“Wake Up Call”

“Preparing to Meet God”

1st Edition

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Introduction

06/10/19 Today, I began to organize this book. I am going to call it: “Wake Up” Call. When I turned on my computer today, the first story I saw on the web said “Americans need a “Wake-Up” Call, when it comes to their finances. As you will see later on in this book, I believe God speaks to all of us … if we just listen. I believe this was another message, from Him, telling me to write this book.

I can’t begin to compete with the knowledge of religion that a priest has, but I can offer my personal interpretations from a person who has cancer. My hope is that I might say something, in a different way, than you may have heard before and it might make more sense to you.

As I got older, you’ll see that I came closer to God but I never got serious about God until I had my “Wake Up” Call.

We like “worldly” things because they are exciting but, I’ll ask you a question. What is more exciting, watching a baseball game or one day, us meeting the God, who created all of the people and planets and who knows “exactly” which people will go to Heaven and who won’t and why?

You can see the planets, with a telescope, so they are there and you can see humans so somebody made them and we’re going to meet their Creator someday so that’s pretty exciting, especially since He will determine where we will spend “eternity”. Can a baseball game compare to that – even the “playoffs”?

Purpose of this book

If I had read this book in high school, there are many things I hopefully wouldn’t have done during my lifetime. My hope is that this book will help someone, who hasn’t had their “Wake Up” Call yet, to make fewer mistakes, when it comes to God.

I believe that most people believe in God, after all, you can simply look at other humans and the moon and you know that a “Superior Being” had to make them because humans sure can’t. I know that I believed in God – I wasn’t stupid – but I didn’t put Him 1st in my life because I had motorcycles to ride, girls to date, places to go and other things to do first so I figured I would deal with God when I got old … so I guess I was stupid – because I was dealing with “eternity” with either God or Satan! If I had been hit by a hearse, I would have realized what a BIG mistake I had made.
God is pretty smart so He wouldn’t go all of the trouble of making humans and planets and then just “walk away” from all of it. He did it for a reason. History shows that He sent His Son to earth to explain everything to us and to even die for us to show us how much He loved us. Since He is the “Supreme Being” and He went to all of that trouble for us, we had better put Him 1st if we’re smart.

- Jacinta, one of the children of “The Fatima Apparition” said, “If men only knew what “Eternity” is, how they would make all possible efforts to amend their lives”.

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“Oppi the Optimist” and “Pessi the Pessimist”, shown above, will help illustrate my ideas.

I got my “Wake Up Call” this year when I was diagnosed with cancer. I wasn’t really old – 67 – but I realized that I would die, sooner than I had planned, so I would have to start seriously thinking about my “after life”.

The problem is that. The early part of my life, I had not put God 1st and I worried that it may be too late. Fortunately, God is a forgiving God and I think I may still have a chance – although I don’t deserve it.

- Disclaimer: I don’t want to imply that I was a bad person. I loaned many people money to help them including a $10,000.00 loan to help a girl so she could go to law school. (She never repaid me.) I gave several poor people free eye exams and I bought some of their glasses for them. When Larry, a classmate in optometry school, had to spend an extra day in National Guard duty – just before “finals” – he couldn’t study for “finals” and he failed the class by one point so he would have had to repeat another year of school, so I wrote a long letter to Prof. Hafner and explained that he was serving our country and I hoped he could be given some leniency. The effort failed but I tried. I also love dogs and “dog people” are usually pretty good people. I wrote the “Proof of God”, “Wouldn’t it be Nice to Have a Friend”, “Who Do I want for my Hero?” and the “Oppi the Optimist” and “Pessi the Pessimist” cartoons, that are shown on this website, which include religious ones etc. before I was diagnosed with the cancer so I feel I was a pretty good guy, even before the cancer, but I didn’t always put God 1st by going to church etc.
(Discussed later in “Do Good People go to Heaven?) Carolyn and I also spent $10,000.00 to get the best lawyer for a relative who was possibly going to prison for drugs.

The purpose of this book is to try and get you to:

1. get closer to God and to possibly reduce your time in purgatory.
2. realize that Jesus is NOT just the most important thing in life. He is the only thing that will matter in your life when you reflect upon it in a million years.
3. realize that the time to think about our “after life” is ... NOW! When I got my “Wake Up” Call, I thought, “The only way I could love God more would be if I started sooner but I couldn’t do that.
4. realize that, even though it happened a long time ago in a foreign land, the story of Jesus really happened and it affects each of our lives infinitely.
5. realize how much Jesus “hurts” when we sin. He “hung on the cross” for every sin.
6. realize that the amount of time you should give to Christ is “as much as you can”.
7. get your “priorities” in order and God has to be # 1.
8. realize that the only moment of your life that really matters is when you will meet God on “Judgement Day” and it will happen!
9. realize that, when you put two things together, that can’t be measured, like Christ and Eternity, nothing “earthly” compares to that.
10. wear the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and to say the Rosary.

I may spend centuries in Purgatory to pay for the times I offended God, and God is such a great God that hurting someone like Him was terrible on my part. Jesus allowed humans to put Him on trial for His life, to convict Him and they even released a criminal named Barabas from prison so Jesus could be crucified. Then, they “scourged” Him, at a pillar, pressed a “crown of thorns” into His head, made Him carry “our” cross to Calvary and then they nailed Him to that cross and let Him hang there for 3 hours until He died and He volunteered to do all of that so that our sins would be forgiven and we would have the opportunity to go to Heaven.

I realized that I felt more of an obligation to the neighbor, who mowed my grass, when my mower was broken, than I did for Jesus who did all of that for me…

I thought that the best plan for me was to enjoy my life on earth, for as long as I could, but I didn’t consider that my “after life” would last for eternity and it would be infinitely better than anything I could ever experience on earth or it could be infinitely worse … for eternity!

One purpose of this book is to stress that “eternity” is infinitely longer than a “lifetime” and that happiness from God, is infinitely better than anything on earth.

We all need “Wake Up” Calls. Some of us eat too much, take illegal drugs, drink too much alcohol, gamble in the stock market, smoke, have reckless sex, drink and drive, even though we know those things can destroy our lives but when it comes to God, if we ignore our “Wake Up” Call, it’s much more serious because it can destroy our eternity! This book is to help people to “Wake Up” regarding God.
It’s easy to see “earthly things” and forget about God but when you go for a walk, you’re walking on the planet earth that God created – not a small feat - and you are using the brain that God gave you and you are using God’s air, seeing God’s clouds, grass, trees, oceans etc. so God is always present and we should remember that!

Many people worry more about their vacations, and they just last a few weeks, than they do about Heaven, Hell and Purgatory. I want to get people to realize that this can be “deadly”.

I was really the lucky one because I was given “advance notice” that I need to “get things right” with God because I could have died suddenly in a car accident and I would have been in a worse situation. So, I figured that other people might need a “Wake Up Call” like I did so I’m writing this book to “Wake Them Up!” No matter what age you are, the best time for everyone to “Wake Up” is … NOW!

(“Oppi” should have said, “If you “Put God 1st”, you’ll go to heaven.)

To put things in “Perspective”.

Since “Eternity” will go on forever and n-e-v-e-r end, and being with Jesus is “beyond description”, there NOTHING, during our 100 years on earth, that is worth “taking a chance” on missing that opportunity, especially when the other option is spending “Eternity” with “Satan”!

Not fame, fortune, sex, drugs, alcohol, websites, language, murder, missing church, false gods, stealing etc.

A “Lighter” Perspective
People seems tp think about God as “No big deal”. For example, if you were going to visit the president’s house – the White House, what would you wear? Short shorts? Blue jeans? Not many people would but every Sunday, we see people wearing those clothes when they go to God’s house – Church. That shows less respect for God than the president and no president is more important than God.

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The Diagnosis

I am writing this book because I was diagnosed with “Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma” in January 2019. (I had a “Small Cell Lymphoma”, app. 6 years ago, and I had “prostate cancer” at the same time.) The current Lymphoma is a “fast growing” cancer. Since the lymphoma was diagnosed in January of 2019, the lymphoma has had about 9 months to grow since I started this book.

I have many notes, that I want to explain, but I’m not sure how much time I have left so I will write a quick version of what I want to say in case my time is shorter than I think. My energy level isn’t as good as I would like so we’ll see what happens.

The book won’t be very organized because that will take extra time so it will have duplicate statements and probably typos etc. As I pick up notes from my desk, I may insert them “out of order” but I feel that is better to see it twice than not at all. My apologies.

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Let’s start...

If I had read this book decades ago, I would have lived my life differently. When you know your time “on top of the grass” will be reduced, you are forced to think about what happens next. I feel I’m very lucky because I have been given “advance notice” to prepare for the end of this “temporary life” and to prepare for my “eternal after life”.

In this book, I will refer to Carolyn. She is my “late wife”. No, she never died, she is just always … late. She is a “World Class” runner but her “event” is “running late”

My diagnosis was a “Wake Up Call” for me and I hope you can benefit from it because not everybody will be given an “advance notice” and, even if you are, you might want to change a few things you are doing now, but if choose not to, you are being very disrespectful to Jesus and you may pay a high-price for that.
Let’s go back about 40 years…

I went to a Catholic grade school and then I transferred to a public high school so my religion classes stopped.

I graduated from an X-Ray technology program and I moved to West Palm Beach, Fla. I went from living, with my parents and going to church with them every Sunday, to living with strangers, who were about my age, who were only concerned with booze, “pot” and sex.. It’s hard to find quality friends when you are at the “just starting out” but, if I had spent some time at church, I might have found some quality friends.

The first party I went to was given by my fellow hospital workers. I was warned there “might be” marijuana there but I wanted to “fit in” so I went. Everyone that I knew, from the hospital, was smoking “pot”. (Booze and cigarettes were a given.) It seemed acceptable since everyone was doing it.

My focus was “fitting in”, and not on God and what was “right” or “wrong”. I guess I figured that God wasn’t my “first option” because I had a different “set of rules” now that I was on my own and living in Florida with “post high school” people and their activities were different from what I had been used to. (I thought God’s rules changed depending on where I was and how old I was.)

The first girl I dated loved to smoke “pot”. When I went to pick her up, all of the lights in her house were off and she wasn’t dressed to go out and she was laying on the sofa. I should have left then but I never. I knew from “Day 1” that we wouldn’t get married but I wanted someone to date. I hated “pot” because it just made me sleepy and even “spacier” than I was before. I moved to Florida so I could have campfires on the beach and get away from the snow and ride motorcycles but I ended up smoking pot with her and her friends almost every night. I hated every minute of it but I didn’t want to hurt her feelings and “break up” with her. About a year later, we heard a song called: “Neither one of us wants to be the first to say goodbye” and she said “That’s our song” so she felt the same way.
I felt it couldn’t get worse … and then she got pregnant. (It seems like when someone writes an article, they always say something like “The first girl I slept with got pregnant” It not that it only happens to people, who write articles, it happens to a lot of people so kids … remember that!)

She wanted to keep the baby since she had to give up her first child that was also born “out of wedlock”. I was very selfish and I knew that we wouldn’t get married and I didn’t want the baby raised around “drugs” and I wasn’t ready for a child, plus I wanted to go back to school so that I “Mister Selfish” and “Mr. Immoral” - could have a better life. Since I knew what God wanted - but it didn’t seem to matter at the time – I was just thinking about me so I asked her to get an abortion and she did. Immediately after, we broke up. (I had a Mini-Wake Up Call.) Then, I went to Nuclear Medicine school in Gainesville, Fla.

Gainesville had “pot” too. Especially since I lived across the street from the University of Florida campus and my roommates all went there but I attended Nuclear Medicine school during the week and I would drive 140 miles, every weekend, to Leesburg General Hospital so I could work as an X-Ray tech for 48 hours straight, every weekend, to pay for school. My busy schedule and my “hatred” for “pot” kept me away from it so my life was improving.

I dated a girl and I probably would have married her but she “went out” on me – when I was working the 48 hours straight on the weekend – and I figured, if she would do that, while we were dating, she would do it later on so we eventually broke up. I did have some “values” but God still wasn’t 1st in my life and I was still thinking of me.

I worked as a Nuclear Medicine tech for 6 years and then I went to Indiana University’s School of Optometry. I was finally getting my “worldly” act together.

Several years later, I met Carolyn and we got married. She was raised a Catholic but she had been divorced – for a valid reason - and she wasn’t sure if she was in “good standing” with the Catholic church so we got married outside of the church. I was working 7 days/week – so I figured I was too busy for church and “wedding things” so I let her take charge of the wedding. I figured, since we were going to live together, God would want us to be married. I didn’t think it was a big deal to God if we got married outside of the church, but I never took the time to ask a priest. I figured “married” was “married” in God’s eyes. I was a good person since I was working hard and since we got married so I figured God was pleased with me.

After about 15 years, for some reason, I started going back to church. I didn’t “tithe” “what I was supposed to” to my church and I visited some websites that my mother probably hasn’t visited and I lived with my wife, even though our marriage wasn’t recognized by the Catholic church - and we were both Catholic - but I worked 7 days/week and, as a doctor, and I paid my bills and I never ever wanted to cheat on my wife so I thought I was a pretty good person and I didn’t have to worry about going to Heaven, right? After all, I hadn’t killed any body and I went to church – wasn’t that enough? (I forgot that I had killed my own child with the abortion.)

I really did feel like I was a “good guy” because I had gone to college for 13 years, I never cheated on any girl that I ever dated – even though I slept with them - and I never cheated on my taxes, went to church, loaned one girl $10,000.00 so she could go to law school – which she did
– and she never repaid me, loaned the man who mows my grass $1,200.00 which he never paid me back etc. He’s a nice guy and he loaned it to his girlfriend and she never repaid him.

When I would see a patient who was “down on their luck”, I wouldn’t charge them for their exam. I had a paralyzed patient, who was extremely nice and “positive”, so I didn’t charge for his exam and I bought his glasses for him. I did that for several patients so I really felt I was a “good guy”.

After I was a doctor for a while, I wanted to “give back” something since I felt I was lucky because I had graduated in the lower-half of my high school class and I had made it through my “pot” days and I had become a pilot, skydiver, X-ray tech, Nuclear Medicine tech and Optometrist and I had passed all of the “boards” on my 1st try. So, I thought… I’ll create two cartoon characters called: “Oppi the Optimist” and “Pessi the Pessimist” and I’ll explain to children that they can achieve just about any goal they want if they are willing to work really hard and if they have a great attitude. (You don’t need genetics. My father only went to 6th grade and my mother went to her sophomore year of high school but they taught me a good “work ethic”).

I had written several books to help kids. (I am offering those books to them for FREE on this website in “Section # 5 called “Free “Downloadable” Books”. I was in the process of presenting “Oppi the Optimist” and “Pessi the Pessimist” to the world so I figured I would make some money and help some kids and my “worldly” life would be complete. Then, I noticed a lump on my back…

Life or Death Decision …

I had my doctor check it and he thought it was scoliosis. I insisted it wasn’t so he did a Chest X-Ray and it was “normal” but I said, “There is definitely something there” because I could feel it so he ordered a “Pet Scan”. Diagnosis: Chest tumor. Then, he ordered a biopsy. Diagnosis: Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma.

I had previously had chemo two times and I knew that chemo can cause many secondary cancers. My first chemo wasn’t bad but the cancer came back. For my second chemo, I had to take a stronger chemo for six treatments. After two treatments, I was so sick I had to stop. For this third chemo treatment, I would need the same “stronger treatment” again plus I would need it for eight treatments plus I would need to get “MUGA heart scans” to see if it was damaging my heart and I would need lab tests every two weeks.

I figured, if I get the chemo:

1. I’ll be really sick, from the chemo, and I might not be able to complete the treatments and then I may be on different chemo plans and I might sick for the rest of my life and I may get a secondary cancer from the chemo etc.

2. If the chemo kills the cancer but damages my heart, I may have to stop the chemo and I may have a bad heart and cancer.
3. Best case scenario. The chemo would kill the cancer and then I would die from old age.

After giving it a lot of thought, I decided to skip the chemo. Carolyn felt very strongly, that I should get the chemo so I felt really bad when I told her of my decision. As of 9/2/19, my sister still doesn’t know about my diagnosis but I will tell her later. I have the letter written but I will mail it later because I don’t want her to have to think about it any more than she has to.

I’m certain I made the best decision, for my situation, because I have felt good for the last 9 months and I have had time to prepare to leave this world and, more importantly, to prepare to enter my next life.

I realized that, before long, I will either spend “Eternity” with:

1. Jesus, who was willing to be scourged at a pillar, have a crown of thorns put on His head, made to carry “my” cross and to be nailed to it and hung from it for 3 hours until He died and who is willing to forgive people, like me, who couldn’t bother to go to church for one hour each week and who made a baby and then aborted it etc.

This “Eternity” will be spent in an atmosphere of “Infinite Love”.

or

2. Satan, who loves people who believe in false gods, murder, commit adultery, have abortions, steal, skip church, etc.

This “Eternity” will be spent in an atmosphere of “Infinite Fire and Hate”.

One reason that I rejected chemo-therapy was because, in this world, nothing lasts. You have a car, job, house, dog etc. and later on, they are all gone. You save up your “life savings” and your good china and then, later on, you just give it away. As Mother Mary said, people should want “things that will last forever” and I agree.

I have always known what eternity meant but now, it seems more real. Eternity will never, ever end! Nobody can imagine 100 trillion years from now and it just keeps going forever and you don’t want to spend that time with Satan instead of Jesus. I have taken some important tests in my life, and I realized that I worried more about them, than I did about when I will face Jesus, one-on-one, to decide where I will spend eternity.

That is when I got my …

“Wake Up Call”

When many people sense death is closing in, if they are lucky enough to have “advance notice”, many of them probably ask themselves the following questions:
1. Why am I here on earth?
2. Does God really exist? (That’s why I wrote “Proof of God” on this website Section #1)
3. Am I taking this Heaven or Hell thing serious enough?
4. Am I going to Heaven or Hell?
5. When should I start giving up my “Worldly life” to prepare for my “Eternal life”?

