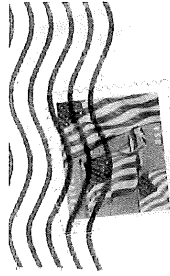


The Letter that Stirred Up Anderson Island and the Follow-up Letter by Shelley Dinsmore



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Your Neighbor

Our Dear Friend

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Invitation

"Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of your SALVATION!"
(2 Corinthians 6:2)

FACT: Everyone who is in hell today HAD that final opportunity to accept the grace of Jesus Christ, **but they rejected it.** THIS LETTER could be God's final call to YOU. This could be YOUR LAST CHANCE to receive the salvation that Jesus provided through His death for you. **TODAY is the day that you need to repent and trust in Jesus Christ. Not tomorrow, not next month, not next year. NOW.**

July 25, 2023

Dear Anderson Island Neighbor and Friend,

I am **WARNING** you because I love you.

DO NOT throw this letter out or ignore it. You are in terrible danger if you do not have a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This is your wakeup call.

We are living in the very last days found in Bible prophecy. Look around! The world is falling apart rapidly. Biblical prophecies are lining up and Jesus will return ANY SECOND. Are you prepared for His return? We are living on borrowed time.

If you do not love and believe in Jesus Christ, and if you do not TRUST that He died for your sins and that He is the ONLY path for eternal salvation, then you are in extreme danger. You are heading for eternal punishment in Hell, separated from God for eternity.

It is YOUR OWN CHOICE where you spend eternity. It is YOUR OWN CHOICE whether you will go to Heaven or Hell for eternity. Hell is real place. I assure you, **your choice will have ETERNAL consequences.**

YOU NEED TO IMMEDIATELY REPENT (which means to turn your life to Jesus, love Him with all your heart, and turn away from your sins). Believe and TRUST that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that He shed His precious blood on the cross for you—so that you can have eternal life in Him. You cannot do a single good work or deed to earn eternal salvation on your own. We are all sinners. You MUST believe and TRUST that Jesus paid for all your sins on the cross. That Jesus did it ALL for you. **ONLY in Jesus Christ do we have eternal salvation.**

You are going to die. It's not a matter of if, but when. Do you know where you'll be if you die tonight? Please, I beg you.... don't gamble with your eternal fate. **The decision you make RIGHT NOW means eternal life or death.**

You need to read and believe the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** (INCLUDED WITH THIS LETTER).

Believe and trust in Jesus Christ RIGHT NOW and enjoy the peace and security that your soul is safe with God! It's a wonderful thing to go to bed every night, knowing that you're going to Heaven the second you die. Jesus did it ALL for us! I am sending you this letter because I love you, and genuinely want to see you in Heaven.

Love in Christ,

His servant

PLEASE! WAKE UP!!! I am BEGGING you...READ THE NEXT FEW PAGES AND GET SAVED RIGHT NOW!

Are you ready to be saved? Read, believe, and TRUST the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

1) God created us for His glory.

"Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory" (Isaiah 43:6-7). God made all of us in his own image so that we would image forth, or reflect, his character and moral beauty.

2) Therefore every human should live for God's glory.

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). The way to live for the glory of God is to love Him (Matthew 22:37), trust Him (Romans 4:20), be thankful to Him (Psalms 50:23), obey Him (Matthew 5:16), and treasure Him above all things (Philippians 3:8; Matthew 10:37). When we do these things we image forth God's glory.

3) Nevertheless, we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "Although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him . . . and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images" (Romans 1:21-23). None of us has loved or trusted or thanked or obeyed or treasured God as we ought.

4) Therefore we all deserve eternal punishment.

"The wages of sin is (eternal) death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Those who do not obey the Lord Jesus "will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might" (2 Thessalonians 1:9). "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:46).

5) Yet, in His great mercy, God sent His only Son Jesus Christ into the world to provide for sinners the way of eternal life.

"God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13). "Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

6) Therefore eternal life is a free gift to all who will trust in Christ as Lord and Savior and supreme Treasure of their lives.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). "By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). "I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:8).

What do I do now?

