

ASK Audios and Internet Radio

Commentary for December 23, 2006 — Encouragements Around the World

As I have mentioned in previous communications I have been doing internet radio shows with Ms. GeorgeAnn Hughes of [The Byte Show](#) (click on "Guests"). Permission has been granted for these shows to be put permanently on the ASK website at the audio page (<http://www.askelm.com/audio/index.asp>), and all are down-loadable as MP3 files for downloading to an MP3 player.

Starting December 1st Ms. Hughes began to keep statistics on her show. The segments that I participated in are the most listened to shows on her webpage. For the period of less than three weeks from December 1st to December 19 my various shows have been downloaded by listeners over 368 times to be played later either on their computers or on MP3 players. That number does not seem very large, does it? However, in truth that number represents people who downloaded several of the shows I recorded. This number does not count the numbers of people who listen to the shows simply by clicking on the programs from her website.

Her audience is small, but growing. It is growing by word of mouth, one person telling another. This audience forms a totally new and different group of people who will be reached and presented with the work of Dr. Ernest L. Martin and the best biblical information available online or anywhere.

Format

The format of the shows is simple but effective. I review articles written by Dr. Martin or me that deal with topics interesting to Ms. Hughes or topics she feels would be of interest to her audience. At times I suggest topics I want audio files for ASK to have online. The entire book [ABCs of the Gospel](#) has been put online and is available audio as MP3 files. This is done so that people can listen to the information and then go back and read the articles or chapters in books. Also, this gives people the opportunity to read while they listen to the article, along with occasional questions by Ms. Hughes, banter between us and commentary by me about the topics we cover.

While I basically read the articles we review, people unfamiliar with the articles are surprised that I am doing so because listeners hear the show and forget that I am reviewing an article. Again, listening to written material has a totally different impact on the mind and spirit than material you simply read. This is why it is so important to read out loud any important writing, particularly Scripture.

As the apostle Paul wrote: **"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"** (Romans 10:17). I remind everyone again that in ancient times all reading was read aloud. Even when people read to themselves, they read aloud. In fact, all writing was composed with the aural quality in mind which is why the art of oratory was so important and rhetorical studies were considered part of every educated man's instruction. Dr. Martin's writing lends itself extremely well to being read aloud.

Soldiers Overseas Listening

Now here is an interesting bit of news. Ms. Hughes tells me that U.S. soldiers in Bosnia have contacted her by email and they tell her they download the MP3 ASK shows and play them to each other in small groups. While their officers do not allow them to listen to live shows while on duty (of course), they are allowed to download shows for later listening. This allows them to replay and listen to the shows over and over, which they do.

It is wonderful that the truths of God are being broadcast around the world. There are likely others who have not communicated with ASK or Ms. Hughes, but they listen and will be led to the ASK website. The ASK web address and my ASK email address is mentioned at the beginning and end of every show. It is being done not with massive media and large-scale printing operations, but through the internet.

Shows Lately

I have been doing a series of shows going over Dr. Martin's great book *101 Bible Secrets* which contains short, *Reader's Digest* size articles on various biblical topics. One listener sent an email to Ms. Hughes regarding her shows (which she forwarded to me) from Australia:

I wish to burn them to disk and give them to even strangers ... infact everyone I know ... I loved David seilaf's files on *101 bible secrets*, mostly where he says that Jesus would'nt have long hair and that he would'nt have a beard, WOW ... That is really good to know, just in case the anti-christ comes to you looking like the Jesus we all knew in all those pictures ... imagine all those people that may turn Jesus away just because he looks differant than all those pictures, how offended would the lord be? whoa ... [the ellipses are the writer's]

Of course, Dr. Martin's research about having short hair in the time of Jesus and the apostles is old news to many readers of ASK, but consider the impact such information has to people who are new to such biblical evidence? It is shocking to them. Although such true evidence is controversial (some have wanted ASK to moderate or tone down Dr. Martin's research and statements about such things), the truth cannot be ignored and should be presented with undiminished strength and power. Dr. Martin did not do research and teach for the sake of popularity. I will present his research as strongly and as powerfully as I am able.

Here are other comments from non-ASK listeners to The Byte Show:

Thanks for Your Interviews with David Sielaff as he presents the work of Dr. Ernest Martin. Thanks for letting Him put them up on His web site ASK. They are very educational and a blessing to Christianity. Thanks Again.

