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THERE IS AN ANSWER!



In a world full of doubts, instability, and distrust, is it possible to find reliable solutions? There Is an Answer! is a work for this time.

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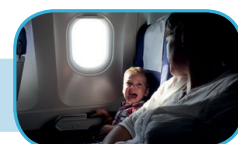
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In various places, the terrorism ghost has shaken society, spreading pain and hatred. Why is there so much suffering?

The Bible and Terrorism

In the Holy Scriptures we can find guidelines that contribute to the building of a fairest society, when put in a proper context.

✓ "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:19-21).

✓ "There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community" (Prov. 6:16-19).

- ✓ "Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it" (Ps. 34:14).

✓ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also" (Matt. 5:38, 39).

✓ "You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror" (Ps. 10:17, 18).

✓ "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except

that which God has established authorities have been established. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For those who do not fear God will not respect the authority either. Do you want to be free of fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the authority is God's servant to punish those who do wrong. If you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for no reason. He is God's servant, agent of wrath against the wrongdoer. Therefore, you must submit to the authority to avoid possible punishment. This is also your conscience. This is also why the authorities are God's servants, full time to govern.

very simple: nothing. We hardly manage to survive in a world of pain and despair.

Living in a World of Pain

Why does suffering exist? Is it possible to lead a life free of pain, illness, violence, and tears? Whenever suffering knocks on the door of our hearts, we ask: "Why this?" "Why me?" We then look for answers. It is natural to want to know the root of pain. It is logical to attempt to delve into incomprehensible mysteries. Reason itself forces us not to stand idly by. Of course, there are also those who

Of course, there are also those who are indifferent or, at least, those who prefer not to think, those who remain in doubt and do not question themselves. Unfortunately, these persons are swept away by the turbulent waters of the absence of meaning in their existence. They immerse themselves in the immediacy of their senses; they forget about the value of the spirit; they allow themselves to be driven by the inertia of contemporary trends and remain bound to chains of mediocrity. Ironically, this attitude of apparent comfort also produces dissatisfaction and boredom, because humans are not simple beings. People end up resorting to fleeting passions and pleasures as a life-saving anchor. They produce idols such as money, ostenta-

Why So Much Suffering?

Why did the injured woman at Atocha Railway Station and the German millionaire associate suffering with wrongdoing? Have you ever wondered why we suffer? Without an in-depth analysis, we would instinctively say that we suffer because something is wrong. And perhaps it is. How can something that makes us suffer be good? In fact, suffering is no more than tasting evil's gall of bitterness. Pain would not even exist were it not on the palate of our souls. But it is; it is real. It arrives in our lives against our will. Our decisions often have no control over it. None of us yearn for pain and suffering, at least not those of us in full use of our mental faculties. However, for some reason not understood it breaks down the door to our hearts, appears without our permission, and takes over our days and nights, causing us anguish and driving us to emotional imbalance.

To make matters worse, human suffering is different from the pain of irrational beings, because animals, apparently unable to philosophize about the meaning of their sufferings, only feel physical pain. They simply suffer. But in our case it is different. Suffering We hardly manage to avoid further details. The body in and despair. actress and model had been



Is it possible to believe in God at this time? Is the Bible a trustworthy text? Here you will find convenient answers to such questions.

To Camus, humanity is born, lives, and finally dies tormented by one question: What is the purpose of life and suffering? Camus' answer to this question is the theory of the absurd: everything is meaningless in life and in the universe. For Camus, only three alternatives were possible: suicide, rebellion, or revolt. Rebellion is an act of conscious revolt against the absurd.

**The Bible is the most important literary work of human history.
No other text can be compared to it.**

- Narrative
- Epic
- Dramatic
- Didactic
- Poetic

Book _____ Chapter _____ Verse _____

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Isaiah proclaims: "Rem
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The prophecy was fulfilled in every particular. A short time after it was written, Nebuchadnezzar attacked the city; many people died, and those who survived remained trapped within the city walls. Babylon's army

Prophecy	Prophet/Author	Fulfillment
Would be born in Bethlehem	Micah (5:2)	Matthew 2:5, 6; Luke 2:4-6
Would be born from a virgin	Isaiah (7:14)	Matthew 1:22, 23
Would be called Immanuel	Isaiah (7:14)	Matthew 1:23
His place of birth would mourn the death of many children	Jeremiah (31:15)	Matthew 2:17-18
Would make a victorious entrance into Jerusalem riding a donkey	Zechariah (9:9)	Matthew 21:4-5
Would use parables in preaching		

Where Do We Come from, and Where Are We Going?

