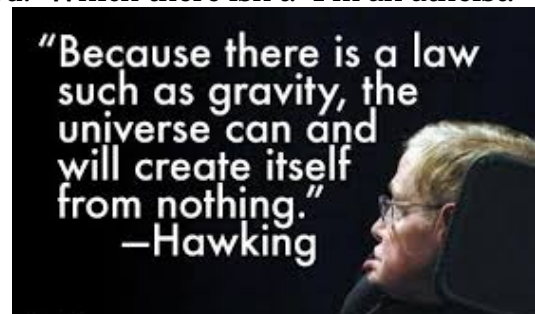
By the Way...

Andrew Brunson, the American pastor jailed in Turkey for 17 months and counting, is Joe's son-in-law. See details on the next page.

Hawking Talked about God

Stephen Hawking was a smart guy. He held the Cambridge University position that Sir Isaac Newton had occupied centuries earlier.

So Christians perked up when they read his statement that if we could find the answer to how the universe began, "...it would be the ultimate triumph of human reasoning – for then *we would know the mind of God.*" But he clarified later that he meant "God" only in the figurative sense: "What I mean by 'we would know the mind of God' is, we would know everything that God would know, *if there were a God.* Which there isn't. I'm an atheist."



When Stephen Hawking died March 4, media circulated the statement in the black box above. But a Christian scholar pointed out that nature doesn't create anything. He explained, "The laws of nature describe how stuff behaves **once it exists.** They do not explain where that stuff **came from.**" No, gravity did not do God's job of creating everything.

Between Zero and Infinity

We wrote two episodes about Hawking. In the second, we contrasted his views with Edwin Hubble's successor, Dr. Allan Sandage, who won astronomy's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. We concluded, "Dr. Hawking and Dr. Sandage observed the same universe, the same information. ...One decided the data added up to **zero** – no God. The other interpreted it as the work of **infinity** – a masterpiece produced by an infinitely wise, infinitely powerful Being that the Bible identifies as God.

"...Dr. Sandage said, '...those scientists that *want* to see design will see design,' and 'Those who deny God at the outset...will never find God'."

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13).

Pastor Jailed Unjustly

Part of the Turkish military attempted a coup in July 2016. To stop it, the regime arrested thousands, including American pastor Andrew Brunson. He was not involved, but was swept up in an indiscriminate roundup.

Brunson lost 50 pounds during 27 months in prison, and the prosecutor is demanding 35 more years. In an April 16 trial, a judge decided: Send him to a worse prison and bring him back to court May 7.

As we obey "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners...", (Hebrews 13:3) we can find one detailed report at <http://www.latimes.com/world/middleeast/la-fg-turkey-pastor-20180416-story.html>. Let's "keep up" with developments at <https://aclj.org/persecuted-church/>. And "keep down" on our knees until God answers.

Health Ups & Downs

- **Eleanor** broke a bone in her right foot March 10. The April 16 follow-up exam says to wear the "boot" at least four more weeks.
- **Dave's** PSA is down to 0.5. He's controlling his parkinsonism with meds and exercises.

Billy Graham lived with Parkinson's to age 99. Will God let Dave do likewise?

Listeners Tell Us

- **Vietnamese:** *Your program draws me nearer to the Lord and I feel assured about my faith in a great God.*
- **Vietnamese:** *This is a relevant, convincing and effective tool to share Christian faith. ...May the Lord use this program to bring more people to salvation.*
- **Spanish** (responding to the 'Window in the Womb' episode about abortion): *...Mothers today think they have impunity and liberty to assassinate these indefensible lives whom God gave them to protect. May God save our country from such debauchery of assassination.*
- **Vietnamese:** *The glory of God through the lenses of science presented by TTT is not too difficult to comprehend... From that we realize a personal relationship between God and humans.*
- **Spanish** (responding to a program about homosexuality): *Excellent. It is a message that better clarified my thinking.*

A Final Thought

Stephen Hawking said, "Heaven...is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark." Someone countered, "Atheism is a fairy story for people afraid of the light."



Targets for Prayer

- **That listeners to our Hawking programs will realize their need to come into the Light.**
- **That Turkey will resolve Andrew Brunson's case justly and soon. Please pray for him, his wife Norine and family.**
- **That Eleanor's foot will heal completely, with no lingering after-effects.**
- **That Dave's health issues will remain under control.**
- **For wisdom in choosing topics that will attract the attention of unsaved people, and presenting biblical points convincingly.**
- **For God's wisdom and provision for potential new languages and formats.**
- **That each grandchild will follow God's will in all life choices. Some need extra prayer for this!**

Yours for Christian credibility,
Dave and Eleanor Fisher

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