I will give you my thoughts, on some of the questions above, in this book.

God is always with us. We make think there is a period of time when He takes a vacation and goes to the Bahamas or to Pluto and we won’t get hurt by the sins that we commit but that’s not the case. There were times, in my life, when I thought that God had an importance level of “one” and the things in my world – girls, motorcycles, flying etc. - were a level “ten”. When you get your “Wake Up Call”, you’ll realize I had it backwards.

I thought… Should I sit in the yard, watch TV, take some trips and enjoys my last months and definitely go to church on Sunday or should I devote even more time to God?

After thinking about “Eternity” with either Jesus or Satan, I decided I’d better spend as much time, talking to God, as I can. As I began to do this, I realized that, although I was a “good person”, that might not be enough.

I was nice to other people but I never helped the elderly. I was good to my parents but I didn’t do anything for the poor. I had stopped going to church, which is a mortal sin in the Catholic church, and so I was destined to go to Hell except it probably wasn’t a mortal sin since I didn’t know it was. (For a sin to be “Mortal”, you have to know it is very serious and I didn’t think missing church was that serious. What a dummy.) Plus, I was involved in an abortion. I had worked on Sundays, which I thought was good since it showed I had a good “work ethic” but the Catholic church considers that a sin. I didn’t go to church on the “Holy Days of Obligation and that “obligation” word should have been a clue to me. I was married outside of the Catholic church so I was living in adultery. I had talked “negatively” about people, behind their backs, and that’s a sin. I thought I was doing pretty good but I never bothered to refresh my understanding of what God wants. I was just doing what I figured was “good”. As it turns out, God is a LOT better than me and He expects people to be better than I did.

I figured it was ok to have sex with my girl friend, as long as I didn’t cheat on her, and as long as we used contraceptives but I found out it makes God sad when people have sex outside, of a Catholic marriage, and when they use contraceptives. He, and I, know it can cause babies and that is extremely serious! Even if a baby doesn’t come along, unmarried sex is a sin and the Blessed Mother said that most of the people in Hell will be there for “sins of the flesh”.

I figured God doesn’t want us to have more children than we can afford but I found out that people can exercise “restraint” when a woman is fertile. I figured that, if people wanted to have a child, and couldn’t, and they went to a fertility clinic, that was good because God wants them to have children but I found out that the Catholic church is against using a “fertility clinic” because they have to kill more babies than they produce. As I said, God isn’t just “good”, He’s
“extremely good” because He doesn’t want those “excess babies” that are produced to be thrown in the garbage.

The more I read, the more I realized that I wasn’t living a very religious life and that a LOT of people were but I was just unaware of them because I didn’t go to church etc. The church always mentioned that they had extra days, besides Sundays, where people could go to church. When I received my cancer diagnosis, I quit working so I had more time so Carolyn and I went to those “Non-Sunday” church days and surprise …. there were people there! I went to confession more and surprise … people were there too! I went to church every Sunday, but my priest said 4 masses every week-end and he said several masses during the week too so my “one time” seemed small compared to what he did. I decided that, since I had missed church for decades, I would go to 4 masses every week-end. (If the priests can say four masses, I can go to four masses, right?) But, then I realized he went to several masses during the week plus he heard several confessions, gave “last rights”, baptisms, etc. Boy, was I ever a “slacker”.

Carolyn hadn’t been to church for a long time either – I guess life got in the way. She started going to church with me and we met with the priest (More work for him.) and he said all she had to do was to go to confession and she would be “fully back” in the church! Think about that. I was involved in an abortion and neither of us had been to church in over 20 years and we asked God to forgive us and He did! Isn’t that who we want to spend eternity with? Would Satan do that for us? Carolyn went to confession and she received communion, for the first time in 40 years. I was very proud of her. We both went to mass today. This mass was said in honor of her mother, who “passed away” a few months ago.

Wouldn’t it be Nice to have a Friend who…

I wrote a page called “Wouldn’t it be Nice to have a Friend who…” in Section # 4 of Website5.com.

As time goes on, I’m realizing that was one of my most important articles because I constantly talk to God now and I know that He understands every thought I have and, unlike when I talk to some people, what we talk about is infinitely important. I know that He wants me to talk to Him and I always feel better after I do it.

You might enjoy reading it.

Level 1 - 8

The following will apply to some of the subjects in this book.

What is the difference between a “Beginner” chess player and a Chess “Grand Master”? The lesser player thinks at “Level 1 – 4” and the Grand Master thinks at “Levels 5 – 8” so the better player will beat the lesser player every time because they make better decisions. For example, the lesser player may think “2” moves ahead but a Grand Master can think “8” moves ahead for every piece.
A “Level 1” person may buy a “computer stock” because …”everyone needs computers” but a “Level 8” investor will look at the following:

1. What “sectors” are “hot”. Maybe computer stocks are “over bought”.
2. What’s the P/E?
3. What’s the EPS?
4. When is the “earnings report” due to be released? If they “miss it”, the stock will fall.
5. Do they usually “meet” or “beat” their “estimated earnings?”
6. What is their competition doing? If they have a better computer, this stock will fall.
7. Will our country have a “Trade war” with Japan? That might hurt sales.
8. The CEO is 70 years old. Is she ready to retire?
9. Is the “average trading volume” sending a message?
10. What is the “Short interest” in the stock?
11. Do they offer a “dividend?”
12. Would it be better to buy the stock or to buy “Options” on this stock?
13. What is the “spread” between the “Bid” and the “Ask?”
14. Is there a “Short Squeeze” going on?
    and a lot more!

When people talk, they usually are thinking on Level 1 – 4 but when they study, they are on Level 5 – 8 because they aren’t distracted by trying to listen to the other person and trying to speak back to them. That is why the smartest people are often the ones who speak the least because they are listening to what is being said and, since they already know what they could say, they will gain additional information. Many people feel they “appear” smarter when they are talking but the opposite is often true. You can’t learn by talking because you are only saying what you already know. You only learn by listening. I call it “L + L” aka “Listen and Learn”.

No matter what we do in life, we have a better chance of making the best decision if we think on Levels 5-8.

If you want to have a Great Life, Have an “8” Life!

Examples of “Level 1” Thinking

I will give into “peer pressure” and take drugs or drinking even though I know they are bad.
I will go on a date tonight and it may “go to far physically” but I don’t care.
I will drink and I may need to drive soon but I’ll be ok.
I’m not watching my child carefully enough but they will be ok.
I need a job so I’ll apply for the first one I see even though I may have it for many years.
I don’t want to donate blood or register as an “organ donor” or a “living organ donor” because I have better things to do.

“Ejaculatory Prayers”
There are several prayers called “Ejaculatory Prayers” and a priest on the web said, for example, every time you say it, if you dedicate it to the people in purgatory, someone will get 100 to 300 days reduced time in purgatory. That’s a LOT of time in purgatory especially since it only takes us a few seconds to say it. (Imagine if we had 200 more days to go in purgatory and someone could get us out just by saying those words and they wouldn’t do it) One prayer is short, for example, “Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You”. Every time I get a chance, I say it, for example, when I’m mowing the grass, walking the dogs, driving my car etc. If you get some souls out, they will probably be so grateful that they will “return the favor” for you.

The priest said we should offer it up for the souls in purgatory since they can’t pray for themselves. He feels that, when they are released, they will be so grateful, for the person who helped them get out of purgatory, that they will pray really hard for you. He said they will pray 10,000 times more for you than you did. I’m not sure how he knows that but, even if it is 10 times more, you would be helping them and they would be helping you a lot more! Plus, it’s a nice little saying to say. Even if it was one-to-one, then two people would benefit from the prayer. Hopefully someday, as I’m entering the Gates of Heaven, there will be hundreds or even thousands of people standing there saying, “You helped get me out of Purgatory!”. Wow, that would feel good. So, please say it yourself as much as you can and offer it for the people in Purgatory.

Today, I walked my dogs and I said it several times and I hope I helped someone reduce their time in Purgatory by months or even to get out of there if they were lucky. Please always remember to say those 10 words when you have a few extra minutes and maybe someone will do it for you someday, and don’t just say it one time! If you say it 10 times, it will take about 1-2 minutes and they will save someone 3,000 days from Purgatory!

Do “Good People” go to heaven?

I felt I had always been a nice guy and I thought that would be enough to get into Heaven but I found out that God wants us to be even better and to do it by “His Rules”, not mine.

Later, I saw an article called “Do Nice People Go To Heaven?” It asked:

1. Do you go to church every week? -----------------------------No
2. Do you go to church on Holy Days of Obligation? ----------No
3. Have you been involved in an abortion? ----------------------Yes
4. Have you, or your spouse used birth control or fertility drugs? --Yes
5. Do you read the Bible? -------------------------------------No
6. Do you say the Rosary? -------------------------------------No
7. Do you volunteer at church? ---------------------------------No
8. Do you help old people? ------------------------------------No
9. Do you “fast”---------------------------------------------No
10. Do you “abstain from meats?” -------------------------------No
11. Do you do “penance”? --------------------------------------No
12. Do you avoid work on Sundays?-------------------------------No
13. Do you avoid shopping on Sundays? -----------------------------No
14. Did you get married “Within the Catholic Church”?-------------No
15. Did you receive Holy Communion while in Mortal Sin? --------Yes
16. Do you donate a percentage of money to your church?---------No

I was working 7 days/week so I felt I never had time to check out the rules of the Catholic Church. If I had, they would have said, “You shouldn’t work on Sunday either”. I was probably taught those things, during my Catholic grade school years, but I guess I just wasn’t thinking about religion after that. I figured if you are a nice person, that’s enough.

Now that I had my “Wake Up Call” and I have done the research that I should have done years ago, I am going to church. Since I didn’t for many years, usually because I was working 7 days/week – which is no excuse – I go “extra times” to make up for the past. For example, they offer mass during the week – which I didn’t know – so I try to go to church on Mon – Fri. I went to mass on Saturday evening at 5 pm, and at 10 am and 12:30 pm and 5 pm on Sunday. Carolyn went with me on most of those days so it’s nice to have a “church buddy”.

I surely haven’t done enough “penance” so I’m writing this book and creating the website for some of my “penance”.

I also gave up soda, tea, lemonade – anything but water - for the rest of my life. I thought, when I give up TV, then I’ll know I’m serious and I thought …I want to be serious now, so I called and cancelled my TV. I figured that if I don’t watch TV, I can say several “Ejaculatory” Prayers (Mentioned in the Section above.) and I can help some souls to get out of Purgatory sooner and that’s a lot better than “channel surfing” and watching commercials. I thought, instead of watching a 9 inning baseball game, I could save several people from purgatory. I miss TV sometimes but, if I were in purgatory and someone was watching a ballgame instead of helping me to escape, I wouldn’t be very happy.

I’ve never prayed much so I say the Rosary every day. I read the “promises” that the Blessed Virgin Mary gave to the people who say the rosary every day and it’s the best offer I’ve ever had so I say the rosary every day. The “Promises” are shown on Website5.com Section # 2. Boy, isn’t Website5.com a great website!

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Speaking of ... Do “Good People” go to Heaven?

I wasn’t going to put this in this book but it is so important that I have to and it may help some other people to.

I have two friends. They are the “nicest” people I have ever met. I have told Carolyn that, when I think of the “Blessed Virgin Mary”, on earth, I think of Mrs. “X”. I call her our “Earthly Blessed Virgin Mary”. This couple would and does do anything they can for everyone. If you would ever casually mention, “I wish I had a plant for that area of my yard”, tomorrow morning, there will probably be one there.
In fact, yesterday, for no reason, they sent me an afghan with the words, “Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name” on it. Now, the dogs have their blanket and I have my afghan.

They are both equally generous but, once, if I didn’t “mishear” Mr. “X”, I thought he said that when we die, he believes that we just “fall over” and that’s that.

Carolyn said that Mr. “X” believes in God but somehow I got the impression that he feels, when his “time is up”, he’ll just “fall over” and that’s that.

The last thing I would ever want to do to Mr. Mrs. “X” is to “offend” or “embarrass” them or to “hurt our relationship in any way”, and they are so nice, that won’t happen, because they will realize I’m saying this because I love them, but I believe that, since we are talking about either being with “God” or “Somebody Else” for “Eternity”, I want to make sure that I am doing everything I can do to go to heaven myself and, since they are “the world’s nicest couple”, to also help them to do the same.

As a Catholic, believing in God means we believe that we will go to “heaven” or “somewhere else” after we die.

This could be wrong but I read the following somewhere: (I’m not sure if it’s this simple”)

People who believe in God will go to heaven. People who don’t, will go somewhere else.

I don’t know if someone can believe in God but not the heaven or hell part so maybe I “misheard”.

My point is this: Mr. Mrs. “X”, and maybe some other “very nice people” out there, if you haven’t really thought about the “falling over” part, please do some serious investigation because, as I said earlier, I thought I was leading a pretty good life but, according to some “technicalities” like me not going to confession for my involvement in the abortion, I wasn’t “Passing Muster” and I was probably “doomed” and I don’t want anyone to get caught by a “technicality” and, although they will go to Heaven, spend an extra hour in purgatory on a “technicality”.

I Love You both and if you have any “tips” that will help me, please tell me!

09/01/19 Today, while walking my dogs, a man stopped me and said his 2 dogs got loose so I put my dogs in the car and looked for them. I asked my best friends, Jesus, His Mother and St. Jude etc. to help. I realized what an impossible task it is to look for lost dogs. After an hour, we had to gave up. I hope the owner found them. Knowing how difficult it is to find a lost dog, it shows me that we really had a miracle when we found Carolyn’s dog twice, within 5 minutes of praying to Mother Mary. Also, to show what kind of friends Mr. Mrs. “X” are, when Carolyn lost her dog, she called them and they drove around looking for her dog...and they were the ones who found her! What great people. I believe God was rewarding our “Earthly Blessed Virgin Mary” and her
husband, by letting them find “Zena”. God will take care of them but, they are so “special”, I don’t want to take any chances.

Purgatory can be for a very long time. (This is very Important!)

Purgatory can last for “centuries” or even until the “End of Time”. Through the extreme generosity of God, there are ways to reduce our time in purgatory.

Some of them are through “Indulgences”, “Privileges” and “Ejaculatory Prayers”. You can research various “indulgences” but I will mention a few that you should investigate because they can reduce your time in purgatory from a very long time to less than a week in some cases.

Sabbatine Privilege – This is a promise from the Blessed Virgin Mary to piously be believed, to release from purgatory, soon after death, all those who

1. Constantly wear the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel.
2. Observe Chastity according to their state of life
3. Say the Little Office of the Virgin Mary NOTE: The Rosary or 7 “Our Fathers” and “Hail Marys” and “Glorias” may be substituted for the: “Little Office” with permission from a priest.
   • Please research additional information for yourself.

Portiuncula Indulgence – This involves communion, confession and a prayer for the Pope’s intentions etc.
   • Please research additional information for yourself.

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What’s the “Most Efficient” Use of You Time and Energy?

You can dye your hair but people may not see it.
You can tell some jokes but people may not laugh.

But if you “Talk to God”, every bit of energy that you put into your conversation, will be the very best use of your energy that is possible. He will hear every word you say and it will go on your “Eternal Record”. Most everything else, that you do with your time and energy, won’t matter in 100 years.

I asked myself, “What was the “Greatest Moment” of my life?”

Was it when I got accepted into optometry school? That was HUGE! Was it when I passed my final “board” and became a doctor? No, it was when I got cancer because that helped me to find
Christ and to help my chances of spending my time with Him in Heaven for Eternity to increase! I wish all of my questions in optometry school were that easy.

Will God Give “Points” for Earthly Success?

When Dave, who founded the “Wendy’s” restaurant chain, was going to his daughter’s high school graduation, he had to ask where her high school was because he was so obsessed with his work. I thought that was “cool” because he worked so very hard to provide for his family and to start a successful national chain. That’s why I worked 7 days/week most of my life and skipped church on Sundays. I figured God respected someone who worked hard. Now, I believe my priorities were wrong.

1. I should have focused on “Putting God 1st” because that is the “only thing” that matters. What we do for 100 years on earth is trivial.

2. God doesn’t seem to care much for money. He never said, “Whoever makes the most money or creates the largest restaurant chain” will go to heaven … and we have to do it “His Way”.

3. In fact, God said to give your money to the poor and to “Follow Him”.

4. The other day, an “earthling” died with a net worth of 36 Billion dollars. He was successful on earth but I wonder if God will care.

Why are we here?

If we are only here to have a good time, then why did God give us “The Ten Commandments”? Jesus said that we are here to determine whether we will spend “eternity” with Jesus or Satan. Therefore, the “Earth” is simply a “Testing Ground” for all of us.

In a “Philosophy” class, when I was 19 years old, I was asked, “Why are we here”? I said that “I wanted to have as much fun as I could without hurting anyone else”. I thought I was so smart but boy, is that ever a selfish statement. It was all about me back then. I figured that God made the universe so we could all have fun and then we would die and go to heaven and that was that. I had heard of Heaven and Hell but I never thought that much about it. I figured “good people” would go to Heaven. I sure never worried about it. I figured that God made the universe, humans, animals, gravity etc. and then He just went back to his “island retreat” somewhere and forgot about us.

I figured that God wanted me to have “pleasures” on earth or He wouldn’t have put them all around me. I didn’t realize that maybe “Satan” placed them around me to tempt me. It’s easy to imagine that God wants us to be happy but Satan in real. If you don’t believe so, watch a video
of an “exorcism”. Satan was one of the most powerful angels. He was so powerful that he wanted to take over God’s position so he isn’t to be underestimated.

