

# **God's Knowledge and Love for You Surpasses AI**

The Devil's Advocate, a fictional novel written by Taylor Caldwell in 1951, described a near-futuristic dystopian society called The Democracy of America, which encompassed the former United States, Canada, and Mexico a few decades after World War II. A military dictatorship with communist and fascist characteristics ruled the country. States and provinces were replaced by districts or sections under a military commander.

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## **Trust in the Lord from Start to Finish**

More than yourself or any man, Jesus Christ is utterly reliable and trustworthy. Let not your faith in Him falter, for His provision for you and salvation cannot fail. Trust in the Lord Jesus from start to finish, for He will bring you safely home when your race on earth is done.

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## **Looking Up Instead of Around**

Do not be lulled into complacency with the cares of this life and be surprised by a sudden crisis before you turn to the Lord. Trust in the Lord Jesus today and have the blessed,

bedrock hope that encourages us to look up to Him instead of around at earthly things that distract, are subject to change, and cannot deliver (Colossians 3:1-4).

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## **We Must Tell the Emperor the Truth**

Telling the truth to the emperor, not acquiescing with the lie, shows respect and love toward those misled into this false way of life and may lead to their deliverance. It is being faithful to Jesus, who loves and accepts all those who repent of their rebellion against God and believe in Him, the way, the truth, and the life (John 3:16-21, 36, 14:6; 1 John 3:18).

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## **Hope Provided Through Unusual Means**

If you have received this message of hope, the gospel, do not keep it to yourself. Remember the love and grace the Lord bestowed on you when He sent people and circumstances into your life to share it. For example, if you eat at a restaurant or have repairs done in your home, be gracious and give a good tip with a gospel tract to the server or repairman.

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# Blood That Redeems

In a deserted New York City gradually being overtaken by nature, U.S. Army virologist Robert Neville has spent the last three years doing research to find a cure for the virus and searching for food and supplies. He is naturally immune from the disease, and he avoids being killed by the infected by coming out during the day and hiding from them in a heavily fortified house at night when they roam the streets.

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# An Audience of One

Special courts were established by 1934 to penalize anyone who refused to perform the Nazi salute. The penalties varied from fines or intimidation to incarceration in detention camps. Knowing this, Landmesser still refused to do the salute even with the peer pressure of everyone around him doing it and in the presence of Hitler himself.

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# Pardon Graciously Given

Kim Dae-jung (1924-2009), a South Korean activist, politician, and statesman, lived through very tumultuous times in his country's history. Several times in his life he faced certain death, but he believed God was always with him and that He

graciously preserved his life for a special purpose.

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## **A New City Made for You**

The Lord Jesus has made a new city for you. It does not have the foundation of a digital city or “smart city,” the false and shifting sand of “man-made climate change,” which leads to destruction. Its foundation is the Rock, Jesus Christ (Matthew 7:24-27). Have a place in it. Trust in Him today!

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## **Trust in the Lord, Not in Mortal Man**

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for sinners and rose again from the dead, and who is coming back to establish His everlasting kingdom. Trust and adoration are due only to Him, and it is only from Him that true forgiveness, reconciliation with God, and eternal salvation come.

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## **God Makes a Beautiful**

# **Tapestry of Your Life**

God has provided His own remedy through the love, mercy, and grace He has given to us in Jesus Christ. As with the prophet Jonah and the apostle Paul, He can turn around even the worst of our transgressions and cause them to work together for good and make out of your life a beautiful tapestry of His glorious love, grace, and salvation.

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## **Good News for All Peoples**

Christians must not be drawn away by individuals or groups that would twist God's word to promote ethnic division and hostility but remember that these barriers are broken down through the gospel. The words of God's love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ apply to all who trust in Him, or they are meaningless.

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## **Life Is Precious in All Stages**

Through the proclamation of the gospel message, those who take hold and embrace it will come to value human life as God does and seek to protect it in all its stages. As more people believe in Jesus Christ, the giver of eternal life to all who trust in Him, the church will fulfill its role of being salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:13-16), and society will

turn around from its path to destruction.

