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“I have waited 45 years for you.”

Martin, I have waited patiently for forty-five years for you to appear on the scene with the truth. I am a 70 year old goat with no appeal, but you are the man for the hour and I know you will not let the body of Christ down. You can be the modern day Paul and if you can manage the onslaught



and the terror campaigns that will come against you, you will win a great victory for this closing era, by the grace of God.

G.C. —Alabama



I spent two hours at IHOP yesterday morning carefully breaking the good news to a close friend. While I was afraid of rejection, I could not keep this wonderful news to myself. He just sat there with eyes glistening, taking it all in. I left him with a couple of books. I cannot keep these books to myself; they are wonderful and life changing! GOD BLESS YOU. G.S. —Connecticut

Martin Zender's Clanging Gong News

“If I know all mysteries and all knowledge, but have no love, I am a clanging gong” --1 Cor. 13:1-2



Two out of three isn't bad.

Your letters!

Once a year I like to encourage those of you who have supported this ministry by printing a sampling of some of the comments I've received. God has used this ministry to not only encourage and establish the saints, but to introduce the glories of Christ to many for the first time. This could not have happened in 2010 without your help. And it cannot continue happening without it. Additionally, it will encourage you to know that even though you may feel isolated, there are many who share your faith. Enjoy—and thank you.

—Martin



REACHING THOSE APPOINTED BY GOD

I downloaded the CGN as soon as I got home today. Please don't ever let discouragement get in the way of what you are doing. When you get to the next valley, remember there are hundreds maybe thousands of us eagerly awaiting your work every week. This is the way it's supposed to be so please... 'endure.' I have now completed every CGN back issue. I'm starved for more insight into GOD, so I bought all your books tonight and your CD— can't wait for them to arrive. You are reaching those you are meant to reach and we really appreciate your efforts. —D.K. —New York

Pulled toward understanding

I feel God really pulling me toward understanding, and you have been instrumental in that. You take the stumbling blocks out of the scriptures. I hope that me telling you this gives you a renewed sense of confidence.

When it comes to God and Christ, you put out truth in a way that I can grasp it. Thank you, Martin. E.M. —Florida



My husband, two grown sons and I have been listening/reading your weekly messages for a couple of years now. You are refreshingly different. I've been on a search for truth for about 10 years. We listened to a variety of internet messages but then settled on yours because it's dependable, funny, and best of all is NOT like regular church teaching. Thank you so much for all the hard creative work you put into these Clanging Gongs and Crack of Dawns. May God richly bless you! M.J. —Holland

“For years, I was depressed ...”

I just wanted to send you a note to let you know how much your ministry has helped me. Several years ago I read some of your books and articles. You answered questions that I had had for years. For years, I was extremely depressed about a God who would allow people to be born that He knew would end up in torment forever. What a relief to learn that was not true.

Keep up the great work and know that you are having a wonderful impact in this world. I would still be living under the horrible burden that I was under being fearful of God and angry at God if it were not for your books. God bless you. S.D. —Wisconsin

“ ... our eyes must be opened ... ”

Hello, Martin. I am a former seminary student for the catholic priesthood, and a former receptacle for evangelical Christian talking points. My major in the seminary was philosophy. I am grateful for the part of that education that taught me to think and question. However, I became conditioned to live with inconsistencies.

Your work has helped me to come alive again and see a unity in the scriptures that I have been blinded from. I am

amazed at how much I did not see as a daily reader of the word. How true it is that our eyes must be opened. Thank you so much for what you are doing! G.P. —*NJ*



Dad is now cool.

I have been listening to your radio shows with Dan Sheridan. The reconciliation of all is truly Good News! I used to go to bed shouting what a lousy excuse for a Christian I am. But now I know my sins are taken away by the cross. That is bloody brilliant! My son (14) and I listen to your show before bed each night. He loves it and you have made my belief *COOL!*

J.B. —*England*

“Martin, Martin, Martin, What do you have to say for yourself? Plenty, I’ll bet. Well, I have plenty to say about you, too:

You’re **brash, offensive, outrageous, ostentatious, irreverent, rebellious**—and I thank the Lord for you. M.C. —*California*



“ ... I reached the most terrifying point in my life ... ”



Dear Martin, your books have inspired me in ways I can't even put into words and made me hungry for God and to spread these incredible truths you have helped me to see in the Bible.

