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"TEACHING MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH TO THINK"

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Atlanta, Georgia

Greetings from a balmy and beautiful Atlanta, where the long winter has finally passed. The American post office has a famous saying: "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"—and as I have made my "appointed rounds" this quarter, I was fortunate that the wild winter weather didn't interfere too much.

TRAVEL

The travel year began as Vicki and I spent a chilly 2013 Manhattan ministry kickoff weekend in NYC. Then Joey Harris and I taught for a week at the Miami School of Missions, where the South Florida weather was warm, as were the hearts of the disciples. We taught Christians and church staff members from all over Florida and the majority of Latin American nations on the topics of the Holy Spirit and Christian Evidences. I've also made teaching trips to Auburn, Mexico, Nicaragua, Boston, Orlando, Jacksonville, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Raleigh (the Southeastern Evangelism Conference). I also "traveled" to Mexico via Skype to teach their staff members, and taught numerous AIM classes through our new web-based Saturday morning plan.

This year I am especially enjoying working alongside the leaders of my home congregation, the North River Church of Christ, to help put together a curriculum in which our church is reading through the entire Bible in 2013. Most years I read through the Bible at least once, and I'm happy to see members of our congregation embarking upon this great learning experience. You might want to watch one of my recent sermons, "[Moses: Stop and Go](#)," or perhaps David: "[Prayer changes the Pray-er](#)," at the North River website.



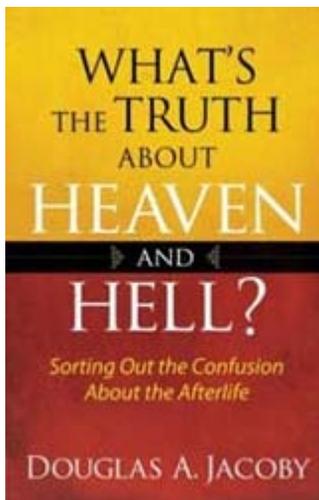
In the slums of Managua, Nicaragua, I spent time with some children, telling fairy tales—I even did a little acting.



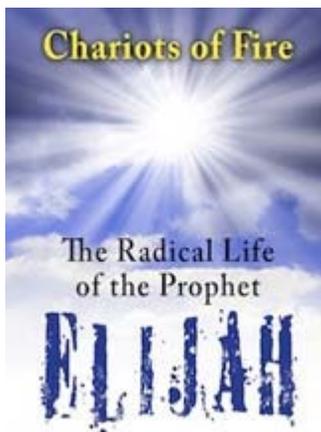
The marquee for my "True and Reasonable" workshop in Mexico City, Mexico.

PRODUCTS

Harvest House has just released my latest book, [*What's the Truth About Heaven and Hell?*](#) We will all face death—and God—one day, and the religious world is rife with confusion about what really happens when we die. My book explores common teachings, theories, and misconceptions about death and the afterlife, and presents biblical analysis of such fascinating topics as judgment, purgatory, heaven, hell, and resurrection. I welcome your feedback and your Amazon reviews!



In a few days, also look for my new DVD, *The Problem of Human Suffering*, which will be featured at the homepage of [IPI](#). A new CD (10 lessons) on Elijah is also now available through IPI (click the image to order).



Many new podcasts are available on my main [primary website](#) and especially on my [premium website](#), including recent podcasts like "[Staying Single](#)." Look later this month for further talks on *Zombies* and *The Life of Pi*."

AIM

I'm excited about the new approach we're taking with the Athens Institute of Ministry (AIM), which makes the courses even more accessible to people around the world who wish to deepen their Bible knowledge with college-level material. We're now offering frequent courses online, which can be attended live via WebEx, or viewed online later, at students' convenience. Information about registration is available [here](#).

WHAT'S NEXT

Up next: An action-packed second quarter. In addition to various domestic teaching events, Vicki and I look forward to a lot of international travel, including our annual Canadian trip (to Ottawa and Toronto), Turkey, and other destinations. Within two weeks I will be on the way to Europe for a tour that will include stops in Norway, Estonia, Latvia, Netherlands, Albania, and Hungary. Then, after speaking in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and visiting my friend David Berçot, I will head to Brazil (Rio and Brasilia), and then Panama. You can always follow my teaching schedule from my [website](#), and I post pictures and updates from my travels on [Facebook](#).

