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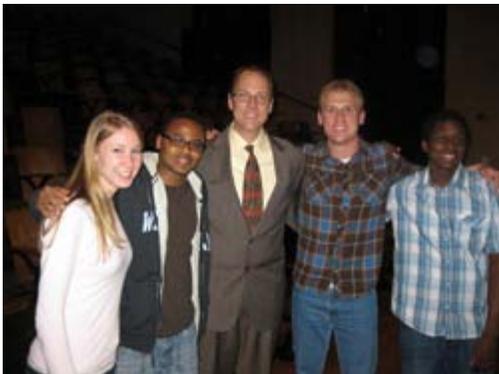
Dear Friends,

A warm hello from hot Atlanta (98 degrees F, 37 C)! What a blast the last few months have been--there's more than I dare right about. If you're like me, you want pictures--who doesn't?--and you'd like some inspiration, too. For 20 years I was employed as an evangelist; in the old days we often tried to make our lesson points spell something -- or at least we strove for alliteration. In that spirit, the 5 highlights of this newsletter all belong to the "p family."

PRINCETON (APRIL)

One of the coolest things this year has to be was speaking at Princeton. This was my first time on this prestigious campus. The university invited me to lecture on *Is Christianity Rational: A Critical Study of the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ*. Sounds academic (maybe), but it was exciting, and faith-building. The lecture theatre was packed with 200 persons!

This was such fun that the same topic was selected for my 10 September **debate** against Finnish atheist Robert Brotherus, to be held in Helsinki. If you'd like to hear the Princeton talk, just [click](#) and you can take it in online. And if you'd like me to come to *your* university next year, please shoot me an email and I can explain how it works.



With some of the Princeton gang

PEPPERDINE (MAY & JUNE)

This spring I twice visited the beautiful campus of Pepperdine University, once was for the annual Bible lectures (I taught a on Jesus & Islam), and again for the annual Christian Scholars' Conference. More than 500 scholars came to California to hear such great scientists as British physicist **John Polkingorne** (Oxford) and **Francis Collins** (Director of the Human Genome Project and head of the National Institutes

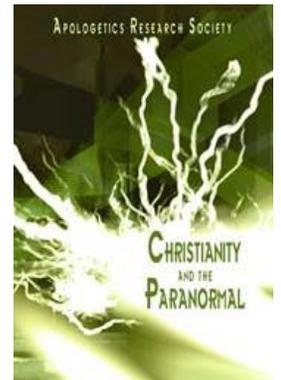
of Health, where I used to lead a Bible study). Both these men have contributed greatly to the field of Christian evidences. Francis is probably the most recognizable scientist today in the US. What a privilege to finally meet him! After he signed my old copy of his book *The Language of God*, I managed to put my felt-tip pen back in my jacket pocket without the cap on. All seemed well, as I blithely smiled for the photo (right)--little did I know that my jacket was rapidly absorbing blue ink, and only narrowly escaping destruction. (My shirt was a lost cause. Alas!) The conference was for my own **continuing education**. I feel strongly that all my fellow preachers and teachers stand to benefit greatly from continuing ed -- and the people you speak to deserve your commitment to keep learning.



*With Francis Collins,
Director NIH*

PARANORMAL (JUNE)

For me the most unusual conference has to have been the ARS conference "Christianity and the Paranormal," aboard the **Queen Mary** (yes--the ship, docked at Long Beach). ARS is the apologetics ministry of Dr. John Oakes. 75 participants learned the truth about ghosts, possession & exorcism, angels, and much more. Here's why this is important . Although many people are turned off by church, they're still interested in the spiritual world. Educating yourself about the paranormal just might open doors for conversations that lead people to Christ!



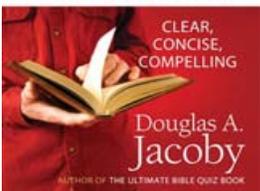
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If this area interests you, there are two things you can do. First, please take a peek at the conference [report](#) . Second, why not order the 7-hour audio CD set produced by IPI within minutes of our disembarking from the Queen Mary? It even includes some great PowerPoints.