Jesus overwhelmingly loves each and every one of us. It doesn't matter who you are, what sins you've committed, how bad your past is, or how far away from Jesus you think you've strayed. If you are still breathing, it's not too late for you to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and enter Heaven. God overwhelmingly loves you and is merciful. But you need to REPENT, believe in Jesus, and TRUST that He is your Lord and Savior. You need to make Jesus the center of your life. He wants a close, personal, one-on-one relationship with you! **Make TODAY the day of your salvation!** You cross the bridge into God's family when you earnestly love, believe, and trust in Jesus Christ and obey Him! Jesus paid for all your sins when He died on the cross. He did it all for you. That's how much He loves you!

So, what should I do RIGHT NOW?

1. **ADMIT** to Jesus that you're a sinner. We are all sinners and need Jesus's grace.
2. **ASK Jesus for forgiveness** and be willing to **REPENT (REPENTANCE)** means a sincere turning away, in both your mind and heart, from self to Jesus. It involves a change of mind that leads to action—the radical turning away from a sinful life to Jesus. A person who is truly repentant recognizes Jesus Christ as the most important factor of his or her existence.
3. **BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for ALL your sins and rose from the dead. Believe that Jesus is the ONLY path to salvation and eternal life.
4. **RECEIVE:** Ask Jesus Christ into your heart. Ask Him to take over. You will receive His Holy Spirit.
5. **TURN FROM SIN:** Your relationship with sin needs to change right now. Jesus is very clear in the Bible that if YOU truly love Him, you will obey His commands, which He clearly lays out for us in the Bible. You won't be perfect until you're in Heaven. In this earthly life, all of us have a sinful nature and stumble. But Jesus is always ready and willing to forgive you when you earnestly repent and obey Him.
6. **INTIMACY WITH JESUS:** He wants a close, personal, one-on-one relationship with you. It's not about just giving Jesus an hour of your time every Sunday at church. He wants to be always the center of your life. Jesus is your Lord and Savior and your best friend. Talk to Him. It's all about relationship!

Next steps for you:

1. **PRAY:** Jesus wants you to talk to Him about everything that matters to you. Just talk to Him. You can pray to Jesus anywhere, any time. **He wants a relationship with you!!!**
2. **You MUST read the Bible! The Bible is the Word of God and is the ONLY truth!** The Bible is God's living, breathing Word to you. You grow in intimacy with Jesus through reading His Word. The Bible tells you how to pursue Him. If you don't already have a Bible, it's time to get one! Christian videos and sermons can be helpful, **but the Bible, as the living Word of God, is the only absolute truth in this universe.** To grow as a Christian, you MUST feed on God's Word. Read the Bible on a regular basis. Where in the Bible is a good place to start reading for new believers? Since the Old Testament foreshadows Jesus Christ and the New Testament is sharply focused on Jesus Christ, it makes good sense for a new Christian or a non-believer to start reading the Bible with any of the four gospels (Book of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). My personal preference is the Gospel of John. The Apostle John emphasizes the love of God as found in Jesus Christ.
3. **GO TO CHURCH:** Like praying and reading the Bible, going to church regularly is imperative for your Christian walk and spiritual growth. Your local church is Jesus's family to help you walk with Him and grow as a disciple. Make sure the church you go to, and what it teaches, lines up with the Word of God.
4. **SHARE YOUR FAITH AND THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS:** God commands us to share the Good News of the Gospel. When you have eternal life through Jesus Christ, you won't want to keep it to yourself. Share the Gospel with your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors—everyone you can!

Love in Christ, His servant

This Is Shelley Dinsmore's Response to Her Anderson Island Neighbors, Many of Whom Voiced Great Displeasure on Social Media over the Anonymous Letter You Just Read

Dear Fellow Islanders, August 3, 2023

This letter concerns the posts by islanders regarding the "mass mailing gospel message" which caused many to be upset.

I read the letter, and carefully read everyone's comments, because this subject is near and dear to my heart; and so I am writing to offer another perspective for your consideration.

First, I would like to say that I respect all people and their faith or belief system.

Many comments expressed anger with the sender for multiple reasons, but I ask you to look beyond the "neighbors" presentation and consider this analogy:

A man was up ahead on the freeway of life, and he saw that the bridge was just taken out by a flash flood. It was getting dark, and the fog was thick. He knew that anyone speeding toward the edge would soon hurtle off a 1,000-foot cliff to certain death. So, he raced back to set up a station several miles in front of the danger and began jumping, waving, and yelling, "Stop! The bridge is out! Turn around!"

