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Note from Jim:

Kelly's birthday is coming up the 17th. Permit me a little indulgence as I take this chance to wish my wife and help-mate a "happy b-day". I love you, sweetheart. 🎉

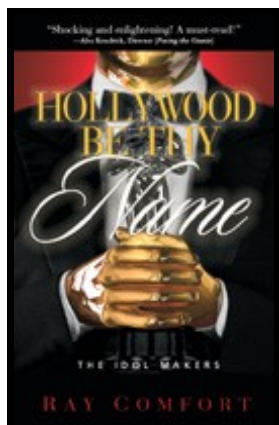
Scripture of the Week:

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." (Hudson Taylor)

Recommended Resource:



Every now and then Living Waters publishes something very special. [Hollywood Be Thy Name](#) is one of those books. Here's a personal note from Ray Comfort about this new publication:

Three Things:

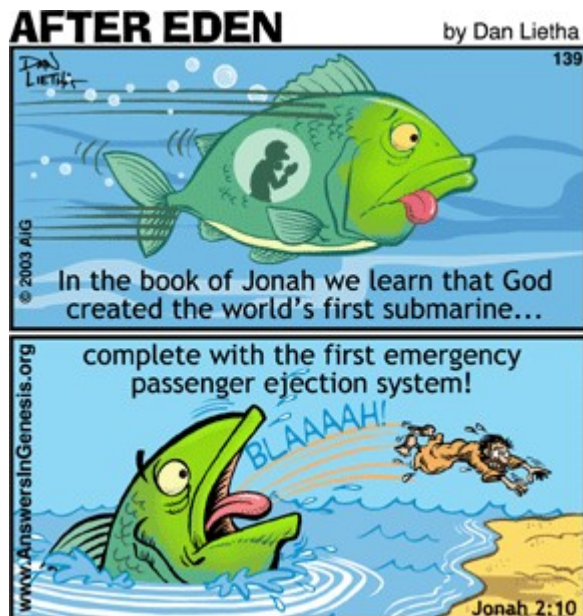
1. I am sure you know that Hollywood is poisoning an entire generation against Christianity. But did you know that their blasphemy and hatred for Christianity played a huge part in poisoning the minds of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, and influenced them to murder students at Columbine? Did you know that Hollywood also had an unholy hand in the 32 more recent murders at Virginia Tech?

Earlier this year ABC's Nightline aired a story about 900 atheists whose hatred for Christianity was so great that they went to the trouble of videotaping themselves blaspheming the Holy Spirit, in something called 'The Blasphemy Challenge,' and placing it on YouTube. Why are so many so angry at the Christian faith? Why aren't they angry at radical Islam? It's because of Christianity that we have the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the YMCA. There are thousands of hospitals that are called Saint John, Saint Jude, etc., as well as thousands of homeless shelters and soup kitchens all over the world -- and they all come from a Christian heritage. Up until a few years ago to be "American" meant you loved God and country. So why is there such an increase in hatred towards Christianity? Where has it come from?

[Hollywood Be Thy Name](#) not only exposes Hollywood's part in the hatred, but it also explains a huge mystery -- why the U.S. crime rate tripled in the late 1960's, and why the 60's generation suddenly threw off the Judeo-Christian values of their parents. Hollywood did something in 1968 that changed everything.

2. If you are think the giant is too big to stop, think again. There is a powerful way to hit this blaspheming Goliath in the head. PLEASE, go to [HollywoodandGod.com](#) and watch the free 13-minute video clip (it is a life-changer), then read the text beneath it. This video doesn't criticize Hollywood, but instead looks at the issue from a uniquely different stance. Please check it out.

3. Buy [Hollywood Be Thy Name](#) and we will give you a free copy of the "Hollywood and God" DVD. Or get the "Hollywood Special" which is ten copies of the book, plus ten free DVDs for only \$50. (That's less than half the regular price -- \$119.90.) This offer is available while supplies last.



Questions & Objections:

This O&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

O. The First Commandment says, 'You shall have no other gods before Me.' That proves He isn't the only God!"

A. That's true. Man has always made false gods. An old adage says, "God created man in His own image, and man has been returning the favor ever since." Hindus have millions of gods. Sometimes gods are made of wood or stone, other times man makes up a god in his mind. Whatever the case, making a god to suit yourself is called "idolatry," and is a transgression of both the First and Second of the Ten Commandments.

One-Day Way of the Master Training:



We would be glad to host a Way of the Master evangelism training for your church or small group. This one-day seminar is a proven, effective way to help people overcome their fear of witnessing and show them how to reach out to the lost. We will quickly equip those who attend to simply and effectively share their faith with family, friends, and strangers. What makes our training unique is when the classroom training is over, you have the option to hit the streets and immediately start to use the new tools you have just learned. The seminar consists of the following activities:

- Three powerful interactive messages that will equip the attendees in how to share the gospel effectively and biblically with anyone, anytime, anywhere.
- Quick Tips on how to have fun sharing your faith while overcoming your fears.
- Quick Tips on how to effectively witness one-2-one using the Way of the Master.
- Hands-on, in-the-trenches training with proven leaders.

The One-Day Way of the Master Training is **FREE** for the host and to all who attend.

** The Way of the Master has been commended by Franklin Graham, Dr. D. James Kennedy, David Wilkerson, Bill Gothard, John MacArthur, Ravi Zacharias, David Jeremiah, Joni Eareckson Tada, Josh McDowell, and many other Christian leaders.

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

I've uploaded the audio from my one-2-one with Heather last week. [Click here](#) to download or listen to the MP3.

We had a small group gather on Saturday for a Next Step Training. Two of them were newcomers, and I praise God for continuing to raise up laborers. Greg blessed us with an intimate time of prayer and worship at the start. I thank God for you, bro. After that the training consisted of three segments where we watched a video followed by a period of discussion or Q&A. The topics we covered were facing your fears, the top ten questions and objections that come up in a witnessing encounter, and exposing the myth of the modern message. It was a time of coming together to sharpen our swords. I was encouraged by the group as much as I hope they were encouraged to press on in the battle for souls.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the salvation of Hindus this week.
 - Be in prayer for the seed sowers that will be attending [eXtreme Evangelism 2007](#).
 - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, NASB)
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Calendar:

- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)
Saturdays
Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).
- **Southern Oregon eXtreme Evangelism '07**
July 27-29
See the [webpage](#) for details.

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