

# International Teaching Ministry of Douglas Jacoby



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### "Challenging men and women of faith to think"

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Dear Friends,

Hello from Boston! It's been two months since I last wrote, and to be honest, I feel bad about that. Of course I've got lots of excuses: local ministry, podcasts for the premium site, speaking trips to ten cities, completing another book, a dozen radio interviews... Swamped, I did the logical thing: I kept delaying :). I think we all relate to the feeling of being behind. Forced to accept my mortal limitations, I agreed with myself to scale back.

So... my meager offering (this time) is a minuscule bulletin with just two items. The first is my recent debate with Finnish atheist Robert Brotherus, available (free to all) through the web. The second is our upcoming AIM session, on Family Life. For the first time it will be possible to watch the classes live through WebEx.

#### **DEBATE 6: IS CHRISTIANITY RATIONAL?**

September saw my sixth public debate. Spectators converged on Helsinki from Estonia, Norway, Sweden, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, Britain, and of course Finland. My opponent: freethinker, skeptic, and nationally renowned atheist Robert Brotherus. I was very encouraged how smoothly it went, and my opponent admitted he felt respected and fairly judged. You can listen to the debate (including the lively Q&A session) by clicking [HERE](#). If you're interested in all five previous debates, they are partially available at YouTube. Scroll all the way down for a \*full listing.

#### **AIM FAMILY LIFE, 4-6 NOVEMBER**

Next month our Bible school is in session. The topic: Family Life (Marriage, Celibacy, Parenting, and more). Guest speakers include **Tom & Sheila Jones**, **Tom & Kelly Brown**, and **Dr. Mike & Mary Shapiro**. The event will be held at the North River Church of Christ. For \$30 you can watch (audit) one or all eight of the classes (12 official class hours). This is an 80% discount from the normal rate. For the **schedule**, click on [REGISTER](#). After you've signed up, you'll receive login information for the session, which you can view through your computer. Even if you're attending the session in person, please still register at this time.

## **Farewell for now**

Expect another update in a month or so, as I'd like to share about our recent trip to Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, and the Netherlands. I'm excited too about the last trip of the year: Japan, Korea, Siberia, Vietnam, India, Singapore, Bangladesh. I'll write next from Israel (the Biblical Study Tour).

Thanks for reading these newsletters, and even more for your prayers.

Yours in Him,  
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## **\* DEBATES 1 - 6**

1. *Does God Exist?* 2007, Irvine, California -- v. the Skeptic Society's Michael Shermer -- all segments available at YouTube except for Q&A. Full debate available from IPI, [here](#).
2. *Judaism, Islam, Christianity: Which is the True Legacy of Abraham?* 2008, Chicago, Illinois -- v. Imam Shabir Ally and Rabbi Shmuley Boteach -- opening statements available at YouTube. Full debate [here](#).
3. *A Creation & Evolution Debate*. 2008, University of Florida. -- v. Scientific American's Michael Shermer -- opening statements only. Full debate [here](#).
4. *Judaism & Christianity: Which is the Religion of Peace?* 2008, Safra Synagogue, New York v. Rabbi Shmuley and Rabbi Elie Abadie -- opening statements only. Full IPI version [here](#).
5. *Jesus: Man, Myth, or Messiah?* 2009, Houston, Texas -- v. Christian atheist Robert Price -- opening statements only. Full debate available [here](#).
6. *Is Christianity Rational?* 2011, Helsinki, Finland -- v. atheist Robert Brotherus -- full debate available free of charge [here](#).