You briefly slow down to see what the commotion is about, but your radio is turned up, and you're in a hurry to get to your job—or your loved one; or a party; or a football game; or other pleasures of life). By now, the man has stepped in front of your car to explain, but you ignore his efforts and your irritation turns to anger as he tries to detain and dissuade your desire to drive on.

You rev your engine, shouting, "Get out of my way, crazy man! You've got no business here! Keep your foolish talk to yourself!" And so you gun your car around him, nearly crushing him under your wheels in the process.

All the while you are speeding toward the end of the road where you may not see the truth before plummeting to your death in a fiery crash.

Here's one more analogy to consider:

One night, a neighbor who is on neighborhood watch drives by and sees that your house is on fire. If he loved his neighbor, he would frantically beat at your door to try and wake you. He may even break your window and start screaming to gain your attention, or jump in and risk getting cut on broken glass or burned. He doesn't consider that his actions will irritate or anger you, because he knows that the consequence of not alerting you could result in your death.

So, I ask sincerely: What if this letter was sent with that heart—to warn and to rescue those who are at risk of perishing, whether they see it or not?

We've seen similar behavior in recent times here on the island when a virus that many feared motivated many to follow the prevailing counsel to "get vaccinated!" Not only did it move you in one direction or another, but many folks on our island's social media pages saw fit to tell everyone else that

they too needed to get vaccinated. Some even posted pictures of themselves with special stickers, or with the nurse who administered what they thought could be a life-saving injection.

Of course there were also some with an opposing view—those who warned of the potential dangers of an unapproved, experimental mRNA vaccine, that had never before been given to humans.

My point is this. Regardless of which side you took in the matter, **You had a conviction.** Whether you are right or wrong is not the point; it is simply that many saw fit to share their personal views with others because they felt that their message would “**SAVE LIVES.**”

So I have a sincere question: What if the overall message in this community letter is true? Would it change anything for you?

What if God truly loves all mankind, he created you, and desires to have a relationship with you? What if somehow along the way, you've missed his voice or his promptings? What if instead of being angry and rejecting (or killing) the messenger (trash bin, burn pile, shredder etc), you considered a different response?

What if you lifted your eyes sincerely and humbly to the heavens and said, "God, if you are real, please reveal yourself to me? Or what if you honestly said, I acknowledge that I may not know everything, and if I am missing your truth somehow, please show me in a way I can understand?

What if he answered you in an undeniable way? What if he has been waiting for the day that you would do so? And what if by truly experiencing him for the first time he filled you with unexplainable relief, joy, and wonder?

What if we really are sinners separated from a holy God? What if God really did send his Son, Jesus, to be the perfect sacrifice for our sin?

What if he really was able to do what he claimed, which is to forgive the sins of all who believe by willingly giving up his own life on the cross? And after he died, he rose from the dead (something that no other religious leader has claimed to do) and ascended to heaven to become the only mediator between man and God?

What if some of those sins he is willing to forgive were committed by you and have left you feeling dark, empty, hopeless, rejected, and unworthy? And what if in a moment in time he could wipe away all the guilt and sin from your past? What if the way to receive this forgiveness is by repenting and calling upon God to forgive you?

This is what we Christians call **The Gospel (which means “Good News”)** And the good news is that all of our sins—past, present, and future—have been paid for by the loving sacrifice of Jesus, God's only begotten Son.

The belief that “we are all God’s children” is quite popular today. And it is true that God gives the miracle of physical life to everyone who breathes; but this does not make all humans part of God’s eternal family. As the Bible explains,

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons (and daughters) of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13).

I believe and have found what the Bible declares to be true: God is the author of all creation, the giver of life, and he is a holy God who dwells in holiness. But he loves us all so much that he gives us free will to receive his offer of Salvation—or to reject him. Because of the sin of man, we were separated from God, but he made a way for us to return to him. The Bible declares that all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved.

This may rub some people the wrong way, but because the world is God's creation (not ours) he gets to establish the guidelines by which he governs and accepts man into his heavenly realm. In other words, we don't get to make the natural laws; we simply choose to accept them or reject them.

