



The Help Desk

Volume 1, Number 2

February 2012

Looking for God in all the wrong places

The image at the right is one of my all-time favorite Photoshopped creations. I have no idea what genius created it but it is a masterpiece.

Along life's journey, there are so many times I have felt like the hunter in the photo. I was always looking for God in the world around me when instead I should have been looking up.

Is it any wonder I have not been able to see God clearly when my vision is rigidly fixed on the latest episode of *Storage Wars*?

It is no surprise I fail to hear His voice because my ears are plugged up with an MP3 player or a cell phone.

Psalms 34:8 tells us to *taste and see that the Lord is good* but that's difficult to do when one is scarfing down a double cheeseburger and fries from the local McDonald's.



The truth is that Jesus is not found *Dancing With the Stars* or singing duets with Lady Gaga. He does not conform to this world.

So where am I missing the boat? The Scriptures

provide the answer but I am often too busy using my own warped compass to determine the direction for my life.

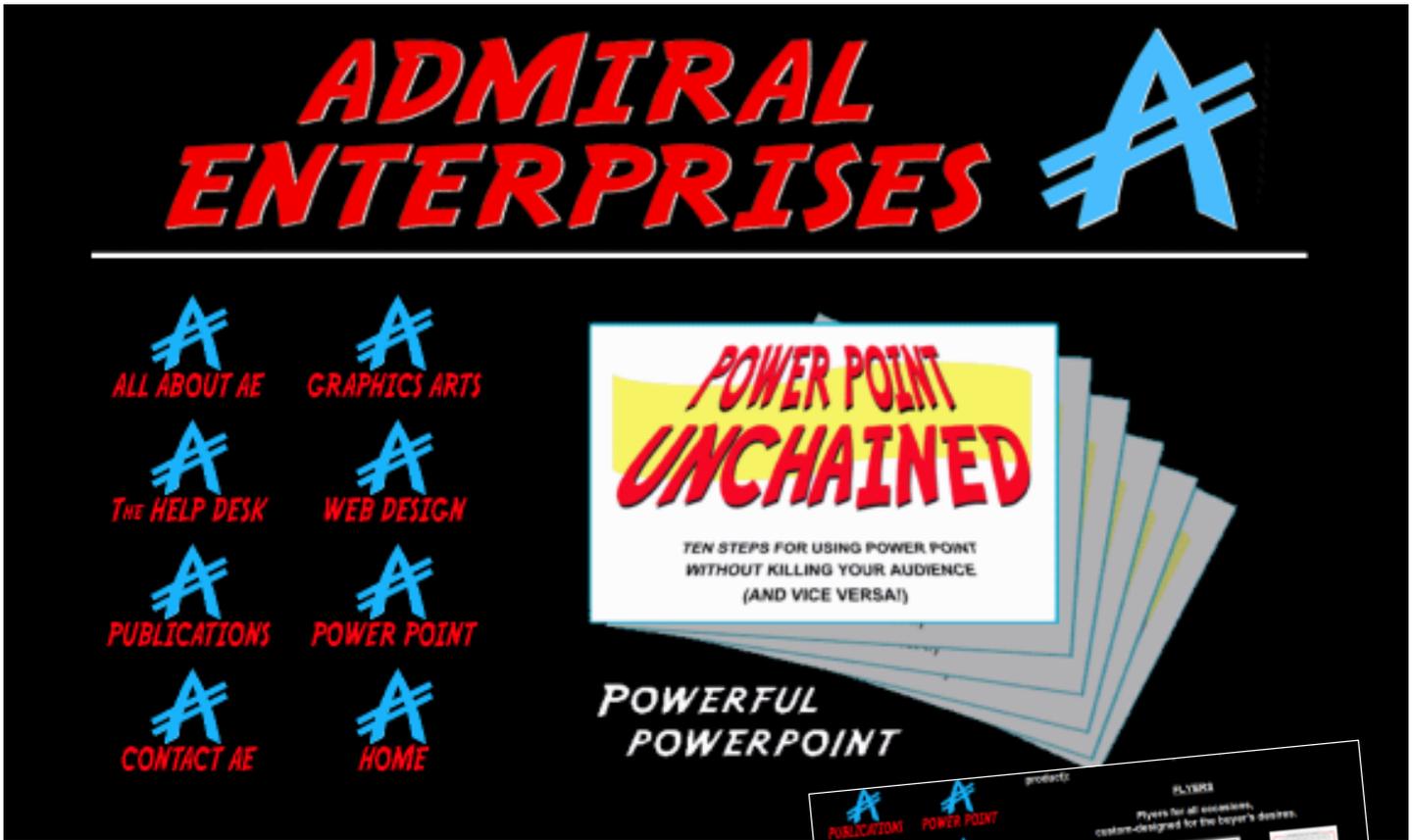
Everything we need to know about connecting with Christ is given in a single verse, Matthew 7:7 - *Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.*

It is my resolve for 2012 to stop playing Richie Rich to the Lord's Cadbury. God is not standing by simply to fulfill my every whim. True, He does want to bless my life with good things but how can I expect that to happen when all I do is snap my fingers, demanding instant service while my mind and heart are not centered on Him?

As the PBS Star Gazer Jack Horkheimer used to advise, I plan to use more time to, "just keep looking up." How about you?

INTRODUCING MY NEW WEBSITE:

www.admiralent.net



Literally over 30 years in the making, this new site encompasses just about everything I do in the electronic industry.

I won't waste a lot of your time bloviating right now....head on out to the site and see just what I can do for you!



In the News

Headline from the *Belleville News Democrat*:

MOM THROWS OUT THEIR BEER, SO KIDS BEAT HER UP, POLICE SAY

And the kids wondered why they had nothing but coal in their Christmas stockings.