Ms. Hughes and I did a show on Dr. Martin's Temple evidence and a 7-part series on King David's Tomb (<http://www.askelm.com/temple/t061001.htm>), which is, of course, based on the correct location of the Jerusalem Temples. It had an impact to at least one listener:

Just a quick note to say thanks for all you do! I just finished listening to the series with David Sielaff on 'King David's Tomb' and all I can say is AWE-SOME!!! I can't wait for the next installment!

Georgeann, I have been so blessed by your show and especially YOU! I just love all your shows and guests and I have learned so much! ...

Communications to ASK

One listener from the show sent an email directly to me at david@askelm.com. This listener is new to ASK:

Mr. Sielaff,

Hello, I listen to you when ever you are on *The Byte Show* with GeorgeAnn Hughes. I truly enjoy your presentations.

I have always believed (I'm a misfit) that the trinity is a pagan manifestation included into Christendom by the Catholic Church by the Nicene counsel, the Catholics have always included pagan doctrines from all over the world, to entice pagan people into the church. The sad thing is that even the protestant reformation didn't do away with these false doctrines. They just moved them into the protestant belief system. The trinity, immortality of the soul, sins forgiven by man, the Pope as Christ on earth, tithing as a contract, tongues spoken in no known language on earth, hell fire, purgatory, the rapture, I could go on but that's enough ...

When I have ever spoke out against any of these, especially the trinity, I have been told that I can't be a Christian ... Well, I'm not a Christian! I don't want to be mistaken for one of them. I follow Gods Holy Scriptures, and the teachings of Christ ... I think During the time of the apostles, they called it the WAY, Christ said, (for I am the way the truth and the life).

In Matthew, Christ said the only UNFORGIVABLE sin was to blaspheme the Holy Spirit. I have often wondered if these religions and their members that preach the trinity, are they doing just that? I don't know, but God does know.

Anyway David, I look forward to more of your interviews with GeorgeAnn. Thank you for doing her show...

Regards, ...

My reply to her was as follows:

Ms. ..., Thank you for your email. There is much more to explore at the ASK website (www.askelm.com). Dr. Martin's research covers an incredible range of biblical and historical research from:

- The time and circumstances of Christ's birth in *The Star of Bethlehem: The Star that Astonished the World*;
- The place and manner of Christ's Crucifixion, *The Secrets of Golgotha*;
- The design and development of the Holy Scriptures, *Restoring the Original Bible*;
- The location of the Jewish Temples, *The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot*;
- The error of tithing, *The Tithing Dilemma*;
- The development of pagan Christianity, *The People That History Forgot*;
- *101 Bible Secrets That Christians Do Not Know*; and

- *The Essentials of New Testament Doctrine*, which is the capstone of Dr. Martin's theological research.

Several of these books are available to be read online. In addition, search out the "Articles" tab for subjects that particularly interest you, and note also the Video Presentation webpage (<http://www.askelm.com/video/index.asp>). Enjoy the ASK Website, and may God bless you in your studies of His Word, the Bible.

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I realize that any response from new listeners from *The Byte Show* (and other programs that I may go on), might have small numbers of people who respond and are led to the ASK website. Understand that eventually God will lead all people to the truth (1 Timothy 2:4–6), hopefully using ASK as an agent in leading many people to His living Word Jesus Christ and His written Word the Bible. It will happen one person at a time, in God's own time frame.

Other Opportunities

One additional opportunity came from this show. Perhaps others will come in the future.

A listener to *The Byte Show* contacted a "live" radio show with an even larger audience suggesting that they have me on their broadcast. I am working with the hosts to schedule a time to go live on their weekly radio show. While their show generally deals with topics considerably different than what ASK covers, they are interested for me to present information about the correct site of the Temples and David's Tomb. They feel that those topics would be of great interest to their audience. Certainly their audience needs to hear about those important subjects.

I am willing to take advantage of all such opportunities to speak, whether on radio, internet radio, or to groups around the world. I feel it is always beneficial for new audiences to be presented with the truths of Scripture, in whatever forum, just giving the facts without being preachy or sanctimonious, yet being direct and giving straight answers from Scripture.

Thank you all for your support so that I can take advantage of all these and other initiatives in the future. Listen to all the audio files by Dr. Martin on the ASK website (<http://www.askelm.com/audio/index.asp>). Also, please listen to some of the Byte Show segments and write to us your comments, encouragements, or criticisms by email or snailmail.

Thank you and God bless you all,

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