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## WHAT IS SUICIDE?

*THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORLDVIEW*

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#### Acts 17:28 NKJV

for in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,

- **Live** začw zao, dzah'-o; to be given life. To receive life. To be quickened.
- **Move** kine÷w kineo, kin-eh'-o; to be stirred or aroused or awakened.
- **Being** ejsme÷n esmen, es-men'; existence of personality, our individuality,

### A Most Sensitive and Emotional Topic Tonight

#### Psalm 42:1-6

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants **my soul** for You, O God. :2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? :3 **My tears** have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?" :4 When I remember these *things*, I pour out **my soul** within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast. :5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And *why* are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance. :6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You

**It's been well said that "cancer can take a man's life and in a sense with a bit of mercy but when a man loses all hope, he then can suddenly die."**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **We Are a Trichotomy, Spirit, Soul, and Body – This Is Who We Are.**

#### **Suicide is Worldwide:**

The Former Eastern European countries of the Soviet Union historically as well as presently have the highest suicide rates worldwide, while the predominant Catholic, South American countries have the lowest rate. The International suicide capitol of the world is Ottawa, Canada.

*The National Center for Health Statistics*

#### **The Risks of Suicide:**

Studies indicate that the best way to prevent suicide is through the early recognition and treatment of depression and/or other mental illnesses that may lead to suicide. Biological, chemical imbalances can be a major contributing factor if not managed professionally. In addition – feelings of hopelessness, depression, manic depression, schizophrenia, substance abuse, eating disorders, **anxiety and an unhealthy self-perception** all increase the probability of suicide attempts and completions.

*The National Center for Health Statistics*

#### **Suicide and Gender:**

In most countries, women attempt suicide more often, however, men are more likely to complete the suicide. Although the frequency of suicides for young adults worldwide has been increasing since the 1990's. Since 2005 older white males continue to have the highest suicide rate among the genders. The majority of suicide completions take place during the spring while the holiday seasons are a close second.

*The Center for Disease Control and Prevention.*

#### **Suicide in America:**

On an average, over 36,000 people in the United States die by suicide. The latest data available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that 36,035 suicide deaths were reported in the U.S. making it the highest rate since 1993. This latest rise places suicide again among the 10 leading causes of death in the U.S. Nationally, the rate of suicide has been on the increase since 1999. This is the highest rate of suicide in fifteen years. Suicide is now the fourth leading cause of death for adults between the ages of 18 and 65 years in the United States.

*American College of Psychiatrists*

## Luke 21:26

men's hearts **failing them from fear** and the **expectation** of those things which are coming on the earth,

## **Suicide Among the Young:**

Suicide among America's youth has been on the rise making suicide the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death among those 9-14 years old. Suicide is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death among those 15-24 years old. Risk factors for suicide among America's young include suicidal thoughts, depression, aggressive behavior, bipolar disorder, anxiety, drug and/or alcohol abuse.

## **Suicide by The Numbers:**

The Least number of Suicides in America occurred in New Jersey.

The Most number of Suicides in America are in Alaska (And if happy cows come from California apparently people do too as Californian's are among the least likely people in America to commit suicide ranked #42 out of 50 states.

The Suicide Capitol of America is nearly a tie between Seattle, Washington (among residents) and Las Vegas, Nevada (among visitors)

*The National Center for Health Statistics*

Let me tell you what I didn't find.

I had a hard time finding a real, long-lasting, permanent fix. In a word – I couldn't find much "spiritual assistance" on this issue.

I found a lot of support groups and meetings and doctors' referrals, I even found what pills or drugs I could take – but very little help where it matters. – the total man

## **It's Interesting to Note that the 1<sup>st</sup> Recorded Sin**

### **Genesis 2:16-17**

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **:17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in **the day** that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**"

In the Bible it looks more like a homicide crime scene. 1<sup>st</sup>, Eve committed suicide or self-murder the moment she disobeyed God. Then Adam committed suicide or self-murder the moment he disobeyed God. But the one presiding accomplice, the Charles Manson of it all was none other than Satan himself who suggested to **them that if they would just "jump" they would be better off.**

### **Genesis 3:1-4**

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" **:2** And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; **:3** but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" **:4**

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. :5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

## **“WHAT IS SUICIDE?”**

### **DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW**

#### **1.) Suicide is a satanic invention**

**the testimonials are as long as life itself.** a man or woman was just about to jump off the bridge or pull the trigger when all of a sudden the doorbell rang or that preacher came on the TV

#### **John 8:44**

You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

**There is not a human being exempt from the Satanic temptation to think thoughts of death and or suicide.**

#### **1 Peter 5:8**

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

#### **2 Corinthians 1:8-9**

For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we **despaired even of life.** :9 Yes, we had **the sentence of death in ourselves...**

**The Bible mentions 6 specific people** *who committed suicide:* **Abimelech** (Judges 9:54), **King Saul** (1 Samuel 31:4), **Saul's armor-bearer** (1 Samuel 31:4-6), **Ahithophel** (2 Samuel 17:23), **Zimri** (1 Kings 16:18), and the most famous suicide of all time, **Judas** (Matthew 27:5). Five of them were confirmed wicked, sinful men and 1 we know too little about – **King Saul's armor-bearer.**

