

Challenge Ministries



be ready always to give an answer
I Peter 3:15

earnestly contend for the faith
Jude 3

Fishers of Men

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Balboa Park, Balboa, Balboa, Balboa, Balboa, El Cajon High School

As you can see, Balboa Park was our place of attention last month. Actually, it will be our focus until March 1 when the Darwin exhibit leaves. Lord willing, I'd like to also visit San Diego High Schools twice a week during February. Please pray for these outreaches.



Jerry presenting creation over evolution and the truth of the gospel at the foot of the Natural History Museum, Balboa Park. I plan on giving this message every Saturday until March 1.



My friend in the wheel chair , Fred Johnson, went with me to El Cajon High as the students were leaving. Interestingly, I spoke with 3 Jehovah's Witness students. One for 10 minutes or so. No one had ever told her of the serious errors of the Watchtower before. Pray that fruit will result.



Gary (with the bag full of Gideon New Testaments), helps once a month. He's very active with the Gideons and prison ministry. He just handed this man's son a million dollar bill.



The Amazing Ricky sharing the message of salvation with this young lady once again at Balboa Park. Together we usually give out a couple hundred tracts each week.



Bible John shared the Christian gospel with this family for quite some time. It is amazing that people will listen if you take the time.

NEWSLETTER

Challenge Ministries is a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to the defense and proclamation of the Gospel and Biblical truth.

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Mrs. God

Few Mormons think deeply about the doctrines of the LDS church and whether or not they are biblical. One of those teachings has to do with what Mormons call the Godhead. This they say are not only 3 persons but 3 separate and distinct gods. God the Father they say is Elohim and Jesus is his firstborn son or Jehovah. The Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost is a god as well.

They say that all that are born on this planet were literally born of heavenly parents. What they don't think deeply about is God the Father's wife (or wives as many believe). She also is a god or goddess. Would that not make 4 gods that pertain to this world? Is she not part of this godhead? Why do we not worship and pray to her?

Mormons are taught that they must be married in a temple for their marriage to be for time and all eternity. There in the highest division of the celestial heaven men and women become gods and goddesses to procreate children for all eternity. The wife would obviously be eternally pregnant delivering babies for their planet in which they will rule.

Many LDS women would not find this future especially appealing. If Mormons women would think deeply about this subject they would find their godhead amounts to very little other than being a baby factory.

If polygamy is a righteous principle as Mormon leaders have taught, there is a good possibility that their husbands will have other wives in this heavenly realm. There the man will have the responsibility of keeping their wives eternally pregnant as these babies will be the population of their world. If you think about it, if Mormonism is true, God the Father would have had sex billions of times to populate our current world.

Of course none of these doctrines are biblical. There is but one God that exists anywhere. A triune God. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No Mrs. God nor a preexistence of our spirits.

Mormonism is not a Christian religion.

Myth 2: The wicked suffer in hell

Last month we saw clearly that the spirit or soul of a person survives the death of the body. It does not go out of existence as Jehovah's witnesses are taught but has a conscience existence after death.

This leads to their most detested doctrine, the existence of conscience punishment in Hell. They refer to this as a myth and attempt to expose it in their November, 2009 issue of the Watchtower.

Charles Russell the founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses likewise hated this doctrine and refused to accept it. As a matter of fact, many people who are not really religious, find this doctrine so repulsive that they simply refuse to believe it whether it's true or not. Thus, if and when they seek some form of religious experience, they look only at religions that do NOT believe or teach in a literal hell, which fits the JW's.

However, rather than looking for what we want in a religion, our search should be for truth. What does the Bible clearly teach and then embrace it with all our heart regardless of what we feel about it.

Jesus describes 2 people that survived the death of the body. One in a place of torment and the other comfort (see Luke chapter 16). If one reads the text without the aid of Watchtower materials their is conscience existence after death either in torment or comfort.

Matthew 25:46 says that the wicked will go into "eternal punishment" but the righteous into "eternal life." The Watchtower says this means annihilation for the wicked that this is "everlasting cutting-off."

Greek scholars universally agree that there is no justification for the translation "cutting off" but "punishment" is the correct meaning.

If you think about it honestly, any punishment must necessarily involve consciousness and that annihilation would avoid punishment rather than encounter it.

As the righteous have "eternal life" so have the wicked, "eternal punishment."

What's Happening???

What about Bob? Dianna and I went to visit Bob, the Jehovah's Witness who was my room mate at the Kaiser care home where he still stays. I gave him R.C. Sproul's book, "The Holiness of God." We had a very nice time of sharing and prayed with him before we left. Please continue to pray that God will reveal Himself to Bob.

Outdoor Evangelism Videos!!! It's always been a dream of ours to be able to project Christian films outdoors, the cost being the huge bottle neck. Recently a very generous supporter of this ministry donated the funds to purchase the equipment. We now have all the electronics to present a 2 hour video, outdoors, with sound amplification on a 12 SCREEN!!! This will run from a deep cycle sealed battery, pure sine wave inverter to a 3000 lumens projector, from a Sony laptop. We are currently doing some testing and looking for good DVD videos. Hoping to do projections from La Jolla cove lawn or other grassy areas where there are lots of people. Cold evenings may temporarily delay this exciting ministry.

Hard Drive crash cripples Challenge... (temporarily)... Just a week ago a hard drive malfunction shut down the electronics of this ministry. We were able to rescue most of our data from backups as well as rescue software. However, we decided since our system was 8 years old this was the time for new equipment. New computer, monitor, and backup portable hard drive. Added to our expenses is another \$600 for laser jet printer inks. If you can help with these expenses your tax deductible contributions are greatly appreciated.

2009 Tax receipts sent... Tax receipts were sent out January 27th for contributions made during 2009. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at our home: (619) 440-7167

Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support.

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*