

THE GAME OF LIFE

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Some people would have you believe that the creation of this earth was a cosmic

ACCIDENT

without rhyme or reason. That you yourself evolved from a lower life form. That when you die, that's all there is. Still others believe that through reincarnation, you keep coming back until you get it right.

In a high school Great Books Class, I developed a hunger for wisdom. I never dabbled in drugs because I believed my mind to be the most valuable part of me.

Sometime later in college I studied logic where I was introduced to **absolutes**. Absolutes being **never changing truths**. Something that was true **yesterday**, is true **today**, will be true **tomorrow**.

Time wore on. I became disillusioned with life as my search for absolutes turned up nothing.

In response to a professor's question, "What, if anything, would you be willing to die for"? I had replied, "I hope when it comes right down to it, I will be willing to die for the things I believe in. Because, if the things I believe in aren't worth dying for, they probably aren't worth living for either."

We were then asked to write our philosophy of life.

Do *you* know what you believe and why?

I found at that time that I did not. A tragic sense of hopelessness settled over me as I examined my beliefs.

That depression lasted three years until, happy day, I ran into **absolutes!** I went to hear a Jewish preacher, if you will, a completed Jew, *one* who has discovered that Jesus is the Messiah!

It was he who showed me that **life** has a game plan with specific rules--
...guess what...
that are **absolutes!**

These rules, or unchanging truths, were set down for time and eternity in the Holy Bible.

Just as ignorance of the law is no excuse in the judicial system... ignorance of, or unbelief in the Bible, will not negate its truth.

You can say that you don't believe in the law of gravity, but if you jump off a building, whether you believe or not, you'll hit the ground.

God's laws worked yesterday, they are working today, and they will work tomorrow.

The soundness of a structure is based on its foundation. People are crumbling all around us. It must be that their foundations are not made of the right stuff.

If your life is not built on **absolutes** it will not stand.

Like it or not...
Believe it or not...

God created you and He has a purpose for your life. You can live and die and never know what that purpose is. But if you will seek to discover God's plan for your life and do it, it will make you happier than anything else can because it is the thing you were created to do.

Don't make the mistake of judging the merits of the game by the ability of those who play it. We must begin to play before we know or understand all of the rules.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, given to us without error—

...no, not one...

that we could come to know Him as our loving, understanding, heavenly Father. He allowed Jesus to pay our debt of sin that in the life to come we would inherit Heaven rather than Hell.

Although Jesus Christ paid the debt for all mankind, not all men will enter Heaven. We must each complete our own transaction with God.

If I were to buy you a gift and bring it to you, brightly wrapped with your name on the tag, until you receive it, it still belongs to me. To receive salvation... your debt of sin stamped "paid in full", you must do as it says in Romans 10:9-10

"...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

To be saved, you must believe that Jesus was who He said He was, the Son of God. That He died for your sins, and rose from the dead. You must receive His gift by confessing your inability to live a Godly life without His help. Ask and receive forgiveness and salvation.

The game of life has nothing to do with chance or luck.

If you play the game by the Creator's rules you are sure to win.

