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My friend, perhaps you would boast in your intellectual denial of God's existence, the pompous claims of humanistic science, and your assertion that you are not a religious person. Listen, if you really believe that the existence of countless galaxies and solar systems (which, by the way, do not slam into each other and rotate at intervals that you can set your watch by) came about when some primordial dust cloud randomly and spontaneously flung them into outer space, then the Bible describes you quite accurately: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalm 14:1). Evolution is not real science: its foundational claims cannot be proven, and time and time again, such have been demonstrated with observable science to be false. Moreover, its probabilities are staggering. On the contrary, real and objective science has always supported the claims of the Bible. Go study the Laws of Thermodynamics, the magnetic half-life of the earth, the decreasing size of the sun, the rate of sediment flow from rivers into oceans, population growth statistics, the real value of so-called "vestigial organs," the complete absence of "transitional species" in the fossil record, etc. Then, honestly try to say that the earth is billions of years old and that your great, great, great, great . . . grandfather was swinging through the trees and that his great, great, great, great . . . grandfather was floating around in a bunch of primordial soup. Try to explain how the uniqueness of the bombardier beetle, the extinct trilobite, and the hummingbird fit into the evolutionary tree. Deal with the amazing and irreducible complexity of the human eye and then try to say with a straight face that such came about by chance. Let evolution try to compensate for the symmetry of the human body and the undeniable design found in matter. What about the

human conscience, something unique and completely absent from all other animal species? How did this “evolve”? No, my friend, common sense tells us that every design has a designer. To deny God and boast in the THEORY of evolution makes you a religious man. You follow a man-centered religion that requires more faith to believe than the simple claims of the Bible, and your religion completely justifies the atrocities of Adolph Hitler, the Khmer Rouge, Joseph Stalin, Saddam Hussein and every other madman that simply took “survival of the fittest” to its logical conclusion. If all ends for you at death, then Hitler got away with everything he ever did, and you are no better than him. Why not go and put yourself out of your misery?

All sarcasm aside, there is a Creator God, and He has already spoken to you many times. HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?

LISTEN TO CREATION!

The message of CREATION is everywhere to be seen: “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard” (Psalm 19:1-3). Creation (i.e. the mountains, the trees, the vast oceans, animal life, the sun, the moon, a clear starry night, wind, snow, mighty glaciers, the Aurora Borealis, etc.) proclaims loudly that there is an Owner of it all: One who is omnipotent, almighty, glorious, and all-knowing. To deny the message of creation is willful ignorance and leaves you without excuse (Romans 1:18-20).

Sadly, many ignore this message, changing the glory of the uncorruptible God into an idol and worshipping and serving the

creature more than the Creator (Romans 1:23-25). Some worship idols of gold, silver, and stone; others worship “Mother Earth,” the “almighty dollar,” their own self-proclaimed righteousness, false religion, a man (i.e. Islam and every other cult), or mankind itself (i.e. evolution). Still, the Owner of it all does not leave himself without witness, doing good and giving us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons (Acts 14:17). HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?

LISTEN TO THE CURSE!

The second way in which God has spoken to you and every other person on this planet is through the message of the CURSE.

Buddha believed that suffering in the world was due to desire. In other words, if one could reach a point of no desire, then there would be no suffering. Hindu gurus have long taught that life involves an endless cycle of birth and rebirth that only karma can perhaps combat. Mohammed, according to the Hadith, sought forgiveness seventy times a day but could never find it. These all felt the reality of the curse.

Genesis 1-3 in the Holy Bible tells us about the creation of the universe, the origin of humanity, and the spiritual and moral fall of the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden. Because of Adam and Eve's disobedience, sin and death came into the world, and a holy God cursed creation and mankind (Romans 5:12). Look around! Evil, sickness, death, disease, natural disasters, vanity, and corruption are everywhere. Many would blame God or deny His very existence because of these things, but the fault is ours. The earth is ravaged by storms, trembles with earthquakes, spews forth molten lava from volcanoes. Why? Society is overrun by wickedness, ruled by corrupt governments and politicians, and dominated by “survival of the fittest.” Why? It is because of

the curse of sin, and even this is a message from God for all of us: There is a problem between the Creator and His creation, and “Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker” (Isaiah 45:9).

