



One Way

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I've heard it said many times that to say there is only one way to Heaven is far too "narrow-minded." If someone developed a cure for cancer however I can't imagine cancer sufferers declining the offer simply because there was only one option. I think everyone would just be incredibly grateful that there was a cure and that there was an option at all! So it is with the sin issue. We're all under a death sentence as a result of suffering from the deadly disease called sin and there's only one cure for it, Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. As John 3:16-17 declares,

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

The Bible also tells us in Romans 6:23 that the wages of sin is death so if we won't die to our sin in life then we will die for our sin. If we won't slay sin then sin will slay us. Either we will pay for our sins in eternity or we can accept that Jesus paid for them on our behalf when He died on the Cross. One way or another our sin has to be paid for. This may not be a comfortable topic of discussion but it's an important one. As Jesus says in John 14:6,

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

This may be "narrow-minded" to some people but Jesus never claimed the way to Heaven would be broad. He says in Matthew 7:13-14,

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

When we view our sin situation in the correct way we'll realise that to keep viewing a "narrow" way as a negative thing is foolish. A narrow corridor that offers escape out of a burning building is better than no escape at all.

My poem "One Way" covers many topics and different points of view so I hope that it can ultimately help us understand God's love towards us. Thanks to His grace and mercy He didn't leave us alone with the consequences of our sin. I pray our hearts can come to understand more about the sacrifice God has made on our behalf to provide us with a way to spend eternity with Him!

So many different points of view and angles to perceive
So how do we decide on which "religion" to believe?
Which moral code to look to and follow day by day,
How can we be positive we're on the *truthful* Way?

The secular opinion on which deity to dote
Says "Whatever god can fit your mould. The one that floats your boat!
Don't worry if their theories or teachings don't ring true,
Just pick what suits your lifestyle best and fits in well with you."

I've heard it said "I know what's right, my views will never budge.
I want a god who just agrees and one who doesn't judge.
A god who doesn't challenge me, where I can be High Priest.
The one demanding zero change and strikes my conscience least."



“A god that asks no questions as it sits upon my shelf.
Basically a god that’s just an image of myself.”
But if we’re top authority and rule our own dominion
Then “right and wrong” are just reduced to merely our opinion.

This means that truth is relative, our morals make the call
But then if truth *is* relative it’s not really truth at all.
If rules and moral absolutes are there for our forsaking
Then all that we’ll be left with is a god of our own making.

Or maybe we’ve reduced Him to “A Power in the sky.”
We’ll give our list of “wants” but then don’t wait for His reply.
He’s there for times of trouble when we need a favour, say
But let me ask the question, would we treat a *friend* that way?

Or would we have it in reverse and know *we’re* being used
If every time they knock the door our kindness is abused.
If days of woe and need are the *only* days they call
Then all we’ll find is selfishness, no friendship there at all.

No, God is not a genie in a bottle to exhort.
If this is how we view Him then sadly we fall short.
He knows *us* all by name and exactly how we work,
He knows each tiny detail and every little quirk.

Like any *real* relationship He loves us fervently
And if we’ve yet to find God then He calls us earnestly.
He longs for us to know Him in a real and awesome way.
Behold, He stands and knocks on all the hearts who’ve gone astray!

If we observe the human race we needn’t look for long
To see mankind is wicked and there’s clearly something wrong.
The problem is we’re sinful, we rebelled against our King!
There’s no denying we need help for all the mess we’re in.

With nations fighting nations, all we see is war.
The politicians don’t know who to look to anymore!
We search for hope and answers in these troubled times we live in,
Our hearts desire purpose for the days that we’ve been given.

For guidance on our future we must focus on the past,
It was Jesus Christ who warned us these things would come to pass.
So let’s look back at Hist’ry, *who* did Jesus claim to be?
He said “To gain eternal life, all must follow *Me*.”

His words professed divinity, He said He was God’s Son.
He claimed to be the doorway to the life that is to come.
We’re told it’s “narrow-minded” to declare there’s just “One Way”
But this is why we have to look at what the records say.



Though others claimed divinity, a fact none can refute,
The biggest difference of them all, they have no substitute!
There's only *One* who dealt with sin and *One* name that can save;
The God who took our punishment and left an empty grave!

The One and only Living God, Jesus Christ Himself.
The God who made the sun and moon won't sit on any shelf!
For Jesus looked upon the Earth and saw the heartache there,
The King who left His Throne and came to save us from despair.

The One who gave up everything, who didn't close His eyes
To all the man-made hurt and pain, the God who heard our cries.
The One who had the power and the love within His heart
To face the Cross and see it through though *He* was torn apart.

The broken, bloodied, beaten form forsaken on the tree;
The Man who died to give *us* life, now THAT'S the God for me!
And yet we still reject Him with the views we preconceive.
We close our minds to fact and truth and simply *won't* believe.