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## **From Hostility to Reconciliation**

Anyone who trusts in Jesus alone (not Jesus plus something or someone else) receives as a gift from God forgiveness in place of condemnation, peace in place of hostility, and reconciliation in place of separation. In Christ, you become more than a friend with God. You become His beloved child forever (John 1:12-13; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 3:26; 1 John 3:1). Hallelujah!

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## **The Light of the Gospel Dispels the Darkness of Marxism**

Jesus Christ, the giver and sustainer of life, freely grants reconciliation with God and eternal life to all who trust in Him. He is the unquenchable light that dissolves and blots out our sins and continues to shine through His Church to scatter the darkness of satanic philosophies like Marxism that cause enslavement, destruction, and death.

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## **When God Laughs**

Some may wonder why actors who experienced the horrors of World War II, were taken from or fled their homes, and lost family members in Nazi death camps would be involved in such a show. Perhaps they understood that a merry heart, laughter, can be like medicine to the body and soul (Proverbs 17:22) and bring some healing to the traumas they experienced.

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## **Something God Cannot Do**

In the same statement made by Jesus of being the only way to God, He promises to prepare a place in His Father's house for all who trust in Him and come again to take them home to be with Him forever (John 14:1-3), where there will be fullness of joy and peace, and a permanent refuge from the father of lies, the devil, and all who practice his ways (Revelation 22:13-15).

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## **Are You Better Off Now Than You Were Under Trump?**

At a campaign rally in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, on October 19, 2024, presidential candidate Donald Trump posed a question to

the American people, echoing another presidential candidate in 1980, Ronald Reagan, whose asking of the same question helped him win the first of two terms as president of the United States.

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## **Unimprisonable**

Though not using terror for tighter control over society in the same sense as Tarkin did in Star Wars with the Death Star, the global elites of the world are certainly seeking to build a superweapon of censorship to manage the attitudes and beliefs of people over a range of issues, such as so-called climate change, alleged global pandemics and “recommended” medical interventions, and mass migration.

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## **God's Gift of Discernment Provides Clarity in a Deceptive World**

As the dark lords of this world use their palantíri to profile us and broadcast selected and deceptive messages throughout the world, you may wonder how you can avoid being misled into their web of control and ruin. Something stronger is needed to cut through their tools of deception.



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# **Believe in the Lord, He Will Never Lie to You**

The global elites will continue to gaslight the world into believing that “two plus two equals five” in their efforts to achieve totalitarian control over society, but their power to enslave and destroy is diminished when people together realize that “the emperor has no clothes” and stand up locally against their false crises and solutions.

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# **Catholic Church, Heresy and Galileo**

The city of Pisa in central Italy, well known worldwide for its leaning tower, is the birthplace of the famed astronomer, physicist, and engineer Galileo Galilei (1564-1642). He has been called the father of observational astronomy, a division of astronomy more concerned with recording data about the observable universe than with explaining astronomical objects and phenomena based on analytical models.

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# Heed the Urgent Warning

Out of His love for sinners separated from God and headed toward a catastrophic judgment day worse than a nuclear holocaust, Jesus did not send angels to rescue us. He came Himself to pay in full our sin debt by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. Jesus urgently bids us to heed His warning and flee the wrath of God to come by trusting in Him (1 Thessalonians 1:10; Revelation 19:11-21).

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## God's Love in Christ Brings Us Together

This gospel message destroys systems of partiality and division and brings unity under God to all who embrace it (Galatians 3:26-28). In the end, for those redeemed by Christ, there will be a grand family reunion and celebration in heaven.

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## Receiving the Gifts But Rejecting the Giver

This did not mean Dawkins had abandoned his beliefs in atheism, Darwinian evolution, or his view that Biblical creationism was "pernicious nonsense," for he considered his position as a cultural Christian to be distinct from being a

believing Christian.

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## **Abundant Sustenance Freely Given**

As we seek to acquire beneficial food for ourselves and our families, it is difficult to catch everything that may be harmful to our health. It is good and proper for believers in the Lord Jesus to peacefully resist efforts to centralize food production in the hands of the few seeking to control and destroy us with harmful substances. We do not need to fear them because God has given His word and prayer as a means of help.

