**A Letter of Encouragement**

Hello Dear Friend,

 This is a letter to encourage you today. A letter to remind you that you are a precious person of tremendous value that is loved beyond what you could ever comprehend. A letter to confirm to you that your concerns are indeed valid and that you are seeing a tremendous change in the world around us. Now here is the part that may or may not be a surprise: these changes were predicted over 2000 years ago and are coming to pass with impeccable accuracy. Some of this may sound far-fetched, but rest assured precious friend, you will find something of extreme value in this letter.

 First off, you were created with a purpose. You are not just a mere happenstance collision of cosmic interaction and generational mutations. You have been literally known by the one true Living God since you were born (Jeremiah 1:5). Effectively, you are a walking miracle of the creation of God (Psalm 139:14) and you were created for this specific time (Esther 4:14). You have been created in two realms, the physical and the spiritual (John 3:6). We will get more into this later on so as not to scare you off just yet 😊.

 Does it ever seem like this planet is just a mess? So much division, so much violence, confusion, and sometimes just a plain and simple feeling of emptiness… Well friend you’re not alone. Do you ever get a feeling that “things shouldn’t be this way”? … well, you’re not alone. The truth is that things have not always been like this. We originally lived in absolutely perfect world, free from all forms of sadness and toil, since we were created as a loving gift by God for God. When He created us, He gave us free will for His own glory and so that we could experience the beauty of this life (life without free will is no life at all right?). So, there had to be rules in order to have free will, right? Initially, we were given only one rule by God to live by, as we had no knowledge of good or evil at that time. God made the rule that we were not to eat from one tree out of the entire perfect garden of paradise that he had put on earth for us. Sadly, we did not adhere to this, but followed a lie by Satan that “we could have all this and more” if we merely defied God and ate from the tree. Sure enough, this decision led to the removal of protection from good and evil, and now here we are. We often like to think that if we were there, we wouldn’t have done something like that, but we are greatly humbled when we sit and think of how many sins are in our own lives (feel free to read the entire story of genesis, chapters 2 and 3). Ok, so now we have a little background as to “how we got here,” so let’s continue on trying to make some sense of this thing called life. 😊

There is good news that answers even the most outlandish questions of this life… Jesus, the Son of the Living God, predicted each present, past, and future hardship we experience during His short life on earth, and believe it or not, all this chaos is working toward something really good for those that believe! In an attempt to provide you with concise truth without getting too wordy, these are a few of the things that Jesus predicted would happen, also reinforced by many books of the Bible (Daniel, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, 2 Thessalonians, and so many more). Jesus said that right before He returns, the world will resemble the following (this list is not exhaustive, but rather it is hopefully enough to “prove” that there is truth to be found here:

**Note**: We know that no human being can determine the precise day or time Jesus will return, but those who are watching will be able to detect the “season” if they are actually looking for it. When Jesus said it will resemble the days of Noah,” this answer has two facets, because back in the days of Noah people were greatly evil, but it also says they were “eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage” leading to indicate that humanity was simply living and going about their business, basically “living for today.” (Matthew 24:37-39, further reinforced with Luke 17:27-30) The additional “signs” are listed below:

* + Wars and rumors of wars (Matthew 24:6)
	+ Nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom (Matthew 24:7)
	+ Famines (Matthew 24:7)
	+ Earthquakes in various places (Matthew 24:7)
	+ Pestilence (sickness, pandemics) (Luke 21:11)
	+ People making fun of those waiting for Christ to return (2 Peter 3:4)
	+ Hatred of Christianity/killing of Christians (Matthew 24:9)
	+ Increase in people being “offended” (Matthew 24:10
	+ Apostacy (a departure from Christianity) (Matthew 24:10)
	+ Hatred in general (Matthew 24:10)
	+ Increase in false prophets, false teaching (Matthew 24:11)
	+ Increase also in true prophecy, dreams, visions (Joel 2:28-29)
		1. Thus, the absolutely critical need for Biblically-based evaluation, to avoid running after the false, as we are reminded that false prophets and Christs will deceive “even the elect” if possible (Matthew 24:24).
	+ The love of most people will grow cold due to rampant lawlessness (sin) (Matthew 24:12)
	+ Signs in the heavens (Luke 21:11) (Acts 2:20) (Joel 2:31)
	+ Betrayal within the family/friend circles (Luke 21:16)
	+ Increase in people that believe and acknowledge that Jesus existed, but do not agree that He was the Son of God (1 John 4:3)
	+ World leaders seeking “peace and safety” (1 Thessalonians 5:1-9)
	+ Rejection of truthful doctrine (1 Timothy 4:1)
	+ A generation of high intelligence (Daniel 12:4)
	+ Extreme influx of narcissism/self-seeking (2 Timothy 3:2-5)
	+ Generation of people “impossible to please” or entitled (Matthew 11:16-25)
	+ Emergence of a focused group (religion) that believe they are serving God by persecuting and killing Christians (John 16:1-4)