I was living in my 19 year old “bubble of ignorance”. As it turns out, there was a lot going on in “The Holy Land” over 2,000 years ago. We know there’s a “Supreme Being”, and we call Him God, and He made Humans and the Universe because nobody else can do that. (If you want to read “Proof of God”, go to Section # 1 on Website5.com)

Well, God made all of those things for a reason and He sent “someone” here to explain everything to us because it was pretty complex. We’ll called Him Jesus. Jesus proved He was also God because He could perform miracles and because He was willing to be “scourged at a pillar” and “wear a crown of thorns” and “carry our cross” and be “crucified on our cross – for 3 hours” - when He hadn’t done anything wrong and He could have performed another miracle and skipped the crucifixion. Nobody would do that unless they had a very good reason to do it and Jesus had a very good reason.

We were really lucky that “God the Son”, aka Jesus, was the nicest God we could have ever had because He didn’t have to be. He was so nice that He chose a human to be His mother. He was “baptized” by a human to show us that He was willing to do what He asked us to do and He was crucified, by humans, to show us how much He loved us.

Jesus explained that we were put on the earth to let our actions determine if we would spend “Eternity” with Him in Heaven or with Satan in Hell.

God put many “good things” like the Himself, bibles, priests, money, humility, desires to go to church, appropriate sex, good language, being nice and considerate, helping the old and poor people, appropriate clothing etc., and Satan put many “bad things” like money, fame, illegal drugs, excessive alcohol, inappropriate sex, inappropriate clothing, desires to skip church, bad language, false gods, cheating, stealing, ignoring the old and poor and handicapped people etc.

God made it easy to go to heaven. Just 10 Commandments, “Put God 1st” in all you do” and “Treat others like you want to be treated”. How hard it that?

Most people see other humans, animals, trees, corn fields, oceans, the moon, the sun, the clouds, the grass and they feel gravity etc., and they don’t think of all of them as “miracles” but they are because man never made them. Those people are surrounded by miracles and they figure they are just here for their pleasure. If “someone” is smart enough to create all of those miracles, they probably had a plan in mind rather than just doing it for us to enjoy and then to ignore the “Creator”, who made them.

We can think we are here to just enjoy ourselves but we are constantly being graded by God. There hasn’t been “one thing”, that we ever did, that God didn’t see and grade. Every one of our actions will determine whether we want to spend eternity with God or Satan.

We can say, “I love God” but:
I’m spending the weekend with my girlfriend or
I’m going to cheat on my taxes or
I haven’t been to church or confession in years.
Guess what! Your “actions” just said, “I love Satan” and it goes on your “Eternal Record”.

God, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, want us to go “out of our way” for them, not just to say
“Yeah, we love you” as we’re going about our daily business. The Blessed Virgin Mary loves it when people say the Rosary and wear the Brown Scapula of Mount Carmel.

You may go to confession and get your sins forgiven but you may still have a lot of time to spend in Purgatory for those sins and “Purgatory isn’t fun”. I’ll repeat the words at the beginning of this book:

Since “Eternity” will go on forever and n-e-v-e-r end, and being with Jesus is “beyond description”, there NOTHING, during your 100 years on earth, that is worth “taking a chance” on missing that opportunity, especially when the other option is spending “Eternity” with “Satan”!

Not fame, fortune, sex, drugs, alcohol, websites, language, missing church, false gods, stealing etc.

So why are we here”? We are here to:

1. “Put God 1st” in all we do”:
   A. Follow the “10 Commandments”
   B. “Treat others like we want to be treated”

2. We should also pray to God, volunteer at the church, help old and sick people and we should do everything we can for our parents.

Parents should constantly remind their kids “Why they are here”. They are here because God is “Testing them” for a short 100 years to determine where they will spend “eternity”. If a person feels they cannot live without “unmarried sex”, they should remember that priest and nuns do it all the time. 100 years seems like a long time until you think about “eternity”. If God said, “If you let me nail you to the cross for 3 hours, then you can commit sins”, what would you say? But we have to remember that He DID get nailed to that cross and He did it because we did the wrong things, not because He would get something out of it.

We are here to do what God wants us to do, not to have a “party”.

- A friend of mine, from Fort Wayne, Mr. Hal Souers, just called to ask how I was doing. I told him I was writing a book and that I would mention him in the book. He’s a very nice person and it was nice of him to call. Hal works for a group of optometrists and ophthalmologists and I personally believe he is a huge reason why they are successful. Now, I’ll add one more thing. Because he is a huge reason for their success, I think he should get a BIG raise! (Remember our deal Hal… I get half.)
“Put God First”

I asked myself, do I really “Put God 1st” in my life?

When I used to say my morning/evening prayers, I used to leave the TV on so I wouldn’t miss anything but now I turn it off.

I used to check the “news” before I said my morning prayers but now I do it after.

If I forget where I am on the rosary, I always take the “longest route to the finish line”. (If anyone is going to “get cheated”, I don’t want it to be the Blessed Virgin Mary.)

I used to eat during my rosary but now I don’t.

Years ago, I used to think about:
1. Job
2. Eating
3. TV
4. Dogs
5. My website
6. Dating
7. Money etc.

but God wasn’t in the “Top 5” or even “Top 10”. I just thought of Him when Sunday came and sometimes, I gave Him an hour of my time. (I had things reversed.)

Recently, I had set my alarm for 7:15 am to go to 8 am mass but I couldn’t fall asleep so at 4 am, I turned off my alarm and I was going to skip mass. It just so happened that my dogs woke me up at 7:15 am and I thought …If I really put God first, I would get up and go to church so I did. After church, I went to bed and got some more sleep but I felt like I had put God 1st. so I slept well. Maybe God sent the dogs to “Test Me”.

My priest said we need to keep God 1st. If you have to choose between “travel baseball” and church, choose to go to church. He said you can miss church if you can’t get out of the drive, due to snow but, I guess I’m stricter than him because I say, if it’s Saturday night and snow is predicted, get up a little earlier and shovel it and then go to church or go Saturday night. Most people would get up to shovel the snow if they had tickets for a concert, so you have to do more than that for God because He did more for you than whoever you’re going to see at the concert.

Besides, Jesus never said, “I’m a little tired today so I’m going to go to “Enterprise “Rent a Donkey” and “Mosey out of town” and skip that “Crucifixion” thing.”
Adoration

07/05/19 The 1st Friday, of every month, Catholics can volunteer to go to church for an hour or so for what is called “Adoration”. That is where the “Host” is left on the altar and people can pray before it. If there aren’t enough people signed up, they have to cancel it. Today is that day so I signed up for 2 hours at Holy Family Church, because they needed extra “signees” and I signed up for 1 hour at St. Paul’s Church. In between is mass at 5 pm so today is a busy church day. I never thought I would ever do this but, now that I’m not working I can. Oh yeah, I watered the church flowers and said my rosary and my “ejaculatory prayers” too but, now that I had my “Wake Up Call”, that’s what I want to!

I’m doing much more than I ever did because of my situation plus I don’t have any children so I have more time. (This book is my only “child” right now, except for my dogs.) But, when I realize how much more time a priest spends doing church related items, I feel like I’m loafing.

Please tell your friends about Website5.com. They can get books, for their kids, plus this book and it’s all free!

Miracles

We live in a world “full of miracles”. Look at a zebra, in addition to being a horse, it has “perfect stripes” and that never “just happened”. Look at a baby that has 6 million nerves in its eyes and a complete spinal cord and gastro-intestinal tract that allows it to eat food, “break it up” in its stomach and absorb the nutrients it needs and then expel what it doesn’t. God had a lot to do with that.

The planet earth floats, among billions of other planets, and nothing holds any of them up. At any moment, we can talk with the “Creator of the Universe” or His Mother. I told her that Carolyn’s dog “Zena”, was lost “twice”, and she helped us find it both times – within 5 minutes.

God helped me to pass Calculus 2 without a doubt. (This is mentioned elsewhere in this book.)

We are surrounded by so many miracles but people still feel like “we” are what everything is about. Many don’t believe in “miracles” even though they see them every day. They just take them for granted and think they are “no big deal”.

Many humans, including myself in the past, feel that God would be happy with us if we become the CEO of a successful corporation since we would be using the talents that he gave us to be successful. But God may think, I let my own Son die, for the sins of humans, and I want them to respect my Son by being a great human and following my 10 Commandments etc. He couldn’t care less if we make money since that won’t repay His son’s death.
The “root word” of Commandment is “Command” so God and Jesus are “commanding” us to keep them so they are very serious about the “10 Commandments”.

**Here are some more miracles:**

A Costa Rican woman had a brain aneurysm and prayed to Pope Paul II for a healing. On the day he was on TV to be recognized by the church, she was too sick to attend but she prayed and she heard a voice say “Get Up” twice and she did and she was cured. The Catholic Church used this as one the twi miracles he needed to be even more recognized by the church as he heads toward becoming a Saint.

A nun, Marie Simon-Pierre, and her community prayed to Pope Paul II that her Parkinson’s Disease would be cured and it was. She was able to finally get out of bed without her body hurting at all. The Catholic Church used this as one of the two miracles he needed to proceed toward being a saint.

The previous two example show us that we can pray to a person, or a Pope, who has died and they can obtain a miracle for us so we live in a world where unbelievable things happen everyday. For example, just think ... “Jesus, thank you for suffering on the cross for me” and you just spoke to God and He heard you and He will never forget what you said. Wow!

God had always been here. (Can you “wrap your mind” around that?)
God will always be here. (That’s easy after the 1st one.)
Nobody made God. (Getting difficult again.)
Jesus walked on water. (“Piece of cake” for Jesus.)
Jesus calmed the seas. (Ditto.)
Jesus cured the sick. (Ditto.)
Jesus ascended into heaven. (Ditto.)
Jesus multiplied the loves of bread. (Ditto.)
God made all of the planets in the universe. (Getting back to hard again.)
Go made all of the humans and animals. (Ditto.)
Jesus rose from the dead. (Ditto.)

I like to read about miracles and, if I’m especially lucky, see a video of a miracle, because that make my faith stronger. I posted the best one I ever saw on Website5.com – Section # 6. It shows an actual video of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is called: "The Virgin Mary's Apparition in Zeitun - 1968". If it has been removed, you can google it.

We see so many miracles every day, for example, I watched a show, using the 6 million receptors in each of my eyes and my ears and my brain etc., about the “billions of galaxies” with billions of planets in each galaxy but we don’t think anything of it. We see Humans, the Sun, Moon and Stars in the sky and if we cut our hand, it stops bleeding and heals on its own (The doctors just stitch it up and let God do the healing.)

We constantly see miracles every day. Let’s imagine some kids going for a day of baseball.
They feel the ball hit their bat, which is a miracle because their brain has to tell them that. They hear their friends say, “Is that all the farther you can hit it”, which is a miracle because humans can’t make ears. The boys don’t “float away” because of gravity, which is a miracle because humans can’t make gravity. They see the sun, grass, and trees, which are miracles. They can smell the hot dogs, at the concession stand, which is a miracle. The lights come on, which is a miracle because humans can’t make “electrons”. The kids usually see all of these miracles and they think they are “No big deal”, and on their way home, they might ask themselves once again, “I wonder why we are here on this planet”.

Here is some information on “miracles” that I have collected…

A lady was walking “backwards” and she smelled flowers and she thought it was someone standing behind her so she turned around and she was inches from falling off a cliff. She went to see Padre Pio (Mentioned below.) later about the incident and, before she could say a word, he said, “Stop walking around backwards like a child”.

Padre Pio had the “stigmata” for 50 years. (That means his hands bled where the nails went through the hands of Jesus.) It’s like God is saying, “Pay attention folks, I’m giving you some more proof that I’m still here and I’m watching everything that everybody does”. You can ignore it if you want but I wouldn’t…

Serial killer Ted Bundy killed two girls one night and he entered the room of a third girl. Ted told a priest that, as he entered the room, he and his knife were “blown” out of the room. When the priest interviewed the girl, she said that she said the rosary every night but she fell asleep that night with her rosary around her arm.

A “Carmelite Priest” said that, in 1957, a row of 22 homes caught fire as sparks flew from one house to the next. There was one house that was “untouched”. It was the house where the owner, before he left, had hung his “Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel” on the doorknob of his house.

A young priest, on the web, witnessed his first “exorcism”. He said that all of the priests there recited the “Hail Mary”, in their mind, and suddenly he heard the Demon say “We can’t have him”. He was shocked but convinced after that.

Planets weigh a LOT but God allows them to “float through space” so they don’t all “fall to the bottom” in a pile. That’s probably a miracle. Just the fact that there are billions of planets is enough of a miracle for me. What am I saying, even one planet is enough for me.

We can talk to God and Mother Mary anytime we want and they are never too busy to “take our call”. Plus, there are “no charges” or “dropped calls” or “bad reception” and you don’t even need a cell phone. How cool is that!

You can google the “Miracle at Fatima”.

You can google the Miracle at Lourdes.
God knows how exactly how many times we prayed, said our rosary and even how many times we slept with our non-spouse etc.

I saw a video of a Muslim, who was considering converting to Christianity. He said, I kept asking God to “Show me a sign, show me a sign” Finally, he saw an image of Jesus in his house and he converted. Now, I don’t feel so bad that I kept saying the same thing of God.

If we pray for a miracle, what’s the odds it will happen? I was greatly surprised several times. We lost our dog twice, at night time, in a crowded neighborhood, where the dog could have been behind a house and we never would have seen it. Both times, we found the dog within 5 minutes. When we found “Zena”, she was across a “busy road” and several blocks away. Recently, a neighbor lost his two dogs. I drove for an hour without success so I feel we “had some special help” to find her twice and so quickly.

Is it hard to believe that “Jesus walked on the water?” That would be much easier for him to do, than it would be to “make the lake” and He did that too! And the oceans.

I’d say this is a miracle since humans can’t do it. He made an octopus, that can breathe under water, move all of it “tentacles” smoothly and even change its color to match the surface it is on for its own protection! So, when its eyes see a color of a surface, they transmit that message to its brain and the brain transmits a message to something on the outside of the octopus that changes the outside of the octopus to match that color perfectly. Dinosaurs are also cool but I don’t know much about them. Lucky for you..

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Miracles of the “Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel”

Of all of the devotions adopted by the Catholic church, none has been confirmed by more authenticated miracles than that of the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel. (Shown on Website5.com Section # 3.)

Two great founders of religious orders, Saint Alphonsus of the Redemptorists and Saint John Bosco of the Salesians were buried in their “Brown Scapulars of Mount Carmel”. Many years later, their graves were opened and their bodies and sacred vestments dust but the Brown Scapulars, that each was wearing, was perfectly intact! The scapular of Saint Alphonsus is presently displayed in his Monastery in Rome.

In 1845, near the Cape of Good Hope, on a ship called the “King of the Ocean”, a hurricane arose and a Protestant minister struggled to the deck, with his wife and children, to pray for mercy. An Irishman, named John McAuliffe, was a crewmember and he opened his shirt and removed his Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel. He made the sign of the cross with it and threw it into the ocean.

At that very moment, the waves calmed except for one last wave that washed his Brown Scapular next to the young Irishman’s feet. All the while, the Protestant minister, Mr. Fisher,
had been carefully observing. Mr. McAuliffe explained to them about the Brown Scapular and, as soon as Mr. Fisher’s boat arrived safely, he took actions to join the Catholic faith.

In 1955, a 3rd grader stopped to put air in his bicycle tire at a gasoline station. Suddenly, an explosion happened! The boy’s clothing was burned off but the boy and his Brown Scapular remained unaffected.

In November of 1955, a plane with 27 passengers crashed and everyone died except a young girl. When she saw the plane was going to crash, she took out her Brown Scapular and called on Mother Mary for help. She suffered burns and her clothing was reduced to ashes but she was not touched by the flames.

In Montpellier, France in 1622, during a skirmish, an officer, Champrond De Beauregard, received a bullet wound to his chest. The bullet flattened against his Brown Scapular, but he wasn’t injured. Louis XIII found out about this and said he wanted to get his own “Heavenly Armor” so he got one from the order of the Carmelites and he enrolled as one of the members of the Confraternity. (You have to have your Brown Scapular blessed by a priest and you have to join the Confraternity to get the protection of the Scapular.) I did and I wear mine proudly!

On August 27th, 1602, Bartholomew Lopez, a Spanish soldier, was on duty at the castle of Saint Elme, in Naples. He was saying prayers in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, whose scapular he was wearing, when he was struck by lightning on his left shoulder. There wasn’t any injury but an image of a “cross” was left on his shoulder.

In the 14th Century, Spain faced a deadly famine due to a shortage of grains. A general procession was ordered, and in the areas of Spain, where the Holy Scapulars were triumphantly shown, an immediate abundance returned and brought joy to all.

In the 16th Century, in Sicily, a terrible drought occurred. The people appealed to Our Lady and Brown Scapulars were offered to many people. Suddenly, the sky opened up with a “downpour” of rain!

A non-Catholic was wearing the Brown Scapular as he was dying in a hospital. A priest was called when the nurse saw the Brown Scapular. The priest asked why he was wearing it and he said he promised a friend that he would and he said he always wanted to be a Catholic so the priest baptized him and gave him the “Last Rites” and he died in peace. Our Lady took another soul to Heaven through Her Brown Scapular.

In 1980, in Ontario, Canada, in a small city near Toronto, A woman’s young son had just received his Brown Scapular. He was placed in the back seat but the door was ajar and he fell out when the car turned. When he was picked up from the road, he never had a scratch!

In Baltimore, about 1990, a man told a priest this story about himself. He was driving and he thought someone threw a rock through his windshield. It knocked his “reading glasses” from his pocket and they landed on the seat next to him. When he got home, he thought a rock was in his pocket but it was a bullet! He had been “shot” but he was wearing his Brown Scapular.
Saint Claude tells of a man who tried to drown himself 3 times and failed. He was wearing a **Brown Scapular** so he removed it and then tried again and drowned. Without the **Blessed Virgin Mary’s** “protective garment”, he died in his sins.

When Pope John Paul II was shot, he asked the surgeon to give him the bullet. He took it to Lourdes or Fatima and placed it on the statue of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, probably because he felt she saved him life since he was wearing her **“Brown Scapular”**.