The hole that I dug was so deep that I had lost all hope of ever climbing out. Guilt, shame, anger, hate, loneliness and utter sadness had become too great a burden to carry and trying to overcome and somehow fit or be accepted back into society was impossible. Then it happened. I reached the most terrifying point in my life: Completely abandoned and left

to face an 80 year prison sentence. All alone in my cold dark cell God had finally accomplished what needed to be. I was broken and there was no fight left in me, I couldn't perform the simplest of functions, all I could do was lay there on the icy cold floor of my cell and stare at the grey wall in front of me, completely oblivious to the world.

My eyes began to well up with tears from a feeling so sad, so terrible, that I knew this was what it must feel like before a person contemplates suicide. Little did I know that this was what I needed to become free of the world and ready for the Potter's hands. Little did I know how incredible of a blessing God was preparing me for all those years.

God revealed Himself to me that night in ways that I cannot deny and worked miracles in my life that only God could do. There is no other explanation. I prayed to God every night for guidance and knowledge and wisdom. This is where I met a man named Mark Halbert. He introduced me to a lot of good literature, including yours, and my life has never been the same. I thank

God for your wisdom and ability to speak the truth. I've read most of your books, and share them with others in hope that they too may be set free, for the truth surely does set you free. I know that what you help people to see in God's word is the truth because your books were an answer to my prayers. I trust God. You are a Blessing from God, and it is amazing how God works through you. Thank you, my brother.

J.K. —*Illinois*

“I had lost all hope.”

“Exactly the right time”



I am so grateful to have come across your work. God put it in my life EXACTLY at the right time, moving me away from the insanity of "Churchianity" shortly after reading *How to Quit Church Without Quitting God*. Ever since then, the pieces have been falling into place one after the other. So many things make sense now that never did before. Thank you for explaining things in such a logical and witty manner! Please accept this gift and do with it whatever is needed. Your friend in Christ, B.K. —*TX*

GRACE

RULES

Rants & Stuff

The Apostle Paul says we should not murmur (Philippians 2:14). Therefore, I shall rant.

KIDS LOSE BUTTS!

Martin, you're doing a bang up job. My kids were laughing their butts off at God looking for Adam. I hear nothing but truth when I read and hear your stuff. Thank you for your dedication, and God bless.

J.M. —Tennessee

"Picca" writes from Holland

dear martin, i am picca from holland and i thank God for your life en your sense of humor. i have study your videos and much more on your site and i am so happy whit it. the things you share confirm what i have believed for a long time deep in my hart. i am very happy whit you martin. could you tell me if there is a corect dutch bible on this planet and if not, can you tell me where i can get that english concordance (i thought it was) version. thank you from the bodem of my hart. much love and a big brasa from holland. greets: your bro picca.



2011: Onward

Isometimes write to those who send financial support: "You're backing the right horse." I tell you that because I think you deserve to hear it. No one wants to think their hard-earned money goes for naught. This edition of the CGN presents just some of the fruit of our labors.

IN 2011: I just spent New Year's Eve (day) in a recording studio with Dan Sheridan making 10 shows on "The 12 Secrets." Look for CD soon. I am most of the way through a book on the Apostle Paul and the two evangelists, called *God's Radical*. This book is twice the length of my standard paperback. Additionally, this will be



the year I launch my "End Times" daily audio series on Daniel and Revelation. Also, I now know why God has supernaturally delayed the *Shagah* project for so long; I will share this exciting news with you soon. The CGN and the CODR will keep coming every Saturday—God willing.

Grace and peace to you in 2011, and thank you for your continued support, because I continue to need it, as well as your prayers.

—Martin

"... your books came to me at the hardest time ..."

Dear Mr. Zender,

I am writing you today to just say thank you. Most of my religious life, I have been led to believe by my "fellow Christians" that I am totally in the wrong—wrong for thinking of God the way I did and even more wrong for questioning God or the Church. Those people who were supposed to be people of God drove me away from the true God and tried to make me believe in a God that could create children that were going to hell forever.

My cell mate had two of your books, *Intelligent Prayer*, and *Martin Zender Goes to Hell*. I was glued to the books. I kept thinking, *Amen, amen, who is this guy?* I had to write you, for your books had come to me at the hardest time of my life. After a couple years of walking around lost and confused due to those ignorant Christians, I had lost all faith and direction and didn't know who or what to believe. In the midst of my confusion, I ended up here in a cell. I quickly found myself getting to know God again on my own terms, not the way a

pastor said I should. I found my relationship to be much more loving and intimate. Your books soon came into my hands and helped confirm my beliefs and studies.



Thank you for letting people know, people like me, that we aren't alone. It's hard being surrounded by people who are so hypocritically righteous that they put down, judge and drive away the true truth seekers. I can't wait to get out and be able to read your other books. They may have very much saved my life and my relationship with my Maker.

C.F. —Indiana