

Inner Compass Episode Summaries, Season 6

- **#601 Issues With Alzheimer's** (originally broadcast October 2, 2005)
Alzheimer's Disease strikes 1 in 4 older Americans, and the ethical dilemmas that come with it strike many more than that. Hessel Bouma III of the Calvin College [biology department](#) shows host Karen Saupe how we can best prepare for this unexpected situation, and how we can support those who are facing difficult decisions. Features a special short interview with Ken & Jean Andree, an Alzheimer's patient and his wife.
- **#602 Choosing Forgiveness** (originally broadcast October 9, 2005)
Do we have to forget when we forgive? Must we apologize if overly accused? [Charlotte Witvliet](#) of the Hope College [psychology department](#) reveals the rules we make up about forgiveness and describes the physical costs experienced by those who won't extend it.
- **#603 Building Faith In Prisoners** (originally broadcast October 16, 2005)
Most Christians imagine that the biblical requirement to visit prisoners is for those who are comfortable with that sort of thing. Others offer a worship service or Bible study, but are not comfortable with ex-cons joining their church. This is a very hard command; but as Joanne Stockdale of [Prison Fellowship Ministries](#) tells host Shirley Hoogstra, it is one that churches can be equipped to fulfill. (Includes short interview with Carol & Richard Rienstra, parents of Christian prisoner Troy Rienstra.)
- **#604 Stem Cell Update** (originally broadcast October 23, 2005)
Have you considered the proposal in Congress to fund research on embryonic stem cells left over from in vitro fertilization? [Calvin College biology](#) professor Steven Matheson and host Shirley Hoogstra discuss why every American should have an informed opinion about this and related matters.
- **#605 Explaining Suffering To Children** (originally broadcast October 30, 2005)
Did you know that a young child watching replays of a bombing on TV may perceive each replay as another attack? Schoolteacher and consultant Lorie DeYoung shows host Karen Saupe how to watch children's reactions and invite questions, to help their understanding of suffering and disaster in our world.
- **#606 Holding Broadcasters Responsible** (originally broadcast November 6, 2005)
Who owns the airwaves? We do! They are actually a public commodity, and radio and TV stations seeking a license must promise to serve the "public interest, convenience, and necessity." Jeff Smith of the [Grand Rapids Institute for Information Democracy](#) tells host Karen Saupe how we can evaluate and influence their interpretations of this promise.
- **#607 Faith-Based In The White House** (originally broadcast November 13, 2005)
Imagine devoting years to a societal problem, and suddenly landing a chance to work on it with the President, at the White House. John Dilulio, former director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, explains to host Karen Saupe how the chance of a lifetime panned out, with the help of the media, idealism, and party politics.
- **#608 Cyber Scams & Computer Safety** (originally broadcast November 20, 2005)
There's a whole new breed of criminal out there—not your average bank robbers, but people who spend too much time in front of computers, recognizing the world wide web as an unpoliced frontier. David Lange of Grand Valley State University's School of Computing and Information Systems explains to host Karen Saupe what we can do to protect ourselves.
- **#609 Marriage, Medicine, & Money Of The Elderly** (originally broadcast January 8, 2006)
Among other things, marriage, prescription plans, and social security benefits become a lot more complicated after we hit our 60s. Gerontologist Henry Holstege, emeritus professor of the Calvin College sociology department, tells host Shirley Hoogstra about the issues involved and how friends and family do and don't help.
- **#610 Trade & Immigration In The Americas** (originally broadcast January 15, 2006)
We complain about foreigners taking our jobs, but not about the employers who pay the starvation wages we won't tolerate. We bargain shop at chain stores, never considering who picked up the tab for our discounts. [Kari Lydersen](#), author of [Out of the Sea and Into the Fire: Latin American-US Immigration in the Global Age](#), shows host Shirley Hoogstra what's happening behind the scenes.
- **#611 U.S. Computer Insecurity** (originally broadcast January 22, 2006)
Our culture of tolerance toward rampant computer malfunctions is one thing. But what about when this attitude infects the U.S. Department of Defense? [Eugene Spafford](#) of the Purdue University computer science dept. and executive director of the [Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security](#) at Purdue explains to host Karen Saupe why the one-time global leader in computer technology now uses many of the same poorly built systems we all do.
- **#612 Redefining Masculinity** (originally broadcast January 29, 2006)
If a man is at the top of his game—in sports, women, and wealth—what more can he ask for? Minister, football coach, and

former Baltimore Colts team captain Joe Ehrmann, founder of the organization [Building Men for Others](#), describes for host Shirley Hoogstra how to replace our culture's lies about masculinity with truths about what makes a meaningful life for a man.