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## **Rigged for You, Not Against You**

When Mr. Scratch comes to fulfill the contract, Stone, out of desperation, seeks the help of Webster to get him out of it. Though Stone's signature and the contract are clear, Webster demands a trial since this is the right of every American. Mr. Scratch agrees, as long as he can choose the judge and jury.

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# Truth Spoken Boldly Overcomes Censorship

Pro-Hamas and anti-Israel demonstrations taking place on many university campuses across the country during the 2024 graduation season have endangered the wellbeing and safety of their Jewish students. On the heels of this, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2023 to prohibit “hate speech” specifically against Israel and Jewish people.

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## Integrity Matters

Nickaylah Sampson dreamed of following in the footsteps of her parents, Mathias and Natalie Sampson, by pursuing a career of service to her country as an officer in the U.S. Army. In 2020, she was appointed to West Point, one of the most prestigious military academies in the United States, where only about ten percent of applicants are admitted annually.

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## In the Twinkling of an Eye

When Wanda looks in a mirror and does not see Harold’s reflection, she realizes that he has come to take her from this life. With a kind smile, he tells her that he arranged the circumstances of their meeting to gain her trust and convince her that he means no harm. Wanda recoils, frightened,

but Harold tells her that what she really fears is the unknown.

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## **Take Care Who You Hear and Follow**

One day, Jesus will return to earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, eliminate government corruption with His rod of iron (Revelation 19:11-21), and establish His righteous rule on earth that will never end. Believe in Him and enter His kingdom. Jesus will never betray or abandon you, and all those who trust in Him are forever blessed (Psalm 2:12).

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## **Wiped Clean**

With God, there is nothing hidden from His sight. He knows who we are, where we have been, what we have done, and everything else about us. It is before the Lord Jesus that we must give an account for our lives (Hebrews 4:13), for He is seated at the right hand of God far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion forever (Ephesians 1:20-21).

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# Preserved for Us

No other book in history has been so attacked or attempts made to extinguish it as the Bible, yet like a mighty anvil, it has worn out the many hammers wielded against it by devils and men, despotic rulers and governments, false prophets and religions, natural and manmade cataclysms, and civilizational collapse.

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## Diligence in the Little Things Leads to Big Results

An investor is a person who allocates financial capital with the expectation of a future return or profit. In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus tells the story of a man who, before leaving his house for a distant country, entrusts his servants with varying sums of money with which to do business until he returns (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27).

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## Calling Things As They Are

Stowe's faith in Jesus Christ, her increasing understanding of the evils of slavery from the testimony of escaped slaves, and the compelling arguments of abolitionist apologists strongly influenced her to become a passionate abolitionist and supporter of the Underground Railroad, which helped many fugitives from slavery escape to freedom in Canada.

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# **Valentine's Lasting Legacy: Embracing the Greatest Act of Love**

For those who celebrate Valentine's Day or not, remember the faithfulness of Valentinus through his acts of love and refusal to renounce Christ unto death, and that true love is more than a feeling that comes and goes. It is not based on transitory things like circumstances, the weather, or personal possessions.

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## **Safe Navigation Through Dark Places**

Those who trust in Jesus Christ not only receive forgiveness of all their sins and reconciliation with God, but they are also transferred from a dark domain into His kingdom of light (Colossians 1:9-14). No matter what challenging uncertainties or situations we may face, the Lord's faithfulness never changes, and He promises never to leave us lost in the dark (Hebrews 13:5-8).

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# Be Connected to the Source of True Life Rather Than AI

Over centuries of interacting with successive descendants of the Fabrini, the Oracle concluded that the success of the mission would be better served by fostering the belief among the people that it was a god and Yonada was a planet instead of a spaceship. Later generations eventually became unaware of the true nature of their “world” as that knowledge was suppressed through the implanted microchip.

