

The Door

Who is this?

- A. Bill Clinton?
- B. Bill Clinton before \$200 haircut?
- C. Hillary Clinton before haircut...and shave?
- D. Mike Warnke?
- E. James Dobson disguised as Mike Warnke?
- F. Mike Warnke's ex-wife?
- G. Arlo Guthrie?
- H. That's right.

TOP TEN

by Darrel Spensl

LEAST LIKELY YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

- 10 Elvis Night
- 9 Door-to-Door Hymn Sing
- 8 Strip Bible Verse Memory Challenge
- 7 Rival Church Vandalism
- 6 Pin the Tail On The Live Donkey
- 5 Interpretive Dance And Beer Night
- 4 Hog Wash
- 3 Baked Tripe And Hoof Sale
- 2 Burnt Offering Night
- 1 Prayer

LEAST SUNG CHRISTIAN HYMNS

- 10 "A Mighty Fortress In Our House"
- 9 "I Love To Tell The Allegory"
- 8 "On Earth Mother The Solid Rock I Stand"
- 7 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Eat"
- 6 "When We Walk With The Maharishi"
- 5 "The Old Rugged Hoss"
- 4 "Onward, Cultic Soldiers"
- 3 "Amazing Gracie! How Sweet The Pastries"
- 2 "To Evolution Be The Glory"
- 1 "All Hail The Power Of Buddha's Name"



CHRISTIAN HOROSCOPE

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Sunday, July 11, 1993

Capricorn moon engenders false messianic hysteria. Scripture in the hands of Sagittarius becomes twisted. Keep cholesterol low; old people will remember you fondly. Anything fungoid has vast potential for unsightliness. Foot powder is inexpensive.



ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) A friend's new toys arouse envy. You will request same from God. It won't happen. A loaded gun can be persuasive. Friend gives you toy.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Appliances are not always demonic; you are in control of your house. Depression over forcible retirement from active ministry. Immersion in crafts. Pain is associated with Taurus.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20) Cars are a mode of transportation. Use them. A one-time pastor will ask you to speak at the "Kristian Krafts" meeting. You will punch him in the mouth.



VIRGO (Aug. 23—Sept. 22) You are good with philosophical concepts, but are unable to cope with real life. Cats startle you. Your wife refuses to shave her legs, bathing them instead with vodka.



GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Youth group activities fill your social calendar. Do not let logic or good taste prevent you from having a good time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) New toys abound. Theology can be found in movies. You will dream of large rodents. Beware of Aries — especially if wielding loaded weapon.



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: This is your year for perfect church attendance. Either a new home or disaster by fire is possible in June. Invest in prayer life. Christmas will come in December. Christian television celebrities are an important source of wisdom ... as are ceramic cattle.

CELEBRITY INSIGHTS: *Benny Hinn (3/12/52) is the sort of Sagittarius who likes to perform. His Jupiter in Mercury's Libra's Jupiter reveals a deep love of hair products. His powerful public attraction is due, no doubt, to his doctrinal moon being constipated behind Gemini in Saturn's congested ring circle.*



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will go to church today. You will hear a sermon and learn nothing. Others will sing. Children will be rude to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Monastery walls can feel like a prison. A telephone is the gateway to the world. Place a long-distance call — collect. A woman's voice excites you.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Frustration with Virgo. All talk, no action. Oprah says vodka on skin increases circulation. Let yourself go. A cat dropped from a great height has the capacity to startle. Uses ...

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will become spiritually excited by prosperity gospel and possibility thinking. Dreams, visions of Crystal Cathedral. Begin building in back yard. Feel like Noah. Crystal tool shed disappointing outcome. Flowers can be pretty.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Musical tastes within your church will differ and controversy will rage, but romance will be good to you. A Benedictine monk will call collect from Italy. Calm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Twice you will look in the mirror. Neither time will you be satisfied with your looks. Write a letter to a friend. A friend writes a letter to you. You will find lost Bible. Opening it, you will happen upon a verse you have never seen before. This does not surprise you.