Science must not be contrary to faith. There are scientific evidences in favor of God's existence. It is very important to know our origins in order to determine the course of our lives.

ANSWER!

An English physiologist William Leeuwenhoek, while studying the reproduction of deer, discovered that the fertilization begins in a fertilized egg.³ An Italian priest Lazzaro Spallanzani discovered the importance of spermatozoa in the reproductive process of mammals.⁴ These discoveries, the theory of evolution, continued to receive attention for a long time, at least in the case of animals such as microorganisms. In contrast to Louis Pasteur and his experiments with bacteria, this theory became obsolete.⁵ The theory related to the origin of life is the theory of evolution, which suggests that life originated on our planet, and bacteria from it dispersed throughout the universe, also arriving on Earth. This idea had its origin in some considerations by Greek philosopher



THE PROLONGED SEARCH FOR AN EVOLUTIONARY THEORY

CLASSIFICATION AND PERIOD	PRINCIPLE EXPONENTS	CHARACTERISTICS
Lamarckism 1809-1859	Lamarck	Use causes and characteristics to form of individuals
Darwinism 1859-1894	Darwin, Wallace	Minor changes through selection and Heredity
Mutations 1894-1922	Morgan, de Vries	Empirical and Naturalistic
Modern Synthesis (Neo Darwinism) 1922-1968	Chetverikov, Dobzhansky, Fisher, Haldane, Huxley, Mayr, Simpson, Wright	Use of statistics and mathematical models
Divergence 1968-to present	Eldredge, Gould, Grassé, Henning, Kauffman, Kimura, Lewontin, Patterson, Platnick	Use of molecular biology and genetics

Excerpt from: Ariel A. Roth, Science Discoveries

SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE IN FAVOR OF GOD

CATEGORY

DESCRIPTION

1. MATTER

- Why is matter arranged into subatomic particles following laws that allow them to form more than 100 elements that constitute the matter of the universe, such as atoms, molecules, and chemical changes necessary for life? In addition, this matter produces light in order to allow seeing. Matter could simply be chaotic, without laws. These laws suggest intelligent planning. Why is the mass of these subatomic particles often exactly necessary for the formation of precisely one in 1,000?

2. FORCES

- The extremely precise value and the field of action of the four fundamental forces of physics are exactly those required to allow the existence of a universe that is adequate for life to exist. The relationship between force and gravity and the electromagnetic force must be extremely precise or the sun would not regularly provide the earth with the precise amount of heat we need. Such precision has every indication of being designed by God.

3. LIFE

- The most unsophisticated living organisms are so intricate and complex that it seems impossible they could have originated without intelligent planning. The complexities include DNA, proteins, ribosomes, metabolic pathways, genetic code, and the ability to reproduce, including a verification and correction system when DNA is duplicated.

4. ORGANISMS

- Systems of irreducible complexity are evident in all organisms. They have interdependent parts that cannot function until all necessary parts are present. Examples include the automatic mechanism of focus and exposure of the eye, as well as our intricate brains, etc. The individual parts of these systems, useless on their own, lack an inherent value of evolutionary survival, hence, they required the planning of a Designer.

5. TIME

- The prolonged eras proposed for the earth and the universe are immensely brief to accommodate the improbable events imagined by evolution. Calculations indicate that the age of 5 billion years attributed to the earth is billions of times too brief to randomly produce one unique, specific protein molecule. God seems to be absolutely necessary.

6. FOSSILS

- During the greater part of the evolutionary period almost no evolution at all took place. Suddenly, toward the end, and for less than 2 percent of the evolutionary period, most of the fossil animal phyla appear in what is known as the Cambrian explosion. Furthermore, no significant ancestors of the phyla are apparent immediately before such an event. Many other phyla also appear, as if they had been created at the same time. Many other forms. However, if they had been created at the same time, they would have appeared at the same time.

Why Pain, Suffering, and Death?

At some point, all of us
have been beaten by
pain, suffering, and death.
Which is the origin of evil?
What is sin?



