

Stranger Than Fiction!

HIS MARVELS NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE!

ANGEL ANSWERS FISH'S QUESTIONS!

--Rosie Lovelight, USA.

ONCE WHEN I WAS OUT WITH A FISH, HE INVITED ME OVER TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE & the Lord with him. While at his house, something very different & supernatural happened.

I WAS WITNESSING TO HIM about the simple love of Jesus when he started sincerely asking some very deep spiritual questions that I was unable to answer because of my lack of knowledge.

I KNEW THAT MY ONLY HOPE was to pray & ask the Lord for help. So, I excused myself & went to the restroom to pray. While in the restroom, I claimed power for the hour & a little quote out of "New Life, New Love": "But if you follow the Lord you'll never go wrong; He's right out there with you & He knows exactly what to do, & all you have to do is ask Him."

THEN I CONTINUED TO PRAY THAT THE LORD WOULD JUST SPEAK THRU ME. After praying I went back out & our conversation continued. Again he started sincerely asking questions about the Bible & Jesus. Only this time, to my amazement, I saw a man dressed in white, sitting in a chair up in the corner of the room, & he answered the question for me.

I THEN KNEW WHAT TO SAY to my fish. For every question he gave me the answer. Pretty soon R. started looking up at the ceiling trying to figure what was up there. THIS LEFT ME WITH AN OPEN DOOR TO WITNESS ABOUT THE SPIRIT WORLD & God's Holy Spirit that could do miracles & even change his life & make him a happier person. He was

then filled with the Holy Spirit & a short time later he started reading more of the Bible & the letters. He even started giving us generous weekly donations. TYJ! GOD'S LOVE HAS CHANGED THE LIVES OF many, & the goal is the world; so let's keep praying, loving & living for Jesus!

GOD'S WARNING COMES THRU ON TELEVISION!

--Amos & Wayra; Europe.

DURING A DINNER AT THE HOME OF A COUPLE WHO HAD BECOME HARDENED TO THE simple truths of the Bible & the words of David, I could speak no more; so, with Wayra next to me & them in front of me, I shot up a little prayer to Jesus saying: "Lord, I can't say anymore. You're going to have to speak through the television," which was turned on in the next room. Suddenly the words spoken by someone on T.V. came thru loud & clear: "Warnings of repentance or destruction!"

AFTER A FIRM LOOK INTO THE EYES OF THE HOST & a verbal, "Thank you Jesus," I ran into the next room & a Catholic priest who was being interviewed had begun reading excerpts from the book of Jeremiah! TYJ!

HEARING THE BIBLE!

--Abner Adino; British Isles.

WHEN I JOINED THE FAMILY 1 YEARS AGO I was praying with the other babes. I had a strong vision of a beautiful white horse with a very mighty, beautiful, shining, silvery knight in armour who was leaning forward & smiling at me. I told them all I had seen & the babes

shepherd then told me about Abner. I had not read any of the letters about Abner but I "wowed" at the name.

THE LORD LATER TOLD ME THAT WAS HIS NAME FOR ME, as I had been in the Family two weeks without a Bible name, waiting for the Lord to give me a revelation.

TWO YEARS LATER, I WAS TALKING TO A SWEET BROTHER WHO WAS TELLING THAT HE MET HIS WIFE ON May 10th and was telling me of several other things that had happened on that date. He had heard the testimony about my name, & then he said, "Oh, & Abner died on May 10th." I was astonished because May 10th is my birthday! Imagine how surprised & inspired we both were! It was an answer to prayer. PTL! TYJ!

ANGEL PAYS FOR MOVIE TICKETS!

-- Marc.

HERE'S A LITTLE TESTIMONY THAT HAS STAYED IN MY HEART BECAUSE OF THE FUNNY THINGS THE LORD DOES TO HELP US: We were 9 brothers & sisters, & the movie "Samson & Dalila" was playing in town. We tried to provision tickets but the boss said he would let only 2 people enter free.

THE TIME FOR THE MOVIE WAS REALLY CLOSE & DESPERATELY WE HELD HANDS IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE & PRAYED that the Lord would miraculously supply. As we finished praying, a man came up from nowhere & said: "I want to pay for your tickets," & at the same time the bell rang for the start of the film. We were really excited & praising the Lord for it! We went in & the "man" sat by my side.