**Additional Indicators (Future and Present)**

* It will be hard to find “a good church” as many will dilute their beliefs and be swayed by the world (Revelation 2:1-7)
	+ Extreme inflation (Revelation 6:6)
	+ The sun scorching both people and the earth (“global warming/climate change”) (Revelation, 8:7 16:8)
	+ Water contamination of 1/3 of the water from a disaster (a comet/bomb/something from above) (Revelation 8:10-11)
* Russia will become increasingly strong and eventually attack Israel with an alliance of additional countries (Ezekiel 38, Daniel 11)
* The world will be in disarray and an evil leader disguised as a savior will promise to unite the world (Revelation 13 and Daniel 7)
* This world leader (antichrist) will force all humankind to receive something on/in their right hand or on/in the forehead or they will not be allowed to purchase or sell anything

(Revelation 13:16-18)

* This false savior (antichrist) will appear to be killed but will create the deception that he comes back from the dead, even further deceiving people that he is the savior.

(Revelation 13:3)

* A large number of people on earth suddenly disappear (Revelation 3:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, Luke 17:34-37)

Remember, friend, this is not an exhaustive list. Isn’t it remarkable how many of these things we are seeing in our lifetimes?

**How does it end??**

Jesus returns to conquer Satan and restore all things back to perfection

(Revelation 19:11-22:21)

Alright, so we went over the hard stuff. Don’t worry, keep reading, there is really good news ahead! Again, the above wasn’t so much an exhaustive list of all events, but rather enough to respectfully encourage you that there is truth in the Bible and that God has control of everything. So, as we discussed in the second paragraph of this letter, God created us with two realms, physical and spiritual. The physical has physical needs, such as food, water, exercise, and eventually will wear out and pass away over time. Your spirit is similar in many regards to having needs, but different in that it lives on forever in one of two realms. Our needs for love, affirmation, importance, hope, etc. are all on the spiritual front. If you describe a friend that you have, chances are you will describe the person by characteristics of his or her soul such as “nice, kind, funny, generous, etc. and less frequently in the physical (beautiful, tall, etc.)” And just as you can make decisions to hinder, harm or even kill the body, you can make decisions for the present and eternal aspects of the soul also. Just as the physical body is fed tangibly by physical means, so is the soul fed in the spiritual realm. Now should we choose inactivity, voluntary harm or even voluntary withdrawal (no movement, physical harm, or doing nothing) the results to the physical body are obvious. Decisions of inactivity, voluntarily harm, voluntary withdrawal within the spiritual realm will have both temporary and ultimately eternal consequences once it is our time to pass away from this life. Examples of this are seen everywhere. If we look at the realms of the systematic issues of this life such as violence in general, mass shootings, abuse, sexual immorality, suicide, depression, crime we see a common relationship… The physical body is performing physical acts that originate within the human’s soul, and until we can fight this fight in the spiritual realm, there is no degree of legal or regulatory action that will curb this, and this is a promise to you (Matthew 15:11).

This conflict of the physical/spiritual was also already explained in the Bible. We are told that we in the midst of a war for human souls that rages on 24 hours a day 7 days per week (Ephesians 6:12). We have an enemy, Satan, who is frantically harvesting souls like never before (John 10:10-11) because he does not have much time left (Revelation 12:12). Satan is real, if you don’t believe that just look at the darkness in this world and the complexity of the division, which is often disguised as good and necessary (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). Satan is unfortunately a very skilled and complex liar, and Jesus mentions this in the end of John 8:44 so we need the Bible to ascertain what is good and evil (Romans 12:2). Another example that you may be experiencing is the never-ending pursuit of something in this world that we think will fulfill us. The things of this world may seem to temporarily fulfill, but they either lose their luster or they literally bring us down (1 John 2:15-17). This is the model that our enemy uses; he doesn’t necessarily care if you convert to a specific religion, as long as you do not find Christ, plain and simply. He manifests in the form of telling you that you are not of any value, that there is no point in living, that you need a person, drug or thing to feel whole. Precious friend this letter exists to tell you that you don’t ever have to believe this lie again. Even the strongest people feel this and have to fight it, you’re not alone.