But even *if* we say that we do not believe in God,
The atheist's religion is the path that will be trod.
Some say "You cannot prove your God, I won't rely on faith!"
But neither can you *disprove* Him and *disbelief* takes faith.

Whatever our hypothesis of how we came to be,
It all requires *faith* in things beyond what we can see
For none of us were there when first it all began.
We didn't see the dawn of time or start the age of man.

It really begs the question, how did life on Earth begin?
Who gave the Earth it's axis and direction of it's spin?
A singular explosion thirteen billion years ago?
A random act of *chaos* formed our *order* down below?

But even if we hold to this, it doesn't help explain
Where spatial matter came from so we'll seek the truth in vain.
For nothing comes from nothing, the errors here are rife
And even *science* says that life can only come from life!

We're told it's "Faith *or* Science" when there's really no dilemma,
Real science is to seek the truth not further an agenda.
To claim it proves God's absence is to really act the traitor,
Holding faith in human logic *over* faith in our Creator.

For Earth itself cries out of it's intelligent design!
We do not have to dig to find an influence Divine.
Scientific findings and the Bible coincide!
When both are founded in the truth the answers don't collide.



For science is a gift from God to further human knowledge.
“The Lab” should never contradict what’s taught in Bible college
For all the Earth bears witness to a great and awesome Maker.
Creation says quite clearly that there *must* be a *Creator*!

But this is not so popular within the thoughts of man.
It means that we’re accountable, of this we’re not a fan.
We like to think we’re in control and top the leader chart.
“I hold the reins and rule my life! I’m sovereign in my heart!”

We won’t even consider that our actions might be judged.
We won’t have morals scrutinised or reputations smudged!
We want to claim sole ownership and rights to our life story,
Rejecting rather fiercely we’re created for *God’s* glory.

The truth of our creation has all but been dissolved,
Instead we’ve all been brainwashed to believe mankind “evolved!”
For “Darwin’s Evolution” isn’t fact, it’s just a thought!
We can’t observe or test his claims and yet it’s widely taught.

To base our lives around this lie would simply be naïve,
Without a shred of evidence we have to just “believe.”
This tale of utter fiction leaves our spirits destitute;
Religion based on monkeys is a godless substitute.

I find it quite insulting and it gets me so irate
When humankind is just reduced to merely a primate!
My views on man’s creation mean I’m called a “Bible junkie”
But I’d rather hold *God’s* image than the image of a monkey!

How utterly undignified and really quite absurd!
This goes *against* true science and contradicts God’s Word.
Mankind belongs to Jesus Christ and not within a zoo.
Why is this so challenging for man to submit to?

We cannot hang our disbelief on “lack of evidence.”
It’s not because we’re “more evolved” with “high intelligence!”
You might have PHD’s and boast the highest known I.Q
But all of this falls flat for *God* is cleverer than you.

It’s really not a question of how many books we’ve read
For Socrates and Plato cannot help us when we’re dead.
Faith in God is not reserved for those we view as weak.
Our *need* for God is not erased when on a “winning streak!”

It doesn’t say “For God so loved the ugly, poor and dim.”
The rich and the intelligent are also dead in sin!
The Bible says “For God so loved the *world* He gave His Son.”
The sacrifice of Christ was on behalf of *everyone*!



Accepting this as truth is not to do with our brain tissue.
Denying that there *is* a God is really a heart issue
For what it all comes down to, no matter what we say,
We do not want to answer to a righteous God one day.

The thought of this infuriates and many shake their fist!
But deciding we believe in God does not *make* God exist!
He sits and reigns upon His Throne each day we live and breathe
Regardless what we think of Him or what we might believe!

Relinquishing our rule on life we have to lift our eyes,
Acknowledge with humility that God alone is wise.
He doesn't ask we leave our brains and reasoning at the door
But rather open up our minds to things dismissed before.

God didn't owe us *anything* for we rejected *Him*!
He would have been within His rights to leave us in our sin!
So no matter what philosophies or theorems we discuss
We only come to call on God because *He* first calls *us*.

To think we can erase Him with our disbelief or view
Is really catastrophic and a tragic thing to do.
There *is* a God in Heaven, Jesus Christ the King of kings
And whether we accept or not, this *is* the truth of things.

I won't sugar-coat the Gospel to appeal to "modern times."
This does not bring redemption or eradicate our crimes.
With souls at stake we must consider on a sober level,
If we don't submit to God then we're submitting to the devil.

I know at this some laugh and scoff and even get annoyed
But Satan *hates* the Cross because it's where he was destroyed!
He'll tolerate "religion" for that cannot touch his throne
But *dare* to preach the Gospel and his power's overthrown!

Let me ask the question, what's the name in vain we take?
You won't hear someone shout in pain, "Oh for Buddha's sake!"
It's only Jesus' name we use in order to blaspheme.
It's *His* name that offends us for it's *His* name that redeems!

