



Hot Sauce for Haiti

You probably never thought you could help rebuild the  earthquake-torn nation of Haiti by purchasing hot sauce.

Think again.

Churches and other nonprofit organizations are helping to improve Haiti's economy by purchasing a Haitian-grown pepper sauce called Haiti Is Hot! The Haitian-American-owned company Bel Soley sells the sauce to churches and organizations that commit to using some of the resale profits to aid Haitian families in need.

More Than a Sport

When kids in Roatán, Honduras, join a soccer team, the odds  of them becoming involved in drugs, premarital sex and street violence decreases. That's because the CAN Fútbol Foundation (CANFF) uses the sport for more than recreation. It has become a way to promote education and social change among more than 150 underprivileged youth living on the island.

"There's so much poverty in Honduras, and I realized I could use soccer to not only keep these kids active, but also as a vehicle to motivate them to do better in school," says executive director and co-founder Jason Old, a former soccer player with the Honduran National Fútbol League.

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WHAT IF 'ENDING IT ALL' DOESN'T?

Suicide is a very sensitive topic, as Perry Stone discussed in "Answers From Beyond the Grave" (July). We must not forget that we have to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus. We are only to live for today. Jesus says, "Give us this day our daily bread," because He wants to provide not just for what we need but also for the burdens we bear. We must cast our cares on Him, for He cares for us. Suicide is never the solution for escaping our problems. God will also give us a way of escape.

Carla Foreman, via e-mail

THE ISSUE OF HEAVEN AND HELL

Thank you for addressing the tough questions people are asking about heaven and hell. It's time the church addresses these issues and becomes knowledgeable and empowered to do the works of Jesus: heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out demons. Many churches are not teaching people how to cooperate with God in the gifts of the Spirit, and we are not being taught spiritual warfare. The church needs to learn to operate in the supernatural and not be afraid of it. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. He will keep us and help us. Keep up the good work!

Elaine Beachy, via e-mail

GUESS THIS MEANS I'M POSSESSED

I must be possessed, according to Ron Phillips' article,

“Help! I Think I’m Possessed!” (July). Homosexuality is thrown in with the victim sins of adultery, fornication and infanticide, all inspired by the spirit of harlotry (see Hos. 4:12).

So now this gay Christian is re-bound by a spirit of legalism. Your author forgot that Jesus and His cross replaced that law for me. And I doubt that He would consider my God-given sexuality as a sin since it does not violate God’s law of love for self and others (see Matt. 22:36-40).

Fred Conwell, via e-mail

KEITH GREEN BIOPIC

I can’t tell you how happy I was to read that Keith Green’s life story is being made into a movie (Inform, July). He was one of the most authentic and genuine Christians ever. He inspired so many people to live their lives to the utmost for Jesus Christ. How wonderful that a whole new generation will now be inspired.

D.L. Guess, Houston, Texas

SUICIDE AND ETERNITY

Suicide is a heartbreaking subject (“Answers From Beyond the Grave” by Perry Stone, July). It’s tough on the person debating the act and tough on the survivors. One suffering from depression does not have a normal frame of mind. Depression is an illness, often fatal, just like cancer.

Ten years ago I began to have mild depression after our 24-year-old son ended his life. Based on my little bit of knowledge of depression coupled with information from others, being severely depressed is like being in a dark swirling hole

and you can't get out. All you want is for it to end.

Read 1 John 5:11-13: God gives eternal life through His Son. He who has the Son has eternal life; he who does not have the Son does not have eternal life.

Marilyn Lancaster, via e-mail

It seems the main reason people refuse to believe that those who commit suicide can't enter heaven is because that would seem so terrible and unfair rather than because it's true. One thing is for sure: If a person believes that he will definitely go to hell for murdering himself, that's one heck of a disincentive for not snuffing out his life.

Obviously, we can't prove it one way or the other because Scripture doesn't give a clear enough answer to the question. However, based on my understanding of God's kingdom, suicide is a complete and final denial of the saving faith needed for one to enter heaven.

Fred Bristow, via e-mail

I know a woman who went home after church one Sunday evening and discovered that her husband had committed suicide. An autopsy found a tumor in the frontal lobe of his brain, which the doctors said caused him to commit suicide.

I believe you can't lose your salvation when you are under grace and not under the law. I believe that no matter what the circumstances, even a sinner dying in suicide can choose to believe on Jesus and be saved. However, if they choose not to believe, then hell is where they will go.