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SOME EFFECTS OF SIN

AFFECTED	CHARACTERISTICS	REFERENCE
ADAM AND EVE	Loss of innocence. Fear, shame, and guilt. Inability to enjoy face to face fellowship with God.	Genesis 3:8-10
	Innocent bloodshed.	Genesis 3:21
	Criticism and demands in the first couple. Family harmony broken.	Genesis 3:12
	Work becomes a burden.	Genesis 3:19
	Childbirth becomes a source of pain.	Genesis 3:16
	Mistreatment of men over women.	Genesis 3:16
	Sin entered the entire world.	Romans 5:12-19
THE HUMAN RACE	Lack of peace of mind.	Isaiah 57:20-21; Job 15:20-35; Psalm 38:5-8; Proverbs 13:15-22; Lamentations 1:20-21
	Bound to the constant habit of sinning.	John 8:34; Proverbs 5:22; Romans 6:16; 2 Timothy 2:16
	Physical death.	1 Corinthians 15:56; Genesis 2:17; 3:19; Proverbs 21:16; Romans 5:12-14; 6:21-23; 1 Corinthians 15:22; James 1:15
	Lack of will to live.	Ephesians 2:1; Romans 7:9,13; 8:10; Colossians 2:13
	Filth.	Isaiah 64:6; Psalm 106:39; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 2:22; Lamentations 1:8; Matthew 15:18-20; Mark 7:20-23
	Guilt.	Ezra 9:6; Genesis 3:10

The Bible says that God has power to create the universe, therefore, He can also change the life of those who have erred. The transforming power of God's Word is a real.

Can God Change My Life?

Before eating it, the serpent had indicated that if she would die, but the divine command. What she would become like God. She tried to be the word of the serpent. She did not eat from the

Separated from God

Sin develops in the mind. It is the notion that we can live without God. It begins when doubt and distrust take of our minds. In ancient Israel when he was healed, he had to appear before



BIBLICAL TERMS TRANSLATED FOR "SIN"

In the Bible, the concept of sin is very wide. That is why it is important to know its different meanings.

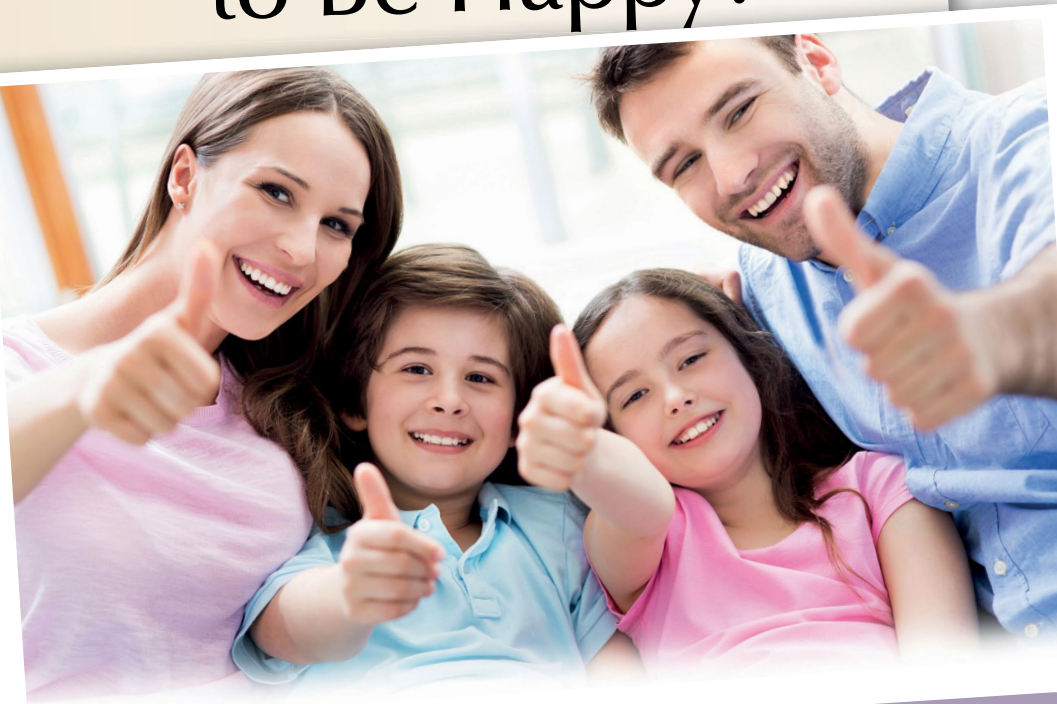
WORD	MEANING	REFERENCE
Hebrew)	"To miss the mark," "to miss the target." The idea is that God's rules are not followed.	Judges 20:16; Job 5:16; Leviticus 5:5, 16; Psalm 36:3;
Hebrew)	Connotes a wrong intention, "wickedness" before God. Carries the notion of twisting. Additionally, it refers to falsehood, deception, and vanity.	Genesis 4:13; 15:16; Lamentations 3:9; Proverbs 22:8
Peša' (Hebrew)	To break the law or a rule in a deliberate, premeditated and desired manner. To refuse to be subject to a legal authority.	Isaiah 1:2; Jeremiah 3:13; Hosea 7:13
Reša' (Hebrew)	Turmoil, wickedness, being out of control, hostility against God and His people.	Isaiah 57:20; Exodus 9:7
Hamartia (Greek)	"To miss the mark," a deliberate error by a person seeking the will of God. Human decision to be hostile to the Lord.	Matthew 1:21; Romans 5:12; John 9:41; 19:11
Parakoé (Greek)	"To fail to hear" or "to give up to hear," translated "disobedience"	Romans 5:19; 2 Corinthians 10:5