Story from the *Palm Beach Post*:

A 43-year-old man from Palm City, FL, was unclear why he was being taken to jail. Yes, perhaps he got drunk and shot his lawnmower. Yes, maybe he pulled a shotgun on his son after the 18-year-old wrestled his pistol from him. And yes, it may have taken three shocks from a sheriff's deputy's taser to get him under control and into handcuffs.

But "He then stated that he shoots in the yard all the time and that fighting is what redneck people do," the resulting incident report notes.

I hear rednecks also barbecue a lot but he shot his grill last month.



I was unaware until now that the Pentagon was into real estate ventures.

Police solve case of the missing bacon

A Grand Rapids resident told police last week that someone had entered his home during the night and taken five pounds of bacon from the refrigerator.

Upon further investigation, police discovered his wife had gotten up for a late night snack, but was afraid to admit it.

Thank goodness I had an alibi!

Story from the *Winston-Salem Journal*:

LEXINGTON — Police say a North Carolina man insisted his million-dollar bill was real when he was buying \$476 worth of items at a Walmart.

Investigators reported that a 53-year-old man tried to buy a vacuum cleaner, a microwave oven and other items. Store employees called police after his insistence that the bill was legit.

He should have been suspicious when he noticed the bill featured a picture of Donald Trump.

Headline from *The Associated Press*:

CAVIAR CACHE FOUND IN RUSSIAN MORGUE

It was being sold under the brand name "Beleaguered Caviar."



Say WHAT?

Each issue will feature a look at terms which may or may not be familiar in the areas of urban slang, common tech phrases and well-known idioms.

URBAN SLANG:

“TEBOWING”

Getting down on one knee to speak to God, typically in thanks. Named for Denver Broncos Quarterback Tim Tebow who routinely professes his faith publicly.

TECH TALK:

“ROFLOL”

Translated as “Rolling on the floor laughing out loud.”

EVERYDAY PHRASE:

AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY

Meaning: Eating at least one apple every day promotes health.

Origin: The February 1866 edition of Notes and Queries magazine published in Wales included this:

"A Pembrokehire proverb. Eat an apple on going to bed, And you'll keep the doctor from earning his bread."

Hoof in Mouth Dept.

Every issue will feature a few typos - bloopers from the printed word we have come across.

- From the menu at the Three-Star Diner in Jacksonville:

“Included with each entree is the coup of the day.”

We attack right after dessert. (Three Star has great food & prices and very nice staffers - who needs good typing?)



- From an unidentified church bulletin:

“Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want to be remembered.”

Envelopes available in small, medium, large, XL and XXL.



Always rely on the experts.

Tales From the Inbox

My favorite joke and story from the multitude of last month's e-mails:

Laugh Lines

I love to laugh at all kinds of jokes and it is not my intention to pick on a certain segment of the female population here. If someone will send me a good fat joke, I'll gladly use it. In the mean time....

A blonde called her boyfriend and said, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her boyfriend asked, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The blonde said, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her boyfriend decided to go over and help with the puzzle. She let him in and showed him where she had the puzzle spread all over the table. He studied the pieces for a moment, then looked at the box.

He turned to her and said, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything even closely resembling a rooster."

He took her hand and said, "Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box!"



Carrots, Eggs, & Coffee!

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her.

Her mother filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second eggs and in the last ground coffee beans.

After 20 minutes she turned off the burners. She placed the carrots and eggs in separate bowls then ladled the coffee into a third bowl.

Her mother asked her to feel the carrots. She noted they were soft. The mother then asked her to break one of the eggs. She did and observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she did, tasting its rich flavor.

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity, boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong and unrelenting but the boiling water rendered it soft and weak. The egg's thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

--Sent by Derrick Walker

Begging the Question

This month's query (answer next month):

What was the name of the TV game show where Johnny Carson and Ed McMahon worked together for the first time?



Last month's query:

National Freedom Day was proclaimed in 1942 to celebrate the passage of what significant legislation in 1865?

ANSWER: The 13th Amendment to the Constitution

ROGER'S HALL OF FAME

Saluting people who made a difference in my life.

Richard Moore - "Cactus Jim"

Dick was the star of a week-day afternoon kid's TV show out of Quincy when I was a young 'un. He was great! And I never forgot the day "Cactus Jim" came to my church and shared his testimony.

What a joy that I got to know him 45 years later and to see all he has been to so many.

He was one of the people who planted seed in me which eventually led me to Christ.



PHOTOSHOP TILL YOU DROP

In each addition I will feature an image which has been altered through the use of the Photoshop program. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to identify how the picture has been changed. Answer in the next issue.

Last Month:



Marilyn Monroe replaced Marilyn Munster! First person to correctly guess was the inimitable Karl Bockemeier of Chatham, IL.

This Month:



What's wrong with this famous photo of the flag raising at Iwo Jima?

End of Document Stuff No One Ever Reads

The Help Desk is published electronically once a month for the first 12 months of the year. It is distributed via e-mail free of charge to everyone with a genuine desire to increase e-mail account spam levels.

Story/photo contributions are encouraged with appropriate credit given. Financial donations not accepted to eliminate the possibility of higher taxation. Any resemblance to real persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental. Except in cases where they are not.

THE HELP DESK STAFF

Roger Deem Perpetrator
Kymberly Deem Constant Inspiration
Composing Rockman Enoph
Proofreading C. Anna Spehl
Furball Production Francie & Regina
Lawsuits Slyppe, Fahl & Sioux



"Since Noon Today"

Copyright © 2012.

All Rights Reserved.