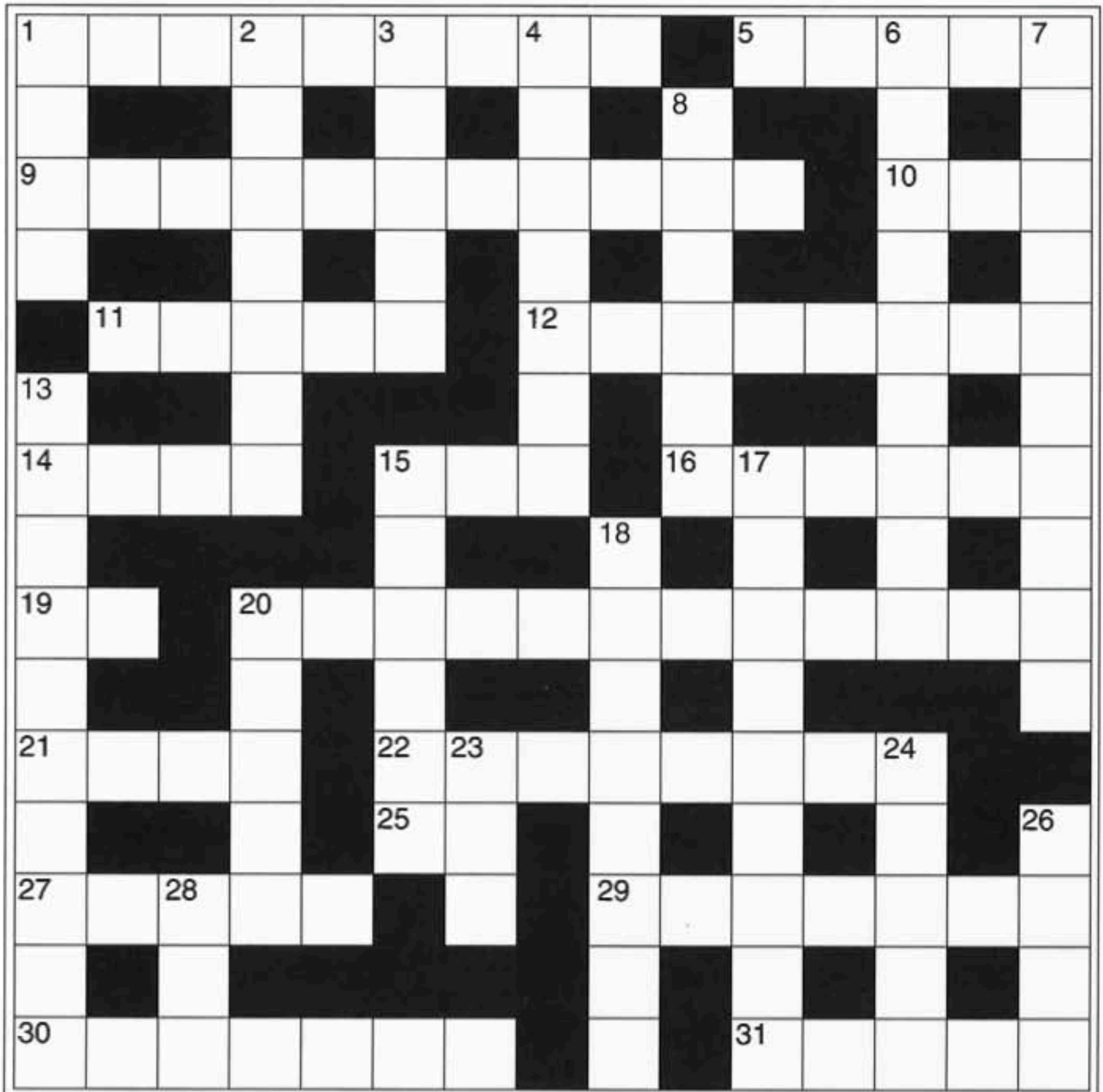
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS

A Pisces (3/15/62) writes: "I have a rock collection that I started when I was eight years old. It was old Scout Master Bob who first introduced me to igneous sediment in the church basement. One rock looks like it has Jesus' profile. My Virgo's moon is rising in the Leo/Scorpio quadrant, and my Taurus is back at the Ford dealership for repairs after a collision involving an Aries and a Mercury. I'm wondering — is my rock collection worth anything?"

Christian Horoscope Answer: No.