2013 BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR



The [2013 Biblical Study Tour](#) (BST) is coming up this fall, and it promises to be an exciting time of spiritual fellowship, biblical education, and cultural enrichment. This October, Vicki and I will be taking a group to tour cities that play key roles in the Bible—cities like Athens, Corinth, Patmos, and Ephesus. Visiting these places firsthand adds so much to your understanding of the Scriptures.

INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS' SEMINAR

The International Teachers' Seminar (ITS) will take place in conjunction with the BST (please note that registration for the two programs is separate), exploring the theme, "Four-Dimensional Bible Study: How History, Geography, Archaeology, and Culture Bring the Scriptures to Life." ITS classes will be taught by members of the Teachers Service Team (Steve Kinnard, Ed Anton, Joey Harris, Glenn Giles, Steve Brown, and me). The ITS is not just for Bible teachers—it is open to all disciples who want to

turbocharge their Bible study, and who are willing to do the advance reading. It's not too late to sign up for the BST and the ITS—but the deadline for regular registration is June 1, so don't delay. After June 1, prices go up. Scroll down for more detail about signing up for the ITS.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued prayers for the International Teaching Ministry. I could not do what I do without your encouragement and support.

Douglas Jacoby

The International Teachers' Seminar

The 17 previous International Teachers' Seminars have been held in London, Jerusalem, Atlanta, Paris, Berlin/Wittenberg, Athens, Washington DC, Chicago, and Rome. The 2013 ITS will take place on the Aegean Sea and in the province of Asia, during several of the free windows of the Biblical Studies Tour.

The theme is "Four-Dimensional Bible Study: How History, Geography, Archaeology, and Culture Bring the Scriptures to Life." This is not to suggest that members of the BST won't learn a lot of Bible unless they're signed up for the teachers' seminar. Everyone on the BST will learn a lot of Bible—guaranteed! But some will want to go much deeper, and the ITS will provide that opportunity.

Want to know about the ancient writers Paul was quoting in his Areopagus speech? Interested in the religious spectrum of Corinth? Want to learn more about the five letters to the Corinthians that have survived, along with five written to the Ephesians? Want to learn what happened in Ephesus in 431 AD? Would you like to know the current thinking on how the epistles fit with Acts? Would you enjoy hearing from mature believers who have researched areas like these? Want to turbocharge your understanding of the 51 New Testament chapters that our tour will illuminate? In the ITS we will take our study a level or two deeper than in the BST, connecting the lessons with the various locations we will visit on the tour (and also the pre- and post-tours). Participants will learn things you'd probably never hear in church.

The Teachers Service Team, currently chaired by teacher/evangelist Steve Kinnard (New York City), will lead and teach most of the classes. The purpose of the four ITS sessions (six hours of extra teaching in all) will be to fortify our knowledge of God's word through a special focus on history, archaeology, and cultural issues. The goal is more than just visual familiarity with the many biblical locations the BST will explore—the goal is to delve into the background, to discuss application of the principles in all the biblical documents (Acts 17-20, Ephesians, etc.) and other early Christian literature (like the letters of Ignatius), and to learn how to make practical connections that will enhance our teaching, evangelism, and counseling.

Teachers will include Ed Anton (Hampton Roads), Joey Harris (Augusta), Glenn Giles (Denver), Steve Brown (Rio Grande), Steve Kinnard (New York), and me. Most of the teachers will be accompanied by their wives.

In addition, ITS participants will receive two free books, plus fifteen hours of in-depth Bible lessons on CD.

Who may attend? Anyone who has the interest is welcome to participate, whether or not you are recognized as a Bible teacher in your congregation. Men and women, young and old—the event is for all disciples who are willing to do the extra work. There will be some advance reading. Finally, the sessions will not require you to miss any part of the BST. If the ITS is for you, and you have not already indicated

your plans to take part, please email me at dj@douglasjacoby.com—but don't delay, as the deadline for regular registration is June 1.

Still need more information? Click [here](#).
