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Roots now getting planted in Houston

Perhaps you've wondered why it's been so long since my last communiqué? (C'mon be nice and just go with me on this, will you?) Well, Gena and I pulled the trigger and traded in those monthly rent payments for a 30-year mortgage on a fetching little townhouse two miles, or five driving minutes, from where she's employed. Me? I've moved my studio to a more convenient downstairs locale – but we did outfit that little wet bar down the hall into what's now called a coffee cabana. (You'll have to see it to believe it!)

This transaction transpired thanks to another generous gift from those same ministry supporters most responsible for our move to Texas last year and the due diligence of our delightful realtor. But, I'm about puffed, panted and painted out now, so I'm relieved to refocus on God's primary task for me.

Celebrity Status as Fleeting as Audience Fickleness

Obviously an indicator of minor significance, but a recent poll of U.S. TV hosts indicates that Oprah Winfrey is out as the most popular "titan of the tube." Now it's Ellen DeGeneres? EG soared from last year's eighth spot to oust the "O" from the preeminent position she's held the past five years.

I'm hardly a fan of either, but how does a celebrated individual whose views (whether good, bad or indifferent) challenge viewers toward goals, ideals and aspirations of becoming a better "you" get toppled by another who by any stretch of the imagination prescribes nothing close. Maybe people really aren't all that interested in self-improvement at all. Remember when Jerry Springer's carnival antics of aberration were all the rage? It's obvious that mass appeal shouldn't influence the message.

Wasn't Jesus the most popular man in town Sunday and murdered by Friday?

Step Eight – A Continual "Theater of the Mind" Commitment

I was once given a book called "The Dumbing Down of America." Albeit pretty boring, the basic premise is that we're being manifestly and maliciously manipulated into not using our brains anymore. Yet from its inception, [ActofGraceRadio.net](http://www.ActofGraceRadio.net) has sought to battle this trend. Presenting a Christian worldview-point, I strive to engage cranial cavities to embrace the all-encompassing truth of Jesus Christ in every aspect of life – with occasional giggles tossed in.

EZGtoons.com by Erin Gillespie



I've always admired your bold approach, Michaels, and you're right, we will be caught up in the air with Jesus when he returns, but until then you look just plain ridiculous.

Etc., etcetera, &ct.

In the midst of moving and also trying to keep some semblance of a radio show going, AGR's producers learned apart from uploading the next cyberspace program, you have to change the links to it too. This explains why the Enoch "Rock Shop" ran so long before we got Noah available in our Hebrews 11 expose.

Thanks to Ross Olson for sending us a link to the new script he wrote. A featured playwright on several occasions to date, I look forward to producing Ross's latest work on "Solomon." See what else he's up to at [rossolson.org](http://www.rossolson.org).



AGR's Intergalactic HQ Relocated

This is the new roof over our heads. That big extremity between the door and windows is actually a fireplace. Sure, it's attractive and all but, duh, how practical is one of these for Houston???

What the Bible sez:

"It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—suddenly he disappeared because God took him.' But before he was taken up, he was approved as pleasing to God. So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that there is a God and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him."
Hebrews 11:5,6 (NLT)

"@ the Rock Shop's" current series is on those "heroes of faith" noted in chapter 11 of the New Testament book of Hebrews. I wondered though, what was so special about Enoch? Because apart from his name listed here there isn't much else about him in the Bible

This Hebrews reference comes from a total of five verses in Genesis chapter 5. Outside of some other genealogies, the only other time Enoch's name appears is in Jude when a particular prophecy, not actually contained in Scripture, is cited regarding false teachers and teaching.

Surely there had to have been a whole lot more in the 365 years of Enoch's life and "close fellowship with God" than we know about, right? Why didn't God just tell us what made Enoch so special so we could emulate him and never die? Ah-ha, but this really shows the significance of verse 6, doesn't it? It's far from being a non-sequiter leading up to Noah.

The individuals recorded in Hebrews 11, even Enoch I bet, were hardly renown for integrity or stellar character traits. Seemingly they're remarkableness came not because they never "goofed up" but was solely determined by their resilient reliance and faithfulness in God alone.