PUBLISHING (JULY)

Your Bible Questions Answered was released 3 weeks ago. This book came into being through correspondence with *you*, as well from parts of as my earlier DPI books *Q&A* and *Q&A II* and the 1300 Q&As at my website. I told many of you that it would be carried by Barnes & Noble (who carry my first two HH books), but we just learned of an unexpected decision *not* to carry it -- to be appealed in February. (Sorry.)

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To promote the book, Harvest House has set up a series of **radio interviews**, beginning tomorrow and running into October. I just might be on the air in your area! Interviews are currently slated for stations in Florida, Ohio, Oregon, Michigan (x2), and California, though there will be many more. Back in February Harvest House published *The Ultimate Bible Quiz Book*. Last night after church a friend told me he'd seen it at a Publix supermarket. It's long been my dream that the books would penetrate the larger Christian world, and this is beginning to happen.

POTTER (HARRY) & OTHER PODCASTS

I average one new podcast a week. A number of new lessons -- 30 this year -- are available at the second website, jacobypremium.com. Here's a sampling:

- **Harry Potter** -- How might the world of wizarding magic be a good thing for Christians? [Click](#) to find out (free podcast).
- **Armageddon** -- Is it a literal battle or not? How should we read Revelation 16:16?
- **The 4th of July** -- For Americans, what should be the true meaning of the day?
- **Why God Sent a Son (and not a Daughter)** -- It isn't chauvinism or patriarchy; God sending a Son (a man) was integral to the mission. Find out why. This is another of the free podcasts which I recorded yesterday. [Click here](#).
- **Birthdays** -- are they unbiblical, as the Jehovah's Witnesses claim? What can we learn from the few birthdays in the Bible?
- **The Antichrist** -- This is one of 9 podcasts in a series on Last Things. *Hint: Antichrist is not a person!*

It's always gratifying to hear from podcast listeners that the lessons are making a difference. The following note came from my friend in **Egypt**: *"I appreciate your hard work. I enjoyed the Osama Bin Laden podcast. Many churches in Egypt are being attacked by Islamic fundamentalists, and many are tempted to feel bitterness and hatred towards them. I am sure it will help the church as I will relate it to the situation here on how Christians should feel towards their enemies.-- Love, Suleiman"*

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

- In Cincinnati I attended a **church history conference** (Christian Church). Topics included resurrection and demonology. Then I was honored to speak in the **Cincinnati Church of Christ**, who had warmly received our family for 10 weeks in 2003 right after we stopped working for the church.
- Spoke in the **North River campus internship** (John 14-17) for 130 college students. Terrific spirit of faith!
- Building a close relationship with **Toronto**, including an annual visit (Vicki and I went in June), and biblical training for Canadian evangelists and other leaders (area: interpretation) by WebEx.**Orlando Florida Discipleship Conference**: 14 lessons on John 6:48, Jesus & Prophecy, and Last Things. Great electricity in Orlando!
- After the **ICMC** in Athens, taught Church History (**AIM**) along with Ed Anton, Sam Laing, and Joey Harris.
- Shared missions minutes in **Jacksonville** (my hometown in Florida)--who have a new evangelist, Jamie Robbins of Vancouver.
- Also enjoyed teaching 200 **Chicago teens** (Skype).
- On Tuesday sent off the manuscript for the next book, *The Quick Bible Overview: How All the Pieces Fit Together* (March 2012).
- Teaching a **local Bible study** series on "How Much Time is Left?" Great to see so many guests coming to the discussions!
- And in a couple of weeks I'll teach **Latin America** by WebEx. Subject: *Christianity & the Paranormal*.

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UPCOMING

The next adventure is to Tartu and Tallinn, Estonia; Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden; and Oslo, Norway. Vicki and I will be accompanied by Ken and Kat Watson, a mature couple who are part of the Auburn-Tuskegee Christian Church. The next international trip after that will be to Israel. Speaking of which, there still MANY spots open for the 2011 tour. Have you been to the Holy Land? Would you like to pray in Gethsemane, stroll on the Temple Mount, swim in the Dead Sea, walk where Jesus walked? The [14th Annual Biblical Study Tour](#) will take place in October.



Please keep the ministry in your prayers, visit the websites frequently, and let's all point outsiders to the life-giving scriptures we have come to love.

Yours in Him,
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