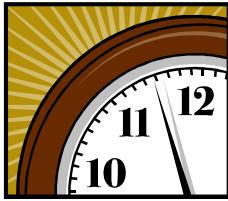
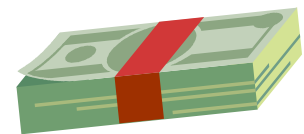
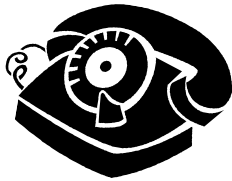


In an hour

(These stats all happen in the UK every hour)



In an hour we make a fifth of a double decker bus
And the tax man takes four million from us.
In an hour one million goes to charity
And double that in VAT.
In an hour half a Porsche gets on the road
But more than half the price is probably owed.
In an hour we're all another hour old
And the OAPs are feeling cold.
In an hour - a hundred tonnes of chocolate sold
And the zit attack is taking its hold.
But in an hour we can afford to grin
We've grown a hundred square metres of brand new skin.
In an hour there are three accused of rape.
We spend a hundred grand trying to change our shape,
We spend the same amount on changing our hair
And over a million on what we wear.
In an hour six Girl Guides retire.
One person is the victim of a serious fire.
In an hour we smoke twelve million fags,
Spend 700 grand on books and mags,
Make half a million pounds' worth of British cars
And spend the same amount on beer in bars,
Save 600 grand for a rainy day,
And much the same amount is gambled away.
Five million people talking on the phone
But no official figures for those without a home.
A hundred people join the dole.
We buy 200 grand's worth of toilet roll.
Seventeen marriages join them down the pan,
Man blames woman, woman blames man,
That's thirty-four people now divorcee,
A third on the grounds of adultery.
Five hundred *Mayfairs* leave the shelf,
Thirty-one abortions on the National Health,
Two more people amputees
And a hundred unwanted pregnancies.
In an hour seventy-three meet their final hour.
Seventy-three meet their final hour
Seventy-three meet their final hour
And here we are
With God's great power
Living in
An ivory tower.



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Author and performer, Rob Lacey lost his courageous battle with cancer on May 1, 2006.

Borders named *word on the street* "Best of 2004" in the Religion and Spirituality category. That same year, it was awarded "Book of the Year" by the Christian Booksellers Convention.

Rob's final book, *The Liberator*, retells the story of Jesus using the same distinctive style as *the word on the street*. *The Liberator* was published weeks before Rob passed away.

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