Tammy Brown, via e-mail

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Thank you so much for the digital *Charisma*! For a few years now, we've been unable to get your wonderful magazine. Our construction business has been almost nonexistent, and we have had to cut out all extra expenses. We've missed *Charisma*. I opened up your e-mail—and to my great surprise—I had no idea that your website was so informative. I listened to all the recordings and thoroughly enjoyed them. Thanks again, and God bless your company.

Janis and Michael Evans, via e-mail

READERS' BYTES ABOUT TWILIGHT

In my simple opinion the Twilight movies and books are sowing seeds of unrealistic expectations in the souls of young women ("Understanding Twilight" by Adrienne S. Gaines, June). The harvest will come when they get married or have conflict in their marriages. They will be surprised that their boyfriend or husband is not acting like Edward.

Marek Prosner, via e-mail

This cannot be said enough: It's fiction, folks! This generation of youth were not unaware of occult and demonic things before Twilight. We too often blame the media as if its main goal and purpose is to destroy Christianity. No, its main goal is to make money. The problems in our society run much deeper than some silly vampire saga.

Kathleen Clarke, via e-mail

I think both this series and the Harry Potter series are gateways to the occult. They make occult themes seem enticing.

Why intentionally expose yourself to this stuff? Like the Harry Potter series, Twilight seems to be getting darker with each new release. Not good!

Debra Hess, via e-mail

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10 tips to fight fear



Do you find yourself constantly battling fear? Do you often kick yourself for not having said or done something when you felt prompted to? Visit [here](#) for tips on how to face life with bold faith.

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Love Is Being Satisfied

 A dictionary definition of envy would be something like “a feeling of discontent aroused by someone else’s possessions.” That is what I mean by being unsatisfied. However, love gives one a feeling of being satisfied. The

person who is unsatisfied is still looking for his identity, wanting to know who he is.

Three things can be said about envy. First, it is of the flesh; it flows from nature. We don't have to go to school to learn how to be envious; everybody grows up that way.

Under a Maui Moon



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Robin Jones Gunn

Howard

Carissa Lathrop is adjusting to an empty nest. Her husband of 24 years doesn't understand her. After she's laid off, Carissa is left reeling and wonders where God is in all this. When a friend sends her to Hawaii, Carissa plans to simply hide. But soon she feels rejuvenated and is even tempted romantically. Yet, as she turns to God for guidance, she experiences newfound hope for her future.

The House You're Building

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Audrey Assad

Sparrow Records

Audrey Assad's light and airy voice (no operatic gymnastics here) delivers lyrics that are thoughtful yet not too heady. She's inspired by literature, poetry and, of course, life. Her debut album is about faith, "about the cross and fear and pain and how God is carrying me even though sometimes it doesn't feel like it," she says. "The first reason I write songs is to preach to myself."

Fear God

✘ Fear God

Francis Chan

David C Cook

The word *fear* is associated with negative emotions and thoughts, so it can be difficult to understand how to relate this to God. But fearing God is the first step to knowing Him. This DVD study by author and speaker Francis Chan will help Christians comprehend the vital concept of fear with the end-goal of knowing God more. "For me to be wise and have a healthy understanding of God, it starts with fear," he explains. "If we skip studying the fear of God, then we will not understand the other parts of God." Chan adds, "The reality is, whoever you are, the moment you see God, you will fear Him."

Prayers That Release Heaven on Earth



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John Eckhart

Charisma House

God's wish is for His people to pray diligently until He restores goodness in their nations (see 2 Chr. 7:14). Author John Eckhardt undertakes to show Christians how they should pray. After a section in which he teaches about God's plan for an earthly kingdom, the pastor of Crusaders Ministries in Chicago lists numerous prayers and decrees specific to establishing God's purposes for His kingdom on earth. This is book four in Eckhardt's Spiritual Battle series, which includes the popular *Prayers That Rout Demons*.

The Bishop



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Steven James

Revell

This fourth installment in the best-selling Patrick Bowers

series finds the successful FBI criminologist facing the most challenging case of his career. When a congressman's daughter is found dead it appears her killers could already be ravaging the Northeast with "perfect" murders. With no links connecting the crimes, Bowers will have to use all his training, experience and ingenuity to solve this case. To make matters worse, in the midst of this mind-bending mystery, Bowers is struggling to keep his personal life from falling apart.