PANDEMIC, a WAKEUP CALL!

Over 300,000 Americans are projected to die unexpectedly, isolated from loved ones and in pain, by the end of this year! Knowing the 'terror of the Lord' (2 Cor. 5:11), do you know for sure soul would go if you died? Hope you're good enough for Heaven? Big surprise coming up!

<u>I couldn't have cared less about my soul</u> back in my mid-20s! An 11-year atheist, my success as a Raytheon radar field engineer for the Navy was assured after our squadron received a letter of commendation from the U.S. Naval Bureau of Weapons.

However, this did not satisfy my inner longing for the <u>ultimate purpose of life</u>. I spent a year studying philosophies, then religions. I found only ideas, no facts. Booze helped deaden the pain of a pointless life for a while, but the next step was suicide. I visited a church just to ask questions and almost got run over in the parking lot – by Irene who later became my wife these 58 years! The pastor helped me find <u>evidence</u> to replace mere feelings or opinions.

*Could there be life beyond death? Since evolution excludes the need for a God, let's start our search there by examining evidence.

EVOLUTION or GOD? ¹ Dates millions of years old lack a valid calibration standard so they are unreliable. <u>Darwin's own 'fossil-series proof' of</u> <u>evolution is still missing</u>! Most 'missing links' have been debunked. Cambrian era fossils <u>show no previous evolution at all</u>! Millions of years of evolution simulated in fruit flies for <u>71</u> <u>years in 100 labs showed no evolution.</u> (Well, one fly 'evolved' a leg growing out of his head.)

In contrast to the accidental <u>un-intelligent</u>



design' of evolution, I found overwhelming scientific <u>intelligent</u> design' evidence everywhere! Just as the existence of a complex building is evidence there had to

be a designer, so the **existence** of our <u>ultra-</u> <u>complex</u> universe proves a 'universe designer', God. We're <u>without excuse</u>! ² (Romans 1:20)

Ask evolutionists, "And where did <u>that</u> come from?" Require real <u>evidence</u> for each alleged stage. Artist's drawings are not evidence!

Could God have used evolution to evolve fish into frogs, etc.? NO! Creatures reproduced only 'after <u>their</u> kind', not from other kinds. Also, the mighty God only needed six days, not millions and millions of years. (Gen. 1:12, 2:2) PROOF THE BIBLE IS

GOD'S MESSAGE! ⁵ Is the Bible a book written by men? It is, but God was the author,



directing the historical events and the accurate recording of His message by reliable evewitnesses!

A major proof of the Bible's reliability is the fulfillment of numerous prophecies. Guesses? Professor Stoner's college class computed astronomical odds against only 48 of 324 prophecies of Jesus' first coming. (*Try guessing* 324 details of a complete stranger!) NASA even verified <u>the very day</u> prophesied of Jesus' first coming nearly 2,000 years ago! ⁵

What proves prophecies of Jesus were written before He came and not afterwards? The Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in 1948! Radiocarbon dating proved the scrolls were copied at least 100 or more years BEFORE He came! Bible proofs were the first steps of my journey from an 11-year atheist to a 54-year

career missionary, still in action at 85!

Over the centuries, millions of other sinful lives which were transformed demonstrate the Bible's power even more dramatically!

JESUS' RESURRECTION: GOD'S VALIDATION! ⁶ Jesus is the only religious leader ever to return from death after being buried until the third day, then show Himself alive repeatedly for 40 more days! (1 Cor. 15, Acts 1:3) This declared Him to be the Son of God with power! (Rom. 1:4) It also validated Jesus' claim to speak as God regarding Heaven and hell. He is the <u>only</u> <u>way to Heaven and verified life beyond death</u>: <u>'Because I live, you too shall live!'</u>

(John 14:6, 19)

* Yes! There is life beyond death, eternally!

Around <u>7 million</u> early Christians, martyred, over 280 years, are buried in the ancient Roman catacombs. They still attest to the truth that Jesus' body was <u>not stolen</u> from the 24hour Roman guard. Jesus' resurrection was the source of their faith! Who would die for a known lie? Would you?

"'I'M GOOD, NOT BAD ENOUGH FOR HELL!" Before Jesus, the Old Testament 'Thou shall not kill' meant just that. Though you may get some flak from civil authorities, you could beat someone up without breaking this command. But, when Jesus came, hatred = murder! Lust = adultery, fornication, etc.! (Matt. 5, 1 Cor. 6:9) →SURPRISE! We can sin against God even by disobedience in our thought life! \leftarrow

OUCH! Who of us has never hated or lusted? Who has never sinned by lying, deceiving, or exaggerating? God even knows things we've all done in secret! OUCH AGAIN! Aren't we judged on a 'good-deed/bad-deed' balance?' Nope! Just one unforgiven sin will send us to the eternal fires of hell because God will judge us by the perfect life of Jesus Christ, not by how good we THINK we are or by mere church membership. SCARY! (Acts 17:31, Rom. 3:23, Rev. 21:8) Doing more good deeds won't cancel sins any more than adding more coffee to a previously poisoned cup would render it harmless. Neither will just forgetting about your old sins of long ago. They're still written in God's books! (Revelation 20:12) No reincarnation! No other 'do-overs!' 3

So, how could ANY of us ever get to Heaven? We all stand guilty before God. But His love for us sent Jesus to suffer the horrible penalty for our sins. (Jn. 3:16) He then rose from the dead

to prove He's the only way to Heaven! (Jn. 14:6) God offers us an eternity of joy in Heaven as His love-gift Jesus fully paid for. (Romans 6:23) **RESULT: An 'attitude of gratitude' compels us** to begin turning from our sins. (2 Cor. 5:14-21)

Questions? ⁴ Bravely ask God to reveal Himself to you. Unwilling to begin turning from your sins? You can't hide from God and your sin will eventually wreck your earthly life and eternal future. Think you have lots of time? Last year, 40,000 people were killed with no warning by drunk drivers. God loves you very much! Pray as I did, "God, please help me to become willing!" (Jn 7:17) God's power can give you victory. (2 Cor. 10:4-5) If you fall, sincerely ask God's forgiveness. He'll say, "Forgiven! You're still mine. I'm not giving up on you!" (1 Jn 1:9, Philippians 1:6)

If God's spirit has convinced you of His truths, receive Him (Jn. 1:12) in the prayer below to be saved from eternal suffering we all deserve, to



Dear God, I believe Jesus came to pay for my sins, then rose from the dead to validate God's message. Jesus, come into my heart and forgive my sins. I accept your

E-MAIL ME if you sincerely prayed the prayer or have questions. I want to pray for you. Your next steps following Christ, are in Appendix E⁷ of the e-book, free of charge, below.

gift of eternal life! Help me begin turning from my

sin to obeying You as my expression of `2 Cor. 5'

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heartfelt gratitude!

Meet you in Heaven? Tom L. Hodges

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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The author at a summer air show in an F4 with two radars he formerly helped engineer for Navy fighter squadrons.

