

ASSEMBLY – Big Dreams

Video Clip

Honda, "The Impossible Dream" Advert, UK

<http://world.honda.com/message/impossibledreams/cm/>

From Honda's Website – "This humorous commercial just about sums up Honda's approach to impossible dreams: By aiming for the impossible, Honda makes impossible dreams happen."

One youtube link - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiBX8MkFkd4>

The Song from the Video

"The Impossible Dream" was originally from a movie, Man of La Mancha.

The lyrics go like this:

*To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with unbearable sorrow
To run where the brave dare not go
To right the unrightable wrong
To love pure and chaste from afar
To try when your arms are too weary
To reach the unreachable star*

*This is my quest
To follow that star
No matter how hopeless
No matter how far*

*To fight for the right
Without question or pause
To be willing to march into Hell
For a heavenly cause*

*And I know if I'll only be true
To this glorious quest
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm
When I'm laid to my rest*

*And the world will be better for this
That one man, scorned and covered with scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage
To reach the unreachable star*

Say

To reach a dream, you first have to have a dream but then have to do what it takes in order for that dream to be a reality. When Darren Campbell once came into school, he explained that he had trained on Christmas Day and gone many months eating only salad in order to keep his perfect weight to be in prime condition for the Olympics.

You may have a big dream, but even if your dream is realistic, are you ready to pay the price to succeed?

Stories of Christians and their ideas

From - <http://www.ucb.co.uk/index.cfm?itemid=88&testdate=03%20Mar%202010>

In 1824, Louis Braille, a Christian, invented a system of raised dots on paper so that blind people could read. He invented 63 symbols representing every language, hence God's Word was placed into the hands of the visually impaired for the first time.

In part, you owe your mobile phone and your computer to a Christian named Samuel Morse. How different the world was before him! First-class news took two weeks to reach the USA. And reports of a major victory could take six weeks to reach Britain. One day a friend said, 'Morse, when you were experimenting did you ever come to an absolute deadlock, not knowing what to do?' Morse replied, 'More than once.' His friend asked, 'What did you do then?' Morse shared a secret, 'I got down on my knees and prayed for light, and light came, and when my inventions were acknowledged by flattering honours from America and Europe, I said, "Not unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but unto Thy name give the glory."' That's why the first message sent by transatlantic cable read, 'What God has wrought.'

Another Christian named Louis Pasteur, the French scientist showed us that infection is the result of things we cannot see, namely germs and viruses. He introduced sterilisation methods that eventually saved the lives of multitudes.

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In 'What the World Owes to Christians', Dr Victor Pearce, an Oxford scholar, shares the story of the typewriter. 'The typewriter was a forerunner to the modern word processor. But how did a Christian come to invent it? To write sermons. I'm serious! Christopher Sholes was concerned about his pastor who'd been busy all week visiting victims of an epidemic, comforting the bereaved and conducting funerals. Consequently he had no time to write his Sunday sermons. One day Sholes, discussing with a friend what could be done, said, "It seems a pity there ain't some quick method of writing for busy folks like parsons." His friend replied, "Why not invent a machine?" Sholes responded, "I'll try." That rainy afternoon was the beginning of months of hard work. Finally a group assembled one day to see him tap out on paper, in capital letters, C LATHAM SHOLES, NOV 1867. Six years later the Remingtons recognised the typewriter as something that could revolutionise business. In those days clerks were mostly men, but the Young Women's Christian Association started offering courses in typing for women. Initially it created a scandal, but as the first typists to be trained were women, employers rushed to hire them. Hence the typewriter and the YWCA determined that a woman's place was not only at home, but could also be in the office.'

Alternatively, short story of Google

In March 1996, 2 university students at Stanford University got working on an idea. They called it the Stanford Digital Library Project. The aim was to, “to develop the enabling technologies for a single, integrated and universal digital library.” Sounds complex and it was. They decided to work out the maths of the world wide web and make a graph of it. From this, they invented what they called a crawler to search through the world wide web. Out of this developed a larger project. Today, google has a market capital value of around £154 billion. So next time, make sure you don't diss the maths teacher of the techy guys – they may be your future boss!!

Say

Earlier we looked at the lyrics from “The Impossible Dream”

The last verse says:

*And the world will be better for this
That one man, scorned and covered with scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage
To reach the unreachable star*

Many people think that having a big dream means something impressive, something you can see and that will make you feel better, make money, be famous... But the amazing thing about God is that his ambition was completely the opposite. It was to serve, love people and ultimately to give his life for others.

This is what The Bible says about Jesus:

He was hated and rejected;
his life was filled with sorrow
and terrible suffering.

No one wanted to look at him.
We despised him and said,
"He is a nobody!"

He suffered and endured
great pain for us,
but we thought his suffering
was punishment from God.

He was wounded and crushed
because of our sins;
by taking our punishment,
he made us completely well.

As a Christian, I believe Jesus was the best example. The world wants fame, power, riches, sex. It wants to have, to take, grab and steal. But the happiest people I know are out there looking after people, caring for them and loving others.

Sometimes, the way “up” is “down.”