**If you would like a Free “Brown Scapular”, just google those words. Make sure it is an Official “Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel” or the “promise” may not apply.**

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**Probably just a coincidence**

I would think it would be really boring for God to just watch us all of our lives and never communicate with us. Plus, He would always have to hear from the people who would say, “If you had shown me that I was important to you, I would have done better”. So, I look for “little things” where God could be sending me a message that “He’s there”. If it didn’t happen so often, I would dismiss those “moments” but I think you might notice some of them if you aren’t too busy, with your life, to look for them.

I sometimes ask God to strengthen my faith and, since He probably won’t “sit down with me and my dogs” – Ernie and Barkley – to share a cup of coffee, I will have to settle for some other way. I had no idea how it could happen and I didn’t figure it would happen but … but there have been so many “unusual” things” that happened that I started to believe that maybe He was sending me a message in hopes that I would pick up on it.

When I used to hear people say things like this, I figure they were smoking some “wacky weed” because I’ve been to college 13 years and I’ve been around “facts” so I don’t believe in “weird things” but, there have been some many “weird things” that have happened in the last 3 months, since I was diagnosed with cancer and I retired and I have been praying to God a lot more, especially to strengthen my faith, that I can’t ignore them. The bible says that, if you ask God for things like “to strengthen your faith”, sometimes He will do it. I wasn’t sure I believed He would do it **to me** but He has. You don’t have to believe it but I’ll just document some of the things that have happened. I don’t believe the following are really “miracles”, so I’ll just say they were “**Probably just a Coincidence**”

08/20/19 Carolyn and I were talking about her son Collin, who was killed in the military, after he reenlisted 4 times. He was 2 weeks from going home and he had finished his last mission and they told him to “get packed” and a new Colonel came and the Colonel was unfamiliar with the next mission so Collin volunteered to go with him and Collin, the Colonel and two others were all killed by an IED. When Collin was in Afghanistan, he would write home for pencils and notebooks for the Afghanistan children. He was an extremely nice guy. I told her that I believe
he will skip purgatory and immediately go to the highest level of heaven. This morning, I texted those exact words to her again. The weather was clear outside. At the exact moment I pressed the “Send” button – BOOM! – I heard a loud “thunder” and it started pouring! Yeah, Collin is up there… God probably told him, “I just sent a message to your mother and brothers so they know you made it home. “Final Mission Completed!”

Note: When I finished the paragraph above, I sent it to Carolyn because I thought she would be proud of it. She said it was well written but needed to change one thing. I had put “IUD” instead of “IED”. So, God knew I had a typo and He let me discover it when I sent it to Carolyn.

I saw a video about a Hollywood actor on the web. His name was Jim Caviezel. He said he was too nervous to meet the big Hollywood producer, that he had an appointment to meet with at his house, that he just sat in his car. He had a rosary, which represents “Mother Mother”, and he said it for over an hour.

Then, he went to the door and he still had the rosary in his hand. The producer’s wife answered the door and Jim said, “This rosary is for you”. And she said, “I lost my rosary, a few days ago, and this morning, I prayed that I would get a replacement rosary. Well, he got the acting job which he said he was the least qualified actor for, and the movie – “The Thin Red Line” - was a success. Probably just a coincidence …

7/28/19 I was supposed to pick up Father Lawrence to take him to church on July 28th and I forgot. I sent him a sincere apology note because I figured he missed mass and everyone was wondering where he was. As it turned out, someone called him and asked him to visit their sick friend that morning before church, and he agreed, and then they took him to church. Probably just a coincidence…

08/27/19 Tonight, the dog that Carolyn and I love more than any dog we ever had – Ernie – was struggling to get his breath. He may have got something in his “wind pipe” but it was scary. We debated whether we should take him to the Animal ER in the next town but, as a former X-Ray tech, I know it is hard to see any “foreign body” on an X-Ray and we know he has a heart problem and he is 11 years old so they probably would have taken blood, X-Rays, looked down his throat and we they probably wouldn’t have been able to solve the problem so I decided to call upon “everyone”, like I did when “Zena” was lost. (I don’t “mess around”.) I asked God the Father, God the Son, Mother Mary, Mother Mary’s mother Saint Anne, Mother Mary’s Father Saint Joandy, St. Jude, Saint Anthony and St. Andrew.

Since I was saying the rosary, when I noticed it, I figured that Ernie had a pretty good chance of getting some very good help … and I was right! Within 30 minutes, Ernie was breathing perfectly again and we were so happy. There is NO DOUBT that we had some help from above once again! When I saw Ernie suffer, it reminded me of how much Mother Mary suffered when she had to watch Jesus suffer on the cross… It’s good to have “Friends in High Places” that you can count on now and for eternity.
I was just talking to God and I said, “Please let my Mom and Dad go to Heaven because they were the best people I’ve ever met”. Dad only went to 6th grade and, although he wasn’t a Catholic, he went to mass with us every Sunday. I regret that I never once asked him to join the church. Even more so, I regret that, when his health was failing, I never asked him to get baptized so he could go straight to heaven. He would have been baptized if I had asked him but I never thought about it. (Just like when I needed my “Wake Up Call” – for those decades when I never went to church, I never thought about God when he should have been the 1st thing I always thought about”).

So, today, as soon as I asked God to let both of them go to heaven, I thought, “I’m going to look at my clock and I hope the time ends in an “8””. I looked and …it was 12:08.

Then, I went to my bedroom to get dressed for my first church time and, after I dressed, I knew there probably wouldn’t be any “8” on my clock but I looked anyway and it was 12:12 and that was my Mom and Dad’s wedding anniversary. You may think that was a “coincidence” but I feel God was telling me they are both very happy with Him in Heaven. (What other number could I have seen that would represent both of them?) Probably just a coincidence.

Tonight, when I was on the “last bead” of my rosary, my dog came over and licked me. I know, I’m “looking” for a message from God – which I am, but “Barkley” could have “licked me” on any of the other 59 beads but he chose the last one. It was probably a coincidence but maybe The Virgin Mary sent the “Symbol of Love” – a Dog – over to say … “I love it that you said the Rosary as a tribute to me”. Probably just a coincidence.

Two days later … I was on my second-to-last bead and Barkley came and licked me again. I thought, I guess I can’t put that last entry in the book but … then I went to my “last bead” and, my other dog – Ernie - came and licked me – which He rarely ever does so I think God told Barkley to “get in line” early so Ernie could be the last “message sender” this time! It was just a “Minor League Miracle” but since it involves “two dogs” … I upgraded it to a “Solid Almost Miracle”.

06/17/19 I saw an video, on my phone, about Purgatory. I didn’t want to watch it because it lasted 1 ½ hours but I did because Purgatory is an important subject since most people will go there and the average stay is app. 35 years. (I’m not sure how they know that but it seems to be the general impression.) In the Miracle of Fatima, the Blessed Virgin Mary told one of the children that her friend would be in Purgatory “until the end of the world” and that was over 100 years ago so that’s a pretty reliable source and I’m not sure what a child could have done to deserve that so 35 years is probably very conservative.

When I said my daily prayers, the first time after I saw the video above, I promised God that, if I go to heaven, I will pray for people in purgatory until the world ends. As I was leaving the room, I walked by my clock and I thought.. “I pretty sure God will send me a message” and the clock said 2:08. Probably just a coincidence…

07/30/19 I saw a man running along the road with a backpack on so I offered him a ride. He said he had missed his bus and he said “This is a miracle” because you are the second person who
offered me a ride. It didn’t take much effort to make his day go better. Later that day, I was
giving my “yard man” a ride, since he doesn’t have a car, and he noticed a cell phone on the
floorboard. It belonged to the man that I had given a ride to. We called the last person he had
called and found out his address and took his phone to him. I won’t imply this was a miracle but
he really made my day better because I felt good when I was able to help such a grateful person
out twice.

01/05/19 I was going to California, and then to Hawaii, for an Optometry meeting. I stayed in a
motel, near the Indianapolis airport, the night before. They were supposed to wake me at 6:35
A.M. so I could catch the shuttle to the airport. My 1st plane was to go to Chicago. The motel
never gave me a “Wake Up” call. (We know we all need a “Wake Up” Call.) Anyway, I just
happened to wake up at 6:55 A.M. so I skipped the shower and rushed to the shuttle. Then, I
found out that the Chicago airport was closed, due to snow, and I already knew that the airport
personnel were “short-handed” because the government was “shut down” because the politicians
were fighting.

Long story short, the “short staffed” personnel said “A plane is leaving for Los Angeles in 15
minutes if you hurry”. I hurried and I was on the plane about 80 minutes after I woke up! So, I
skipped the Chicago trip and the “layover” there and I got to LA hours before I would have if all
went as planned and I made it to Hawaii on time. I think God knew that Hawaii was on my
“basket list” and He made sure I made it there.

At Indiana University, I wanted to get a good start when I took “Calculus 2” because I knew it
would be extremely hard for me so I got there early but I forgot what room it was in. The
building had about 100 rooms. When it was time for class, I walked up the stairs and went into
the first room I saw, at the top of the stairs, and that was the correct room!

I remember everything about “Calculus 1” – where I sat, who I sat next to, where they worked,
all of my test scores, what building each test was in, where I studied for the tests etc. For
“Calculus 2”, I remember “day one” and not one thing after that! Years later, I sent for my
transcripts to see if I had actually gone to the rest of the classes. God has said, “I won’t give you
more than you can handle” and I think that’s what happened. I think God said, “I’ll take it from
here”. God got a “C-” in Calculus 2. (He could have got an “A” but that would have been too
obvious.) To this day, I can’t remember where I sat or anything about the class. Could just be a
coincidence …

Carolyn and I planted flowers at the church today. We never had time to water them, but we
were planning to return the next day, because it was not supposed to rain for a week. As we just
left the church, it started raining. I think God said “Thank You” by finishing the job for us … or
maybe it was just a coincidence.

07/18/19 I was finishing my rosary today and, at the end, you read two paragraphs on the paper I
have. So, I set the rosary down and grabbed my paper and the two paragraphs where “lit up” by
the sun light coming through the window. I thought, that’s interesting because the light formed a
rectangle that “exactly covered” the two paragraphs. I moved the paper around to make sure but
it was an exact fit! Probably just a coincidence…
Almost every day, some “weird things” happen like this or my digital alarm clock will show a number that is significant. I was watching a TV show about Larry Bird, the greatest basketball player ever, and as it ended, I turned off the TV and looked at the clock and it was 9:33 and Larry Bird’s number was 33. Probably just a coincidence…

06/17/19 While trying to get motivated to write, I turned on the TV. The only show that seemed interesting was called: “How the Universe Works”. TV shows about the Universe prove that, not only does God exist, but that he is a pretty smart fellow! After 20 minutes, it explained that a giant galaxy will hit our galaxy in 5 billion years, it is called the “Smith Galaxy”. Since Smith is my last name, I figured God was telling me to get off the sofa and start writing…Maybe it’s a coincidence but maybe God is saying, “You have a fast-growing cancer and I have given you several months already so I can’t give you much more. Sometimes I’m too tired to write but I imagine Jesus was tired when He was carrying the cross, since he had just been scourged, so that’s not a good excuse.

Once, I took my friend for an airplane ride. He pointed to the gas gauge because it said “empty”. I told him that I had turned off the “electric” to it so I wouldn’t be charged for “flying time”. I was stealing from the airport but I never thought of it as a big deal since I didn’t have a lot of money. Anyway, when I finally looked up, there was another airplane directly in front of us – about 25 yards away. It was so close that I saw the pilot and his passenger. He was pulling his plane “up” to avoid us. If I had seen him sooner, I might have “pulled up” and we could have “been in the news”. Maybe God wanted to tell me that He saw me stealing the “flying time” but He wasn’t going to kill several people over my dishonesty.

I say my “nightly prayers” next to my nightstand, which has a crucifix and my two statues of Jesus. I have always just “kneed” next to it but I thought …I should really “Bow down” because He is God so I finally “Bowed down” and I thought…Jesus, I sorry that I never “respected you” enough that I “Bowed down” to you before. When I raised up, I hit my head – pretty hard- on the nightstand. Could just be a “coincidence” but I believe God was saying, “Well, you finally figured that one out so “take that” and maybe it will “knock some sense” into your “hard head”.

Once, I was going to weigh myself and I knew I couldn’t expect the first number to be an “8” because I don’t weight 80 or 800 pounds but, as I was getting on the scale, I thought, “God, show me an “8” and I weighed 188.8 pounds. Now, I’m not stupid. I took a “statistics” class so I realize, two 8’s maybe but three 8’s? Probably just a coincidence…

I lost my bifocals and reading glasses and I looked all over the house 3 times and in the car with no luck. As I was walking into the house, from the car, I “broke down” and asked the Blessed Virgin Mary to help me and then I entered the house and looked, where I had looked before, and there were my bifocals. So, I went to my “prayer table”, where I have my Blessed Virgin Mary statue, to thank her, and there were my reading glasses so I found both glasses within 3 minutes. Probably just a coincidence…

Moral: The next time you need some help, ask God and His Mother and you might just …
“Witness a Coincidence” too!

I say my rosary when I walk my dogs and my sunglasses keep falling down because I keep looking down and “tugging at my dogs”. Yesterday, I noticed a “sunglasses strap” when I wasn’t even looking for it. (Things are hard enough to find, in Walmart, when you are looking for them.)

The next morning, I was getting the leashes on the dogs and I, for some reason, thought about the “sunglasses strap”. I looked for a few minutes but I couldn’t find it. I thought, God gave me a “minor miracle” when He helped me to see it in the store and when He reminded me to look for it before my “dog walk” today but it would really be a “miracle” if He would help me find it! I decided to look in the trash – that I was about to throw out - and there it was! Three “wannabee miracles” in a row. This wasn’t exactly the “Miracle of the “Dancing Sun” but it sure made my “dog walk” more pleasant.

09/13/19 Carolyn and I took Father Lawrence to our friends house, on the lake, since he probably gets tired of looking at the insides of the rectory. Cliff and Lori furnished the drinks and salads and we bought some pizza. We had a nice time. Then, I drove Father Lawrence to church and, later church, I drove him home. As I went to bed, I put my rosary on the bedpost and I shut off the light and I looked at the clock. It sais ...10:51. That’s my birthday. Maybe God was saying, “Thanks for taking care of one of my priests” or it could have just been a coincidence.

I was riding my horse, with my neighbor boy, along the hi-way. My horse “spooked” at some apples along the hi-way and he backed out into an oncoming semi-trailer despite my “encouragement” for him to go forward. I remember seeing the semi about one foot from us. After it passed, we got off the horse and walked it home because we were “shaking”. As it turns out, it was closer than I thought because my left sock was torn by the semi…A few seconds sooner and we would have been in on the “Front Page” of the local paper.

Learning to fly was challenging but fun. Learning to navigate was scary. If fact, every time I ever left my home town, I got lost and it’s scary because:

1. Looking at a map while you’re flying a plane is difficult.
2. Maps don’t really help when you don’t know where you are.
3. Fear doesn’t help either and there was plenty of that but, to get a license, you have to make several “Out of town” trips. All I can say is …God was my “Co-Pilot”.

Yesterday, I let the dogs out so I could sleep another hour. I awoke and I was going to say my rosary but “someone said”, get the dogs first so I did. As it turns out, it was pouring rain. When I got back to the bedroom, the clock radio said 7:08 a.m. Could just be a coincidence …

Twice, while wearing my Brown Scapular, my “late wife” called and said her dog was lost. Once, I was saying the rosary to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the second time, I was saying an “Ejaculatory prayer” so, both times, I figured we had a chance to find the dog. Both times, we found the dog within 5 minutes of when she called me to report it was lost. (We verified the times of the calls by our cell phones.) There were many directions the dog could have gone and it
could have gone 10 feet from the road or 500 feet. Once it was behind a house, nobody could see it and, as it turned out, it was tangled up in some weeds so it could have been there for a long time so … Probably just a coincidence …

• I believe that God gave us the Bible to tell us about “Love” but He gave us “dogs” to show us about “Love”. Remember …”God” spelled backwards is … “Dog”.

One day I thought, “I wonder who the Blessed Virgin Mary’s mother was”. Two days later, in the mail, I received a medal of “Saint Anne”, who was the mother of the “Blessed Virgin Mary”. It came from my brother-in-law and his wife – Cliff and Lori Knight. Judging by the timeframe, it must have been ordered about the time I had that though. That was the only time, in my life, that I ever wondered who the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary was. Probably just a coincidence …

A few days later, Cliff and Lori, sent a medal to me of St. Anthony – who was the saint I picked for my “Confirmation Name” when I was in grade school. Probably just a coincidence …

St. Anthony is famous for loving animals. I think I qualify as an “animal lover” because my yard has several groundhogs. My mower repairman said, “I shoot “em” but I could never do that. I wouldn’t want to be shot so I don’t figure they do either. I even hate it when people catch fish because they suffocate them when they take them out of the water. I guess it’s impossible to hit them all in the head with a hammer. Hopefully, God will say, “They looked like they were suffocating but I made it so they never suffered”. I’m sure of it because He made fish too. I wrote the previous words as I sit here in my “sleeping pants” that has pictures of dogs all over them.

Yesterday, I said something about people not taking Hell serious enough. For example, they often say, “I’ll probably Go To Hell for Saying This but…” Then, a few hours later, on the web, someone posted “You’ll Probably Go to Hell for Reading These Comments”. Probably just a coincidence...

Private Celebration
Last night, I couldn’t sleep so, at 4 am I started saying my rosary. It was nice. No distractions. Just my dogs, myself and my “Best Friends” ... God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. I recommend it highly.

**We all need “Wake Up” Calls.**

Maybe it’s “Human Nature” to need “Wake Up” Calls. Many people do the following in excess before they realize it:

- Eat
- Drink alcohol
- Use illegal drugs
- Have non-married sex
- Visit immoral websites
- Gamble in casinos or on stocks
- Skip church
- Not Put God 1st

I guess we feel like, I did that yesterday and the world never ended and I’m still better than many people so I feel it is ok.

