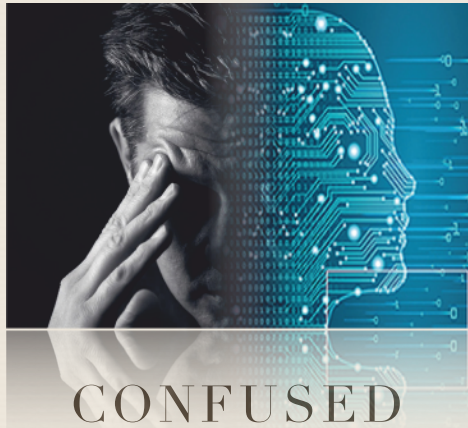

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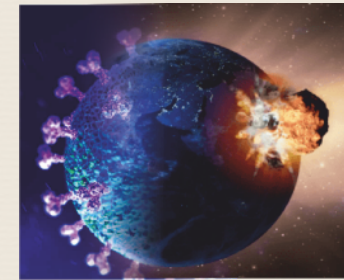
There is an answer to your 21st century problem

In our 21st-century world, we look to the advancement of technology to make us healthy, wealthy, and more knowledgeable. We look to technologies to help us eat better, provide better crops, and give us alternative food sources. We look to medical advancements, vaccines, and cures to help us live longer. We look to the Internet and the World Wide Web; we look to high-speed communications to increase the way we speak to each other the way we transact, and the way we purchase things. We look to surveillance technologies in the hope that it would make us safer and more secure in our communities and in the way we travel. We look to military technologies to make us more powerful. But are we looking in the wrong direction?



ARE THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS RELEVANT TODAY?

Just after the war in 1927 the population of the world was 2 billion. In 2020 the population of the world stands now just under 8 billion. In less than 100 years humanity has advanced exponentially. 100 years ago the nations were in the grip of the First World War and the Spanish flu which killed millions of people. Our current covid pandemic, pales into insignificance when we lay side-by-side the mortality rates. Just over 80 years ago the world saw another great war. Since then man has looked to his actions, and sensible people, courageous people have looked to change our world and build a better one. However our endeavours continue to fail. We can't stop the viruses or the climate change, the famines, floods or storms that ravage and devastate the world around us. We are of course not innocent in what we have done to this planet. In our endeavours to make a better world we have polluted the atmosphere and the waters that are there to sustain us. We have devastated forests, modified animals and crops and designed various types of viruses through our experiments and have brought the likelihood of wars and annihilation even closer. It would seem that our advancements and all our knowledge have created an even more fragile world.



The ease and speed of communication through our devices, make it almost impossible to keep tabs on

what is being propagated and sold to our children. And now in 2020 we are seeing the systematic demolition of society; business is failing, families separated, economics crashing. What we are seeing today is normally experienced during times of war. Modern technology, nonetheless, tries to take us into a better world, a virtual world in which we can escape from the chaos and confusion. Through our virtual visors, we can for a moment or for however long we want, live uninterrupted, and escape from the reality of the real world. We can't forget our duties and responsibilities, our well-being and social activity.

In the education of society, our modern view is that we must be tolerable. Whether something is morally right or wrong we must remain tolerant and accept everything. We do nothing when laws are unjust, and when they are passed by our governments without letting the people know, should we inadvertently break one, we are called ignorant, and penalised when we declare our unawareness.



JESUS CAME TO GIVE LIFE TO ALL
WHO WOULD BELIEVE IN HIM.

John 1:12



Human beings are social animals - we were created that way, and we are meant to be together. We were meant to share our lives and love each other. This is the rich harmony of relationship which the world needs, but it has been disrupted, and now our world is as chaotic as ever despite our 21st-century endeavours.



Would it surprise you to know that the Bible in the book of Matthew speaks of a time when

all these things would happen? These things will continue to happen time and time again because humanity has removed itself from God, saying that 'God is not relevant anymore.'

The message of Jesus, is as significant today as it was 2000 years ago. In those days, people had the same problems as we do: family problems, food shortages, economic crises, war and oppression under Roman rule. These were the people and the society Jesus came to live amongst.

JESUS SAID, " I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."

John 3:16

The Bible tells us that man has only a short time to live and that none of us is perfect. We prosper when our lives and actions are turned to the needs of others. This is how lives are changed. Jesus never looked to Himself. He looked to His mission to save the world that He had created. Today we are plagued by the greatest disease of all. It incapacitates, separates and destroys relationships. It even destroys the way we communicate with our world and loved ones. It is called depression and millions suffer from it.



Our modern life instead of giving us freedom has made us isolated not only in our homes but in our minds. The cure is to take ourselves out of our boxes and reach out into a fragmented world, and change the lives of others, bringing hope where there seems to be none. This was the message of Jesus to a world that rejected God. **You are important to Him.** Jesus has come to save you from an imperfect life and from a world that is slowly fading away. His message has prevailed for 2000 years. Our lives will not end here. Our future is dependent on whether we believe in Him or not. Jesus did not tell us that we must live a religious life. Jesus didn't tell us to go to church but he did

tell us to gather together in His name. The most important thing is to know Him and to walk with Him daily and to live the life that He wants us to live. His ways are written in the Bible by men who made that decision, and knew Him. Their lives were changed and they went on to change the world just as you can. Jesus did not choose the wealthy and powerful. He chose the ordinary man around Him. Despite our failings and our crimes, He came to eat with us and walk with sinful men. That means all of us. God loves you so much that He became a man and walked upon the earth to understand how human beings feel — all their pains and troubles. The Bible tells us that Jesus was fully man and fully God. If you can except that, and believe that Jesus is God and that He died on the cross and rose again on the third day, then you are on the way to a new life with Jesus. Jesus is waiting for you to accept Him, and when you do, He will be with you through His spirit. You don't need to know everything, but what you do need to know is that by believing in Him you will never be the same again. Are you prepared to exchange your world for His? You have only your life to lose. Jesus said he who loses his life for Me will have life eternal and will enter the kingdom of God. Jesus accepts you as you are, but as you are is not how you will remain.

TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN BEGIN YOUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:

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