- **#613 The New Pope** (originally broadcast February 5, 2006)
Guest host June Hamersma, director of the [January Series](#) of Calvin College, interviews two Roman Catholic writers who know Pope Benedict XVI personally, to learn more about his election, hopes, and motivations: George Weigel, a Senior Fellow of the [Ethics and Public Policy Institute](#) in Washington, D.C.; and Father Robert Sirico, President of the [Acton Institute for the Study of Religion & Liberty](#) in Grand Rapids.
- **#614 Chastity & The Church** (originally broadcast February 14, 2006)
Most young Christians surveyed about the Bible's message on sex answer with a big "NOT." Is the church portraying the whole picture about our bodies and our relationships? [Lauren Winner](#), author of [Real Sex: the Naked Truth about Chastity](#), questions what we keep private in a discussion with both of our hosts.
- **#615 Media Monopolies** (originally broadcast February 19, 2006)
In the U.S., anyone with the money can buy a TV station and broadcast their views to the country. This rare freedom may actually be stealing freedom from viewers, argues Tim Dean, formerly of the British Broadcasting Corporation and currently director of the World Media Trust. Why not require fair reporting so that viewers are given the freedom to judge for themselves, he asks host Karen Saupe?
- **#616 Pursuing Global Health** (originally broadcast March 26, 2006)
With all of the organizations fighting disease in the poorest nations, why are 17 million people still dying every year of avoidable causes? Medical anthropologist Paul Farmer tells host Shirley Hoogstra about his program, [Partners In Health](#), and the unique goals that have brought it to the limelight in international health circles.
- **#617 Visual-Spatial Intelligence** (originally broadcast April 2, 2006)
Why do very intelligent students sometimes fail in school? Could it be that our educational system is geared toward those with stronger left brain hemispheres, leaving the big-picture thinkers out? Psychologist [Linda Silverman](#) describes for host Karen Saupe this and other claims from her book [Upside-Down Brilliance: the Visual-Spatial Learner](#).
- **#618 Spiritual Malnourishment** (originally broadcast April 9, 2006)
Why is it that many who know the Bible best seem more interested in using it to bash others than in letting it transform their own lives? [January Series](#) guest Eugene Peterson, most recently author of [Eat This Book](#), describes for guest host June Hamersma the lack of growth he witnessed in parishioners that inspired him to translate the Bible into everyday language (The Message).
- **#619 The Problem With Eyewitnesses** (originally broadcast April 23, 2006)
Even after all the wrongful convictions coming to light recently, why are juries more trusting of eyewitness accounts than even fingerprints? [January Series](#) guest James Doyle, author of [True Witness: Cops, Courts, Science, and the Battle Against Misidentification](#), describes for host Shirley Hoogstra the best ways to help eyewitnesses prevent "contamination" of their memory's evidence.
- **#620 The Genomic Revolution** (originally broadcast April 30, 2006)
Those who looked the other way when the Industrial Revolution came were left in the dark ages economically. Those ignoring the Digital Revolution are starting to feel the same. Wait till you see what happens with the Genomic Revolution, says [January Series](#) guest [Juan Enriquez](#), author of [As the Future Catches You: How Genomics & Other Forces are Changing Your Life, Work, Health, & Wealth](#) in his discussion with Karen Saupe.
- **#621 Middle East Democracy** (originally broadcast May 7, 2006)
America is trying to convince regimes in the Middle East to allow freedoms for the press, women, minority religions, and dissenting voices. What is getting in the way of our success? Diplomat and professor David Long, author of [The Anatomy of Terrorism and Cultures and Customs of Saudi Arabia](#), discusses with host Shirley Hoogstra the complexities of establishing democracy.
- **#622 Eating Like A Woman** (originally broadcast May 14, 2006)
Why is it that so many women order salads at restaurants, while men order whatever looks filling & delicious? Why do women use the word "should" more regarding their eating? Calvin College philosophy professor Christina Van Dyke shares ideas with host Karen Saupe for how the church could provide a better perspective on eating.
- **#623 Christianity Remixed** (originally broadcast May 21, 2006)
By 2050, white Christians will represent 1/5 of the world's Christian population. The priorities of the new Latin American, African, and Asian churches—combinations such as charismatic renewal, exorcism, and the liberation of women—will surprise many, host Shirley Hoogstra learns from [January Series](#) guest Philip Jenkins of the [Penn State University History & Religious Studies dept.](#), author of [The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity](#).