## **Example of Depression & Suicidal Thoughts**

### Jonah 4:3,8

Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for *it is* better for me to die than to live!”:8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah’s head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, “*It is better for me to die than to live.*”

### Job 7:3-11

So I have been allotted months of futility, And wearisome nights have been appointed to me. :4 When I lie down, I say, “When shall I arise, And the night be ended?” For I have had my fill of tossing till dawn. :5 My flesh is caked with worms and dust, My skin is cracked and breaks out afresh :6 “My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, And are spent without hope. :7 Oh, remember that my life *is* a breath! My eye will never again see good. :8 The eye of him who sees me will see me no *more*; *While* your eyes are upon me, I shall no longer *be*. :9 As the cloud disappears and vanishes away, So he who goes down to the grave does not come up. :10 He shall never return to his house, Nor shall his place know him anymore. :11 “Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

### 1 Kings 19:4

But Elijah himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I *am* no better than my fathers!”

## “WHAT IS SUICIDE?”

### SUICIDE IS A SATANIC INVENTION

#### 1a.) Counter this satanic invention with hope

### 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we **despaired even of life**. :9 Yes, we had **the sentence of death in ourselves**, - that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, :10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver *us*,

#### 2.) Suicide is a murder

### Exodus 20:13

“You shall not murder. (*you too*)

#### 2a.) Counter this attempted murder with The Life

# Start Speaking Life Into Your Friends Life.

*Start now to deposit words of life. Give them scripture. Tell them to listen.*

## The Bible is Supernaturally Empowered

### **Ecclesiastes 9:4 KJV** *(Solomon)*

For to him that is joined to all the living, there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

### **John 6:47**

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

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### 3.) Suicide is a subtle lie

#### **Satan Misquotes Psalm 91:11-12**

#### **Luke 4:10-11**

For it is written: “*He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,*’ (~~“in all your ways,”~~) :11 and, “*In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*”

Satan omits from the quotation the phrase, “in all your ways,” in an attempt to apply the promise to something that was contrary to God’s will.

### 3a.) Counter this subtle lie with the truth

#### **Psalm 16:8-9**

I have set the LORD always before me; Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved. :9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.

#### **2 Corinthians 4:6-10**

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has **shone in our hearts** to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *(encouraging)* :7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. :8 **We are hard-pressed** on every side, yet not **crushed**; **we are perplexed**, but not in **despair**; *(encouraging)* :9 **persecuted**, but not forsaken; **struck down**, but not destroyed - :10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. *(encouraging)*

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### 4.) Suicide is a hidden trap

#### I Just Wanna End It All

**The suicide forest**, which has a historic association with demonic activity in Japanese mythology, is a popular place for suicides; in 2002, 78 bodies were found laying about, despite numerous warning signs, in Japanese and English, urging people to reconsider their actions. Due to the wind-blocking density of the trees, and an absence of any wildlife, the forest is known for being unnaturally quiet.

#### The Demonic World Traffics in Darkness, Depression and Death

##### Matthew 27:3-5

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, :4 saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” And they said, “What is that to us? You see to it!” :5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

**According to the Bible, suicide is not** what determines whether a person goes to hell or not. What it does is overrides the perfect will of God for A LIFE. But if an unsaved person commits suicide, he has done nothing but “expedite” his journey to hell because he was already enroute there.

### 4a.) Counter this hidden trap with fellowship

##### Psalm 42:4

When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul within me. **For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.**

##### Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, :25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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### 5.) Suicide is a powerful sin

#### John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

**It's the ultimate act of rebellion. Here's the reason why.**  
*It's usurping your authority over God's authority.*

**No human being has the right or the authority**  
*to end what God began.*

#### Genesis 1:27-2:7

So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them, **2:7** And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

#### Psalm 90:12

So teach *us* to **number our days**, (*to use the appointed days allotted to me*)  
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

### 5a.) Counter this powerful lie with the truth

#### What Happens to a Christian if he should commit Suicide?

Serious doubts should be raised about the genuineness of faith of anyone who claimed to be a Christian yet committed suicide. There is no circumstance that can justify someone, especially a Christian, taking his/her own life. Christians are called to live their lives for God, and the decision on when to die is God's and God's alone.

#### Matthew 12:31-32

“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. **:32** Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

**Romans 8:38-39**

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **:39** nor height nor depth, nor **any other created thing**, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**James 4:7-8**

Therefore (1) **submit** to God. (2) **Resist** the devil and he will flee from you. **:8** (3) **Draw** near to God and He will draw near to you. (4) **Cleanse** your hands, you sinners; and (5) **purify** your hearts, you double-minded.

**2 Corinthians 10:5-6**

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, **:6** and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

**Philippians 4:4-8**

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! **:5** Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. **:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **:7** and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **:8** Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

***Come Forward for Prayer Tonight***

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