



Questions:

1. Does wealth and abundance carry a special responsibility? If so, what is that responsibility?
2. Why do you think Amos wants to remind his audience of their history of enslavement? What in our own history might point us towards greater understanding and compassion towards the poor, weak and helpless?
3. Why is it so easy to believe that we are entitled? Who in our society do you think is most susceptible?
4. How can humility serve to mitigate our own sense of pride and entitlement? What characteristics do you notice in people who live into that sense of humility?
5. As a society how well do we live up to our self-image? What are we doing well? What could we improve?

EPISODE TITLE: "You Only Have I Known"

Prophetically Incorrect, Episode 2

Featured Guest: Frank Schaeffer

Frank is a survivor of both polio and an evangelical/fundamentalist childhood, an acclaimed novelist of 4 novels including *Portofino* who overcame severe dyslexia, a home-schooled and self-taught documentary movie director, a feature film director and producer of four low budget Hollywood features Frank has described as "pretty terrible." Of Frank's writing Jeff Sharlet (*The New Statesman* October 25, 2007) writes, "Crazy For God' is a brilliant book, a portrait of fundamentalism painted in broad strokes with streaks of nuance, the twinned coming-of-age story of Frank and the Christian right."

Pneuma Divina Scripture: Amos 3:1-2 & 6-8

³ Hear this word that the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

² You only have I known
of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you
for all your iniquities.

⁶ Is a trumpet blown in a city,
and the people are not afraid?
Does disaster befall a city,
unless the Lord has done it?

⁷ Surely the Lord God does nothing,
without revealing his secret
to his servants the prophets.

⁸ The lion has roared;
who will not fear?
The Lord God has spoken;
who can but prophesy?