Some live close to the Curse while others try to shield themselves from it. A Third World villager faces the reality of the Curse daily. Why won't my crops grow? Why is my child sick? Why did a wild beast kill my neighbor? The inevitable response is: “There must be something wrong with me, or my family, or my village.” Because many do not know the Most High God, these may try to deal with the Curse by offering sacrifices and performing rituals to appease the spirits, the mountains, the sun, the sky, their ancestors, etc., turning to the creation when they should be looking to the Creator (Romans 1:25). In the world of technology and affluent society, people shield themselves from the Curse. If I am sick, I get medicine. If I am hungry, I find food. If I am uncomfortable, I find convenience and forget that there is a problem. Still, denial and convenience cannot erase reality: We are surrounded by sickness and disease; and death, the greatest proof of the Curse, is all around (Romans 5:12). Ten out of ten people die, and so will you. The cry of the hour may be “Live strong!” But, the truth of the Curse says otherwise: “Live strong, die anyway!” HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?

Yes, you have already been told by God Himself through Creation and the Curse: There is a Creator, and there is a problem between the Creator and His creation. As the time nears for God to judge this world in righteousness as He promised to do (Acts 17:31), these messages will only grow louder (Luke 21:25-26; Isaiah 13:9-13; Romans 8:19-22). ARE YOU LISTENING?

LISTEN TO YOUR CONSCIENCE!

God speaks to you yet again, and I guarantee that you have heard it more times than you can count, even though you still may choose to put your fingers in your ears. You have a CONSCIENCE given to you by your Creator. It is a great alarm bell, and it's personal: Guilty, guilty, guilty, the bell tolls. It's message is loud: Not only is there a problem between the Creator and His creation, there is a problem between the Creator and YOU!

Many years after sin came into the world in the Garden of Eden, God raised up the nation of Israel as a means to declare His character and His righteousness for all the world to see. He gave His chosen people His Law, the Ten Commandments, as His standard of righteousness. The Ten Commandments show that God's standard of goodness is absolute perfection, and none can measure up (Romans 3:10-11). This same law, which was given to Israel on tables of stone, is written on the heart of every man, including yours (Romans 2:14-15). People may try to erase the Ten Commandments from history. They may deny their historical influence in free and democratic society. They can remove them from courthouse lawns, government buildings, and the school classroom. But, no matter what some supreme court decides, you cannot escape God's Law. You have to carry it with you everywhere, written on your heart. It's called your conscience.

The human conscience (something evolution has never been able to explain) is God's standard of righteousness, His Law bearing witness inside of man. Conscience comes from an old word that simply means "with knowledge." In other words, you live and breathe with the knowledge of right and wrong according to God, a principle inside of you which decides on the uprightness or

wickedness of your actions or affections and instantly approves or condemns them. God is holy, and His Law demands justice. Your conscience declares you guilty.

Lying is wrong, and you know it. Have you ever lied? White lies and fibs are still lies. Stealing is wrong, and your conscience proves it. Have you ever stolen something? Size and value are irrelevant. Have you ever used God's name in vain, substituting it for a jest or an expletive? That's blasphemy, and your conscience condemns you. Have you ever looked with lust? God judges the heart, not the outward appearance, and He sees your lust as adultery (Matthew 5:27-28). What's that guilty feeling you get when you masturbate, look at pornography, or fornicate behind closed doors? It's your conscience bearing witness to your sin and your Maker's disgust with it. According to God, your hatred or disdain for someone else is no different than murder (Matthew 5:21-22; I John 3:15). Do you worship a false god, a false religion (including the religion of evolution), or a false worldview that you have created in your own mind to serve your own lusts and pleasures? That is idolatry, and the Creator hates it. You see, God knows your every thought, word, deed, and intention. And, your conscience, God's Law written within you, is an x-ray of your heart. Guilty, guilty, guilty, it declares. It's message comes over the airwaves of your heart every day: There is a problem between the Creator and YOU! It's not only what you have done but who you are by nature: A **LAWBREAKER** (I John 3:4). You know all of these things are wrong, yet you do them anyway, all the while taking pleasure in what your conscience condemns (Romans 1:32).

Yes, God has spoken to you clearly, whether you acknowledge it or not. Truth does not depend upon you, nor is it subject to your feelings, emotions, or opinions. Creation, the Curse, and your

Conscience are loud and clear, direct messages from the God of the Universe:

THERE IS A CREATOR, THERE IS A PROBLEM BETWEEN THE CREATOR AND HIS CREATION, AND THERE IS A PROBLEM BETWEEN THE CREATOR AND YOU!

Believe it or not, the Lord of the Universe is not done speaking. What you have already heard is heard daily by every person in every corner of the globe. Yet, there is another message that God loves you enough to reveal, and this message comes through special revelation (i.e. the Word of God) and by special ambassadors such as the one who gave or left this tract for you.

BEHOLD THE CROSS!

The message of the Cross is simple, and Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, spoke it in three words: IT IS FINISHED (John 19:30).

