

# 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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### West Balboa Park and the Midway Aircraft Carrier

It seems like forever since my surgery on November 9, but I've now healed enough that I can get out and do what I love best, sharing the gospel. Although I have a way to go to get back to work and do near normal things, I'm able to stand with the aid of a cane and walk short distances.

Dianna took Ricky, Gill and myself to Balboa Park and dropped us off right where we needed to be and then picked us up an hour and a half later. This was so help full physically as well as time saving. Usually we spend near a half hour trying to find a parking place and then the long walk in. This would be a great way to minister if you'd like to help with the driving and dropping off. Just let us know.

Gill and I did some Open Air Preaching, and of course we had lots of time to share tracts and the gospel. Although most seem to ignore the open air preaching, there are always a few that stop to listen. Some even wait and talk with us when we're finished. I was able to share with a young lady the real meaning of Christmas and the gospel message. She was visibly moved by the message and genuinely said she would start reading the Bible from the book of John.

Bible John, the Amazing Ricky, myself and of course our driver Dianna, made a trip to the Midway the day after Christmas. Many tourist were visiting plus a cruise ship was parked just a block away. Seems God always directs and prepares a few that will listen to the gospel message.



Bible John shared with this bicycle taxi driver for some time. John said it was one of the most bazaar conversation he had ever had. Seems the guy just rambled as if quoting from a dictionary at random. No sense whatsoever. Regardless of the conditions of the hearer we have been sent to proclaim this message of hope.



Jerry, Open Air Preaching, Saturday before Christmas at Balboa Park. This is my first time out since surgery on Nov. 9. Amazing Ricky, Gill and myself went to the west end of Balboa Park. I shared the true meaning of Christmas open air, it's about the cross. To view the video on YouTube.com just search for, "The Meaning of Christmas, Open Air Preaching."



The day after Christmas at the Midway aircraft carrier. The Amazing Ricky has a captivated audience. He quizzes these three kids about the gospel and how a person goes to heaven. They loved the million dollar bill and listening to Ricky. If only all were as open to the truth as these little ones.

## 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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### L.D.S. Apostle Admits that Brigham Young “Did Teach” the Adam-God Doctrine

One of the low points of Mormon history was the teaching by Brigham Young that Adam, the first man, is God the Father. This became known as the Adam-God doctrine.

Mormon leaders had denied this for over 100 years and had even been critical of their own records that proved Young did teach this doctrine.

However, in 1980, a letter written by outspoken Apostle Bruce McConkie (now deceased), came to light where McConkie admits:

“Yes, President Young did teach that Adam was the father of our spirits, and all the related things that the cultists ascribe to him.” (page 6 of McConkie’s letter)

We have a tract available with the details which includes a number of photocopies of this rare letter. It is also posted on our web site at:

<http://www.challengemin.org/adamgod.html>

If you’d like a copy of the tract please write and request it and we’ll send a free copy.



Brigham Young, Second Prophet of the LDS Church

### MYTH 1: The Soul is Immortal

The November Watchtower contained 6 myths about Christianity. The soul, hell, and the trinity are probably the most detested of all Christian doctrine and are found among these myths.

Hell is probably the chief of their despised doctrines. The foundation for no hell is given by denying that a person exists after death.

They quote Genesis 2:7 in attempting to prove that by breathing we are a living soul (ne’phesh) and when we cease breathing we go out of existence.

Witnesses must actually “read into” the text their interpretation since man is much more than a living being with breath.

Reading all scripture we find that indeed man has a immaterial nature that exists after death.

Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Clearly there is a part of man than continues on after physical death.

As Stephen was being stoned he called upon the Lord in Acts 7:59:

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!”

This would make no sense if Stephen was asking Jesus to receive that which was about to cease to exist.

Rather Stephen is asking the Lord to take to Himself that part of his self that would survive the death of his body.



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### What’s Happening???

**Darwin Exposed Coming Up...** Lord willing, the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park will be in our sights soon. The final Darwin display will be the end of February. We have between now and then to undermine evolution and proclaim the truth of the Creator and His marvelous Gospel. I’d like to go the last week end and at least one or two more times between now and March 1.

**Jehovah’s Witness Video now over 15,000 Views ...** Just 6 months ago we had a major outreach at Qualcomm Stadium at the Jehovah’s Witness International Convention. We preached open air 4 hours straight in 2 days. We posted the video on YouTube.com and the total viewers who have watched it are now over 15,000! Every few days I still get e-mail from witnesses concerning the video. We pray that God would rescue some from this false religion.

**Plans for 2010...** Proverbs 16:9 says: “The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.” Our plans will ultimately be directed by God which is truly our desire. Summed up, “We desire for 2010 that God would grant us strength and the time to boast in Him and His Gospel with the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*