SPIRITUAL CONVICTION OF THE GOOD THIEF ON THE CRUCE LUKE 23:40-42

Repentance	"Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"
Confession	"We are punished justly, for we are getting what we deserve."
Acknowledgment of divine justice	"But this man has done nothing wrong."
Acceptance of Jesus as personal Savior	"Remember me."
Faith in the second coming of Jesus	"When you come into your kingdom."



Is It Possible to Be Happy?



verses, 315 lines, and is divided in 22 stanzas. Let's reflect on the first two verses alone. *"Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart"* (Ps. 119:1, 2).


If I were to give this psalm a title, it would be: "The secret of happiness." To be happy it is not enough to want, try, or simply wish. It is necessary to know the secret. When we know the secret of something, it seems simple. When we are unaware of it, we can spend a lifetime trying, and we will never reach our objective. The secret, very often, is something simple, something seemingly insignificant.

BEHAVIORS THAT GUARANTEE UNHAPPINESS

1. Focusing on the part of our life that does not satisfy us
2. Maintaining ourselves in constant activity, tension, and excitement
3. Avoiding regularity in schedules and habits
4. Comparing ourselves to others
5. Over consuming and under producing
6. Living in debt and desiring more

JESUS' MOST SIGNIFICANT NAMES AND TITLES

It is impossible to summarize the entire meaning of the person of Christ in just one name. For that reason, there are various names of Jesus in the Bible, in order to illustrate different dimensions of His character and mission.



NAME/TITLE	REFERENCE
Precious cornerstone	Isaiah 28:16
Immanuel, God with us	Matthew 1:23
Everlasting Father	Isaiah 9:6
Lily of the valleys	Song of Songs 2:1
King of kings and Lord of lords	Revelation 19:16
Mighty God	Isaiah 9:6
Prince of Peace	Isaiah 9:6
Rose of Sharon	Song of Songs 2:1
Wonderful Counselor	Isaiah 9:6
Alpha and Omega	Revelation 22:13
The Amen	Revelation 3:14
Bread of life	John 6:35
The gate for the sheep	John 10:7
Faithful and true witness	Revelation 3:14
Good shepherd	John 10:14
Lamb of God	John 1:29
God of the world	John 8:12

There are simple decisions we make every day that help us enjoy the life God has given us. Happiness is a personal decision that we can experience daily with our Lord's help.



the evil one" (John 17:15). So how does guide us toward happiness? This is the of Psalm 119. The expression repeated throughout the psalm is "The ways of God." repeated in at least seven different forms: commandments, testimonies, statutes, laws, sayings, and words; all refer to the teaching contained in His Word. For it was the Torah; for us, it is the Bible. Through his Word the Lord wants to lead to happiness. The Bible is the manual of life. By following its recommendations, His advice, and keeping its teachings, we can certainly be happy. "Blessed are those who keep His commandments" (Ps. 119:1). But the

Through people who were restored to life, was exiting presentation. "I don't for religious pastors say. I asked him. He answered, 'I'm 70 years old and my life, I'm

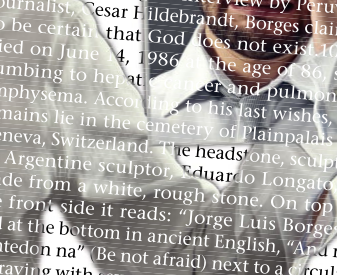
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EIGHT SECRETS TO A FULFILLED LIFE

1. Be strong and do not let anything destroy you.
2. Accept that you are more than the possessions around you, and the capacity in which you find yourself or in which you desire to be.
3. Learn from setbacks in life.
4. Be slightly better each day.
5. Enjoy every moment as if it were the last.
6. Employ calm and reason in every decision.
7. Think it through before carrying out any action. Own up to everything you do.
8. Enjoy life and take responsibility for it.