However, it would be absolutely foolish to categorically reject the Bible's truth claims without a serious evaluation of the facts.

After studying the Scriptures for 30 years, I've tested and concluded that the Bible is the inspired word of God. As I've cried out for wisdom, direction, and strength, he's answered me thousands of times.

Those of us who believe what the Bible says, and have strong conviction of heart, want **all of you** to have the opportunity to experience that same freedom—a permanent release from the shame of sin and the chains of death.

That's it—an opportunity.

It's up to you now.

We raise our children up to make their own decisions. Sometimes they make decisions we don't like. In fact, we may have counseled them against those decisions. Yet, they are free to choose their own way. Sometimes their decisions result in an unwanted pregnancy, or a gut-wrenching abortion. Sometimes they result in jail time. Sometimes they result in separation from family. And many times, these decisions have lifelong consequences.

So, what if what the Bible says is true and your decision to reject God not only has lifelong—but eternal—consequences? It's a sincere question.

True believers, with right understanding, would never force you to our belief, but we would testify of our sincere belief and experiences with God as we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.

You see, true believers looked into the mirror as God held up his truth of the moral law (the Ten Commandments) and we realized, that we all fall short and that we are in need of a Savior.

We had a conscience about our wrong doings and the things we have done to reject God and to hurt others.

True believers realize that they are just like everyone else—people with broken hearts, who are hypocritical, who make many mistakes and yes, even sin and purposely do things we know we shouldn't.

It's really not that hard when you break this down:

In your own families, if someone does something to hurt another, what is usually required? You need to say you are sorry, ask for forgiveness, and try not to repeat the same behavior.

It's no different with God the Father. When we sin (an archery term which literally means "to miss the mark") we need to ask for forgiveness and turn from those things and try to live better.

For those who say, "I have no sin," would you allow someone to video tape all of your thoughts for 24 hours and then broadcast them to the entire world? I think all would agree the results would be shameful, for any one of us.

And God sees and knows all of our innermost thoughts; nothing is hidden from him.

I know many will reject what I have to say, but I want to appeal to your God-given conscience, logic, and reasoning, and I hope that you will take the time to finish reading this very personal and heartfelt letter. Notice that I am not writing anonymously, and I am coming in a spirit of kindness and love.

Some will say, "I don't need God. I don't need to be forgiven." These people reason, "I'm a good person, and if there is a heaven, he's going to let me in because I treat people kindly and I do good things and my good far outweighs my bad."

This is a works-based belief; in other words, there is a cosmic balance scale and God is like Santa who keeps a naughty and nice list. But if we all get there on our own merit, what kind of a heaven would that be?

It would be a place of confusion—because everyone has different standards of what we believe is right or wrong—from the most stringent law abiders to the Wiccans whose creed is "Do what thou wilt; an' harm none" to some satanists who follow their motto, "Do what thou wilt; this be the whole of the law."

So I would venture to say if people get to heaven by their works, there would be a lot of very unhappy people. This is why "all roads lead to heaven" is a great lie and grand deception. It sounds good, but is entirely illogical, unreasonable, and unrighteous; because it draws no distinction between what is holy and what is not.

Most of you have heard of the Ten Commandments (God's moral law as given to Moses) which addresses key issues that have plagued society for millennia. The Scriptures explain that God has written his law on our hearts; this is why we all get offended when someone commits a wrong against us.

God's commandments declare that "you shall love the Lord with your whole heart"; to not take his name in vain; and commands us as human beings to honor our parents; not to lie, steal, covet, murder, commit adultery, or worship idols, to name a few. So, if you have ever hated God, lied, stolen, cheated, dishonored your parents, committed adultery, coveted, killed, etc...then you too are guilty—**just like me**. Is it really so hard to see?

So, if God judged you by his Ten Commandments, would you be innocent or guilty?

God showed me so many years ago that these commandments or "rules" were like traffic lights. He revealed to me that the stop lights were not there to make me uncomfortable or miserable, but they were there to keep me from getting T-boned or perhaps to even to keep me from death.