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## Prepared Beforehand

Fulfill the role God has for you in the world. The good that you do in Jesus Christ can, like Handel’s music, be like a stone thrown into a pond, the ripple effect expanding outward and benefiting others even long after your time on earth has ended, and leading to eternal reward (1 Corinthians 3:5-15). Then, with the angels and all creation, we will give praise to God as in the final chorus of Messiah, based on Revelation 5:11-14

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## The Most Precious Gift in the



# **World Is for You, Too**

No matter your station in life, whether you are rich or poor, high class or low class, regardless of your ethnicity, nationality, or language, no matter your past history, the gift of forgiveness, reconciliation with God, and eternal life is for you, too, in Christ Jesus.

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# **Only the Prince of Peace Can Bring True and Lasting Freedom**

Britain was able to manipulate the religious, social, and economic divisions and rivalries of the diverse peoples of India to gain first economic dominance over them, then political and judicial control. Over time, many Indians came to understand this and resented their foreign rulers. Their people and the country's valuable resources were being exploited for the profit of Britain, not the welfare of the people of India.

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# **The Light of Life Gives Hope in a Dark World**

The Christmas season is one of the most enjoyable times of the

year. There is generally a lighter mood in the air, and people tend to be a little nicer and more charitable to each other. It is a time for family and friends to take time off from the routine hustle and bustle of life to come together in love, joy, fellowship, gift-giving, and great food.

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## **Good Is Worth Fighting For**

But Jesus, the conquering King who defeated the grave, will overturn their empire of destruction. He will douse their fires and give the Living Water (John 4:10, 7:37-39; Revelation 21:5-6) that extinguishes perdition's flames to all who trust in Him. Jesus will turn their contrived famine into abundance because He is the Bread of Life (John 6:35).

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## **Discerning Truth in a Sea of Lies**

The government, using artificial intelligence (AI) video generation technology, created footage of the event showing Richards callously disobeying orders not to fire on the rioters. It appeared so real that only someone who witnessed the actual events would know it was false.

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# What You Need When You Need It

During this terrible time, God protected Elijah and provided him with what he needed at the proper time (1 Kings 17). He told him to hide east of the Jordan River by a small brook called Cherith, where he would have water to drink. The Lord also sent ravens in the morning and evening to bring him bread and meat.

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## Repercussions of “Helping” God

God, in His perfect way and time, will bring about end time events leading to the return of Jesus and the establishment of His global rule from Jerusalem without our help. Not waiting on Him and taking things into our own hands to “help” make prophesied events come to pass leads to widespread dire consequences.

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## Jesus Gives You a Name, Not a Number

In the letter to the church at Pergamum, Jesus commended the Christians there for not denying His name and remaining

faithful to Him in spite of suffering severe persecution in this stronghold of satanic power. He called on them to cease tolerating false teachers among them.

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## **One Person Can Make a Great Difference**

Edward Kimball (July 29, 1823 – June 5, 1901) was born in Rowley, Massachusetts, and in 1846 moved to Boston, where he became head of a carpet supplier firm called Kimball, Felt, & Wentworth. While there, he joined the Mount Vernon Congregational Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher.

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## **Be Prepared for Sudden Unexpected Changes**

An invasion force may be coming into the United States, and like Hamas and the infiltrators in Red Dawn, one day without warning, many of the military-aged men who have entered and been scattered throughout the country may receive their own activation signal to attack and cause chaos, making us vulnerable to sudden destruction from hostile nations.

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# Good News Delivers Hope

The organized system of transporting and delivering postcards, letters, and packages has been a cornerstone of civilization going back to ancient times. It is generally one of the few government services people appreciate and on which they greatly depend. It is sorely missed when delays in service take place due to inclement weather or natural or man-made disasters, and people usually welcome the return to a feeling of normalcy when service is resumed.

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## Emulating Babylon: A Prescription for Failure

However, if any nation turns from its wicked ways, God will refrain from judging it (Jeremiah 18:7-8), as in the case of the Assyrians of Nineveh, who, at the preaching of the prophet Jonah, repented of their wickedness, sought the mercy of God, and avoided the calamity that the Lord was going to bring on them.

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## Direction Determines Destination

Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted." Like the pilot of the

ill-fated KAL Flight 007 who, to save face, disregarded his true position and the need to turn around, we can be ensnared and taken off course by the desire for social acceptance that dissuades us from believing the gospel of Jesus Christ, leading to a permanent, terrible destination.

