

her that she got that one wrong! The correct date was September 10, 1982. Price stands her ground and insists it was September 14 - only to have a *20/20* producer break in to inform Ms. Sawyer that Price was correct and her source notes were wrong.

My first reaction to reading about Jill Price was to be a bit jealous of her superb memory. The more I have thought about it, though, I'm not so sure. One scientist thinks she may have less-than-perfect memory and be cursed instead by an obsessive focus on the past. Even Price admits her vivid ability to bring up the past has some unpleasant consequences. Bad experiences linger. She still feels their pain. They disrupt her sleep.

It could be that my "selective memory" serves me better than a perfect one would. I also suspect your ability and mine to let some things go and to refuse to obsess over failures and mistakes from the past is a great asset to keeping our sanity.

Then there is forgiveness - the greatest asset yet to help us deal with the really terrible things of life that won't quite fade into oblivion. My faith tells me of a God who knows all things - including every detail of

my past - and forgives me.

Forgetfulness can be a blessing. And forgiveness is even sweeter still.

Jack

DEMAND FOR BIBLES OUTSTRIPPING SUPPLY IN CHINA

Christian Today reports that the need for Bibles in China grew again in 2009, when an estimated half million people converted to Christianity. "As more and more people are joining the Church they are asking for a Bible," says Bible Society's China Partnership Coordinator Kua Wee Seng. About 4 million Bibles were distributed across China last year, but continued growth means that more are needed.

According to official numbers, about 28.6 million Christians live in China, but that figure could be as high as 90 million if unregistered house churches are included. "Every year we have to raise funds for Bible subsidy. The reason is that in the rural areas where most Christians are found, they are living in relatively poor conditions. In order for them to have a copy of the Bible we have to provide paper so that a Bible is affordable for most of the Christians in China."



THE LADY WHO CAN'T FORGET

I usually have a good memory—only it's tends to be very short. It could be that I, like most all husbands- have both selective hearing and selective memory. Denise would certainly agree with that.

Psychologists say that we humans do practice a sort of selective memory. We let certain embarrassing, painful, or disconcerting memories go. It is part of the coping mechanism that lets us move on with our lives. It would be incredibly difficult to have to hold every adolescent silliness or adult transgression in constant memory. I can imagine how it could be utterly debilitating.

Maybe you have heard of Jill Price. She is a California lady who is in her 40s now. She appears to have near-perfect recall of every detail of every day of her life since her mid-teens. She doesn't

have a photographic-memory recall of texts. She doesn't recall every public event of history. She has a detailed and specific recollection of things from her personal experience that stays with her. All of it.

She has been interviewed by Diane Sawyer and Oprah, written about in both *USA Today* and the *Wall Street Journal*. There is a popular YouTube clip of a Diane Sawyer interview from *20/20* in which Price - an avid TV viewer - is being grilled on her recall of televised events she saw ranging from the "Who shot JR?" episode of *Dallas* to the date for the final episode of *M*A*S*H*. She gets every one! But she appeared to miss the date of Princess Grace's death.

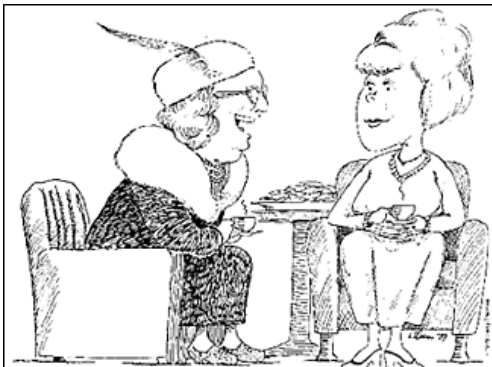
When did Princess Grace die? "September 14, 1982 - that was the first day I started 12th grade," answers Price. Oops! Sawyer informs

HAITI: QUAKE SPARKED GREATEST REVIVAL IN RECENT HISTORY

Mission News Network reports missionaries in Haiti are witnessing the greatest revival in the island's recent history. Missionaries Sarah and Brian Bennetch with *TouchGlobal*, who communicate with Haitians in French, say the awakening is almost unbelievable.

"Last weekend revival broke out, and pastors agree on that. Missionaries who have been here long-term report it as being never seen before. This weekend, a week later, you heard spontaneous praise meetings bursting out all over throughout the whole day," Sarah said. "It doesn't matter how much the earth shakes anymore, they put their trust in God."

Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, is still experiencing aftershocks, including a 4.7 magnitude quake on Monday.



"Last year we 'reached the world.' This year we're sharing and caring."