One thing for sure, the “most important” one is “Not Putting God 1st” because that could cost them their “Eternity”. I guess we belong to the “If it feels good, do it” club. For example, skipping church may feel good when we are in bed after a late night. When we do what feel good, that shows we are not thinking “long term” but just “short term”. Skipping church feels good now but it won’t in the next life. Drugs may make you feel good now but your life will be “downhill” from here on.

When you put God 1st, that means you are thinking before your act and then, if you do what God wants you to do, you’ll make the best decision.

For kids, it often feels good to give into “peer pressure” but it’s often leads to a bad decision. It’s normal for kids to want to experiment with drinking, smoking and to try drugs and, if they want you to do it, it usually leads to a negative outcome. If you have to choose between your friend and God, choose God and you will be happy in a million years when those kids are “somewhere else”.

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**A Little More “Perspective”**

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, He had to put most of His weight on His feet, which had “spikes” in them. We can try but we can’t imagine the pain.

That’s why, after 3 hours, they broke the legs of the other two people, who hadn’t died yet, so they couldn’t support themselves with their legs and they would suffocate quicker. It’s terrible to imagine but I think we should think about it to realize what Jesus when through for us.
When I think of Jesus, I think of when He was suffering for us, not just when He was preaching etc.

Morning and Evening Prayers

I didn’t always say my morning and evening prayers but I think they are great things to do because, if you tell God you will try to “Put Him 1st” today and you are getting ready to spend the weekend with your date, you might reconsider.

When you say your evening prayers, if you “cheated on your taxes” today and you tell God that you’re sorry for it, maybe you’ll correct the error tomorrow and realize that you shouldn’t do it again.

It’s just a reminder to keep us on the correct path to please the “Guy upstairs”. If I had children, I would insist that they talk to God during those two times – every day.

Do I Deserve to Go to Heaven?

I might feel like “I deserve to go to heaven” because I finally realized, at least better than I did, that I need to put God 1st but what if I had died when I was 25 years old? I would have been in “Deep Trouble”. So, if I get to go to heaven, as always, God is mostly responsible because He died so the padlock on “The Gates of Heaven” could be removed. Also, my parents instilled good ethics in me when I was young – I just ignored some of them when “Peer Pressure” took over. Also, God let me live until I was old enough to “figure out the obvious” about Him so I played a small part in it but God may let me “reap the benefits” later on. I was lucky because I had great parents and an even greater God.

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If anyone feels this book helped them and they would like to help other people, in other countries, they have my permission to translate it to different languages and to offer it to them.

Please Pray for People in Purgatory

My priest says we should always pray for the people in Purgatory because, if you help someone to get out of Purgatory earlier, it’s like getting Christ out of there earlier and that’s a “big deal” or if you help a “regular person” to leave purgatory earlier, they will probably be grateful and pray for you so you can either skip purgatory or decrease the time you spend there.
A priest said that when you say an “Ejaculatory” prayer for someone in purgatory, you may be repaid many times over, because they will pray for you and they will be so grateful that they will pray really hard, so that’s a pretty good “return”. He said some people say an “ejaculatory prayer” 100 or even 1,000 times a day. That would be 82 years or 820 years of “release time” for one day’s efforts. Saying the rosary “once” will give them 2,000 days less in purgatory!

When I do my errands, I say an “ejaculatory prayer” and I estimate I say it about 200 times per day and it’s easy and I feel good about helping someone else. Sometimes, I’m saying it when Carolyn is talking to me but don’t let her know…

**Extra good news for some people**

Jesus died “for us” and my “research” tells me that God wants us to offer our sufferings on earth “for Him”. I don’t know why some people have been lucky, like me, and others have been handicapped or severely injured etc., but I believe that, if they offer their sufferings “for God” and they “Put God #1” in their life, that will count a great deal on their “Eternity Record”. Their “100 years on earth” on earth may be more difficult than many others but their “eternity”, in my understanding, will be “well worth it”.

It would be easy for a “handicapped” person to think that God might not “love” them as much as He does other people but maybe God loves them “more” and He gave them a way to earn a higher level in heaven – for ever and ever! Think about it.

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**Do God’s “Rules” Change?**

I once thought that people used to wear long robes but now they wear sexy outfits so God surely doesn’t judge us like He used to judge people. Surely, girls can dress sexier and we can see erotic movies and it will be acceptable because society is different now. Right?

Well, I read an article about “Our Lady of Fatima” and the Blessed Virgin Mary said, “Certain fashions are going to be introduced which will offend our Lord very much. Those,
who serve our Lord, should not follow these fashions. The sins of the world are too great. The sins, which lead most souls to Hell are sins of the flesh.” So, the church doesn’t change its rules as the fashions change. Our Lord is always the same.

She also said:

**Mortification** and **sacrifice** give great pleasure to **Our Divine Lord**! Fly luxury! Fly riches! Love holy poverty and silence. Be very charitable even toward the wicked! Never speak evil of anyone and avoid those who do. Be very patient because patience leads to heaven. Pray much for sinners. Pray much for priests., for the religious and for governments. Many marriages are not good; they do not please our Lord and are not of God…Oh! Men must do penance! If they amend their lives, Our Lord will still pardon the world; but if they do not, the punishment will come! We should be chaste in body and don’t commit sins, don’t look at what one shouldn’t see, don’t steal or lie, and always speak the truth, even if it is difficult.

Christ’s mother said, “People should say the **Rosary every day** and wear the **Scapula of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**.

Jacinta, one of the children of Fatima said, **“If men only knew what eternity is, how they would make all possible efforts to amend their lives.”**. When people discussed the faults of a priest, who had been forbidden to say mass, she said they should not talk about him but rather they should pray for him.

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**This put the Crucifixion of Christ a Little More into Perspective for Me**

- This may seem extra “graphic” but the Virgin Mary showed the 3 children at Fatima what “Hell” looked like to make her “point” and that was much more graphic than the following.

Once, on Facebook, I saw a picture of a girl and a puppy. She held a hammer and nails. The next picture showed the puppy, after she had nailed it to the wall. Then, there was a picture of the puppy after it was released. It hung its head like it had lost all hope. Since I’m a huge dog lover, I think it put me into “depression”. I never went back to Facebook again.

I thought, why did I have to see this? Later, I thought, maybe Jesus wanted to give me some idea of what He went through since I could never see His actual crucifixion. The puppy actually suffered a lot less than Jesus did because the nails went through its loose skin but the nails went through Jesus’ hands and both feet or ankles. The puppy was released but Jesus wasn’t and He died there. I love dogs because they are close to “pure love” but Jesus is “pure love”. We need to realize what Jesus went through for us when we think about committing a sin – even a small one.

**God’s Love**
I wondered how God could love a person who uses dogs to fight each other, sometimes to the death. Then, I remember that He forgave me after I killed my own child when I agreed to an abortion procedure and I was glad that He is so forgiving...

I asked a priest the following question?

Q. If someone confesses a murder during “confession”, do you have to tell them that they have to turn themselves in to be forgiven?

A. No. The priest’s job is to forgive the sinner. They can tell them it would be a good thing to do if they told the police but they can’t force them and the priest can’t tell the police themself. The “confessional” is only for forgiveness from God.

Wow, what a God.

Would you like to do something “Great”?

You can try and invent a cure for cancer but that will be hard. You can set a “World Record” but it will someday be broken. You can become “Rich and Famous” but then you’ll get old and *wrinkly* and eventually die.

Let’s see … What if you save your soul and maybe even someone else’s too? It’s not as hard as curing cancer and your good work will last for “eternity” and you and they will appreciate it more than if you cured their cancer. Just mention, to a friend, about God, every once in a while, or just let them see how you are living your life.

We have a seminarian at our church named Jordan. He was sick, on a Sunday. and the doctor saw him, at his office on that Sunday, and Jason thought, “He must be a really great person”. He asked what his faith was and he said he was a Catholic and then Jason joined the Catholic Church and now, he is going to be a priest!

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Some People Don’t Believe in God or Jesus

The only reason I can imagine that some people don’t feel they owe Jesus every second of their life is because the whole “Jesus things” doesn’t seem as real as the things we can see and hear in our everyday lives so I will try to make Jesus seem as real as I possibly can because this is so important folks!

I wonder who they think made all of the people and planets?

God is really 3 entities. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. I think they all had different jobs. God the Father is the “Boss” and He “possibly” made everything, the planets, people and animals etc. Jesus went to earth, as a human, to give His life for us to show “Gods” love for us. The Holy Ghost just “got things done” like
making the Virgin Mary pregnant, teaching the apostles to speak different languages so they could spread the word about God to foreign countries etc.

When you see the earth, sun and moon, you have to believe in God the Father.

When you read the Bible, it is mainly about Jesus. People didn’t write books, in those days, to have a “Best Seller”, so a huge book, with all of the unique names and places, that all agree, has to be the truth.

There’s a Catholic Church in almost every city. That doesn’t happen over an “invented” story. Caesar is in our history books and Caesar had problems with Jesus. Remember when Jesus said, “Give unto Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

King Herod had all of the baby boys, under age 2, killed in Bethlehem in an effort to kill Jesus but Jesus had already gone to Egypt.

God the Father said, “Jesus is my only Son of which I am very proud”.

In the Virgin Mary’s promises of the Rosary, she said, “All who recite my rosary are my Sons, and brothers of my only Son Jesus Christ. She also said, “I have obtained from my Divine Son, that all of the advocates of the rosary, shall have for intercessors the entire “Celestial Court” during their lifetime and at the hour of their death. You can either go to Section 6 of Website5.com or you can google "The Virgin Mary's Apparition in Zeitun - 1968" for impressive proof of the Virgin Mary. (They reason the Virgin Mary is known is because of Jesus.

The apostle believed in Jesus so much that most of them traveled the world to preach His message and many of them were willing to die a horrible death for Jesus. Peter, the apostle, asked to be crucified upside down because he said he didn’t feel he was worthy to be crucified the same way Jesus was. Another apostle was “stoned” to death. Who would go through that if they didn’t believe Jesus was worth it.

Jesus is the reason we know about Moses, the Virgin Mary, the apostles, etc. Religious historian visit the Holy Land everyday and their investigations show that Jesus was there.

We have the “words” of Jesus and they are concise and you can’t argue with them, for example, “Let he, who is without sin, cast the first stone at her”.

We have stories of Jesus throughout His entire life. When He fled to Egypt and when He got lost in the temple and many of His miracles and His scourging, crowing with thorns, carrying of the cross and His crucifixion so we have more proof of His existence than of anyone in history.

The Holy Ghost was like the “Jack of all Trades” of the Gods. Need something done, call the Holy Ghost. Need Mary to get pregnant – the hard way – “who ya gonna call”, the Holy Ghost. Need the apostles to speak various foreign languages, “who ya gonna call” the Holy Ghost.

The bible had many different authors and they all agreed about Jesus.
When Jesus asked John the Baptist to baptize Him, John said “I am not worthy to baptize you”.

The Wedding Feast of Cana wasn’t in pre-historic times so we can believe the written word of the times. If they were sophisticated enough to have a large wedding, surely someone took good notes!

Pontius Pilate knew Jesus was a good man and he didn’t want to kill Him but he also didn’t want to lose his job so he said “I wash my hands of this matter.

So, if you still have doubts about Jesus, please call one of the following numbers:
1-800-Earth is Flat or
1-800-We Never Landed on the Moon

God Speaks to Us in Different Ways

I let my dogs into my back yard every day. I try to make sure there aren’t any rabbits within the fence before I let the dogs out but, once in a while, one is hiding and the dogs find it and kill it. It really “breaks my heart” every time. (There have been times when I spotted the rabbit and the “race was on”. The rabbit was leading and the dogs were in second place and, in my bathrobe, I was in third place. I’m glad the neighbors never drove by.)

I wondered why God would let this happen and then I thought …maybe when I realize how sad I am when I see an innocent, helpless rabbit getting killed, I will better understand how sad I should feel when I think about Jesus being crucified. Since I never actually saw Jesus being crucified, it doesn’t seem as sad so maybe Jesus sacrificed a rabbit for my benefit. Since it wasn’t the rabbit’s fault and God can do anything, I hope he never made the rabbit suffer for me.

God Has a “Southern Accent” … or so I thought

I thought I had actually heard God’s voice once! When I went on my only “Skydive”, after I pulled the “ripcord” and my parachute opened, I heard someone say, “Pull the right cord”. I thought … it has to be God because I’m 2,000 feet in the air and nobody is near me! The “voice” kept giving me “perfect instructions” and I went directly to the landing area.

I was “feeling pretty good” about my relationship with God and then they told me to remove the “radio ear plug” that the instructor had been talking to me through …
The following are the “Mysteries of the Rosary”. Each one tells us something about the events in the life of Jesus.

**Mysteries of the Rosary**

**Joyful Mystery of the Rosary**

1. **The Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary** – When the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would bear the child Jesus, Mary accepted the responsibility because God asked her. When I was told that God wanted me to be a father, I never accepted the responsibility like I should have.

2. **The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth** – When Mary visited Elizabeth to help her with her pregnancy. This shows us that we should help others every chance we get. After reading this, we walked out of church and a friend was planting flowers so Carolyn and I offered to help. Then, we “adopted” another area and we planted flowers there. It “got the ball rolling”.

3. **The birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ** – Jesus showed His love for us by letting “one of us” be His mother.

4. **The Presentation of our Lord** – Jesus showed us that He was willing to follow the rules, that He set for others.

5. **Finding Jesus in the Temple at age 12** – Jesus showed us that by focusing on His responsibilities to His father, in the temple, He was separated from His Mother for 3 days but His “Heavenly Father” was more important than anyone else to Him. The same should be true for us.

**Sorrowful Mystery of the Rosary**

1. **The Agony of Jesus in the Garden** – Jesus knew He was going to be nailed to the cross the next day, for our sins, and He was had to prepare for it. We can’t imagine what He went through.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar – Roman “scourging’s” were extremely brutal since the Romans always wanted to impress people with how brutal they were. If the person scourging Jesus didn’t impress his superiors with his brutality, he would probably lose his job and so he probably made sure his victims were scourged to within an inch of their death. Then, they gave them the cross to carry and, when that was done, they nailed Him to that cross.

3. Jesus is Crowned with Thorns – I doubt that they gently laid the thorns on His head. They probably pressed them down hard. Jesus showed He was willing to endure any pain for us.

4. Jesus Carried the Cross – Jesus placed the cross on His back, which had just been “beaten”. He carried the cross until He collapsed. He could have stopped the process of His crucifixion at any time but He never.

5. The Crucifixion of our Lord – Jesus showed everyone that He was willing to be nailed to the cross and hang there, for three hours, for the sinners of the world, because He loved them so much.

Glorious Mystery of the Rosary

1. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ – Jesus showed us that we can die and rise from the dead.

2. The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven - Jesus showed us that we will rise to heaven if we follow Him!

3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost – Jesus performed a miracle so His word could be spread in different languages.

4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven – Jesus brought His earthly Mother to heaven to show us how we should treat others, especially our mothers.

5. Mary is Crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth – Jesus showed His mother respect by crowning Her as the “Queen of Heaven and Earth”.

Luminous Mystery of the Rosary

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan – Jesus was so humble that He showed us He was willing to follow the rules of the church like He asked us to do.

2. The Wedding Feast at Cana – Jesus performed His first miracle to help us realize He was our Savior.

3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom – Jesus made it “Official” that His Kingdom had begun!

4. The Transfiguration – Jesus performed another miracle to help relieve any doubts that He was here to save us.
5. The Last Supper, when Jesus gave us the Holy Eucharist - He knew He was going to be scourged and crucified the next day so He gave us the Eucharist to remind us of Him. He could have ran away but He never.

Promises of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- The “Promises” may only apply to Catholics.

I’ve learned that the Blessed Virgin Mary is very generous and, if you say the Rosary daily and you are “enrolled” in the “Confraternity” of Her Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel, she promises that you that your chances of going to heaven will be a LOT better and you will spend less time in “purgatory”. (You have to “Observe Chastity according to your state of life” too.)

Please check with the church to clarify the “Promise” since it is so important. I wear my Scapular of Mount Carmel every day and I always will.

If you recite “Mary’s Seven Sorrows” daily, Mary made additional “promises” for you.

Want a “Great Attitude”?

I feel like our “Attitude” is the most important part of a person - because it affects everything we do - and that’s why I designed the “Oppi the Optimist” and “Pessi the Pessimist” book, which you can get free on this website – Website5.com - Section # 7. I’m also giving away several other book on Website5.com so please tell your friends about them. They are designed for high school kids and younger. For example, one will help them pick the “Perfect Career”, the first time, instead of trying several of them like I did. Please tell you friends, on social media, to tell their friends about Website5.com so they can get the Free Books and learn about the Promises of the Virgin Mary etc. It could make their “eternity” a lot … cooler.

Better late than never.

I haven’t “fasted” or “abstained” since I was in grade school because I thought “It can’t be that important” but God thinks it is so, to “catch up”, I’ve decided that I will only drink water for the rest of my life – no pop, lemonade or hot chocolate – Ouch, those hurt but nothing compared to being “nailed to the cross”.

I also had my TV satellite turned off. I miss that too but my sacrifices are small compared to what many people do every day. Some drink dirty water and they have never seen a TV.