Adapted from Enrique Rojas, *No te rindas*
(Don't Give Up), Madrid: Planeta, 2011, p. 110.



In 1978, during an interview by Peruvian journalist, Cesar Eildebrandt, Borges claimed to be certain that God does not exist. He died on June 14, 1986, at the age of 86, succumbing to hepatic failure and pulmonary emphysema. According to his last wishes, his remains lie in the cemetery of Plainpalais in Geneva, Switzerland. The headstone, sculpted by Argentine sculptor, Eduardo Longate, made from a white, rough stone. On top of the front side it reads: "Jorge Luis Borges," and at the bottom in ancient English, "And ne forhtedon na" (Be not afraid) next to a circular engraving with seven warriors, a small cross of Wales, and the years 1899-1986.

Frustrating Selfishness

What happens to human beings who constantly look within themselves? If the world was perfect and humanity continued to reflect God's image, it would mean that the world

Health care is a basic element in order to enjoy the life that God has given us. For that reason, there are eight natural remedies that help us prevent many diseases.

Living Longer and Better

to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food” (Gen. 1:30).

sis, infarctions, arteriosclerosis, diabetes, gout, and other diseases. These natural remedies are very little, but their



Secrets to Longevity

For seven years, a group of scientists and demographers directed by Dan Buettner conducted research for the magazine *National Geographic*. The purpose was to unravel the secrets of the so-called “blue zones,” regions of the planet inhabited by people who live for many years. These researchers found that members of the Seventh



HOW DOES DRINKING WATER HELP YOU?

- Helps control body weight with a proper

• **Better sleep.** Less stress means more restorative sleep.¹³

• Practiced regularly and frequently, exercise **stimulates the immune system**, helping prevent so-called lifestyle diseases, such as diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.¹⁴

• Causes the body to use oxygen and nutrients with greater efficiency for a **healthier immune system**.¹⁵

A healthful life is impossible without regular physical exercise. Therefore, set aside a specific hour in your schedule of activities for physical exercise. It does not matter what type of physical activity you choose. The important thing is to do something you like that accommodates your lifestyle. If you are unable to go to the gym, go for a walk, play tennis, basketball, soccer, run, whatever you prefer. But it is important to consult your physician and develop an exercise routine that will stay with you for life.

2. Water. The second natural element for life and health is water. Water is the most abundant component of all living beings. It makes up nearly two-thirds of the body weight. The body is equipped with a variety of mechanisms that allow it to maintain a balance of the amount of water. When these mechanisms fail, imbalances can occur, capable of putting an individual's life at risk. Water is indispensable for the physiological processes of digestion, for the absorption and elimination of indigestible waste, for the structure and function of the circulatory system. It acts as a means of transport of nutrients and has direct impact on the maintenance of body temperature. A loss of just 10 percent of water in the body causes serious disruptions. A loss of 20



At present, family is experiencing a terrible credibility crisis. Is the familiar model still valid? In this chapter, important counsels are presented to enjoy a better family life.

Is It Necessary to Have a Family?

TWELVE REASONS TO MARRY THE WRONG PERSON

- 1. My boyfriend has money. He is a good option for me.** What will you do if he runs out of money? If you marry him for his money, why is he marrying you? Is it fair to marry someone out of pure self-interest? What will you do if you meet someone later on—which is likely—who has more money than your husband? The Bible says: *"Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless"* (Eccl. 5:10).
- 2. I want to leave home.** How do you know things won't get worse? Many times bad things happen, which makes it worse. Marrying to leave home is a wrong reason to enter marriage.
- 3. I am past my prime.** Love is not exclusive to one phase of human existence. It can happen at different times. The most important thing is to be prepared to enjoy it in the future.
- 4. My girlfriend looks like a doll.** Physical beauty is ephemeral. Will you continue to love her when she no longer possesses the same charm? Sooner or later, it will occur.
- 5. I cannot be without her! My girlfriend is passionate. She turns me on every day. I am next to her.** What will you do when the flame of passion diminishes? It is not love to concentrate on character: Can you depend on that person? Is she kind? Does she have a good relationship with her parents? Is she emotionally stable?
- 6. We have already had sex.** One of the biggest problems of pre-marital sex is that it is a bad reason. It is difficult to make wise decisions in such situations. Additionally, sex before marriage can have consequences that are not beneficial for emotional stability, such as unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.
- 7. All my girlfriends are married, except me.** Believing that marriage is the end of the story is a soap opera concept. In reality, married life is the start of a new cycle of life with another person. Instead, ask yourself: How many of your girlfriends have been married? Do not permit social pressure to force you to make a wrong decision.
- 8. He/she is not the best person. But love will change him/her.** God is the one who can transform the foolish human heart (Ezek. 36:25-27). Sadly, people often believe that love will change them and accept His invitations.
- 9. If it is not with her, it will be with no one else.** Becoming infatuated with a person is not love. It is the ability to make wise decisions. This type of behavior will make you lose great opportunities.
- 10. I do not love her, but she is a good person.** Then why marry her? Later you will regret it.

