



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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### Darwin Month a Success!!!

As we mentioned last month, Charles Darwin's 200th birthday was February 12th. Millions around the world were praising Darwin. One web site is entitled, "Darwin is God". Darwin is considered the father of modern day evolution which is one of the greatest stumbling blocks to the Christian message.

We purchased a 6 foot easel and had 8 canvas posters custom made for a 10-12 minute presentation which we gave 29 times in Balboa Park. We were at the park each Saturday the month of February as well as Darwin's birthday, Thursday, February 12. We filmed and posted several presentations on YouTube.com and plan on one additional one next week. If you'd like to see the results, just go to YouTube.com and search for "Darwin Day Exposed".

Several times I was preaching to 50 or more at a time. We filmed on the foot of the stairs of the "Natural History Museum" as well as the final Saturday, on the foot of the stairs of the "Museum of Man" in Balboa Park. Some personnel came out and listened. 3 times the police and security came to us to check out the complaints made about the presentation. Each time we were informed that we were within our rights. Ricky and I spoke with 2 police on horses at the foot of the "Museum of Man" along with a back up officer on the street. Again we were protected with our freedom of speech in Balboa State Park. One of the officers had already heard the presentation on a different day. I think he was a Christian but he couldn't comment while on duty.

There were some angry "atheists" who were quite obnoxious. I asked one elderly man who was obviously irritated about the presentation which questioned Darwin, "What do you think?" He proceeded to curse not me, but Jesus, and then stormed away. I truly sensed the evil of the demonic world.

The good news is that dozens and dozens of Christians were encouraged and shared their appreciation. Somewhere near a thousand people heard the truth of the Creator and His Gospel.

The "Amazing Ricky" enjoyed the fruit of the harvest by praying with a couple of men to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord who were drawn by the message.

God is so good ALL THE TIME.



Darwin Day, Thursday, Feb. 12. Balboa Park. The final part of the presentation was the Gospel message of the Cross. Just as we were to film a hundred or more kids showed up for lunch.



February 28, Balboa Park. Yes, this is the entrance to the "Museum of Man." As we finished the second video and packing to go, police on horses and a police car showed up. They kindly OKed our activities as we were breaking no laws.

### NEWSLETTER

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## Mormonism Challenged

### LDS view of the Bible

One of the LDS churches official web sites offers the “Holy Bible” for free if you just fill out a request. Of course Mormon Missionaries will deliver it and share a message.

Included with this offer is a link to read the KJV of the Bible for free without obligation.

Unless one was informed you would think the LDS church is just another Christian denomination which uses the Bible as a guide. Its referred to as “HOLY” three times and even contains “sacred writings”.



Screen capture from one of the LDS church's web sites, Mormon.org, offering a FREE Bible.

However, if one would embrace Mormonism, you would find that the Bible is a book that is un-reliable and un-trustworthy.

From the LDS.org web site, under the gospel topic “Bible, Inerrancy of”, the following statement is made:

“Latter-day Saints revere the Bible. They study it and believe it to be the word of God. However, they do not believe the Bible, as it is currently available, is without error.”

Their 8th article of faith of the LDS church claims the Bible is believed by Mormons “as far as it is translated correctly”.

This is certainly a hindrance in sharing the Biblical gospel message as anything that contradicts Mormonism by the Bible is suspect as containing errors.

My personal opinion is “use it anyway” and then address the objections when they come up.

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

## Jehovah's Witnesses Challenged

### “Thy Word is Truth”

One of the weeks that we were at Balboa Park this past month on the Darwin Day outreaches, was one in which there were several Witnesses that had set up a table offering their material just a couple of dozen steps from our location. This was a husband and wife outreach. Both were Witnesses for nearly 40 years.

Between presentations I spoke first with the wife alone, and then her husband concerning the deity of Christ as well as the Witnesses tampering with scripture in their New World Translation. We talked for about 20 minutes.

They finally admitted that even if John 20:28 (Thomas calling Jesus God) and Colossians 1:16-17 (Jesus the Creator and un-created) teach Jesus is God, there are plenty of other scriptures that indicate that He is NOT God.

This is an example of misunderstanding the truthfulness, power and authority of Holy Scripture. Jesus said, in John 17:17:

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

All scripture MUST be in perfect harmony, without error or contradictions. To compare scripture with scripture and find 80% of scripture teaches one thing and 20% teaching a contradictory teaching is to have an unreliable guide. The Bible is reliable and will always be 100% consistent. Witnesses will often choose not to think about scripture that contradicts their doctrine or assume there must be an answer. There is great fear in discovering that the Society could be wrong.

The honest truth seeker has nothing to fear from an intense investigation of ALL that scripture has to say on any subject.

Actually, the Word of God commands us to do exactly that:

“Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.” II Timothy 2:15

Although there are areas of scripture that “appear” to be a contradiction, under a careful examination of the word of truth, they are in harmony and actually compliment one another.

We will look closer in the following months at some of these apparent contradictions.

**We do have another major JW outreach planned the first weekend of June, the Jehovah's Witnesses District Convention in Qualcomm stadium.**

**God willing our boldest JW outreach to date! Updates coming.**

### NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT!!!

Our printing costs are going up again. We've therefore purchased a color Laser Printer and will now do our own printing including our tracts. Costs on state of the art Laser printers have actually dramatically DROPPED. Our new printer is just over \$600. Unfortunately, the large format laser printers start over \$3,000 so we've gone to a smaller newsletter format. We also have ordered an office size paper folder for less than the cost of our printer. In less than a year the new equipment will pay for itself with the savings, along with the added benefit of convenience. We'll print our own tracts, newsletters, envelopes, brochures, labels and business cards. This means more work for us but a better use of God's money.

This newsletter is printed on the new printer but folded by hand. Although many ministries and churches are cutting back, we will intensify our efforts as long as we have breath.

Please pray for us and help if you are able.

Your Warriors in Christ, *Jerry and Dianna*