I had never volunteered for the church either. We will have a priest visiting from Africa and he needs someone to drive him to church so I volunteered. Now, that’s pressure! If I’m late or my car won’t start, he’ll be late for mass…Note: In the section called “Miracles”, you can read
where I did forget to pick him up and he said that somebody else picked him up – I think it was a miracle…

I had never volunteered to do “flower duty” at the church either but Carolyn and I left church last week and a friend was weeding the flower bed. “The statue of The Virgin Mary” was in the flower bed so it was special to all of us. Anyway, she said, “This is hard work”. I had my dress pants and a white shirt on but I offered to help and, with Carolyn, we had three workers instead of just one. We had to return when it was cooler and the other lady brought her husband so we had four people and we finished the job and the Blessed Virgin Mary has prettier surroundings, which is the way it should be. Then, Carolyn volunteered to do another flower bed …

I still have my Optometry license and, while I was pulling weeds, I thought, “I could be making some money instead of pulling weeds”. Did I “make a bad decision?” I already knew the answer. I would rather be removing weeds for God’s church – and thinking about Him - than making money and thinking about everything but God. I would rather NOT make a few hundred extra dollars than to take 1/100,000,000,000 of a chance of not doing everything I can for God now that I have more time. I realize that working is important and we should do it but, if we ever can focus more on God, we should. I think I have enough money to last me so I want to devote the rest of my time to God because eternity is a L-O-N-G time and, spending it with Satan, instead of God, would not be good!

So, I’m doing better but I’m just trying to “catch up for lost time”. I thought I was “really good” before but I was “really wrong”.

Catholics can sign up for “Adoration”, which is when people sit in church, alone with the “Host” which is the Body, Blood and Soul of Jesus Christ. People sign up for an hour at a time. Next week, I signed up for 3 hours on July 5th, 2019. It will be just Carolyn, me and Jesus for 3 hours – how cool is that!

God had a better “Business Plan” than I did.
It turns out that God is not only good at “Calculus 2” and “Fighting” ( Mentioned elsewhere in this book.) He’s also good at making a “Business Plan”.

I wrote the books, shown below, in hopes of selling them and starting a business. Before that happened, I got my cancer diagnosis so I decided to just give them away in hopes that people will go to this website, to ‘download” them, and then they would see the information about the Rosary and the Brown Scapular etc.

3. “Graduation Gift from Grandpa” book
7. “Stop Your Headaches” book

So, my ‘Business Plan” was to write several books, in hopes of making some money, but God’s “Business Plan” was to use the books to “Save some Souls”, which is a much better idea!

I put a lot of work into the books so please check them out. They are FREE!

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When I was Young, I was looking for “Excitement”

In my earlier days, I never looked for God. I looked for what was fun and exciting, not boring, like I thought the church was. I discovered motorcycles, flying, sky diving, girls etc. I had 13 motorcycles, but they are all gone now. I sky dived once – that was enough. I loved flying but now, I want to get even closer to God and I don’t want to have to come back down to earth and I want it to be forever because none of those things last long. Now, I realize that fun and excitement - that will never end - is what I’ve been looking for and what could be more exciting than meeting Jesus – One on One – as we all will do, and hopefully getting the “Thumbs Up” to go to Heaven…for Eternity? They don’t make motorcycles or airplanes that exciting!

So, I thought excitement was things that lasted a few years. Now, I think excitement is talking to the “Creator of the Universe” and His Mother every day and showing them as much respect as I can instead of ignoring them, like I did in the past. I also choose to be “smart” and to understand “Why we are here” instead of ignoring all of the miracles and messages from God that say otherwise.

Jesus has more love than we can imagine.

Jesus died for all of the sinners, even the bad ones like child molesters, Hitler, Stalin etc. so He really must have a “LOT of Love” in His heart! My priest said He even loves Satan. After I gave my ok for the abortion, Jesus loved me enough to let me become a doctor. Wow…
Jesus is **nicer** than we can imagine.

Jesus is **extremely** nice. He doesn’t want guys to date and “use” girls and then just “discard” them and then go on to the next girl. He doesn’t like it when we talk about others behind their backs, even when they can’t even hear it!

I have always felt like “**Nice Guys**” should **finish 1st** instead of all the “jerks” that often do. Since there isn’t anyone nicer than God, we should make sure He finishes 1st. Has anyone else ever volunteered to die for you when they knew they would die?

**Tattoos tell the World What We Think is Important!**

I have a tattoo of the company I was trying to start because that was “my life”. Now, I wish I had a tattoo saying “Jesus”. It’s pretty embarrassing to think that I thought my company was more important than Jesus when it won’t matter to me in a few years.

If you say, “**I Love Jesus**” but your tattoo says, “**Harleys Rule**”, you may have some “explaining to do”.

I did get to use the books, that I had written, on this website to encourage people to come to this website and hopefully see the information about the **Rosary** and **The Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel** so I guess God let my “company” do something great after all!

**“Pin Point” Focus**

Have you ever got up, in the morning, and thought … “I wonder what will happen today?”. Maybe someone will end up saying, “Do you want to go out for a concert or some drinks?”.

I always feel better when “I know exactly” what I’m going to do and it is “worthwhile” so I’m excited about it. Well, if you wake up and think, “My goal is to go to heaven and that’s the best goal anyone can have and I will spend today “Putting God 1st”, everything else will “fall into place”. You will have a “direction” instead of possibly doing “whatever comes up”, especially if it isn’t in the direction you want for your life. There may be several things you can “rule out” immediately instead of thinking about them.

I posted a video of a miracle on this website under **Section # 6** I hope it is still available. “**The Blessed Virgin Mary**” appeared continuously for **several days before thousands of people.** Check out the video. One religious scholar said, “**This leaves no doubt**”. Another person said the image, of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, was so clear he could see her “teeth”.

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7/4/19 I was talking to God and I said, “If there is something I’m not doing, please tell me and I’ll do it”. The next day, Carolyn and I were at church at 10 pm for “Adoration” and she handed me a printout that was called “Examination of Conscious for Adults and Teens”. It also told me what NOT to do so that was very helpful. We searched the entire church for a second copy but we couldn’t find one. It was like someone left it there for us. I will show it to you below because it shows that many things are sins that we may be unaware of without doing our research. (See below)

“Examination of Conscious for Adults and Teens”.

Did I deny or doubt God’s existence?
Did I refuse to believe God’s revelation?
Did I believe in (or use) horoscopes, fortune telling, good luck charms, tarot cards, Ouija boards or reincarnation?
Did I deny that I was a Catholic?
Did I abandon the Catholic Faith for any period of time?
Did I despair of or presume on God’s mercy?
Did I neglect prayer for a long time?
Did I fail to pray daily?
Did I blaspheme God or take God’s Name in vain, curse or break an oath or vow?
Did I miss Mass on a Sunday or on a Holy Day of Obligation through my own fault?
Am I always reverent in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament?
Was I inattentive at Mass?
Did I arrive at Mass late?
Did I leave Mass early?
Did I do unnecessary servile work on Sunday?
Did I disobey or disrespect my parents or legitimate superiors?
Did I neglect my duties to my husband, wife, children or parents?
Did I fail to actively take an interest in the religious education and formation of my children?
Have I failed to educate myself concerning the teachings of the Church?
Did I give a full day’s work in return for a full day’s pay?
Did I give a fair wage to my employee(s)?
Did I give scandal by what I said or did, especially to the young?
Did I contribute to anyone’s abandoning of the Catholic Faith?
Was I impatient, angry, envious, unkind, proud, jealous, revengeful, hateful toward others or lazy?
Did I give bad example, abuse drugs, drink alcohol to excess, fight or quarrel?
Did I physically injure or kill anyone?
Have I had an abortion, or advised or supported an abortion?
Did I participate in or approve of the grave evil known as “mercy killing” or euthanasia?
Did I attempt suicide or physically harm myself?
Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts and desires?
Did I dress immodestly or provocatively?
Did I use impure or suggestive words?
Did I tell impure stories or listen to them?
Did I deliberately look at impure television, internet, plays, pictures or movies?
Did I deliberately read impure material?
Did I perform impure acts by myself (masturbation) or with another (adultery, fornication or sodomy)?
Did I marry or advise another to marry outside of the Church?
Did I abuse my marriage rights?
Was I unfaithful to my marriage vows?
Have I kept company with someone else’s spouse?
Did I practice artificial birth control or was I or my spouse permanently sterilized (tubal ligation or vasectomy)?
Did I steal, cheat, help or encourage others to steal, cheat, or keep stolen goods?
Have I made restitution for stolen goods?
Did I deliberately fail to fulfill my contracts or to pay my bills? Did I give or accept bribes?
Did I rashly gamble or speculate or deprive my family of the necessities of life?
Did I tell lies? Deliberately in order to deceive or injure others?
Did I commit perjury?
Did I vote in accordance with a properly informed conscience, in a way consistent with the teachings of the Church, in regard to the sanctity of marriage and of human life issues?
Was I uncharitable in thought, word or deed?
Did I gossip or reveal the faults or sins of others?
Did I fail to keep secrets that I should have kept?
Did I eat meat knowingly on the Fridays during Lent or on Ash Wednesday?
Did I fast as required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?
Did I fail to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season?
Did I fail to confess my sins at least once a year?
Did I receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?
Did I receive Holy Communion without fasting for one hour or more from food and drink? (water and medicine are permitted)
Did I make a bad Confession by deliberately not telling all the mortal sins I had committed?
Did I fail to contribute to the support of the Church?
Have I forgiven those who have hurt or harmed me or my loved ones

Here is additional important information.

The Ten Commandments
1. I am the Lord Thy God. Thou shall not have strange gods before Me.
2. Thou shall not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.
4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
5. Thou shall not kill.
6. Thou shall not commit adultery.
7. Thou shall not steal.
8. Thou shall not bear false witness.
9. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor’s wife.
10. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor’s goods.
The Two Greatest Commandments
1. You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with all your mind.
2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The Precepts of the Church
1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

The Way of Light (Holiness):
The Seven Capital Virtues
1. Humility: Acknowledgment of truth about God, oneself and others.
2. Generosity: Doing actions for the benefit of others; selflessness.
3. Chastity: Proper integration of sexuality within the human person according to the mind of God and one’s state in life.
4. Meekness: Gentleness of spirit that gives power of self-possession; governs anger.
5. Temperance: Moderation of the desire for pleasure.
6. Brotherly Love: Desire for the true good of one’s neighbor, which leads one to act rightly toward him.
7. Diligence: Consistency in doing what is right.

The Theological Virtues
Faith, Hope and, Charity.

The Cardinal Virtues
Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude.

The Corporal Works of Mercy
To feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy
To admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries and pray for the living and the dead.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.
The Fruits of the Holy Spirit
Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness,
Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty,
Self-Control and Chastity.

The Way of Darkness (Sin)
The Seven Capital Sins
1. Pride: Preoccupation with one’s own excellence or misery.
2. Avarice/Greed: Disordered desire for possessions; setting our hearts on material things; selfishness.
3. Lust: Disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure.
4. Anger: Uncontrolled emotion which results in desire for revenge; holding resentment.
5. Gluttony: Putting the pleasures of the body (food, drink, makeup, Internet, TV, etc.) over the goods of the soul.
6. Envy: Sadness at the good of another.
7. Sloth: Bodily or Spiritual laziness or neglect.

Sins Against the Theological Virtues
1. Presumption on God’s Mercy.
2. Despair of God’s Mercy.
3. Resisting and/or Attacking the known truth.
4. Envy at another’s spiritual good.
5. Obstinacy in sin.
6. Final impenitence (refusal to repent).

Sins Crying to Heaven
1. Willful murder.
2. Sodomy.
3. Oppression of the poor.
4. Defrauding laborers of their wages.

Being an Accessory to Another’s Sin
1. By counsel.
2. By command.
3. By consent.
4. By provocation.
5. By praise or flattery.
6. By concealment.
7. By partaking.
8. By silence.
9. By defense of the sinful action.

The Works of the Flesh (Gal. 5:19-21)
Immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies.
The Beatitudes
1. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
2. Blessed are the meek; for they shall possess the land.
3. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for justice; for they shall be filled.
5. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure of heart; for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.
8. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice’s sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
9. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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How long is Eternity?
To try and get an approximation of how long Eternity is, well …we can’t. There isn’t any scale that can do it. 999 trillion years wouldn’t register on the scale so we can just stop trying but if we try to imagine how nice it would be to spend “Forever” with God, well, we can’t measure that either and Eternity with Satan would be “unmeasurable” too but in the opposite direction!

If we went to Heaven and got to be infinitely happy with Jesus for a trillion years, that would be unbelievable but just think, we can be with Him for Eternity and that will never end! We shouldn’t think, “I gave up soda during Lent and I went to church once a week so that is enough.” We’re talking about being with God for Eternity! Trillions and trillions and trillions of years aren’t even a “bleep” on the radar of eternity!

I thought I was Almost There
Carolyn and I have become friends with Father Lawrence, the visiting priest from Africa. He is going back to Africa next week so we both thought it would be nice to go to the last mass he says but Father Lawrence would be the first person to tell us that we should never go to church “out of respect” for another human. We should only go to church “out of respect” for Jesus because He died for us and also for Father Lawrence. It’s nice to like Father Lawrence but, when it comes to going to church, we should want to go there, as often as we can, to “show respect” for Jesus. Church is about Jesus and we should focus on Him since He is on a “higher level” than everyone else.

Just when I thought I had it figured out ...

A “Wise Man” once told the following story:

Once there was a jet that was flying from New York to Los Angeles. When the jet got to Los Angeles, the pilot told the passengers that he threw a “BB” - from a BB gun - out of the window somewhere between New York and Los Angeles. The plane only had two passengers. One was from Heaven and the other was from Hell. The pilot told the passenger from Heaven that, if he found the BB, he could return to Heaven and he told the passenger from Hell that, if he found the BB, he wouldn’t have to return to Hell. He didn’t expect either of them to take him up on his offer because it would be so difficult but, to his surprise, they both rushed off of the plane and began looking for the BB.

- Confession: I made the story up myself, but I imagine that, if we knew how great Heaven is and how terrible Hell is – for eternity – we would feel the story could be true.

Be Careful What You Ask For

Laurie said she was praying for me and I asked her not to because, as the Virgin Mary said, why would we want to be were everything changes. You take down your Fall decorations and put up your Halloween decorations and then your New Years decorations ad then your New Years decorations etc. Personally, I would like to be in a place that never changes – as long as it’s Heaven..

I have never prayed to God to make my death a “piece of cake’ because I don’t feel that would be fair to Jesus after what I did to Him. Every time I can remember, that I asked for favor, I go it. Sounds hard to believe but facts are facts. When I asked the Virgin Mary to help me find my dogs and my watch and my cell phone, I found them quickly. One two or three occasions, I asked the Virgin Mary for more faith and I got it every time. Sometimes it took 2 or three days so i guess that is a more difficult request but it was worth it.

Recently, I told Jesus that I actually looked forward to some pain so I will have some small idea of what He went through. Shortly after, my mouth was “killing me”. I figured it was the lymphoma but I went to the dentist first. He was afraid to deal with it and I went to the oncologist, after I had prayer to the Virgin Marg to yet the pain ease up. I was taking “double the
dosage” and it still hurt. The oncologist prescribed some stronger meds and I made an
appointment to see him in 2 days. When I was in his office, I told him that I hadn’t taken any
pain meds that day. As it turns out, it was a “temporary” problem when I had bitten my lip and it
keeps getting better. So, my “help from above” gave me what I asked for and more. It showed
my what real pain is like, although nothing like the pain Jesus suffered, and my pain went away
on its own They came through for me again...

The pain Jesus experienced during His “Scourging’s” and the “Crowning of Thorns” and His
“Carrying of the Cross’ and His “Crucifixion” was a million times worse than my pain so I know
Jesus has thought, “I went through that pain for them and all I asked for them to repay me was to
follow my “10 Commandments” and to “Put God 1st” and they couldn’t even do that. It has to
hurt Him really bad.

Do People Plan Hard Enough for Heaven vs Hell and Jesus vs Satan?

Let’s compare it to when the United States send a rocket to the moon. That risked the “eternal
lives” of a few men but we used physics from the last 100 years. We used thousands of
computers, thousands of men, millions of dollar etc. Those astronauts all spent many hours at
their local airport learning to fly. Then, many years in the Air Force learning to fly fighter jets.
Then, more years in astronaut schools.

I can’t say if they spent more time on their “earthly dream” or on the “eternal dream”. I know
that we have experienced several astronaut deaths and they were terrible but probably don’t think
of them every second or even every day but where ever we spend eternity, we will think about
our decisions on earth every send for eternity!

Now, let’s think about the time and money we put into a wedding. How does that compare to the
time and money we put into our planning for our “eternal life”? One lasts 100 years and one lasts
for eternity and that doesn’t even mention the difference between spending that “eternity” with
God vs Satan!

09/25/19 Today was a “low energy” day. Carolyn called about my meds and she picked up some
lunch for me. It “priceless” to have a friend” like her in times like this. My sister would also help
if she could but she lives several hours away.

Some Explanations

A prayer has the following words, “He (Jesus) shall come again to judge the living and the
dead”. I asked a priest, “If people are already in Heaven, Purgatory or Hell, then they have
already been judged so does God judge them again?” He said, “There are two judgement days –
when you die and at the end of the world.” As it turns out, the church is more complex than they
can explain to everyone. They can’t explain, on a “Level 8” level how it works to young kids, and even to adults, due to children’s ages and time constraints for every adult.

Another example is that the bible says God created everything in 6 days. I asked my priest “Since the dinosaurs were here billions of years ago, what day did he create them?” He smiled and said the bible “represents” it by 6 days, since we understand that, but it just meant that everything was created at a certain time.

The bible also says that Adam, the first man, lived to be 930 years old. Bible scholars say that the age recorded in the bible represents how “respected” they were. If they were very respected, they were assigned a long lifetime. He never really was 930 years old.

I was glad to learn those facts because, when I read them, I felt like the bible wasn’t being honest with me but, when you think about it, if a person 2,000 years from now reads about a current day person with a “Million Dollar” Smile, they might think they paid a million dollars for their smile but it is just an expression “of our time”. Plus, when the dinosaurs were around, there wasn’t anyone to write about it and, when Adam and Eve were around, God didn’t create Adam and Eve and a stenographer to record who ate the apple so we should realize the bible was written a very long time ago, when things were very different and people did the best they could to record things. Plus, they didn’t know it would be important to other people thousands of years later. For example, you probably don’t record what happens in your back yard but, if someday they discover that “King Tuts” relatives were buried there, people will wonder why you didn’t keep better records.