THEN, A FEW MOMENTS BEFORE THE FILM ENDED, I turned toward him to thank him & nobody was there. He just vanished before the lights came on. PTL! If He has to drop it from Heaven, He'll do it! Love, Marc.

Late Video News!

--New Video Accessories on the Market! Buying Tips from Thaddeus, W.S. Researcher

Compiled from Reports by Thaddeus, W.S. Researcher:

WHILE AT THE VIDEO FAIR

We noticed that there were a great number of pre-recorded films from the dark side of the spirit world--horror, violence, porn & the worst of society's traits were the major themes. Good films were very few & far between. Since in general it is only the rich who can afford these tapes, it is clear who they are out to subvert & distract from the real world. The worst excesses of American society--whether real or imaginary--were predominant, & I would say that there are few films on the market we could recommend. Exceptions were the Biblical epics, including the 4-part "Jesus of Nazareth".

WHILST THE BIG COMPANIES ARE MAKING LITTLE ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE DOMESTIC FORMATS so that they can be used by professionals to originate on, other small firms are beginning to see the potential & are moving in on what could be a very big market.

ONE USEFUL TOOL THAT JVC HAS JUST INTRODUCED is a 5-inch VHS Recorder/Monitor, switchable between PAL & SECAM. It costs about 250 pounds, cheaper than similar black & white monitors. They have also introduced a 14-inch PAL/SECAM/NTSC Monitor only which costs about the same.

Both represent great value for money compared to last year's models.

CAMERAS ARE IMPROVING FASTER THAN ANY OTHER ASPECT of the video market at the moment, & mass production combined with the extensive use of new technology & "chips" is bringing their price down dramatically. This was a point brought out at the seminar at the end: The video field is advancing so rapidly that things unheard of a

few years ago are now on the market, so the business of predicting future prices & value-for-money was a very difficult one.

JVC ASSURED US THAT THE VHS FORMAT WILL BE AROUND FOR SEVERAL YEARS to come. But there are new machines coming: In a year to 3 years there will be a complete recording system in the size of a cine camera, which is the market they are obviously aiming to take over.

THE VHS SYSTEM HAS BY NO MEANS REACHED THE LIMITS OF ITS DEVELOPMENT. Whilst the new JVC 7700 is probably the ultimate in its facilities (almost), they expect new advances in ancillary equipment--particularly in the area of editing & maintaining quality.

No high-speed duplicator is on the market yet, but as the demand is building for one, it could appear at next year's show.

VIDEO DISCS are being introduced this year, & like their audio counterparts they will only be available in a pre-recorded form. They are somewhat similar in appearance to audio discs, but there the similarity ends.

Again, there are several different formats, none of which will clearly have predominance, & none of the discs of one format will fit another's machine.

COSTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE LOWER THAN FOR TAPE RECORDERS, approx. 1,000 Swiss Francs being a figure quoted. They will produce high quality pictures up to an hour in length on each side of the disc, with hi-fi sound quality, probably in stereo. Features will include permanent pause, slow-motion, variable speed & random search facilities.

ONE REVOLUTIONARY ASPECT OF THIS DISC will be its ability to store up to about 500

thousand pages of material on one side of a disc! For this type of educational material, total playing time will be reduced to 35 minutes per side. It will be possible to get our own material put on record but, as with audio discs, it will be very expensive & only viable with a run of over 2,000. For instance, to give you an idea of the capacity of these discs, the Encyclopedia Britannica could be put on one disc. What about the Letters?

THEY ARE EXPECTING VIDEO DISCS TO TAKE OFF quite fast, with discs being available at about 60 SF a time & sales of 1% of the video market in about 2 years. The effect on the tape market is likely to be a virtual end of the pre-recorded tapes, since the discs will be less than half their price.

THE AUDIO MARKET IS LIKELY TO SUFFER A great deal since the quality of the video discs will be way above present discs, altho' some manufacturers are coming out with similar types of audio discs. The new discs will not wear out since there is no actual contact between the scanning mechanism & the disc.

IN THE VIDEO CASSETTE MARKET THERE IS NOW LIKELY TO BE A RUSH TO MINIATURISATION & COST REDUCTION, & nowhere more so than in the camera field.