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## **Detecting False Prophets**

Some promoted climate scientists, political figures, billionaires, and elite global organizations used computer climate models to make predictions about the direction of the world's climate. They used mass media outlets around the world to raise the alarm that the use of oil and gas, carbon dioxide, and methane needed to be drastically reduced or eliminated to save the earth from destruction.

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## **AI Apotheosis**

We do not need a “new Bible” written by AI and the counterfeit spirituality that it offers. The actual Bible is composed of 66 books by 40 different writers over approximately 1,500 years. One consistent theme, God's plan to rescue human beings from the devastating results of Adam's fall through His Son Jesus Christ, runs all the way through these books.

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# **The New World Will Be Good and Stay Good**

Joshua, whom God used to victoriously lead Israel into their inheritance in the Promised Land, was careful all his days to encourage Israel to be faithful to God. As long as the people of Israel were obedient to God they experienced victory on the battlefield, freedom, prosperity, and protection from their enemies.

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# **The True King Will Depose All Usurpers**

The first book published in this series, and likely the best known, was *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (1950). It tells the story of four English sibling children, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie, who are magically transported to Narnia via a wardrobe in a large country house where they were staying during the Blitz of 1940.

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# **Our Lord or LGBTQ+?**

As we are increasingly pressured by institutions of society to bow and worship the LGBTQ+ religion, it will be tempting to compromise our faith in God and His word and go along with this satanic agenda. It is becoming a common occurrence that

those who express any kind of disagreement or opposition to this religion face various kinds of sanctions, including violence.

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## **The City Gates Are Always Open**

Rivaling the European feudal lords of the Middle Ages, Panem's rulers used their armies of "peacekeepers" to maintain tight control over the people of the districts. Severe restrictions, mass surveillance, public executions and whippings were a common way of life. Communication between districts was forbidden, and no one was allowed to leave the boundaries of their district unless granted permission.

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## **Truth is Hate to Those Who Hate the Truth**

"We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." (Acts 5:29-32)



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# **Humanizing the Most Vulnerable Promotes Life for All**

Many of us may have previously in life held to false religious or philosophical worldviews that over time developed into acceptance of, or participation in, some very evil things. But thanks be to God for the grace and forgiveness that is found in Jesus Christ. Just how big is God's forgiveness? It is big enough to forgive the worst of sins and the worst of sinners.

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## **Surefooted Guidance in Tight Places**

More than 23 million viewers in the United States, and millions more worldwide, watched as Wallenda did his nearly 23-minute skywalk without a harness, net, or safety tether while facing sudden wind gusts of up to 20 mph. Throughout the walk, he could be heard praising and thanking God.

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# Broken Into Smithereens

CBDCs represent an unprecedented level of surveillance and control over the financial holdings and transactions of all people. Tied to a social credit score similar to what is done in communist China, the ability to conduct financial transactions privately would be eliminated.

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## The Greatest Reset

The great reset has been thoroughly defeated by the Greatest Reset of Jesus rising from the dead. Because He is risen, the redemption of our bodies from mortality to immortality is certain, and along with creation we will experience the culmination of our longing to be with Jesus, our Redeemer, forever.

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## No More Goodbyes

They would see the new country that Abraham and all throughout history who trusted in the Lord Jesus (Hebrews 11:8-16) desired, and the new city with twelve foundation stones named after the twelve apostles, and twelve gates named after the twelve tribes of Israel. It would be a place where the riches of God's grace, beauty, and goodness are fully manifest.

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# **The Light of Life Never Goes Out**

Many of the things we take for granted and use throughout the day depend on consistent electrical power. Losing it even for a little while may seem to some like temporarily losing the use of an arm or a leg. It can be a very humbling situation not to be able to do the usual tasks of the day or to have to engage in workarounds to do basic things.

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## **Jesus Silences Your Accusers**

Zechariah prophesied to the people of Judah around 520 BC, soon after they had returned from their 70-year exile in Babylon. About 14 years earlier, Cyrus the Great had conquered Babylon and its territory was merged into his empire. A year later he issued a decree permitting the people of Judah to return to their homeland and rebuild the temple.