It's *here* we find salvation which the devil knows too well.
Belittling the name of Christ, a tactic straight from Hell.
Our curses fall on *Jesus*, He's where warfare clearly lies!
And yet we still deny the God who's right before our eyes!

But would we bet our life on it, there's no God in control?
Can we take the chance we *might* be wrong and gamble with our soul?
So let's just say there is no God and Heaven's just a taunt,
Is oblivion and emptiness *really* what we want?



Everything we are and *everything* that we've achieved
Should all cease to exist and that's what we'd *choose* to believe?
The years that we spent learning should all be put to waste,
The *point* of our existence we just throw away with haste?

Our life has no real purpose, just a "cosmic accident."
It's ours to do with as we please, of *this* we're adamant.
No hope for life eternal, we'd just rather press "Delete."
Does that *really* satisfy the soul and make us feel complete?

Some say this life is all we've got, just make the most of things
But what about the countless lives where pain is all it brings?
"No God" will mean no justice with no hope to see them through.
All children born in war, tough luck for them but fine for you?

A hopeless, heartless message spoken only by the richest.
I guess with evolution it's "survival of the fittest!"
Why would we show kindness, telling others that we care?
Why would we be selfless and show willingness to share?

For if we're only animals then this is rather odd.
To claim that it's *humanity*, now *that* leads back to God.
He's the One who we reflect, this sets mankind apart.
It's *God* who puts compassion for another in our heart.

But even *if* we're "nice" there's still the issue of our sin.
God looks upon our *hearts* and we're all blackened from within.
I know this is a message that we do not want to hear,
An insult to our pride and a red flag to our fear.

We say it is our right that we decide who fits the bill
And this is true, I'd say it's what the Bible calls free-will!
God doesn't want a robot that's been programmed with no choice.
A mindless, thoughtless servant will not make our God rejoice.

Our praise is only genuine through hearts of adoration
For the Saviour of our souls and the God of all Creation!
The free-will God has given will condemn or set us free
For Jesus said "I Am the Way" and "All must come to Me."

There is no padded fence with God so let's consider well;
Oblivion is not a choice. It's Heaven or it's Hell.
All roads in life *do* lead to God, it's certain that one day
We'll *all* come face to face with Him but then what will we say?

"I qualify for Heaven and think I pass the test
Because I went to Church one week and wore my Sunday best!"
"I qualify for Heaven for I lived as best I could.
I'd give myself nine out of ten for marks at being good!"



“I qualify for Heaven for I’m right in my own eyes.
I’ve earned my place up there and none can tell me otherwise!
He’ll overlook my short-comings and focus on my traits
And if God’s so forgiving He should open up those gates!”

But clever skills debating won’t convince a Holy King
Who watched our every movement and saw our every sin.
When *my* turn comes before God’s Throne there’s one thing I can say,
“I qualify for Heaven for Jesus took my sins away!”

I qualify for Heaven from no merit of my own.
To get what I deserved, to deepest depths I would be thrown!
For all of us have fallen short, God’s standard is *perfection*
And this is why we need to look to Jesus’ Resurrection!

But the Cross offends so many and is often thrown aside;
It’s the status equaliser and the leveller of pride
For Jesus had no favourites when He died upon that Tree.
There’s no area in Heaven cordoned off marked “V.I.P.”

God doesn’t look at people in the way that *people* do.
Our status, creed and wealth can mean a lot to me and you.
He’s not impressed by bank accounts if they be big or small;
He cares for our *eternity* so died to save us all.

Yes Jesus Christ loves everyone and paid the price of sin
For every Nationality and every shade of skin.
Examining the sinner’s heart He looks beyond the face.
We’re all created equal and we’re all His human race.

He built the road to Heaven and His death paid every toll
And if we try to claim “no guilt” we’re lying to our soul!
We must wrestle with our conscience! Dig deep and make a start!
We’ll find we have a God shaped hole engraved within our heart!

Our life is like a jigsaw that has been left incomplete,
The picture finished off by Christ and naught else can compete!
Created by our Maker with this emptiness within
To make us search to *find* our God and fill that void with Him!

Nothing else will fit there: no pay cheque, job or house.
No hobby, clothes or passion, nor love from friend or spouse.
To live without our God will mean our soul will always thirst.
Let’s trust our lives to Him and love the God who loved us first!

Don’t settle for the devil’s lies or say we’ll “change things later.”
Let’s live the life Christ *bought* for us and live it with our Saviour.
Please don’t deny your soul this peace and joy while you’re still living
And know that when death’s moment comes, the journey’s just beginning!



Be rich towards the Lord for in a few years we'll be gone
But when we know our King, in realms of Heaven we'll live on!
With hearts of gratitude we'll walk those golden streets one day
And praise God for eternity that Jesus built One Way.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

"Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgement, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord."

Isaiah 43:10-11

*"You are my witnesses," says the Lord,
"And My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord and besides Me there is no Saviour."*

Jeremiah 10:11

"Thus you shall say to them; the gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens."

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 John 5:12

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."