HERE ARE SOME QUOTES FROM ATHLETES AND COACHES THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER LEFT UNSAID:

- ◇ New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season...*"I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."*
- ◇ *"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."* - Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann 1996
- ◇ *"You guys line up alphabetically by height."* - Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach
- ◇ *"You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle."* - Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach
- ◇ Boxing promoter Dan Duva on Mike Tyson hooking up again with promoter Don King - *"Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton."*
- ◇ Shaquille O'Neal on whether he had visited the Parthenon during his visit to Greece - *"I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."*
- ◇ Shaquille O'Neal, on his lack of championships - *"I've won at every level, except college and pro."*
- ◇ 1982 - Chuck Nevitt, North Carolina State basketball player, explaining to Coach Jim Valvano why he appeared nervous at practice - *"My sister's expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt."*
- ◇ 1991 - Steve Spurrier, Florida football coach, telling Gator fans that a fire at Auburn's football dorm had destroyed 20 books - *"But the real tragedy was that 15 hadn't been colored yet."*
- ◇ 1996 - Lincoln Kennedy, Oakland Raiders tackle, on his decision not to vote - *"I was going to write myself in, but I was afraid I'd get shot."*
- ◇ 1991 - Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver, on his coach, John Jenkins - *"He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings."*
- ◇ 1987 - Shelby Metcalf, basketball coach at Texas A&M, recounting what he told a player who received four F's and one D - *"Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."*
- ◇ 1991 - Frank Layden, Utah Jazz president, on a former player - *"I told him, 'Son, what is it with you. Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care.'"*

(from The Daily Dilly)

- Christianese: "God really helped me with this test."
- Translation: "I didn't study but I guessed good, so I'm giving God credit in the hope that He helps me again."
- Christianese: "She has such a sweet spirit!"
- Translation: "What an airhead!"
- Christianese: "I have a 'check' in my spirit about him."
- Translation: "I can't stand that jerk!"
- Christianese: "I'll be praying for you."
- Translation: "There's an outside chance I'll remember this conversation later today."
- Christianese: "Prayer concerns"
- Translation: "Gossip"
- Christianese: "In conclusion . . ."
- Translation: "I'll be done in another hour or so."
- Christianese: "Let us pray"
- Translation: "I'm going to pretend to talk to God now, but I'm really preaching at you."
- Christianese: "You just have to put it in God's hands."
- Translation: "Don't expect me to help you."
- Christianese: "God wants to prosper you!"
- Translation: "Give me all your money."

(Author Unknown)

PROVERBS FROM FOURTH GRADERS

A 4th grade teacher collected well-known proverbs. She gave each child in the class the first half of the proverb, and asked them to come up with the rest. Here is what they came up with:



Better to be safe than punch a 5th grader

Strike while the bug is close.

It's always darkest before daylight savings time

Never underestimate the power of termites.

You can lead a horse to water but how?

Don't bite the hand that looks dirty.

No news is impossible.

A miss is as good as a Mr.

You can't teach an old dog math.

If you lie down with dogs, you will stink in the morning.

Love all, trust me.

The pen is mightier than the pigs

An idle mind is the best way to relax.

Where there is smoke, there's pollution.

Happy is the bride who gets all the presents.

A penny saved is not much.

Two is company, three's The Musketeers.

None are so blind as Helen Keller.

Children should be seen and not spanked or grounded.

If at first you don't succeed get new batteries.

You get out of something what you see pictured on the box.

When the blind lead the blind get out of the way.

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you; cry and you have to blow your nose.

(from The Daily Dilly)



The Word of Truth



March 7	THE GOSPEL UNLEASHED <i>Overcoming the Hammer Principle</i>	Acts 18.23-19.41
March 14	THE GOSPEL UNLEASHED <i>Meals that Heal</i>	Acts 20.1-12
March 21	THE GOSPEL UNLEASHED <i>A Stranger at Home</i>	Acts 20.13-22.29
March 28	THE GOSPEL UNLEASHED <i>Proud to be a Pharisee</i>	Acts 22.30-26.32
April 4	THE GOSPEL UNLEASHED <i>The Unsinkable Gospel</i>	Acts 27.1-28.31
April 11	Jesus: The Powerful Servant <i>Even the Demons Obey Him</i>	Mark 1.21-28
April 18	Jesus: The Powerful Servant <i>True Values</i>	Mark 2.23-3.6
April 25	Jesus: The Powerful Servant <i>The Unforgivable Sin</i>	Mark 3.20-35
May 3	Jesus: The Powerful Servant <i>Soil Test</i>	Mark 4.1-20