A Critical Time for the Family

The family experiences a critical time in its history. Each year in the United States more than 1 million children suffer the divorce of their parents. And half of those born to divorced couples still married, will witness their parents' divorce before they turn 18.¹ Divorce has grown in an alarming way in the most powerful nation in the world.

In 1935, for every 100 marriages there were 16 divorces. By 1998, 51 percent of marriages ended in divorce.² In 2012, the percentage increased to 70 percent. This social catastrophe generates all kinds of problems, from crime to mental health. It is proven that

offenders is two times as many as the children of divorced parents married couples.⁴

The drama is not only in the United States. Robert Whelan, a judge on the New York Supreme Court, said that the rate of divorce in Great Britain is 40 percent greater in homes with a history of divorce than in homes without. In Canada, two psychologists at McMaster University found that children under the age of two are 20 percent greater probability of being raised by stepparents than children of intact families.⁶

The deep scars left by divorce on family members affect all as they grow up. It is hard to think of a family that

BRIEF TEST OF LOVE

A healthy relationship demands a mature person. The following test can help you on your way.

- 1. Long-lasting love is one that...**
 - a. Maintains the same intensity as the first day.
 - b. Substitutes the initial passion for a feeling of friendship.
 - c. Gradually changes and matures into different phases.
- 2. An intelligent way of falling in love is to...**
 - a. Choose someone attractive who shares your own inner qualities.
 - b. Give greater importance to your loved one's inner self than appearance.
 - c. Admire the other person and to want to share your life with him/her.
- 3. After a bad romantic experience, to find true love we must...**
 - a. Continue searching until we find the right person.
 - b. Reject possible companions who demonstrate character flaws that may hurt us.
 - c. Give ourselves a break to understand what went wrong in our true needs.
- 4. To avoid arguing as a couple, we must...**
 - a. Overlook conflicting issues, or those not agreed on by both.
 - b. Learn to hold a conversation without hurting the sensitivity of the other.
 - c. Accept the imperfections of the other person, focusing on the good.
- 5. The first secret of seduction is...**
 - a. To take care of our physical appearance and our attire; to be attractive to the eyes.
 - b. Talking in a way that the other person feels comfortable.
 - c. To love and respect oneself.

SCORE

Each (c) equals two points and each (b) one point, while an (a) equals zero points.

Seven or more points:

Your view of love is mature and your heart is ruled by temperance. You do not run to overly rationalize the feeling of love.

Four to six points:

You demonstrate a balance between impulse and reason. You are not too emotional, but you are not too rational.



What Happens after Death?

Where are dead people?
Can we talk with them?
In this part, the author responds to these questions with solid arguments based on the Bible.

THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF DEATH

What is the soul?

"Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his breath of life, and the man became a living being [soul]" (Gen. 2:7). God took dust from the ground, breathed life (spirit) into it, and the result was a living being (soul).

DUST + BREATH OF LIFE (spirit) = LIVING BEING
BODY + SPIRIT = SOUL

According to the Bible, the soul is an intrinsic part of a human being. The soul is a living being. All human beings have no soul; they are a soul. The Hebrew word used for "person," "soul," and in a few instances for "life" (for example, Lev. 17:11, 14) is *nephesh*. The term *nephesh* is used in the Bible to refer to the word *ruach* is "spirit", which comes from the same root words referring to breathe. Meanwhile *nephesh* characterizes what each living being is (the individual's breath). *ruach* is the breath of common life of each living being. In Genesis 1:2, *ruach* is used to describe the man created by God.



Can the soul die?

"Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine. The man who relied on the tree of life to live forever. The first human beings lived for many years because they had access to the tree of life." (Gen. 3:22)

of searching for a person with the ability to "communicate" with the dead. The children participated in a session of mediumism. The spirit of their deceased father was summoned and he "appeared." To the children's fright and joy, the spirit of the deceased father appeared where the money was located.