Micro-chip technology & mass-production should all but wipe out the Super-8 market as the cost of equipment falls drastically. VHS is still likely to last a long while, but with further miniaturisation of the recorder.

IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT A COMBINED CAMERA-RECORDER WILL BE INTRODUCED quite shortly, maybe in a couple of years at the most, using a very small cassette which can then be edited onto a larger &

longer tape, thus keeping the VHS system going for some time to come.

IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE BASIC VHS WILL CHANGE MUCH, but there will be some continued refinements. Interfaces between it & the U-matic system are just around the corner, & editing is likely to improve still further. Quality of reproduction is unlikely to improve greatly, but better camera technology will help. Sound is likely to be improved. Already the National Panasonic Industrial Machine has stereo sound, & that trend is likely to continue.

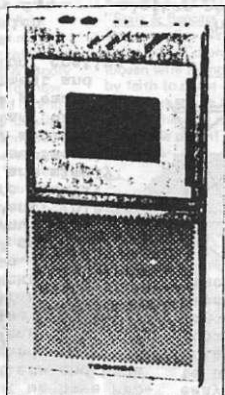
INSERT EDITING IS UNLIKELY, BUT ASSEMBLY EDITING IS ALREADY POSSIBLE. TV screens in with the recorder are already coming in & are likely to increase with large flat screens of high quality reproduction coming too.

ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT IS SATELLITE BROADCASTING. Already available now in the States & soon in Europe. This will hit the established TV networks, & they are very worried about it. The mass audiences are potentially enormous & multilingual transmissions will soon be possible. This has a potentially enormous political consequences spreading over national boundaries--& behind the Iron Curtain.

WE COULD HAVE A PART IN THIS as it would be an effective way to reach a mass audience. However, it all seems to be preparing the way for the AC & his computer-controlled communications system. Cheap technology will drastically cut the cost of TV sets, making them available to all just as the transistor radio is today. It is a real confirmation of what Dad has been saying. Will "every eye...see Him" on a TV screen?

THE MICRO-CHIP REVOLUTION has made possible the vid-

eo revolution, & we are still in its infancy! A pocket calculator-sized TV set has just been unveiled by Toshiba in the U.S.A., & the industry is moving & growing so fast that by next year's Fair, we are likely to see a completely different video world.



The amazing new calculator-size TV from Toshiba.

THE PROSPECTIVE PRICE-FALLS ARE UNLIKELY TO ARRIVE FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO, & the really great leaps forward are unlikely to become freely available until that time also. There is a world-wide famine for micro-chips at the moment, & still more complicated chips are in the pipeline to produce tomorrow's machines.

THE EFFECT ON PRINTING is already being felt. Facsimile transmissions are now possible over the phone, as is the transmission of all types of data. This could make the typewriter as we know it today obsolete in a matter of a couple of years.

SONY HAS INTRODUCED A COMPLETELY ELECTRONIC TYPEWRITER using a micro-cassette which can be played over the telephone to another

recorder which will then play back thru a portable silent printer. Each cassette can store up to 120 pages of correctable standard typed pages.

THIS TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT COULD AFFECT OUR MAILING COSTS, filing etc., to mention just two minor areas. Using new technology on video tape, it will soon be possible to put pages of the latest Letter on tape which will be replayable thru a printer. The list of possibilities is almost endless! It should be possible to get the whole set of Letters put onto Video quite soon in print form, & the available space on a 3-hour tape is incredible. The marrying of the printing & video ministries is a definite possibility, even for the Family, in the very near future. The paperless office is almost here!

P.S. FOR OUR PHONE CALLS WE BOUGHT A MONITOR TIMER which displays the cost of the call as you are talking. This has been of great help in keeping track of calls so we can put sufficient aside to cover them by buying stamps, so that the money cannot be spent on other needs. I don't know if they are available in other countries, but we recommend them very much.

"KIDDIE-VIDDIE" VISION!

From Thaddeus; W.S. researcher.

...FOR INSTANCE, WE COULD PRODUCE A SERIES OF 3-HOUR TAPES for all the Family, covering all age ranges & spiritual maturity levels, in which we could produce, as it were, our own broadcast, with an announcer linking the different programmes, trailers for all the shows both on this tape & future tapes, & even a few good adverts of our own thrown in for variety & interest.