**“Brown Scapular” Miracles on the Web**

On 7/21/19, I read about the following on the web.

A train had a terrible accident. The only survivor had a scapular.

A man was being attacked by a lion. He held the scapula up towards the lion and it walked away.

A doctor was shot with a bullet and it penetrated his clothes but not his skin.

A man was hit by a train and a priest was there to give him the “Last Rites” before he died. (That’s a promise of the Brown Scapular.)

A lady hung herself and she thought of Our Lady and the rope broke and she lived.

Every Pope since the year 1280 A.D. has worn the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Later that day, a priest blessed my Brown Scapular. At 11:11 pm that night, I received a call saying that Carolyn’s dog had got loose like it did a month ago. It was completely dark outside, like before, and the dog could have gone in any direction and for any distance and hidden behind
one of the houses in the housing addition. The first time she got lost, I prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary and “Zena” was found within 5 minutes. When I got the call this time, I said “I’ll be right over” and I grabbed my rosary and ran out the door. I asked Mary, about 10 times, “Please let us find her”. I thought, “If Mary helps us find her again, that will be “definite proof” that She was helping us. Before I had got 2 miles, my phone rang and they said they had found her. I checked my cell phone record and it was 5 minutes from the time I got the call, where she was lost, until I got the call where she had been found. She had travele across a busy road and into a field. Carolyn found her and she said that she was going in one direction and, she doesn’t know why, but she turned around and went the other way and that’s when she saw her. (I believe that’s when I asked Mary to intercede.) Probably just a coincidence…

106%

After I went to X-Ray and Nuclear Medicine schools, I was 30 years old and I enrolled at Indiana University I was going to study for 2 years and then apply to Optometry School. I knew this was my last chance because, if my G.P.A. wasn’t good enough, it’s extra hard to raise it after you have taken several classes so, I studied extra hard for my first test. It was a Psychology 101 class. I remember going to the professor’s office several times and eventually he said, “This is just a “Level 101” class… I thought, an ”A” in a “Level 101” class counts just as much as an “A” in a harder class.

The first test had 100 possible points plus 6 extra possible “bonus points”. After the tests were graded, the highest grade in the class was 106 and it was mine! That gave me the confidence I could compete with the younger students. (There were about 300 students and they were from all over the world so it was extra exciting.) That semester, I got all “A”s and I received a “Highest Distinction” Award from Indiana University!

I believe that’s the philosophy we should have when we strive to go to heaven. If we try for a 70% and we just miss it, we have an “eternal problem”. Since we are dealing with God and eternity, we should strive for every possible point we can get. That will show God how much it means to us and heaven is a lot more important than a psychology class.

Heaven/Hell Final Exam

All of the tests I took at I.U. were important but now I am retired, and the degree I received isn’t important anymore. My point is, all of the degrees, houses, motorcycles etc. that we have on earth, will be useless to us in 80 years. The next test we take is the BIG one! It will determine if we spend “Eternity” in Heaven or Hell so we all better prepare as much as we can for it because we can only take that test once! When I got a 4.0 GPA my first year, I wasn’t the smartest person there, by any means, but those tests meant more to me than they did to the younger people. The same is true about preparing for our “Heaven/Hell Final”. When we’re young, we don’t realize how important it is. As we get older, or get a fatal disease, and realize we will actually die in the near future, we start to get more serious about it. Unfortunately, like getting low grades, on your
report card for several years, it’s harder to raise your “average” up. Plus, suppose you get “hit by a bus” when you are 25 years old, you may not have enough “lead time” to get your Heaven/Hell “preparation” in order so you want to start NOW!

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**Just for Fun**

I’ll probably get myself into trouble for this but it won’t be the first time. Let’s talk “The Big Bang”. This is for FUN now because the creation of the universe was before my time.

If there was a “Big Bang”, someone had to create it and that would have been God so I don’t have a problems with it. Scientists like to deal with things that can be proven. Their current theory is, I think... Well, there was this here … “Big Bang” and we don’t know where it came from but it was “Big” and “Loud”. They can’t say, “We think God created these here planets” because that’s not scientific and they are scientists. (Can you imagine God “quietly” making billions of planets when just one of His thunderstorms make a LOT of “Bangs”?)

I would guess that, when God created the Universe – billions of Galaxies with billions of Planets in most of them – it probably was a little “noisy”. Maybe it even “Banged”. I don’t believe there were any authors back then, so I’ll just leave it at that.

What we know for sure is that there are a whole lot of galaxies and, whoever made them, was pretty smart and powerful. Whew, now that was just for fun and just my opinion.

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**How “powerful” is God?**

When God made the Universe, did He just say, “Ok, make 20 billion galaxies with billions of planets in each galaxy!” No, because He didn’t have anyone, more powerful than Him, to do it.
Did He just think, “Make Saturn with some “rings” and make it out of 10% calcium and 8% carbon etc.

Nobody knows how He did it but it’s obvious that He did it because they are here. All I can say is –That’s one Powerful God!

So, it’s no wonder He could “Part the Red Sea” for Moses or “cure the sick” or “rise from the dead”. We can’t imagine how powerful He is and to think that He came to us, as a human, and He was so humble that He let humans crucify Him when He had never committed a sin and He forgave them while they were doing it. That’s who we should all want to follow.

It hard to imagine “someone” creating all of the planets and humans but we can see them so somebody really did that but, in return, all He wants is for us “Put Him 1st” and to Treat others like we want to be treated etc. If God is that powerful, His “love” must be pretty ... Sorry, I don’t have any words to describe it...

Why did I Commit Some of the Sins I Did?

I just figured that they were “no big deal” and it was just what people do. I didn’t think that God was watching every one of them and hoping I wouldn’t do it and then He felt bad when I did it, especially after He was “Scourged at the Pillar” and when He was “Crowned with Thorns”, and when He had to press “our” Cross - it wasn’t His cross - against His sore back and then when “He was nailed to the Cross” and hung there for 3 hours and He did all of those things for the sins that I thought were “no big deal”.

The “Mother of God” Prays for Us!

When we say the “Hail Mary’, we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death”. It hard to believe that we are actually talking to the Mother of God and She is praying for us right now! The two times our dog got lost, I asked Mary to help us find “Zena” and we found “Zena” within 5 minutes each time. Now, think about this...it was 5 minutes from the time they called and said she was lost until the time they called and said she had been found. Once they found her, it probably took 3-4 minutes to pick her up and then another minute to find the cell phone to call me so “Zena” was found, each time, a few seconds after we sent up our prayers. “Zena” wasn’t just outside the house. She had crossed a busy street and she went toward a field. They were in cars looking for her. Thanks again Mother Mary.

What’s the Largest Number of People to See a Miracle?

The “Miracle of the Sun” was witnessed by 70,000 people.

I had some doubts.
I will admit, I had some doubts about some things so I asked my priest, by e-mail, and he sent the following answers: (If you detect an “accent” in his answers, he is from Nigeria.)

Q Did Eve actually sin? Since there wasn’t anyone to record this, or was this something like when the Bible said that God made all of the animals on Thursday. We know that He never made the dinosaurs on the same say that He made all of the other animals?

A The story of Genesis is more a story of faith than a historical one. No body recorded the day to day events of our first parents. It’s a mythological story to give meaning to the beginning of the world and of man. Eve, our first mother, sinned and was punished for it by accepting the invitation of the devil to “be like God”.

Q The bible says Jesus traveled from various countries, for example, from Syria to Lebanon to Egypt etc. It seems like that would have taken years on a donkey. Did this happen?

A In those days, it was the small Israel colonies, Egypt and the great Syrian empire that spans from Jordan to today’s Syria is larger. It doesn’t take years to do the journeys but they were long and sometimes dangerous. Jesus, and more his apostles, most especially Paul, did a lot of traveling with animals, boats and on foot, sometimes for hours or days.

Q When Satan tempted Jesus, the Bible says he took Jesus from “Place A” and then to “Place B” and then to the “highest mountain”. This sounds like it would have taken months by donkey. Did this happen?

A Satan is a spirit and has powers to do things beyond our human abilities. It takes a spirit seconds to do what it would take a man years to do.

Q When Jesus carried the cross, a similar question. The total distance they estimate He carried it seems pretty far. I know sometimes the Bible says things like Moses was 800 years old etc. and it’s just a different way of talking. What actually happened here?

A I actually walked almost all the ‘way of the cross’ when I was in Israel. It’s not so far. It’s very trackable. The main pain for Jesus was not the distance of the journey but the weight of our sins

Q It seems like when Jesus performed so many miracles, that He would have been known and had thousands of people following Him everywhere? That didn’t happen. Was that because they never had the internet?

A If Jesus had Instagram, maybe He would have had 200 thousand followers instantly because of his great miracles. But even without internet, Instagram or Facebook, He has conquered the world for his father. Just imagine that we have Billions of Christians on earth today that call on the name of Jesus. Wonderful!

Q Even without the internet, it seems like Pontius Pilate would have heard of some of the
miracles that Jesus did. So why wouldn’t he kind of trust Him and be afraid he was going to get into trouble for killing Jesus?

A He knew Jesus was innocent and a great man that he respected and feared but Pontus Pilate was more scared of losing his job if he refused the pressure from the leaders of the Jews who were accusing Jesus of Treason against Caesar, who was Pilate’s Boss. Pilate made a political decision, against his will, and that’s why he washed his hands.

Q Suppose someone said: I believe in God, because I see the “planets” and “people” and only a God could have made them. I have seen a video of Mary during one of her miracles. She appeared for app. 30 days straight and people took videos of Her and the children of Fatima saw her. I want to actually have visible proof that Jesus and the Holy Ghost are real. I know the bible says they are real but the Koran says someone else is also real so a book doesn’t prove it. I know we need to rely on faith but, I see the planets and I know God made them and I know that Jesus is God too but, if a skeptic said, I read Harry Potter and it said he was real so he is real, although we know he wasn’t, how do we know the bible wasn’t a book written by just an author? I’m sure it wasn’t but it hard to believe Harry Potter was written by one person. I’m just asking.

A We can’t have proof of spiritual things. The realm of proof-based truths are mathematical realities. In questions of faith though, we can and should understand about, faith takes us across. What you saw in those films are not Mary but imageries of her. No camera can video a spiritual being because spirit have no bodies.

The existence of God is not same as Harry Potter. God exists, not because he has created the world but the created world reveals him as their final author. God is not a person as you and I are. God is that being who was not created but must be responsible, in the final analysis, for all that existed, exists and would exist including you, me and Harry Potter.

Q I realize that if Jesus never died for us, the Catholic faith wouldn’t exist and we couldn’t go to heaven according to the bible. People can say the Catholic faith is all over the world and it wouldn’t be if it weren’t true and right but smoking is all over the world and it’s not good.

A The Catholic Church is not true just because it’s in many places of the world as Coke may be. There are many places in the world where there is still no Catholic Church. Even before the Catholic Church came to Africa 100 years ago, it was still real as it is today. It’s about the founder and head, Jesus Christ, who gives her life.
The “BIG Moment”

There will be a “Moment” for each one of us when we are “One-on-One” with Jesus and He will say, “You will spend “Eternity” in …”

When that moment happens, will you “nervous” or “relaxed”? The time to think about that is now and every day from now on.

“One Moment”

Many people look for “One Moment” that will convince them that God is real and watching us every second of our life. I will mention a few of the “moments” I had.

1. When I saw the video, that is mentioned on the first page of this website – Website5.com Section # 6 - it was extremely convincing. A religious scholar visited the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary several times and he said, “That leaves no doubt”. I hope the video is still available. If not, you may be able to Google: "The Virgin Mary's Apparition in Zeitun - 1968" or go to: https://youtu.be/tVU8bhbQInw

2. When I read the following information: Serial killer Ted Bundy killed two girls one night and entered the room of a third girl. Ted told a priest that, as he entered the room, he and his knife were “blown” out of the room. When the priest interviewed the girl, she said that she said the rosary every night but she fell asleep that night with her rosary around her arm. That information can be verified by the police and the lady who survived.

3. When I read about the Miracle of Lourdes, where the Virgin Mary appeared to three children and She told them when each of them would die etc. Her predictions of the deaths all came true. There were also “faith healings” associated with the Lourdes location.

4. When I read about the “Miracle of the Sun” aka “The Miracle of Fatima”. It happened on Oct 13 1917 before 70,000 people
The Following are the “Words of Jesus”
(And You Can Take that as “Gospel” (Get it?))

“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” (John 8:7, ESV)

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Mark 8:34-37

"You have heard that it used to be said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy, but I tell you, Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Heavenly Father. For He makes the sun rise upon evil men as well as good, and he sends his rain upon honest and dishonest men alike.

“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” (Luke 20:25,

"How happy are the humble-minded, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs!
"How happy are those who know what sorrow means for they will be given courage and comfort!
"Happy are those who claim nothing, for the whole earth will belong to them!
"Happy are those who are hungry and thirsty for goodness, for they will be fully satisfied!
"Happy are the merciful, for they will have mercy shown to them!
"Happy are the utterly sincere, for they will see God!
"Happy are those who make peace, for they will be sons of God!
"Happy are those who have suffered persecution for the cause of goodness, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs!
"And what happiness will be yours when people blame you and ill-treat you and say all kinds of slanderous things against you for my sake! Be glad then, yes, be tremendously glad - for your reward in Heaven is magnificent. They persecuted the prophets before your time in exactly the same way.

"If a man wants to sue you for your coat, let him have it and your overcoat as well. If anybody forces you to go a mile with him, do more - go two miles with him. Give to the man who asks anything from you, and don't turn away from the man who wants to borrow."

“For if you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even tax-collectors do that! And if you exchange greetings only with your own circle, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do that much. No, you are to be perfect, like your Heavenly Father.”

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

“But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.” (Matthew 19:30)

"You must change your hearts - for the kingdom of Heaven has arrived."

"You have heard that it was said to the people in the old days, 'You shall not murder', and anyone who does must stand his trial. But I say to you that anyone who is angry with his brother must stand his trial; anyone who contemptuously calls his brother a fool must face the supreme court; and anyone who looks on his brother as a lost soul is himself heading straight for the fire of destruction.

"So that if, while you are offering your gift at the altar, you should remember that your brother has something against you, you must leave your gift there before the altar and go away. Make your peace with your brother first, then come and offer your gift."

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. John 3:16

Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4:13, 14

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:31, 32

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16
The Greatest Commandment: Love God and Your Neighbor

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the laws and the prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

I didn’t use to have a “crucifix” necklace. Ten, I bought one and I wore it under my shirt. Then, I thought, “In a trillion years, I won’t remember who I was embarrassed to let see my crucifix but, if I’m proud to wear it on the outside of my shirt, I will remember that I am doing so because I’m proud to represent God and He will still be with me so I wear it proudly!

“Oh Heavenly Things” Just Don’t Last

The Virgin Mary said something to the effect of, “People should strive for things that last, like heaven, instead of earthly things.

Everyday, I see people mowing the grass they mowed last week, they eat a delicious meal and then they get hungry again, they tell a joke to impress their friends and then they feel like they have to tell another every 5 minutes or their friend won’t think they are funny etc.

The Blessed Virgin Mary revealed to Saint Bridget of Sweden (died 1373) that those who pray a Hail Mary while meditating on Mary’s Seven Sorrows will receive Seven Graces:

1. I will grant peace to their families.

2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.

4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.

5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.

6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.

7. I have obtained (This Grace) from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my Tears and Sorrows, will be taken directly from this earthly life to “Eternal Happiness” since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

Notably, the **Seven Sorrows** are Scriptural (with the exception of #4):

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2: 34, 35)

2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13-14)


4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.

5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.

6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.

7. The burial of Jesus.
Let’s talk about “Being Gay”.

I’m certainly not an authority but I sincerely want everyone to go to heaven so I will just give you my thoughts. I know people who are attracted to people of the same sex. I’m sure they aren’t pretending for attention and I know the Catholic Church says it is wrong.

My only rationalization is this. Everyone has a “cross to bear” – some more than others and, as humans, we don’t know why. Some people are crippled, some are retarded, some are hurt in car accidents, burned or paralyzed in the wars. Some animals are killed by other animals, some dogs are forced to “fight to the death”, some people are born in poor countries while others are born in wealthy countries.

Maybe, just maybe, God gave them a different “cross to bear”. I feel extremely sorry for them, as I feel extremely sorry for crippled people etc.

The one thing I do know for sure is that, to get to heaven, we have to “Do it God’s Way” so I hope those people will consider this because I want them to go to heaven.

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• We all have different “Crosses to Bear”. I have had cancer 3 times, but compared to many people, I’ve been very lucky.

Let’s talk about “Being Gay”

I’m certainly not an authority but I sincerely want everyone to go to heaven so I will just give you my thoughts. I know people who are attracted to people of the same sex. I’m sure they aren’t pretending for attention and I know the Catholic Church says it is wrong.

My only rationalization is this. Everyone has a “cross to bear” – some more than others and, as humans, we don’t know why. Some people are crippled, some are retarded, hurt in car accidents, burned or paralyzed in the wars. Some animals are killed by others, some dogs are forced to “fight to the death”, some people are born in poor countries while others are born in wealthy countries.
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“Changing of the Guards”.

To get the Virgin Mary’s Promise for the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel, you have to be wearing it when you die so I’m never without it – not even in the shower. I don’t want to fall in the tub, hit my head and die and not have it on so I have a “wet” and “dry”. When I change them, I call it the “Changing of the Guards”.

Would I rather be the World’s Richest Person or Me?

The world’s richest person probably spends a lot of time determining where to invest their money, how to make more money and how to pay less taxes and they probably get interviewed etc. On the “flip side”, I have more time to get close to God and that will pay off “forever” whereas the “World’s Richest Person” will be writing their Will and deciding who they will give all of their money to.

To go to heaven, you just have to:
1. Keep the Commandments.
2. Put God first in all you do.
3. Treat others as you want to be treated.

Which are all things that we should want to do any way and your reward is for eternity!