The young man told me: "I had told me the story, I had believed it. However, I had not actually participated in the session. I had heard my father's voice coming out to us the day the money was found. The young man was lying. He truly was the voice of a spirit. The spirit of the deceased father. According to the Bible, the day his father died, his body was buried in the ground. His breath of life was turned to dust. That man was no longer communicating with anything."

referring to Lazarus, said: "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead'" (John 11:11-14).

But the following question arises: if there is no thinking spirit upon the death of a human being, from where does the idea come that the soul is immortal, that other lives exist, and that disembodied spirits roam through celestial spheres? This idea is clearly not biblical, although it first appeared in the Garden of Eden. On that occasion, God told

DEATH AS A DREAM

Many years ago, prophet Daniel predicted great events that were going to happen in this world. In this fascinating chapter, the author presents the direction in which this world is going right now.

Will a New World Order Be Established?

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THERE IS AN ANSWER!

THE STATUE OF DANIEL 2

The Golden Head

It represents the Neo-Babylonian Empire (605-539 BC). In the gold is the best among metals, this reign will be magnificent. When Babylon fell, the entire Mesopotamia, Syria and Egypt were subdued, it had no rival. Nebuchadnezzar II governed during 40 years. He died in 562 BC when he was 104 years old. His descendants fought for the power among themselves after his death. He governed during the last ten years of the Empire in coregency with his father. While king Belshazzar celebrated a party (Daniel 5) before the Medo-Persian armies on October 12, 539 BC.

The Silver Chest and Arms

It represents the Medo-Persian Empire (539-331 BC). Around 1000 BC where not a very organized people who lived in the east of Asia were related to them. Originally, Persians had their own kingdom. In the first period the king of the Medes governed over the Medes. From Cyrus, Persians got total power. After they subdued, Babylon, the new power of that region.

The Bronze Belly

It represents the Greek Empire (331-168 BC). Due to his empire Alexander the Great was one of the most famous commanders in history. He began his invasion of Minor Asia in 334 BC. He defeated the Battle of Issus in 333 BC. In addition, he vanquished the Battle of Gaugamela in 331 BC and entered the East. He died on an expedition to the heart of Asia in 323 BC. Then the Empire was divided into four parts: Cassander, Seleucus, and Ptolemy.

It represents the Roman Empire (106-476 BC) signified a great advance in the world. The fall of the empire after the destruction in 146 BC external wars and the Macedonian Wars (215-168 BC) caused the decline.

THE BEAST THAT COMES OUT OF THE SEA AND THE SYMBOL OF THE BEAST

Characteristics of the beast that rises from the water

Revelation 13:2-7

- The dragon gave the beast its power, its throne, and great authority
- The world worshiped the dragon that gave great authority to the beast, saying "Who is like the beast and who can fight against it?"
- One of its heads suffered a fatal wound.
- It was given a mouth that spoke arrogant words and blasphemies
- It was allowed to wage war against holy people, and defeat them
- It was given authority to carry it out for 42 months (1,260 years).
- The number of the beast is the number of a man: 666 (Rev. 13:18)

Interpretation:

- The dragon is a symbol of Satan, clearly identified in Daniel and the Roman Empire.
- The beast represents a power or political-religious system that opposes God. It will seek to change God's laws and impose economic and social penalties on those who oppose its efforts.
- The mark of the beast consists of extolling the human religious traditions of God. It places human standards above the latter and gives over inspired revelation. This involves a false system of worship, namely, the Sabbath of the Creator.



What course is this planet following? We hear everywhere about political, social, familiar, and working crisis, including natural disasters. Here the author gives us opportune answers.

When Will the End of the World Come?



HOW WILL JESUS ARRIVE IN THIS WORLD?

THEORY OF THE SECRET RAPTURE

1. It will be an invisible act perceived only by the redeemed.
2. It will occur in two separate comings over a period of seven years.
3. Those who stay in this world will remain alive.
4. The wicked will have a second chance to save themselves.
5. The redeemed will not go through a final judgment.
6. The rapture will occur before the Antichrist manifests himself.