WE COULD INCLUDE A LOT OF PRE-RECORDED MATER-

IAL I am sending now, thus building up a comprehensive programme of education for all!

WE'RE JUST ABOUT READY TO GO WITH SOME MODEL THEATRE--moving flannel-graphs, & Phineas has his puppets. I'm certain that FC is popping with ideas too, & if we had a series of illustrated talks by Dad, that would be tremendous, don't you think? (Amen!)

IT IS QUITE EASY TO PUT SLIDES, PICTURES & PHOTOS EFFECTIVELY ON VIDEO. And when you see just how simple & effective some of these children's shows are, the possibilities for using our own material become very exciting. It would certainly beat the Sesame Street torture (which reminds one of Hitler's SS).

I AM SO GLAD THAT THE SHOWS WE ARE DOING ARE A BLESSING. You don't appreciate the light until you've been in darkness, & programmes like SS & some of the porno movies, violent police-type movies & war films--the foul excreta of the 'more which is polluting the world--certainly help us to appreciate the good programmes when they come on.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE BRITISH TV NETWORK IS BEING REGULARLY FLOOD-

ED with it, too, nowadays, along with the pro-black, pro-Jewish & pro-Illuminati propaganda which is clearly affecting the youth of today.

THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO SIFT MORE & MORE THRU' THE MUCK to find the jewels which are quite frequently buried or hidden in some corner. But it is fun, mining the gold & to get some feedback as encouraging as your letters makes it worth it all! PTL! Love, Thaddeus.

VIDEOING TIPS!

From Thaddeus; W.S. researcher:

WHEN VIDEOING, THE SOUND IS A PERENNIAL PROBLEM. The best way to overcome this is to have an extra person to handle it as the mike on the camera is usually too far from the subject, so the input signal is low. Copies are particularly affected.

A SMALL PORTABLE SOUND STUDIO--a mixer, some good mikes of different types (but matching) & some good quality cables & plugs--can transform a mediocre film into a good one, since the ear is so much more sensitive to distortions than the eye. We seem to be able to tolerate poor video, but we really notice poor sound.

The new machines have "Dolby" on them which helps, but their very design--using a relatively slow speed--is a quality inhibiting factor. When there is one weak link in the chain it is essential to make all the other links as strong as possible to prevent any further losses.

ANOTHER LITTLE TIP WE LEARNED is that most video machine breakdowns are caused by mechanical breakdowns, the majority of them by human error, rough treatment or incorrect handling. We were just a really rare exception this month. If treated gently these machines should last very well. But put a tape in the wrong way 'round, then I pray it's a rented machine since the cost of repair is enormous! Since they are usually put under the TV, children must be kept away.

MAILING CASES FOR TAPES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE at a good price with good security. Perhaps we could use reinforced envelopes in future which could be re-used. This would save a great deal of time, especially considering the number of people sending tapes after the ministry takes off. The last tape sent to us in the mail arrived fine with no problems, some 4 days after mailing.

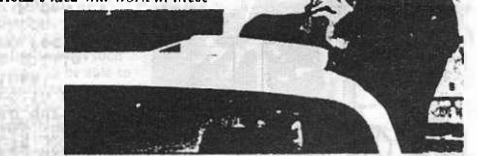
FAMILY VIDEO NEWS!

From Keda & Yasuko; Australia:

Dear Dad, YOUR COMMENTS ON OUR FIRST VIDEO WERE A THRILL to our hearts & a super-help, & we ran out & got a tripod right away. Here in Aussie, our video isn't completely compatible with the TV sets since the Radio Frequency is higher in Hong Kong & most countries than that in Australia for any given channel. This means that we can get our picture well, but without costly adjustments we can't get sound. What we've done tho', is to set up a small amplifier & speaker

connected to the earphones of our VTR, & the sound comes out loud & clear, just independent of the TV! (The same is true of countries like Argentina, South Africa & others which have the PAL-N System. The picture is clear but there's no sound, so Keda's idea will work in these

countries as well. More details coming soon. --Ed.)



Ho on teaction in the Orient! See it via video, coming soon! Photo by Ruthie.