I grew up in some pretty terrible circumstances; I was emotionally and violently abused (verbally, physically and sexually) for many many years. My sisters, brothers and I were separated and shuffled in and out of multiple foster homes. After I finally broke free from my vicious mother, I ran to other

family members for safe haven, but was raped several days later and then threatened by my family and predator that I would be killed if I ever said a word. I ran away again and struggled to find a place to call home. Months later, I went back into the foster care system at 16 and found a wonderful temporary foster care family who loved me and wanted to adopt me, but the system did not permit this at the time and I had to leave the temporary custody solution.

I decided to go it on my own by 17 with no one to tell me what to do anymore. I was finally free (or so I thought) and I went wild! I did what I wanted, when I wanted, and how I wanted. In the process of all my "freedom" and rebellion, I hurt a lot of people—but more importantly, I brought upon myself so much grief and sorrow, guilt and shame.

I see now in hindsight, that sleeping with boys (who I only wanted to truly love me) broke my heart time and time again. I saw that lying and stealing made people mistrust me and not want to be around me. I saw that my hatred for those who were so vicious to me was not only hurting them, but killing me emotionally. I saw that my selfishness awarded me few friends in life.

All of this filled me with such deep depression that at age 17 I tried to take my life by overdosing on more than 250 pills. But God... had a different plan. When my attempts to end all the pain didn't work, as a last resort I looked up to the heavens and said, "God if you're real, please reveal yourself to me and show me your plan."

Thirty years ago my life was so messed up and so full of grief and shame. I did not deserve anything good, but God looked down—and while I was yet in my sins, he poured out his love and compassion toward me by offering forgiveness, mercy, and grace through the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. He also gave me the capacity to forgive all those who had sinned against me. This was a supernatural work; something only accomplished with the help of God.

This was the beginning of true wisdom for me—when I began to reverence Jesus as the Christ ("The Anointed One").

The beauty of the Gospel is that God made only one way: One faith, one Lord, and one way to become a true child of God. Again, he makes the rules; we do not. And if you reject his commandments, that is your choice, but you can't create a "new reality."

Sadly, even some who attend church or identify as "Christian" disagree with what the Bible clearly teaches. But the bottom line is that no one gets to make up their own rules or redefine, reinterpret, or reframe what God has spoken.

Because once people begin to re-imagine what the Bible actually says, by saying, "My loving God would never send sinners to hell" or "My loving Jesus would never rebuke sinners" then they've just rejected the Scriptures themselves, which declare they are "God-breathed," and have thus created a new religion to suit their own desires. But this is not Christianity.

Perhaps you are atheist, and believe all this is pure nonsense.

I have a couple of questions for you:

If you go to an art gallery, and you see a beautiful piece of art, don't you automatically know from logic that the painting requires a painter—whether human or machine? And if you see a beautiful architectural structure, don't you automatically have reverence for the architect and know that a building requires a builder?

In the same way, look how incredibly intricate we are as human beings. Look at the entire animal world and ecosystem—and how such incredibly complex systems all work in harmony and precision, from the magnificent hummingbird and honey bee to the miracle of human life itself. Thoughts, language, speech, music, art, creativity itself—all gifts of the Creator.

God says that mankind rejects him without excuse because of the testimony of Creation, which collectively shouts the evidence of intelligent design. Life and complexity simply cannot arise from random molecular interactions.

So, I want to ask you a sincere and honest question. If you've never sincerely and humbly sought out the Lord, what do you have to lose?

The Bible declares, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

In contrast, those who reject God and his gift of salvation and the promises of his word, will experience the "second death" which is hell—eternal separation from God, our Creator.

Tragically, even some professing Christians find this repugnant and attempt to erase it from the Scriptures. But read and consider what the apostle Paul wrote, under divine inspiration: "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

The bad news is, if we were honest, is that this describes most of the world, from antiquity to today. But then, Paul delivers the good news:

"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

So, the difference between a serious saved Christian and the rest of humanity is that we have renounced our sinful ways, have received the gift of God's son, and are now clothed in his righteousness which replaces our "self-righteousness." I does not mean we are perfect.

As I am now testifying to you, God set me free from many of these behaviors. He washed away my sin. He also washed away all the grief of heart on me from others and he will do it for you if you really want him to.

Is there chance for a "snowball in hell"?

Some of you have joked about carpooling to hell, and even bringing ice cream. But what if Jesus is right, and hell is real? Then this would truly be nothing to joke about!

Just as we don't get to make our own pathway to heaven, we also don't get to create our own version of hell.