All over the world people go to temples or churches. They perform religious rituals. They do their daily good deeds. They try to offset their “carbon footprint.” They seek to attain merit, improve their karma, or procure righteousness. Such are not annual practices, or even monthly for that manner. For many, it’s a daily routine. Why? Because yesterday is never good enough. Religion is never good enough. Knowledge is never good enough. Science is never good enough. Wealth, fame, power, influence are never good enough. Romans 10:3 says it like this: “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” The end of such is quite pathetic. Aldous

Huxley, a prominent atheist, evolutionist, and drug addict from the early twentieth century had this to say on his deathbed before injecting himself with LSD: “It is a bit embarrassing to have been concerned with the human problem all one’s life and find at the end that one has no more to offer by way of advice than: Try and be a little kinder.” For Huxley, evolution, atheism, and LSD weren’t good enough. Something went AWOL, and all that remained in the end was helpless ignorance.

God has spoken clearly. Creation, the Curse, and your Conscience leave you helpless and hopeless without a Saviour, for God’s Law demands justice. But, the CROSS and Jesus Christ’s three simple words on it (IT IS FINISHED) shout loudly that there is a Saviour! There is One who can save you from the curse of your sin; there is One who can give you deliverance from your wicked, pagan life; there is One who can rescue you from the wrath of a Holy and Almighty Judge: THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The people of the world need to hear the message of the Cross. You need to hear the message of the Cross: Because we are guilty and deserve Hell, and because “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23), this is what God did for us: He came to this earth Himself (Jesus Christ—God manifest in the flesh) to take our punishment and pay our fine. He offered up His body as a substitutionary sacrifice to pay the price for our sins and, being innocent Himself, was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Ghost for our justification. As a result, the debt of sin is paid in full, and total forgiveness can be found for those who will repent of their sins and put their complete faith and trust in Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. In other words, more than two thousand years ago, when Jesus cried from the cross “It is finished”, a legal transaction took place. God Almighty stepped in and paid your fine. You

broke His moral Law written on your conscience, and Jesus Christ paid your fine with His life's blood. This means that because of the suffering, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can dismiss your case. He can commute your death sentence. He can legally allow you to live upon your repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

Let me say it again: Jesus Christ lived a perfect life without sin (Hebrews 4:15) and then suffered and died on a Roman cross to satisfy the righteous demands of God's Law (Galatians 3:10-13). After three days, he rose up from the dead, proving that His sacrifice had been accepted. Therefore, a holy God can forgive sin and grant us everlasting life. Salvation is a free gift; it cannot be earned, it can only be received. In John 3:16, the Bible reads, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." A few pages back in John 1:12, it says, "But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Friend, there is a God, and you will one day stand before Him in judgment. Your religion, your scientific theories, and your self-righteous morality cannot save you on that day. No, the questions that will matter most are these: Have you been born again (To be born again means to have the Spirit of Christ born in you by grace through faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ—a spiritual rebirth, not the physical rebirth that reincarnation falsely claims)? Have you humbled yourself before God? Have you repented of your sins? Have you received the free gift of salvation by trusting in Jesus Christ alone? The Bible says in Romans 5:8 that "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 10:9-10 reads: "That if

thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” This is your only hope, my friend, and Jesus promises to save you if you will just cry out to Him. Trying to do enough good to go to heaven is an offense to God, who sacrificed His Son for our sin. It is selfish folly to refuse to accept a gift of full payment and claim to work off that infinite debt on your own. Besides, God has already told you through Creation, the Curse, and your Conscience that this is impossible.

THIS IS NOT ABOUT RELIGION

It must be emphasized: THIS IS NOT ABOUT RELIGION. Religion, however sincere, can never satisfy a righteous God, for as compared to His goodness, even our so-called good deeds are filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Religion cannot erase sin—No religious efforts or experiences can cancel out a single sin, and good deeds can never remove evil deeds. Even Buddha knew this. He was once asked: “How long would it take for good deeds to delete one evil deed?” Buddha pointed to a pillar of a Hindu temple, characteristically filthy with the soot of incense and sacrifice, and then replied: “If you had a rag and were given one swipe per year to clean the pillar, consider the time it would take for the pillar to be completely wiped away. It would take longer than that for a good deed to cancel out an evil deed.” In other words, Buddha acknowledged that such was impossible, and in this, he was correct. Because we are defiled from within (Mark 7:20-23), and because salvation is “not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:9), religion can never change man’s sinful nature—The heart of the problem is a problem of the heart (Jeremiah

17:9), and God's Law clearly reveals this. As Jesus said, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). Also, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3,5). If you are relying on your religion to make you right with God, not only is it powerless to do so, but trusting in such actually adds to your sin and your condemnation. After all, even the prayers of those who turn their ear away from the Word of God are an abomination (Proverbs 28:9). Unless you repent of your sins and turn to Jesus Christ, you will die in your religion; you will die in your sins (John 8:24). The messages of Creation, the Curse, and the Conscience confirm this.

