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Our speaker today/this evening is Billy Riggs. Billy has been speaking publicly for more than 30 years and privately since the age of two. He has sold more than three hundred thousand recordings of his speeches. He is the author of six books, the latest of which is entitled *How to Become a Born Leader*. He lives in Austin, Texas and earned two master's degrees, both *magna cum laude*, one of which is in education. He is one of only 600 speakers in America to be recognized as a Certified Speaking Professional.

Billy was a multi-millionaire by age 18, but only in Zimbabwean Dollars.* His name regularly appears on the cover of Time magazine, but only on the address label. He has three children. Two of them are adopted, and he's still seeking a good home for the third.

Billy is also a world-class illusionist who has been featured on ten cruise ships, and has performed before audiences as large as 20,000 people. He has appeared (and *dis*-appeared!) at the MGM Grand and Paris Hotels in Las Vegas, Caesar's in Lake Tahoe, and the Tropicana in Atlantic City. He appeared in his own 90 minute PBS television special, *The Magic of Attitude*. The accomplishment he is proudest of is that he is an Eagle Scout and was the Cubmaster and Scoutmaster of his son's Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops in Austin. But he doesn't like being called an illusionist, because he's far more interested in reality than illusions. That's why they call him - *not* an illusionist - but a *dis*-illusionist. Please welcome the world's first and only Dis-illusionist, Billy Riggs.

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*pronounced "Zim-bob-way-un"