

2008 Cultural Diplomat Award Nominees



1. **Dan Merchant**, documentary filmmaker of *Lord, Save Us From Your Followers*, winner of the Best Spiritual Documentary from the Belief Net awards; and featured by USA Today and The Today Show. *Lord, Save Us* asks, "Why is the Gospel of Love Dividing America?" and setting out across America, Dan Merchant seeks to figure out the answer to that question. (www.lordsaveusthemovie.com)

2. **Craig Detweiler** (screenwriter of *Extreme Days*; and author of *A Matrix of Meanings* and *Into the Dark*) and **John Marks** (author of *Fangland* and *Reasons to Believe*; and former 60 minutes producer) for their film *Purple State of Mind*, which received the honor of Best Spiritual Film at the 2008 Breckenridge Film Festival.



This film aims to do exactly as its tag line suggests: "finding middle ground in a divided culture". While *Lord, Save Us From Your Followers* focuses on a larger group, Craig and John focus on their friendship with each other. Having roomed together at Davidson College, it was Craig's first year as a Christian and John's last. (www.purplestateofmind.com)

3. **Pastor Joost Nixon, Michael Collender, and the crew of St. Anne's Public House**, a quarterly audio magazine sent to subscribers discussing issues, such as: A PG look at XXX, An Evangelical Tribute to Whiskey; even current issues such as the global financial crisis. Their presentations also feature music, poetry readings and other material for intellectual reflection. (www.stannespub.com)



4. **Barbara Nicolosi** is a writer, educator and speaker on the topic of scriptwriting. She also trains young Christians on how to build a career in Hollywood by shaping their understanding of how Christians can be professional in their work without compromising their morals or integrity. (www.barbaranicolosi.com)

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