ALMIGHTY GOD IS NOT A BEGGAR

God is not willing that any should perish, but at the same time, he is not a beggar. Neither is he some sky fairy that exists to make your dreams come true. He is a great righteous King that rules over all the earth (Psalm 47:2). And, no religious observance or ritual can save you from Hell or make you right with God. Only He can do that, and you have to want it. Turn away from your idols and empty religions, and simply acknowledge your sin to the Lord, asking Him to save you from Hell. Thank Jesus for taking the penalty for your sins and saving you from the wrath of God; put your complete trust in Him (not a wishy-washy trying on of Him like a pair of clothes); and tell Him with conviction that you accept His gift of eternal life. Jesus Christ will then come into your heart and give you a new life, just as He promised (John 6:37; Romans 10:13; Galatians 4:6). This, dear friend, is what it means to be born again, and Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:7).

Flee to Jesus Christ; embrace his Gospel of salvation; this is your only hope. You don't need to clean up your act, you need a new

heart (Jeremiah 17:9; Ezekiel 36:26)! Only Christ can give it to you. Run to Him today, for you may not have tomorrow. Read the Bible, beginning with the Gospel of John and the Book of Romans, and do what God's Word says. If you forsake your own way and follow Christ, God will never leave you nor forsake you.

Or, live in denial. Scoff at the message of the Cross, calling it worthless religion. Ignore Creation, the Curse, and the Conscience as they daily resound. Party it up and dive into the pleasures of the world. Live strong . . . but die anyway. The good times are going to end one day, and the party in Hell has been cancelled due to the fire. To reject God's means of salvation in Christ is to blaspheme the Holy Spirit of God who testifies of Jesus (John 15:26). And, "he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation" (Mark 3:29-30). The religious leaders of Jesus' day rejected Him as one possessed by a devil, blaspheming the Holy Spirit. By rejecting Jesus Christ, will you do the same? Truth is truth, my friend, no matter what you were taught.

SO, YOU CLAIM TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

Perhaps you are reading this and would claim Jesus Christ as your personal Lord & Saviour, and for that, I rejoice. However, I must ask you two questions: Are you living for the Lord? Are you telling others about him? If the answer is no, then why not? A missionary friend of mine once walked across America with his wife so as to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the streets. During this endeavor, he wrote to me: "All over the place, we are seeing disturbing evidence as never before that most Christians are simply living isolated lives far from the battlefields of inconvenience in relative comfort and safety, motivated either by

self-centeredness or a total disregard for the eternal consequences of their inaction, completely content to let the world around them slip off into eternity without hope.” As a brother in Christ, I implore you not to let this be your epitaph. Rather, let those of you who claim the name of Christ depart from iniquity and go forth as shining lights in a dark world, speaking the truth of the Gospel.

Again, Born-again believers who may be reading this: please don't settle for mere existence. Don't be a spiritual wimp like the typical religious “Christian.” As Jesus commanded, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15), AND, as I Timothy 6:12 says: “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called.”

IN CONCLUSION . . .

Now, I am not going to write out a “sinner's prayer” and then plead with you to repeat it in your mind. As already iterated: God is not willing that any should perish, but again, he is not a beggar. He is a great righteous King that rules over all the earth. And, neither I, nor some “magic words,” can save you from hell or make you right with God. Only he can do that, and you have to want it. On July 21, 1993, I simply acknowledged my sin to the Lord and asked him to save me from hell. I thanked Jesus for taking the penalty for my sins, and I told him that I accepted his gift of eternal life. Jesus Christ came into my heart and gave me a new life; I was born again, and I have been a changed man ever since. This, too, can be your standing. Repent, flee to Jesus Christ. He is the only One who can save you TO God and the only One who can save you FROM God.

-Jesse Michael Boyd

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3).

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:7).

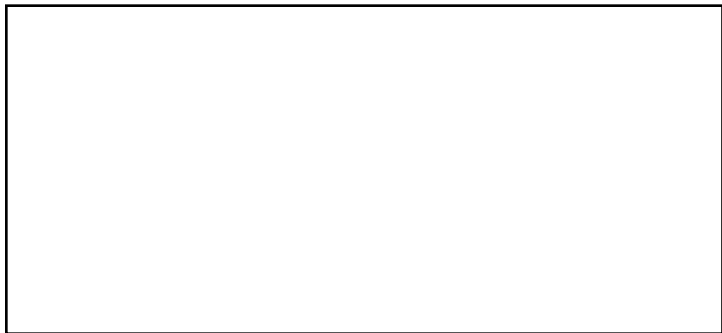
“Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” (John 12:44-48).

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