So, what do we do? How do we break the shackles of sin? How do we exit from death and obtain eternal life, leaving the meaningless pursuits of this temporary life behind? Well friend, this is how… We repent of our sins, we accept Jesus as the Lord of our lives, and we begin living for Him (Romans 10:9-10, John 3). This is the most important decision you will ever make, and you will not regret this decision. After this decision, you must now get baptized, just as Jesus did, symbolizing your death to sin and resurrection to eternal life (John 3:5). Baptism will equip you with the Holy Spirit and you will feel your sins wiped away. After this, begin your new life, remembering that you are no longer your “old self” (1 Corinthians 5:17). This begins the most important day of your life. From this point you will also begin to bear fruit, following what the Lord has called you to do (The more you put into your relationship with the Lord the more understanding you will receive. He wants you to invest in His desires for you and wants you to bear fruit (James 2:17). There is no degree, knowledge, contacts, followers, likes, investment, portfolio, or relationship that will ever compare. Should you like an explanation as to why we need a Savior, one will be given next. After that, as a closing to this letter, is a prayer of salvation if you are ready to proceed. It is a prayer that, when spoken from a genuine heart, will change your life, forever.

**Why do I need a Savior??**

So why did I need a Savior? Well, we all do. This world, as you know, has sin and darkness in it. Anyone living in this life sees this. We all sin, plain and simply (Romans 3:23). Death is considered the “wages” of sin (Romans 6:23) so thus death will find us all eventually (unless Christ returns first, of course). This is part of the curse of sin, and God tried to keep us from ever having to deal with this, but Adam and Eve defied God (Genesis 2:4 – 3:24). Many ask why… why would we have to deal with the consequences of someone else? It’s a good question but we see it all around. We all have been shaped to some degree by the people and circumstances in our lives, in either a good or bad way; and just as a horrific car accident or catastrophe can change or end a person’s life, a decision in a garden can change an entire era.

 After “the fall” God still continued to love us and want the best for us so He gave us a moral law to govern ourselves in alignment with Him… The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). This was His original covenant with humankind. As time went on God saw that we were not adhering to these commandments and that sin was rampant once again on earth (God already had to destroy the entire earth once because it was so very evil, and He promised never to flood the earth again (Genesis 9:8-17). He even created the rainbow as a reminder of this promise (Genesis 9:13-16). Eventually, with His overwhelming love, God looked and knew that humankind was always going to fall short. The decree had already been written however… and sin cannot be in the presence of God! So, God, in His never-ending love for you and for me, chose to pay our ransom for sin and defeat sin once and for all. This could only be done with a perfect sacrifice, since God Himself is perfect also… hence the old saying “you get what you pay for!” This is why none of us can get into heaven without Christ. Christ represents the sacrifice! Jesus was 100% perfect and He took the place of all sin, ultimately conquering death. (John 3:16) If this sounds far-fetched, remember that we deal with this very concept in all aspects of our life… If we are guilty in a court of law and charged with a debt we could never pay, the only way is if the judge pardons our crime! God gives us this option. This is why we could never “earn our way to heaven” … we could never “afford” it. Jesus was the only One, and He wants us all in heaven (2 Peter 3:9), but He does require that we repent of our sins and believe in Christ (Mark 1:15), and we will now proceed with the prayer of salvation if your heart is ready to be set free 😊

**A Prayer of Repentance and Salvation**

 *Jesus, I confess with my mouth that you are Lord. I believe in my heart that you died on the cross for my sins and that you arose from the dead on the 3rd day, conquering death. Please forgive me of my sins, and grant me eternal life in your kingdom, forever and ever, Amen.*

Congratulations! Your soul has now crossed from death to life!!!! Now, to ensure your life continues to change, begin reading your Bible, find a church that teaches the Bible as the inerrant word of God, and schedule a time to get baptized. Please e-mail us if you would like us to assist with baptism and further guidance, as it is imperative that you do not go back to the old life (Matthew 13:1-23).

 If you made a decision to follow Christ from this letter, could you please email us so that we can celebrate?? After all, the heavens rejoice when heaven gains a new soul!!! (Luke 15:10)

Feel free to email us with the subject header “I’m now saved!” (Feel free to include your story!) or you can also include the subject header “I have more questions” to soulhunterorg@gmail.com to announce your decision or to seek further support in your journey. Remember, you are so very loved.

God bless you friend; your new life begins…