Hell, as God defines it, is not a place to party. The Bible explains that it was not created as a place for human beings at all, but is "an everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

Ironically, people still want to blame God for sending people to hell. But in reality, it is those who reject God who condemn themselves. And contrary to popular belief, God does not take joy in sending sinful people there:

"I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33:11).

In place of partying on the "Highway to Hell," there will be "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 8:12) and a person's existence there will be alone, in utter darkness. This is because God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5).

So, if you reject him and shake your fist at him, or pretend he's not real, then you're choosing the alternative; everlasting darkness.

In hell, unfortunately, you're not going to be hanging out with your friends at the bar, enjoying your favorite cocktails. You're not going to be having a great time living out your dreams and spending time with the family you love. In fact, you won't be with anyone you know—you will be alone, your thoughts filled with nothing but continual sorrow and grief for the wrongs you've done which can now never be forgiven.

God's word explains that "It is appointed once for man to die, and then comes the judgement."

If this is true, and you think he's a terrible God for doing this, I want to offer this perspective. He is giving you what you asked for! You are saying you don't want him, you don't want righteousness, you don't want holiness, you don't want rules, and you are rejecting everything that God stands for.

And so, if he is the one that actually created this world and created you—then in the most loving and respectful way, **he is giving you what you want and what you are demanding** and as the letter to the islanders stated, it is "your own choice."

So please, I ask you to consider the things I have shared. I am not afraid if this offends you because I am truly convicted of the consequence of your rejection of God. "The bridge is out," friends!

But God has made a way, where there was no way back to him.

Jesus declares in John 14:7 "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one come to the Father but through me." He also said, "There is a way that seems right to a man but the ways thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12

If I was found guilty of a serious crime (like murder) and went before a judge for sentencing, would he be a just judge if he let me go? What if I told him I knew I was wrong that time, but otherwise I was a good person? Should he then let me go without a penalty? The Bible tells us that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus walked in that courtroom and paid the fine and served the time, for all who have accepted his free gift.

I do not want you to perish, but would love for you to have eternal life. I truly only want to see you there!

I am not perfect, I fail, make mistakes, and most likely have not communicated this to you perfectly (there is none perfect but God). But I hope that my choice to testify with absolute confidence and

transparency lets you know how much I truly do care. And if you've met me, you know that I love Jesus—and I don't "push religion" in anyone's face.

But if you have met me, you also know that I love you, care for you, and will pray for you in an instant—at any time and for any reason. And you would also know that I would never judge you for anything that you've said or done, because I've been guilty of breaking all of God's commandments (and I probably have some of your personal records beat).

So if you've read this far, thank you for taking the time to hear the heart of this one true believer.

My last three questions for you are these:

1. What if you are wrong in your rejection of God and Jesus?
2. If you knew you were wrong, or if the truth could be shown to you, would it change anything for you?
3. If what I am sharing is true, wouldn't it be worth doing a little more investigation about your eternity?

Eternity is a long time to take such a risk without really seeking the one who gave you life and breath.

In summary, the Bible's message is clear, as made plain by John the Baptist:

“He (or she) that believes on the Son has everlasting life; and he (or she) that believes not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him (or her)” (John 3:36).

This is not a message of hate, but one of love. Sadly, many misconstrue it as hate, to the point of “killing the messenger.” This is precisely what happened to Jesus and all of his apostles but one; they were all mocked, maligned, marginalized, and murdered. Not much has changed in the past 2,000 years, has it?

Except that since that time, countless millions of Bible-believing Christians have been persecuted, tortured and martyred, and today there are many more being killed for their faith all over the world than ever before. As the apostle Paul wrote, “Have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

If you are truly seeking God's truth, we have abundant evidence for this faith.

Evidence through creation, evidence through nearly 2000 Bible prophecies already fulfilled, evidence through our personal testimony. But you will never know unless you ask.

My husband and I would be happy to share these things with you, to listen to you, and to pray with you if you desire help and want to find God's forgiveness and his assurance of eternal life and heavenly reward. You can have this assurance.

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened” (Mathew 7:7-8). Today truly is the day of Salvation if you ask Jesus to be Lord of your life. “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed!” (John 8:36)

Sincerely, Shelley