The Trap Door

a transdenominational crossword puzzle



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TRAP DOOR CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

ACROSS

1. Unit of communication, we believe, speaking into being.(4, 4)
5. The heifer Zeus loved is totally cool, on the airwaves.(5)
9. Interior appeal with a pure "I" to confused trips. (1, 4, 6)
10. World of hockey superstar, negative. (3)
11. Acronym for "Bad rugs attached to skull." (5)
12. Libido gone wild. (8)
14. Seldom split in televangelist coif. (4)
15. "I'm shy – you wouldn't believe how shy I am – come here, big boy, I'll tell you how shy I am." (3)
16. Take the roof off an Oriental accent, backwards. (6)
19. Canadian, _____? (2)
20. It's seedy, all mixed up after a tight grasp. "I'm Tilton, praying soooo hard!" (8, 4)
21. "In all honesty, really," says the avaricious, televisual miracle-promiser. But what's he really saying? (1, 3)
22. Dealings with this earth falsely prophetic. (8)
25. It is to laugh. (2)
27. It's in there but you can't see it. A kind of tube. (5)
29. "Give me an 'A'! Give me another 'A'! Scram!" Jumble for thick lashes. (7)
30. Yes opposed before skull occupant – televangelist defined. (2, 5)
31. *Good Morning, Holy Spirit* author, _____ and the Jets – Elton John. (5)

DOWN

1. What a wolf wears to deceive.(4)
2. Motto: "In God We Trust." The reason for all the preaching. (7)
3. Good animals, foolish men.(5)
4. At times made mockery of on own network. (7)
6. Noise, confusion, a partner in fraud. (3, 2, 4)
7. Like cartoon penguin's strip or word-faith doctrine. (10)
8. Tear not on Hinn best-sellers.(6)
13. Sight below Greek "far," for images. (10)
15. Is it a building or a body?(6)
17. Ancient person of male gender weep. (3, 3, 3)
18. 16th century Mexican cow declaration. (5, 3)
20. Gee is mixed up. The church is under it, metaphorically. (5)
23. A _____ is bread without the leavening "L." Relative of 3 DOWN. (3)
24. There's rain below the devil's initial. (5)
26. Like Los Angeles skyline, confused thinking. (4)
28. Bin turned upside down – a small piece of licorice or the end of a pen. (3)

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TRAP DOOR CROSS WORD PUZZLE ANSWERS



ACROSS

- Word is a unit of communication. Belief is faith. Word-faith is the erroneous doctrine of "speaking into being."
- Zeus loved Io. Totally cool is rad. What's on the airwaves? Radio.
- Unscramble "trips" after adding an "I" = Spirit. What's pure? What lives inside? How is it an appeal? O Holy Spirit. Good morning, everybody!
- Hockey superstar is Wayne Gretzky. *Saturday Night Live's* "Wayne's World" is an excellent outreach ministry — not!
- The libido is the id. Gone wild, it's a mania. Idomania — we see it all the time in our humble Christian world.
- Flirting, but pretending to be shy, is being coy.
- To take a roof off is to de-roof, but an Oriental person of gender may pronounce it "de-loof." What is that backwards? Fooled.

- To grasp tightly is to squeeze. Unscramble "seedy" and add it to squeeze for what Tilton has when he prays, oh so hard — squeezed eyes.
- Coping with this land. Some would claim Copeland is a false prophet.
- Read the clue — what've you got? A-A-Scram! Unscramble — what've you got? Mascara for thick lashes!
- No is the opposite of yes. Your brain is in your skull. But do televangelists use it? It's a no brainer, I'm telling you.

DOWN

- A wolf in sheep's clothing would have to wear wool, or at least a dazzling hairstyle.
- Trinity Broadcasting Network's stars often seem to have trouble defining its namesake.
- Noise and confusion are din. For those who want to scam or confuse, it is an ally.
- Opus stars in Berke

Breathed's *Outland* Many outlandish doctrines are in the air these days.

- Tear is rip. Something "not on" is off. Rip-off. You know what I'm saying?
- Tele* in Greek means "far." Sight, or vision, is below this. Television is a medium for images. Hey, doesn't a medium conjure up evil spirits?
- What you have is an old man sob. The state of the Church is enough to make anyone cry.
- Aztecs are 16th century Mexicans. What's a cow declaration? MOO! An Aztec moo.
- Unscramble "Gee is" and find the Church is under siege.
- The devil's initial? "D." "D" over "rain" is drain. Is this the devil's "rein?"
- Bin turned upside down is nib. "Nib heredigal false brophets in the bud," I always say. But do I always speak with a stuffy nose? Hard to know, hard to know.