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## **Jesus Redeems the Timeline**

Those who rest in Jesus' forgiveness, trusting solely in Him, can and should let the past go. Forsake and forget the chains that formerly held you captive. Live life under the full

brightness of the Son, because He has entered your timeline and redeemed it so that you can experience newness of life (Romans 6:3-4, 8:1) and the amazing things He has in store for you (Ephesians 2:8-10).

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## **Secret Codes and Signs**

As global elitists seek to hem in and enslave us through contrived dependence and pervasive surveillance technology, we may like believers of the past need to develop our own secret codes, signs, and connections to help one another and build community as the early Christians did in Acts 2 and elsewhere in history.

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## **Do Not Be Misled by Mr. MacGuffin!**

Sir Alfred Hitchcock (1899-1980) is widely regarded as one of the most influential filmmakers in the history of cinema. Dubbed the “Master of Suspense,” he directed more than 50 films that showcased his talent as a visual storyteller who skillfully incorporated unexpected circumstances, many which are still watched and studied today.

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# Where Will You Spend Eternity?

None of us can guarantee our next breath, never mind whether we will make it to the end of the day. We should keep in mind the frailties of life and how they can change suddenly without warning and consider what we do in the light of eternity. Where you spend eternity is answered by whether you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16) or not.

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## Big Lies Are Defeated by the Truth

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

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## From Trashed to Treasured

When we were condemned to destruction, God showed us mercy on account of Someone else. Because of God's love for us through His one and only Son Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to Him. We are taken from the garbage dump and seated at the King's table (Matthew 8:5-13).

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# **The King Is Coming!**

Behold! Not that far away in the distance is the city illuminated by the Lion of Judah, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world for our sins, the KING of kings and the LORD of lords. It is getting brighter as it draws nearer. King Jesus, who has never abandoned us, and never will, is coming!

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# **It Is for You, Too!**

One of my favorite stories at Christmas time is A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens, written in 1843, which has been re-interpreted in many movies since then. It recounts the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, an elderly miser who is visited by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

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# **White As Snow**

Crimson reminds us of how deep and dark our sins are and how they separate us from the true life of God, but they also point us to the crimson blood of Jesus that cleanses them and reconciles us to God.

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# Two Plus Two Still Equals Four

The story is told from the perspective of Winston Smith, a diligent mid-level worker at the Ministry of Truth whose job is to revise news and historical accounts to make them conform to the Party's propaganda of the day. Eventually he secretly comes to hate his job, the Party, and Big Brother, and dreams of thinking and living as a free man.

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# Thanking God for Jesus in Stressful Times

In 605 BC, King Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and captured it. Among the captives he took with him back to Babylon was Daniel, part of the nobility of the Kingdom of Judah. Daniel was a young man when he was taken captive to Babylon.

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# Keep the Bigger Picture in Mind

What we see now will not and cannot last. The suffering, pain, disappointments, and tragedies we face are all temporary. Keep

the bigger picture in mind. The Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ is forever. Let us invite as many as we can into that eternal reality, where it will be good and stay good.

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## **Stronger Together in Jesus**

The motley fleet of “just people” utterly defeated Palpatine’s armada, which led to a general revolt against his rule across the galaxy that resulted in the restoration of freedom.

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## **The Author of Life Overcomes the Culture of Death**

Because Satan and all who serve him face a sure and permanent defeat, we should not be dismayed into inaction or lulled into complacency by his temporary power. We are gifted and empowered by God with talents to be salt and light wherever He has placed us (Matthew 25:14-30).

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## **Inseparably Intertwined**

A little more than 20 years ago we moved to a new area and started attending a church that my wife and I had scouted out beforehand and deemed to be a good place to worship the Lord,



hear sound Biblical preaching, and enjoy Christian fellowship.

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## **The Gift of Perseverance Is Never Obsolete**

Knowing that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God through Jesus Christ gives us the divinely granted courage to leave false religion with all its worldly advantages for the gospel, suffer persecution with patience and hope, and even face death with calm assurance.

