

**An important message from [name of your church here]**

This is not a solicitation. We are not asking you to come to our church. That is not the immediate concern. Besides, going to church will not make you a Christian, any more than going to McDonald's will make you a hamburger. What we are asking you to do is stop and consider the direction that your life is headed.

You are concerned about many things. Your job. Your material possessions. Your friends. The environment. The next political candidate running for office. The TV show that you want to watch tonight.

You and several billion others.

In a few more decades, or years, or even sooner, you will end up 6 feet under the ground. And the world will continue without you. And they will eventually forget that you ever lived.

Why do you think that you will end up in the grave? Have you considered that? And what happens afterwards? Will you finally get to meet God? Go to heaven forever? Or hell forever? Or be reincarnated as an earth worm, perhaps? If you haven't got all this figured out, and the possibility exists that your current attitude might affect your final destiny, then it makes sense to make it a priority to look into it with a sense of urgency.

Have you read the bible? You know, the one stashed away in the bottom of a desk drawer someplace? Being obviously literate and educated, of all the books you have read, have you read the bible, the number one best seller of all time?

What if, just, what if the message of the bible is true, and everyone on earth is, by default, destined for hell? Don't you think, for your own sake, you should look into this?

Oh, you say, "so many interpretations." So we repeat the question: Have you read it yourself? What if it is really as plain and straightforward as this letter, and there is not much to "interpret"? Instead of listening and reading about what other people say it says, why don't you find out what it says? You are completely literate and capable of reading it for yourself.

Never mind all the religions, and all the people spouting them. The issue is about history: If Jesus rose up from the dead, after having been in the grave for three days and three nights, then he is who he says he is. And what you decide to do about it is a matter of life or death for you.

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Jesus triumphed over his own death. However, you are doomed. You already know that you are not going to raise your own body up from the grave. And it gets worse. Face it: You are a self-centered, presumptuous, prideful individual, all your record of wrongdoings are not going to gain you any favor with God, and all your good works aren't going to be good enough in light of your wrongs. God calls those shots, not you. If God says you are worthy of death and worse, then who are you to protest? Is the universe yours, or his? Did God create a democracy? Can you vote him out of office?

There is nothing you can do to justify yourself. There is only one way out.

The reason Jesus died was to pay the penalty for your sins. If you will just believe that, and put your trust in him, then you can count those sins as paid for, and be saved from the terrible judgment that is to come.

The decision is yours. Don't be a fool. Think about where you are headed and where you are going. It is time to re-assess the priorities in your life. The grave awaits you. No one has triumphed over it. Except Jesus.

The same Jesus of 2000 years ago will summon the living and the dead who have chosen to trust in him, and execute terrible judgment on those who did not. Sooner or later, you will have to face him.

Look into it for yourself. Find out whether this is true. Read the Bible. Start with the New Testament. Do it now.

## How to kill yourself

Yes, you read that right. This tract is going to tell you how to kill yourself.

After all, is the life you are living really worth it? Let's examine the facts:

In a few more decades, or years, or even sooner, you will end up 6 feet under the ground. And the world will continue without you. And after a few generations, people will eventually forget that you ever lived.

So what are you living for? Is it because you think you will contribute to your family, or society as a whole? Your family is going to die too, and their children, and their children's children. Whatever material opportunities you give them will be lost in a few generations and become meaningless.

Will you contribute to the world? Even if you do, do you suppose that the world will continue indefinitely? Don't scientists say the sun will eventually explode or burn out, extinguishing all life on earth? Or, doesn't the Second Law of Thermodynamics predict that the whole universe will die a heat death, and become homogeneously lukewarm, unable to sustain any life? Then will there be another "Big Bang," replacing everything that was? Everything becomes meaningless, regardless of the path Nature takes. And that would include your life.

And the pleasures that you live for now. Will you take them to the grave with you? Will you be able to think back and reminisce, while your brain decomposes?

So we have demonstrated: Your life is indeed meaningless and futile. So here is how to put an end to it: Count yourself dead to your old life, and be born again to a new one that is worthwhile and has eternal value, putting your trust in the only person in human history who was able to demonstrate his triumph over death by raising his own body from the dead.

The tomb was sealed by the Roman authorities, carefully guarded for three days and three nights under the power and authority of the Roman government (to prevent his body from being stolen to fabricate a resurrection). Think this through. Who moved the stone? His disciples, who had all run away and deserted him and were hiding behind locked doors? The Jews, who wanted him dead? The Romans, who crucified him? Jesus made post-resurrection appearances to over five hundred of his disciples. His disciples had nothing to gain and everything to lose by maintaining that he did in fact rise up from the dead, if they were going to die for what they knew was a lie. What explanation can anyone give for this? People have had nearly 2000 years to come up with a feasible alternate explanation, besides the most simple and straightforward one: He rose from the dead.

Jesus triumphed over his own death. However, you are condemned, like the billions of others in the world who are going to be buried. You already know that you are not going to raise your own body up from the grave. And it gets worse. Face it: You are a self-centered, presumptuous, prideful individual, all your record of wrongdoings are not going to gain you any favor with God, and all your good works aren't going to be good enough in light of your wrongs. God calls those shots, not you. If God says you are worthy of death and worse, then who are you to protest? Is the universe yours, or his? Did God create a democracy? Can you vote him out of office?

