

# Tutor Newsletter

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## Tips

- Remember to sign-in at least once per week and preferably more often as sometimes notification of student activity does not get through to your inbox.
- If you or a student of yours encounters a problem using the website, please contact me right away at [yourbible@gto.net](mailto:yourbible@gto.net)
- Please remember not to cut and paste directly into any of the editors on the site but especially not into student answer forms.



## Statistics:

Total Students	13,927
Active Students	3,093
% Active	22%
Tutors	575
DVD orders Jan. through March	352
Questions asked Jan. through Mar.	689
Visits to the site Jan. through Mar.	62,103
Pamphlets read Jan. through Mar.	10,506

## TIYB “Pharyngulated”

Little did we know! January’s poll question “The Bible: God’s word or pious myth?” produced an enormous response! There were a total of **51,570** responses, almost all of them in favor of the “pious myth” side of the question. December’s question generated only 269 responses!

What happened? An atheistic science blog called “*Pharyngula*” got wind of the question on [thisisyourbible.com](http://thisisyourbible.com) and mobilized atheists around the world to hit our site. Some of them voted many times to inflate their numbers. That was all to the good though as some of them visited other areas of the site and read our literature on Evolution and Creation. It also had the effect of enhancing our overall visibility on the web.

I wonder if we should come up with another question like that and then let these folk know that we are “at it again”? Seems like an effective, if sneaky, way to get our web ratings up and perhaps even bring a rabid atheist or two to an understanding of the gospel!

## TIYB Students Lenny & Omoh at Youth Week



On January 31<sup>st</sup> a group of 29 English, Scottish, Australian, Russian, Belarussian, Ukrainian and Kazakhstani young people gathered for the third Youth Week at Avesta Park, just 40km or so from Moscow. The group consisted of Christadelphians and contacts doing Russian bible courses. Lenny, a Jamaican studying to be a vet in Moscow, and Omoh, a Nigerian studying in St Petersburg, were also among the group. They are both from Christian backgrounds and are completing

online courses on [thisisyourbible.com](http://thisisyourbible.com).

We spent a week together with talks along the theme ‘Remember Your Creator in the Days of Your Youth’, learning about both those who did and those who didn’t follow God’s ways. I particularly noticed Omoh taking copious notes during the talks and he was brave enough to ask several questions during discussion over the daily readings. The boys mingled with British and East Europeans alike, speaking the languages of both fluently, though with such strong accents you had to listen hard to understand!

The rest of the time was spent with a variety of friendship-building fun activities both indoors and outdoors, including Lenny’s first ever try at iceskating with a couple of helpful sisters to lead him around! Omoh entertained us at the final evening concert with an African-style song about Jesus, complete with drumbeat on a handy cupboard. He appears very



eager to keep in touch judging by the speed with which he found us all on Facebook. Both have sent some great feedback with comments like “I learnt a lot, had fun, and look forward to meeting the group again” and “I sincerely enjoyed and appreciated your care towards me. Being under your tutelage is a welcome development”. *Sister Cherralyn Thomas*

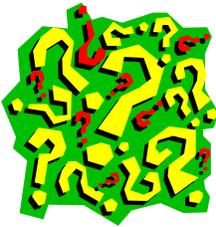


## A Fallen Comrade

On January 30, 2010, at Montreal's Jewish General Hospital, brother Michael Parry, my friend and brother in Christ for 43 years, fell asleep in Christ after a courageous struggle with cancer that lasted 22 years. He was only 66 years of age. Mike was the primary tutor for thisisyourbible.com for the Canadian province of Québec. He also made a substantial contribution to the Daily Readings website and many around the world have benefited from his insightful comments. He was a mainstay, a true shepherd, of the little Ecclesia in Montréal. They will miss him dearly. He impressed the doctors and nurses and service staff with his commitment to the truth and his cheerful courage. Mike's Bible knowledge, absolute certainty about his beliefs combined with his innate charm, sense of humour, raised the profile of the Truth with everyone he met. Throughout his ordeal, his primary concern was for the Montréal Ecclesia. During the last few months

of his life, several memorial meetings were held in his hospital room. His funeral was well attended and, according to his wishes, very simple and was used as an opportunity to witness to his many non-Christadelphian friends. Work is proceeding apace to provide assistance to the Montréal Ecclesia with several brethren and sisters volunteering to visit the Ecclesia and maintain and enhance the Christadelphian presence in "la belle province". Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. — Mike LeDuke

## ANSWERING STUDENTS' QUESTION



Remember that you have an online resource in TIYB to help answer students' questions. Go to [www.thisisyourbible.com](http://www.thisisyourbible.com) and in the Search field at the top of the home page type your topic and click on the blue arrow. Everything available on that topic on the site will be displayed.

For example, a student asks: "**Did Judas sin when he betrayed Jesus?**" You would then type "Judas" in the Search

field like the illustration on the right and then click the arrow in the blue box. Give it a try!

Search:  Language:



One of the answers displayed deals precisely with this question and is answered concisely by brother Glenn Smith of the Loughborough Ecclesia in the U.K. what he wrote:

A visitor writes, "**Did Judas sin when he betrayed Jesus?**"

Judas says he did.

*Matthew 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.*

I have no reason to disagree with him.

I hope this helps.  
Glenn Smith

## Dutch Treat!

Here is a lovely Message from one of our students. His name is Maurits and he is from the Netherlands, a student of brother Desmond Moore of the Porthleven, UK, Ecclesia.

*Hi, I am still doing your bible courses and it is GREAT!! ... Your answers are superb! Christadelphians Rock!*

I think that this may be the very first time in history that the phrase "Christadelphians Rock!" has been used. I pray it may not be the last!

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