THE BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION

1. It will be a visible event witnessed by the redeemed as well as the wicked (Matt. 24:30, 31; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Rev. 1:7)
2. It is the most important event in history, for both the living and the dead (Matt. 13:30)
3. The brilliant light of the sun and moon will be destroyed (Matt. 24:45-51; Luke 21:27-28; Rev. 6:14-17)
4. The only way to escape this is by accepting Jesus (1 Thess. 5:4)
5. God will judge the living and the dead (2 Thess. 1:7-9)
6. The he will bring grief to the wicked (2 Thess. 1:9)

SIGNS OF THE COMING OF CHRIST

In Nature	In the Religious World	In International Politics	In Social Life
Darkening of sun and moon (Mark 13:24-26)*	Great religious awakening (Rev.14:6-7)	Wars and threats of wars (Matt. 24:6)	Great wickedness (Matt. 24:12)
Fallen stars (Mark 13:24-26)**	The Gospel preached to the whole world (Matt. 24:14)	Food crisis (Matt. 24:7)	Increase of immorality and lack of values (1 Tim. 3:1-4)
Natural disasters (Luke 21:10-11)	Many deceivers (Matt. 24:11)	Futile search for world peace (1 Thess. 5:3)	Family crises (1 Tim. 3:1-4)
New diseases (Matt. 24:7)	Re-emergence of the papacy (Rev. 13:3)	Political unrest (Matt. 24:6)	Labor conflicts (James 5:1-6)
Earthquakes (Matt. 24:7)	Less freedom of religion (Rev.14:6-12)	Uncertainty and insecurity (Luke 21:25, 26)	Hedonism and materialism (Matt. 24:37-39)

**On May 19, 1780, a remarkable darkness descended over the American Northeast. That night the moon appeared at 9:00, but darkness prevailed past midnight. When the moon was finally discernable, it had a blood-like appearance.

Excerpt from: Alejandro Medina V. *Seguridad en la incertidumbre*, Mexico: GEMA, 2010, p. 204.

He will have a clearly defined element of surprise. A thief does not give notice when he is about to steal; no one expects it. And the onset of labor pains is often unexpected. That's how the return of Jesus will occur: Unimply, unexpected, and sudden. He will

his promise, as some understand slowness, but he is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). However, even though His ultimate desire is to save, and so that no one is taken by surprise. He left signs for His co-



Will this polluted world recover its ecological balance? The author presents an interesting reflection about our planet's renewal and the future of humanity.

Will There Be a New Earth?

A New Dwelling

Our world is pragmatic and materialistic. People have difficulty accepting the spiritual realities of life. Human beings believe only what they can see and touch. The culture of our time is contradictory and incoherent. How else can we explain someone who believes their destiny depends on celestial bodies and on numbers? Or those who place their faith on crystals or pyramids, and refuse to believe in heaven because they consider it utopian or "an illusion created by religion"?

Do heaven and hell exist? Regarding this matter, there are as many ways of thinking as there are human beings. However, from a biblical point of view heaven does exist, and it will be the dwelling of the redeemed during the Millennium (See the table of page 129). But they will go there only after the Second Coming of Christ.

If a survey were conducted wherein people are asked when they will go to heaven, most

CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE BEGINNING AND THE

Genesis 1-4

1. God created the heavens and the earth (1:1)
2. He created light separating it from darkness (1:3)

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2. The Lamb is
3. No more nig
4. No more se

EVENTS RELATED TO THE MILLENNIUM

REVELATION 20:4; 3:21; 2 TIMOTHY 2:12; 1 CORINTHIANS 6:2, 3

Events at the beginning of the Millennium: Second Coming of Christ

1. Those who died in Christ are resurrected to go to heaven with Him (1 Thess. 4:15-16; John 14:2, 3).
2. Those who rejected Jesus are destroyed (2 Thess. 1:6-10; 2:8; Jer. 25:33; Rev. 19:21).
3. Satan is bound and imprisoned on a desolate earth (Rev. 20:1-3).

Events during the Millennium

1. God's people remain with Christ in heaven (Rev. 20:4).
2. Those who rejected Christ are bound and confined to this world (Rev. 20:1-3).

Throughout history, many children of God died in the desert sand awaiting the completion of this perfect world. The author of the letter to the Hebrews recounts the history of men and women who dreamed of a better world but, unfortunately, were caught off guard by death. "Who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. These were all commended

future.

It will be the end of our journey of pain and suffering after the fall of Adam and Eve. We will make them suffer. We will snatch their loved ones from them. We will no longer mourn the sinful nature that distorts the night. There will no longer be promises, nor decisions that will be confirmed. Behold, everything will be new. Would you like to be there?

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Throughout history, human beings have looked for answers to diverse questions of their daily life. Which is our greatest need as human beings? Where do we come from and where are we going? Why is there so much suffering? Is it possible to be happy? What happens after death?

Alejandro Bullón is very clear at raising the problems, honest at pointing out the consequences, and humble at providing solutions. His vast experience in dealing with people of different culture and social conditions let him provide appropriate answers to the reader.