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The decision is yours. Don't be a fool. Think about why you are living and where you are going. It is time to re-assess the priorities in your life. The grave awaits you. No one has triumphed over it, except Jesus.

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it."

Wouldn't it be better for you to die to your old life, and live for others, giving them something that has eternal value? That is what would make life worth living. Otherwise, it is all vanity, a chasing after the wind.

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So then, you can throw this away, and maybe next time you walk out onto the street, as fate would have it, you might get hit by a car and die. Then it is all over, and it is too late. Or you might die many years from now. What will it matter?

Look into it for yourself. Read the Bible, starting with the New Testament. Do it now. Because you are as good as dead.

## You: The answer to the world's problems?

So, you think you have the answers to the world's problems, do you?

Do you realize that there are over 6 billion people all over the world who think like that?

The problem is, you are not only not going to solve the world's problems, but you are not going to solve your own problem, either. Because in a few more decades, or years, or even sooner, you will end up 6 feet under the ground. And the world will continue without you. And they will eventually forget that you ever lived.

Why do you think that you will end up in the grave? Have you considered that? And what happens afterwards? Will you finally get to meet God? Or perhaps you don't believe in God, in which case, you essentially make yourself out to be one, since there is no higher authority than yourself.

How short sighted can you be, that you are so obsessed with the environment of a world that might just be destined to be burned up anyway, or the next political candidate who will not solve the world's problems any more than the last one? Or your next meal, or whether you should even continue reading the rest of this tract, because you have better things to do, like watch a movie?

What if those right-wing, fundamentalist, bible-thumping Christians are right, and no one is good enough for God, and everyone on earth is, by default, destined for hell? Don't you think, for your own sake, you should find out whether that story is true or not, especially since it has been repeatedly told for nearly 2000 years?

Regardless of what you think about those right-wing, fundamentalist, bible-thumping Christians, or Contemporary American Churchianity, or anything like that, stop what you are doing, and consider the following point a matter of life or death, because it is not about them, but about history: If Jesus rose up from the dead, after having been in the grave for three days and three nights, then he is who he says he is.

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So then, you can throw this away, and maybe next time you walk out onto the street, as fate would have it, you might get hit by a car and die. Then it is all over. And you didn't solve the world's problems, or your own.

Look into it for yourself. Start with the New Testament. Do it now. You will find the answer to the worlds' problems.

## How to lower your self-esteem

Everyone is telling you that you should have high self-esteem. Have you ever considered that this is just the opposite of how you should view yourself? Don't you realize that there are over 6 billion people in the world that think too highly of themselves? Do you think that 6 billion self-centered people that esteem themselves highly is a good thing? What has popular psychology contributed to the state of the world?

Here is a trustworthy prediction: In a few more decades, or years, or even sooner, you will end up 6 feet under the ground. And the world will continue without you. And they will eventually forget that you ever lived.

Then what good was your high self-esteem?

How self-centered can you be, to be thinking about how to esteem yourself highly in the first place? What if, in God's eyes, there is nothing about you worth esteeming highly? What if what some people say is right, and everyone on earth is, by default, condemned and destined for hell? Don't you think, for your own sake, you should find out whether that story is true or not, especially since it has been repeatedly told for nearly 2000 years?

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So then, you can throw this away, and maybe next time you walk out onto the street, as fate would have it, you might get hit by a car and die. Then it is all over. And your self-esteem won't do you any good in the end.

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You will find that Jesus is worthy of high esteem, and that there is far more comfort and satisfaction in esteeming others highly, instead of yourself.

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## How to be narrow minded and intolerant of other people's religions

Yes, you read that right. And we're serious. Have you ever thought that it might be a good thing to be narrow minded and intolerant of other people's religions?

Now, if you have a problem with that, then you are a hypocrite. Because if you have a problem with that, then you are not being very open minded about the view being presented here, or tolerant of the religion of those presenting it.

Christianity claims that Jesus is the only way, and that all other religions are not just false, but are evil.

And if you believe in open mindedness, then you should say that you are okay with that viewpoint, right?

Enough with the self-contradictions. There are absolutes. Like history: Either Jesus rose up from the dead, or he did not. If Jesus rose up from the dead, after having been in the grave for three days and three nights, then he is who he says he is. And all the narrow-minded things that he preached are true. And all his narrow mindedness is justified.

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Don't like that? God calls those shots, not you. If God says you are worthy of death and worse, then who are you to protest? Is the universe yours, or his? Did God create a democracy? Can you vote him out of office?

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Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' Jesus is narrow minded, and intolerant. What about you?

But Jesus cared enough about you to die for you, so that you can be saved from the coming judgment and from being thrown into hell, even though you don't deserve to be saved from anything at all.

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Look into it for yourself. Read the Bible, starting with the New Testament. Find out how narrow the road to life is. And how broad the road to destruction.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”