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Are you lost in the forrest of Life?

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Life is like a forest sometimes. When we look at life with all its complexities, we are often overwhelmed with the problems we see. The evil of people to people is everywhere. Today many are going about calling evil good and good evil. Many are giving up on life and taking their lives. Depression is wide spread. Trouble with all the wars and violence and catastrophic events are always in the news. Drug use is epidemic, and abortion is now accepted as normal. Many do not have anything solid to stand on. We begin to understand that we don't have all the answers to all these complexities. **That is the beginning of wisdom.**

If we don't have all the answers then it seems right to me to look to the one who made all of creation. Maybe he has an answer to lead us through this forest of life. Well I guess you may ask the question is there a creator or did, we just happen by some miraculous chance? Well that is a tall tale that is more fabulous than my mind can imagine! To imagine all the complexities of the human body and the laws of nature that holds the universe together came about by chance is not logical. By the way how did we get to be logical? This tall tale is being taught to our children as though it were proven fact. It has not been proven by fact, but a theory put forth by men that don't have the answers to the complexities of life. Maybe because that is what the children have been taught that we are reaping some of the results of life's complexities. If your trust is in evolution, then the best you can look forward to at the end of your life is only a shovel of dirt in your face.

I offer to you that there is a creator and He is the God of all creation and He has been speaking to us, but we are hard of hearing and blind to what we see. We have invented our own ways and have not accepted His way. He has been speaking His word of love for us and the desire for our good. Mankind however has said I want to do it my way. Man's pride won't let him listen to God. Man's rebellion is called sin and results in death. The results of mankind's ways are continuous evil and causes complexities of life.

He has spoken to man by many ways. He has chosen to speak through the nation of Israel. Through His relationship with them He has brought His message to the whole world. The message is an amazing story that has gone on for several 1000's of years. He came with the law to Israel through Moses, but man was not able to keep the law. He provided a way for forgiveness of their sins by sacrifices of bulls and sheep so their blood being a symbol of life would provide forgiveness but did not change their nature.

He then through His prophets foretold of a new covenant with Israel. That covenant told of one that would come to restore man's relationship with God and heal our rebellious nature. He was called the Messiah (Christ) or anointed one. He did come and the Jews of that day were expecting such a one but when He did come, they rejected Him and crucified Him. He was not like they expected Him to be, so they did not hear what He said, and they did not see the mighty works He did in front of them. He was the son of God and by the shedding of His blood He made the forgiveness of our sins available if we will accept this by our true belief in Him who is Jesus. He was raised from the dead for a witness that He has the power to also raise us from the dead on **That Day**. He now sits at the side of God to mediate for us before God. So, we that are in Him have a hope of eternal life promised by His word. He has then sent to us the Holy Spirit to enable us and to give us power to overcome our rebellious nature and to place in our hearts such things as love, peace, joy and kindness which are fruits of living in His spirit. Jesus said I am the way. He is the one to lead us through the forest of life if we will follow.

This is the beginning of what is called today – Christianity. This is the solid foundation on which we can live this life! The story continues and much is recorded in the Bible. It contains the words of life and His promises. The words are there but many are still in rebellion and do not even read the words for themselves. There are many of us that witness to you, but many are not listening but choose to live like the rest of the world. Do we still want to do it our way? Do we still want to choose death over life?

Would you rather have a shovel of dirt in your face at death or eternal life and live in the presence of God with His lavish love? The one (Jesus) that knows the way through the forest awaits your choice to follow Him or to go your way and be lost.

I have made my choice! Have you?

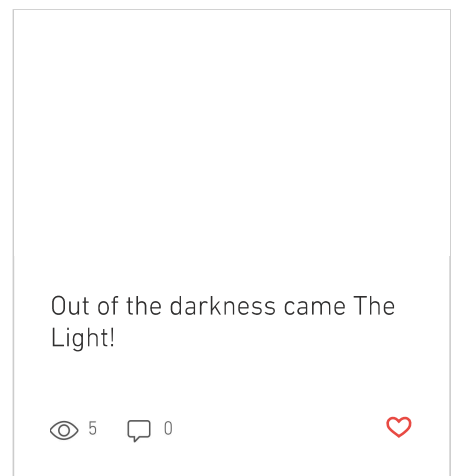
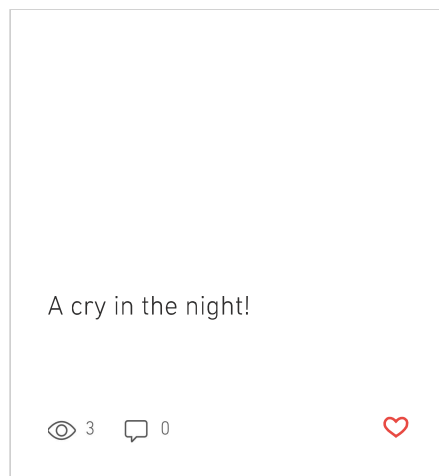
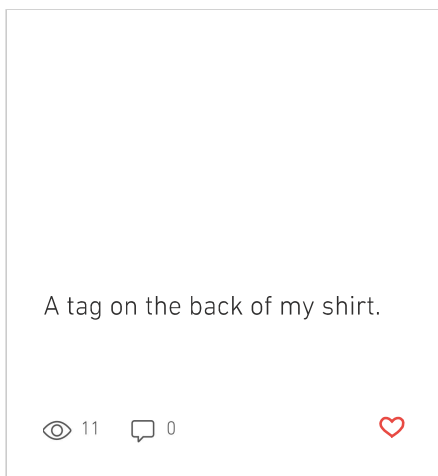


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