My father wasn’t a Catholic but he went to church with us every Sunday and he was the best man I ever met. He was the “Best Man” for my wedding. I gave him a picture of him in his tux and it said, “To the “Best Man” I know.”
I believe he was like most people and he figured it was enough to be a really good person and to live for God so there was no need to become a Catholic. It was like when I got married outside of the Catholic Church. I figured if I got married, that would make God happy, but my research tells me that there is a lot more to it and we want to do it “God’s way” and not “our way”. I have no doubt that my father is in heaven but I wish he had got there by a different route.

We need to put Jesus 1st in everything we do because He was scourged at the pillar, crowned with thorns, made to carry His own cross until He couldn’t and then get crucified on that cross. All of that when He never committed a sin in His life. He did it so all of the people who sinned would have a chance to go to Heaven.

Old people use to say things like: If it’s worth worrying about, it’s worth praying about. I thought, “Sound nice but I doubt if it works”. Today, I was really troubled about something so I tried it and it worked!

I put up a sign on my mirror that said, “God 1st” just to remind me.

When I was diagnosed with cancer, I could have continued to work a while linger and make some more money or I could retire and focus on my “spiritual health”. I chose to retire and it was the best decision, literally, of my life. Improving my relationship, with God, for eternity, is priceless!

When I went to confession and told the priest that my girlfriend, 45 years ago had an abortion, I wasn’t sure God would forgive me, since I murdered one of God’s children, but He did. He is a very forgiving father since that hurt Him so badly. It’s a shame that more people, myself included in the past, don’t go to confession. God is willing to forgive us and, if we don’t make a simple confession and get the sin forgiven, it could change our “eternity”. It’s so easy to be forgiven so please go to confession. Many priests go to confession every week!

When I talk to God, I imagine He is in front of me as He will be on Judgement Day. It’s pretty cool to realize that, just by thinking, we can talk to the God who made the planet we are standing on! He will always be willing to listen and never misunderstand us.

I used to think, if I make it to Heaven, I will be able to talk to God like He is equal to me. That shows I didn’t have enough respect for Him – the Creator of the Universe. It will always be God and humans.

I tried to donate my kidney but they couldn’t take it because of the lymphoma, which is understandable. I offered to donate anything I had but I found out I’m not “in demand” at this time. Please consider donating whatever you can after you die because you won’t need it
anymore. If you needed a kidney, cornea, heart etc., it would be depressing to know that perfectly good organs, that could save your life are being buried every day. God will bless you!

I started going to church during the week and I was “shocked” because there were actually people there. It’s easy to assume that God isn’t popular but He just doesn’t “hang out” at the places that I did.

After reading the bible and getting information online from priests etc. I realized that money isn’t as important as I thought. Sure, we need enough to pay our bills but Jesus told his followers to get rid of their “stuff” and follow Him and it worked out for them. He said, “The meek shall inherit the earth” and “It’s easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God”. We all seem to want to get as much money as we can but, as we get more money, we start focusing on the money instead of God and God doesn’t want that.

Stacy called from my former office and asked what she should do with my “Optometry diploma”. I told her I didn’t need it anymore so she can have the frame if she wants it. It’s funny how some things seem important on earth but they won’t matter in our next lifetime. Don’t get me wrong, I’m very proud of the fact I worked hard enough to get it. It’s little confusing to me.

Surgeons Probably Need Less Faith than Most People

A surgeon can operate on someone and see their ligaments, bones, tendons, nerves, arteries, veins etc., and they can’t fully understand how they are made or how they work but their job is to just align the broken bones etc., and sew up the incision and let God heal the bones and join the skin together. The surgeon does the easy part but God does the “miracle” parts that we’ll never be able to do and he doesn’t even charge the patient. Surgeons are better at “billing” than God is...

When I think of the crucifixion of Jesus, I realize that it should have been us dying on that cross for our sins but Jesus volunteered to be tortured and be crucified for us. After we knew that He died for us, we still committed sins and, after all of that, if we ask God to forgive us and we are truly sorry for our mistakes, He almost always forgives us. We could have had a God who thought, “I’m so much better than you and I’m not going to forgive you and you will all go to Hell for eternity” but we don’t. We are so lucky. He is so nice and humble that He was baptized by a human – John the Baptist - and He let a human – the Blessed Virgin Mary - give birth to him and He let humans put Him on trial and crucify Him.

When I hear of people who let their dogs “fight to the death”, even though they probably don’t want to, I find it hard to love them. I just say… I’ll love you, despite your past, if you stop now!
If you don’t stop now, it may take God to forgive them. Although, if He wants me to forgive them, I will forgive them but it makes me sick to do that. I guess that shows how much more love God has … than I do.

I can’t talk to the President of the United States without a lot of work but I can talk to God and the Mother of God any time I want and they always want to listen to me and there aren’t any secretaries that need to put the call through. How cool is that?

People think, “Why couldn’t I have “hit the lottery” or started Amazon but they can have an “infinitely” better prize if they go to Heaven and, since we don’t know when we will die, we should be ready now. An even if we knew we wouldn’t die for 80 years, we should want to please God for all of that time.

If we think of what Jesus went through for us, we should easily be able to just say “No” when we are tempted because any temptation we can experience is very small compared to what He went through, for us, on the cross.

I just took my dogs for a walk and it hit me that 100% of the earth was under me. India, California, Brazil, Iceland, Japan, China, Africa etc. was all under me. I was actually “Standing on Top of the World”.

If you lost your life for someone, would you think it was ok for them to “disrespect” you – even a little? That’s what happens when we sin against God – even small sins.

We all think we want “Good” instead of “Evil” but, if we choose to skip mass on Sunday etc, we are choosing Satan over God.

Jesus never carried His cross…He carried our cross for us. If He hadn’t gone to the cross, the only way we could have earned a chance to get into heaven would have been if we would have gone to the cross and I can’t imagine that…

Nobody has more love than God does so when He asked His Son to die on the cross, it had to hurt Him immensely. Plus, God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Ghost are the same so the pain one feels surely affects the others. Besides, just seeing “anyone” suffer like that would hurt a caring God – especially if they had never committed a sin.

Life isn’t always fair. The “caterpillar” does all of the work but the “butterfly” gets all of the glory.

Jesus had been scourged at the pillar, crowned with thorns and made to carry the cross. Then, He may have had to watch one or two other people being nailed to the cross before it was His turn and He may have thought, “I wish people realized that sins really are a big deal”.

Following God makes thing easier.
For example, if you “running a business”, you have thousands of ways to approach it. Should you go after “Customer X” or Customer Y” and should you advertise with billboards or in the paper etc, but if you are “Following God”, you have 10 Commandments, a few rules like “Put God 1st” and “Do unto others…” and you’re done plus you know that you’re going after the only “Customer” that means anything for “eternity”.

Things I have learned
It is believed that Heaven and Hell each have “7 levels” to reflect the “7 Capitol Sins”. That would make sense because it wouldn’t seem fair for someone, who just missed going to Heaven, to suffer the same as the worst person would – for eternity.

Why are we here
God placed us on the “Earth” as a testing ground. It had porn websites and religious websites. It had churches and “naughty night clubs”, it has money and prayer books,

Add more

Rabbit

My dogs killed another rabbit tonight. It was dark and I couldn’t see it. I wasn’t going to give them their “Bedtime Treats” and then I thought… “If God forgave me after the things I did, I should forgive my dogs, especially since they didn’t know any better and I did”. So, they got their treats and I’m going to repair my fence so the rabbits can’t get in.

Seeing the dead rabbit made me feel terrible because it didn’t do anything wrong but Jesus never did anything wrong and He had to suffer 3 hours longer than the rabbit so we should really feel sorry for Him.

Some people say that humans evolved from “amoebas” and monkeys but amoebas and monkeys are still here so why didn’t they evolve? Hmm…

God in “extra” nice. He considers everyone as a “Child of God” so He says we shouldn’t even “talk bad” about them behind their back.

He doesn’t want “intimacy” outside of marriage because females are usually treated as “physical objects” instead of His children.

Please let your young kids look at my book called “Who Do I want for My Hero?” It’s free on this website – Section 5. Here are some examples:
We can pick a ROCK SINGER who has a lot of piercings! They are pretty "cool" because those piercings had to hurt!

Of course, Jesus had some piercings too and I know they hurt a lot more than those earrings did, wouldn’t you agree?

We can pick the BUILDERS of the “Great Wall of China” because it is the largest man-made object on earth! Of course, the “Great Wall of China” is just a tiny speck on the planet earth and God made the entire planet earth and billions of other planets that are just as big! He can even make a rainbow!
We can pick a WATER SKIER. They can ski on top of the water, as long as the boat keeps pulling them. Of course, Jesus could walk on top of the water and He didn’t need a boat to help Him. We can't understand how Jesus walked on top of the water, just like sometimes, we don't understand other people around us but we have to realize that we are all the same in God's eyes.

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**Dogs**

Some people say dogs are "Just dogs". They have never known the pain of losing a dog. If you understand the phrase “Just a Dog”, then you probably understand the phrase “Just a Friend” or “Just a Sunset” or “Just a Promise”. My dog diverts my thoughts away from my daily worries. So, if someone says, It’s just a dog, just smile because you “just don’t understand”.

Step 1
Abortions hurt God, the baby, the mother and father and their families. The best way to prevent them is step 1
A patient of mine had a necklace that said, “WWJD”. I asked what that stood for and she said, “What would Jesus do”. That pretty much “sums it up”. When you go to church, you feel like you are “paying back” a little for being born in America and not starving etc.

**Scapula’s**

If you have a “bad day” and your future looks grim, if you are putting God first in everything, your future is unbelievably Great! Just keep up the great work.

I guess fleas have a heart, blood vessels and kidneys etc. I’m sure those things never “just happened” because they are so small. Only God could have done that!

One mortal sin can send you to Hell for Eternity and many of us don’t realize what is considered a mortal sin. You should do you best investigative work on that matter.
Do unto others ..
Sample Put the cart in the storage area when you leave Walmart etc.
Life on earth is like a “puff of smoke”. It’s here and then gone. In a “trillion” years from now, you won’t remember it.

RT
If a person has “one” mortal sin on their soul and they die – even quickly like in an auto accident or at age 9, they may spend Eternity in Hell! I had several sins that were probably mortal on my soul for over 20 years, when I wasn’t going to church, and if I had been killed in an accident – “Flame City for Eternity! I can joke about it only because it never happened but, if it had, I certainly wouldn’t be joking about it! I believe missing mass on Sunday is a mortal sin and I know that, on Christmas, the church is packed with people I never see during the year so they are “at risk”.

RT
Can you remember anything you said 2 days ago?
I wish I had read the following words years ago. It would have made my entire life better. Everyone wants to “be right” and to “tell everyone how they think about everything”. (I’m the perfect example since I’m writing this book to tell you how I feel about God and a few other things.)

Everyone wants to talk and convince us that they are the smartest, funniest and most entertaining etc. but since the person they are talking to wants to do the same thing, both spend their time and energy trying to get the job done.

Here’s the secret. Smart people realize that the “points” people score, by telling the best joke or the best story etc., evaporate about 2 seconds, they just let the other person “win” by telling their joke or story etc. and feeling like they were the “life of the party” and feeling great about themselves and then they wonder off and try to find a place to cash in those points which have evaporated already. You can still go to heaven, become a surgeon, raise your family, go to Europe etc. The fact they “won” means nothing. It’s a “temporary feeling” that lasts about 2 seconds and then it’s gone. Why 2 seconds? Because someone tells a joke and, as soon as they are done, another person tries to tell a better or related one. If they tell a story, ditto. So, rather than compete – back and forth – for the “evaporating points – “Root for them” to tell a joke or story and tell them it was great. You never “lost any points because you weren’t competing. They want to win so bad at being the :life of the party” so you can either try to do the same and have a “war of words” or just think, I’ll let them “win” since they think that’s important and I’ll “root them on”. They will feel great and you will feel smart and nobody will lose points or gain points and then you will both leave and go about your lives. It’s just words, not brain surgery. Let them be the funniest, smartest, most interesting and them watch them leave and try to “cash in” all of the evaporating points they think they still have. Your business is what you control and once you speak, you no longer have control of things. You can say something and get sued over it by someone else. You can embarrass yourself or someone else. You can offend someone.

Nirvana-keep your life in your brain where you can control things
When we talk, we are pushing our life – our thoughts – into their life and trying to change their life.
If you get a college degree, you have it forever but if you tell a joke, it’s forgotten very soon.
Can you remember anything you said 2 days ago? If you bought groceries, you still have them, or most of them, but actions matter, words don’t.

You can’t go back!

If you steal something, you can repay it. If you hurt someone’s “feelings”, you can apologize but if you make a baby, the lives of both parents and God and the baby will be altered forever and you can’t go back. If you drink and drive and kill someone, you can’t go back. If you do something that is on your police record for life, you can’t go back. I was with a friend and he “killed” a bottle of vodka. He surely did damage to his liver and he can’t go back. I tried to talk him out of it because I thought he would die but I couldn’t. You have to think before you do think like that and most young people aren’t strong enough to do that so you have to really slow
down, anticipate and think “long term” and not make that kind of mistake and pray for some extra help

A rabbit possibly had to suffer for me but he suffered less than one minute but Jesus suffered for 3 hours, not to mention the “scourging” and “thorns”.

Carolyn told me about a song she heard called, “I can only Imagine”. It is about trying to “imagine” how Good God is. I think the song should be called, “I can’t even Imagine”.

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**AM and PM prayer**

**AM**
God, I will try to put your 1st in everything I think, say and do today. You suffered so much for me when you got scourged and you wore the crown of thorns and you had to carry my cross for me and hand on it for 3 hours. I want to be with You for eternity and to know that I didn’t let you down. I will try to think before I sin. I will remind myself that I can’t “take back” my sins against you. I will wear my Scapular to remind me to that You and Mother Mary are what is important—not me. I will say the rosary whenever I can to honor Mother Mary.

PM God, If I failed to put you 1st today, I will try to correct any errors I can and I will try to not make them again because I know how bad it hurts you when I sin. If I sinned against you today, I will try not to ever do it again and I ask for your mercy for my mistake.

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I just burned the trash and I thought, “Would I want to hold my hand in that fire for 1 second? I couldn’t imagine that but, when a person ends up in Hell, it’s their whole body and it’s for “eternity”.

I feel very lucky that I have had time to start getting prepared I could still be hit by a bus tomorrow. (Please realize that you could be hit by a bus too!) You may not have time to prepare, like I have, some please … “Wake Up” Immediately!

Jesus actually died for us and, just because we didn’t see it, we have to try and imagine Him screaming from the pain and we are here on earth to repay Jesus for his suffering.

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I offered to donate any organ I could but, due to my lymphoma, I couldn’t. If you are in a position to offer an organ or at least, donate blood, you should do it. God will replace it for you. It’s my understanding that, if you donate part of your liver, it will grow back. It’s called “Living Donors”.

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**Try to Please your Heavenly Father**

When I played sports, I tried to please my father (and mother) with my performance. We should try to please our “Heavenly Father”, with our entire life.
God chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Later on, Jesus took Mother Mary to heaven so He could be with her. He didn’t just “use her” and then “discard her” like some boys do to their girlfriends. (Myself included in my early days.) There’s a lesson to be learned here.

You Can’t Take it Back!

People aren’t cautions enough with their big decisions. If you buy a stock that you shouldn’t have because you never researched it enough, you can’t go back.

If you choose a career than isn’t perfect for you, ditto. (To avoid this, please “download” the free book on website5.com Section 5 called “What Will I do after High School?”)

I tell God every day, when I look at my statue of Jesus holding a baby, that I’m sorry about the abortion. I’m sorry for Him, my baby and for my girlfriend but, no matter how many times I say “I’m sorry”, all three of them will always feel the pain I caused them because I can’t take it back. Please think at “Level 8” before you do or say anything serious.

There were time when it thundered and I thought it was God sending me a message so I wondered, why does it thunder at other times? I guess God was sending a message to someone else.

People act like Heaven and Hell are “no big deal”. If stealing $10,000.00 on your taxes is 10X worse than stealing $1,000.00 then you should think about it 10X more before you do it. You shouldn’t do it anyway because the government may not catch it but God always does.)

Now, if being in Hell is “infinitely” worse than being in Heaven, you can’t even calculate that but you should consider your choices before hand many, many more times than you do. I can say that with confidence

When I was about 22 years old, and poor, I was out of town and I didn’t have any money. We siphoned gas from another car with someone’s garden hose. I felt worse about stealing the gas than I did about sleeping with my girlfriend on the trip. Since, she was the one who ended up getting pregnant, that shows which was worse and resulted in a death of a human being.

I may have mentioned Father Mike Schmidt before but he is worth repeating. You can google his articles on U-Tube etc. Very short and interesting.

You can be a homeless, drug addict, but if you “Put God 1st” and you go to heaven, you are far better off than a billionaire who didn’t.

Here’s a fun “Random Thought”: Why do most right-handed men “part” their hair on their left side when it would be easier to “part” it on their right side? Because their parents were right-handed and they “parted” it on their right side and nobody changed it.
09/25/19 Today was a “low energy” day. Carolyn called about my meds and she picked up some lunch for me. It is “priceless” to have a friend “like her in times like this. My sister would also help if she could but she lives several hours away. I asked God for the energy to complete this book. Yesterday, my oncologist said I was doing really good, in other words, he wouldn’t have been surprised if I was a lot worse so I believe God, once again, came through for me.

**Closing Remarks**

I would like to add additional information specifically for the “younger folks” if I have the time and energy. I will put it as the lowest Section on Website5.com.

Well, by writing this book, I have accomplished more in my life than I had ever hoped to do because, when I was young, my goal was to have a lot of fun and make some money for 100 years but now, by getting my “Wake Up” Call and writing this book, I may have helped others, and it definitely helped me, to be closer to God and that will be more important to us in a billion years.

Please pass this book on to someone else!

The End  Praise be to God