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## **The Heavens Declare God's Majesty**

One of my favorite things to do during the weekend is to sit on the deck of our home and enjoy the night sky. Despite living in a suburban area, a cloudless night reveals a multitude of stars that can be seen with the naked eye. It always amazes me that many of the very same stars that I view from my deck were seen by people thousands of years ago.

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# Unexpected Opportunities

Several years ago, my wife and I were flying home from a vacation in Florida. Because advanced seat assignments were not available, we could not sit together. She ended up in a seat near the back of the plane, while I was able to get an aisle seat next to a middle-aged wife and her husband close to the middle of the plane.

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# Jesus Has the Monopoly on Victory

Many of us, whether we live in the United States or one of many other countries around the world, have heard of the board game called Monopoly or have enjoyed playing it with family and friends. This is a game I have played and enjoyed since my years in college.

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# Grace by the Numbers

Flash cards are cards containing information on both sides that are intended to be used as aids in memorization. The Lord Jesus, Creator of all things, made the numbers we all use. Like flash cards, they can act as illustrations of God's grace – His love for humanity and the redemption He provides for all who trust in Him.

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# **What Is Your Final Authority?**

Though the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested, supposed latter-day “prophets” act as infallible interpreters of Scripture. It is like a table determining the length of the measuring tape instead of the other way around.

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## **Words Have Power**

V for Vendetta, a dystopian political action film that debuted in 2005, portrays an England of the near future ruled by a fascist and authoritarian regime which maintains control over the people through constant propaganda, and imprisonment or execution of dissidents.

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## **One Blood, One Family in Jesus Christ**

During the opening ceremonies of the Olympic games, it is customary for the athletes of the many participating nations to march into the stadium under their own nations’ flags. This is in preparation for the national teams to compete against each other to gain glory for their respective countries.

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# **Jesus Provides Certainty in an Uncertain World**

The apostle John wrote this so that we may know in our hearts and minds that eternal life is ours now since we have accepted Jesus Christ by faith. Such an assurance supplies the basis for joyful prayer and fellowship with one another and provides us with the knowledge that God loves us – a knowledge that tells us we do not have to work so that God can save us.

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# **The Right Place at the Right Time**

Just as Jesus came into the world at the right place at the right time to save sinners doomed to eternal separation from God, so He has placed us here at the right place at the right time to work out all our circumstances for our good, for our salvation, for the blessing of others with whom we travel on the road of life, and for His glory.

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# **There Is a New Country**

This world with its oppression, war, disease, brutality,

genocide, and death is not all there is, even though it may seem like it sometimes (2 Peter 3:9-12). But there is something much better and everlasting coming.

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## **The Lord Turns the Heart Wherever He Wishes**

When President Donald Trump nominated federal judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States on September 26, 2020, to replace the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, many Christians and pro-life conservatives expressed hope that the new prospective Justice would be like a modern-day Esther...

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## **Stay the Course, for the Goal Is in Sight!**

Do not give way to even intense pressure or throw in the towel. Bend not the knee to Baal or Molech, or receive thirty pieces of silver, or drop the pinch of incense to Caesar. Do not cast aside the approval of God for the approval of men (John 9:42-43).

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# **A Case of Mistaken Identity**

During his rise to fame, Cassius Clay became involved with a religious sect called the Nation of Islam, a separatist group of Black American Muslims whose beliefs ran far-afield of orthodox Islam. The adherents of this religious group told him that his ancestors were Muslims and that he would do them honor by abandoning the slave name handed down to him and adopting an Islamic one.

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# **Redeemer of the Helpless**

Cicero came from a wealthy family in the town of Arpinum, located in central Italy. His extensive philosophical and political writings provide ample insight into his life and times, which included political corruption and instability in Rome, the end of the republic, civil war, and the establishment of dictatorship.

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# **God Will Never, Ever Abandon Us**

We may not know what challenges we will face tomorrow, or the details of how end times events will unfold, but we know based on His infallible word that Jesus is coming back for His children. Whether He takes us home through death or catches us up when He returns, Jesus will always be with us through our

journey on earth.