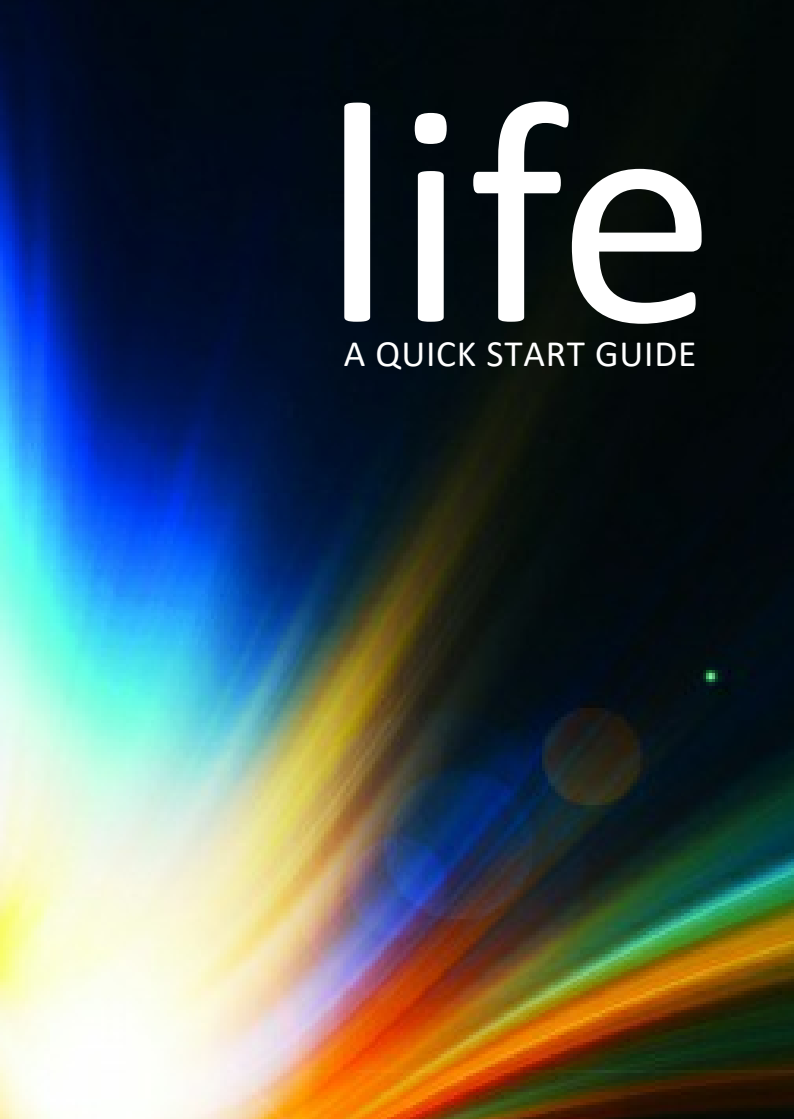


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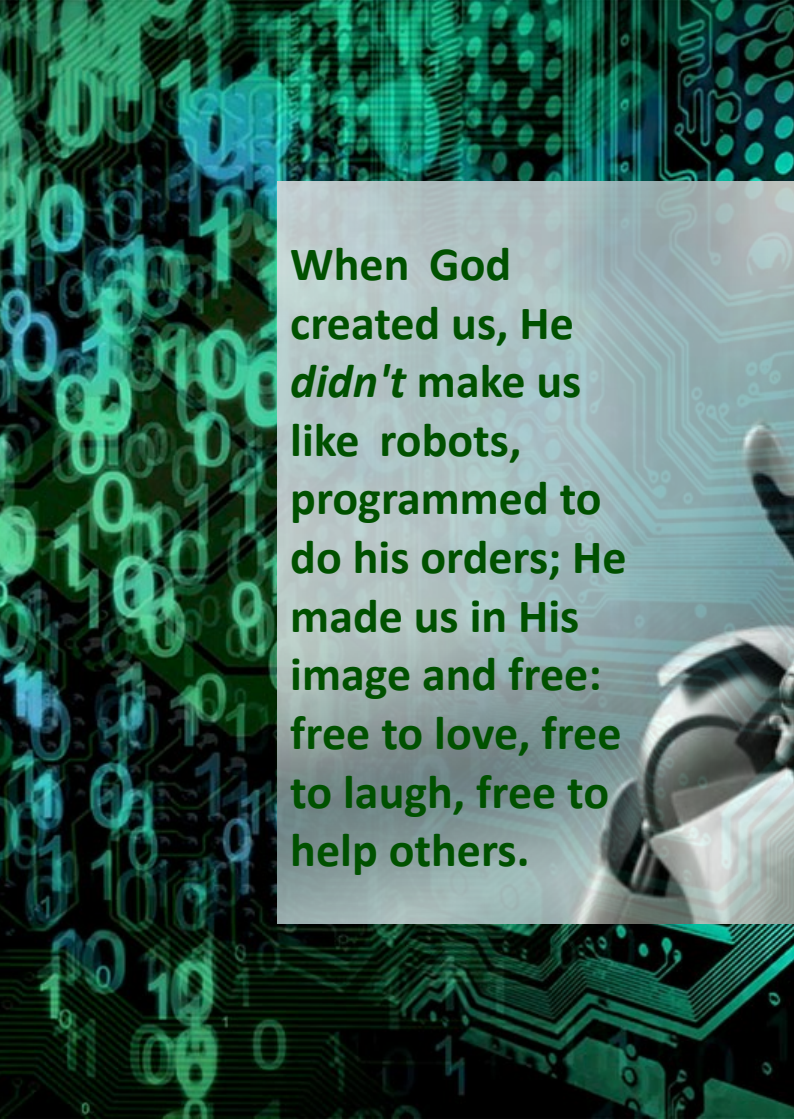
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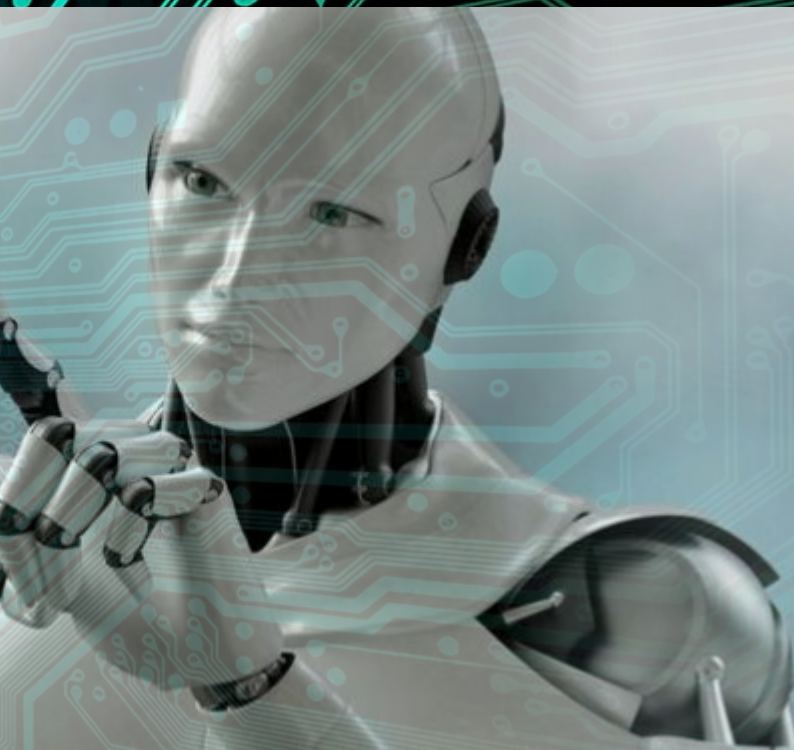


**In the beginning
God created the
heavens and the
earth.**

Genesis 1:1




**When God
created us, He
didn't make us
like robots,
programmed to
do his orders; He
made us in His
image and free:
free to love, free
to laugh, free to
help others.**



Genesis 1:26 Galatians 5:13 1 Peter 2:16



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a string of dark brown prayer beads. The background is a dark green, textured surface, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric, with a pattern of small, light-colored leaves or flowers. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the beads and the background.

Sadly our choices
were not always
good.

We became selfish,
angry and ignored
God's goodness.

We hurt people...
and we got hurt.

Romans 3:23 Ephesians 5:31 Philippians 4:8



God made a promise
hundreds of years ago.

He said,

*“The people walking
in darkness will see a
great light.”*

He promised, *better days
are coming!*



John 8:12 Matthew 5:16 Psalm 119:105

God kept His promise.

Part of His promised light is seen in the Christmas story, when a bright star helped people find Jesus.

Another part is seen in Jesus. When He grew up, His words and His actions helped people out of their fears and sadness.

And also we find God's light in people who talk about Jesus. It's in their actions and words bringing hope to our lives.



When Jesus started to teach, His message was about ***Good News***.

He talked of blessings, love and forgiveness.

He helped people.

He healed people.

He fed people.

He included everyone.



Sadly, for all the good Jesus did, people rejected Him.

The Bible says,

“With the help of wicked people, He was put to death by being nailed to a cross.”

But that wasn't the end...

Acts 2:23-24

Romans 5:8



***God raised Him from the
dead!***

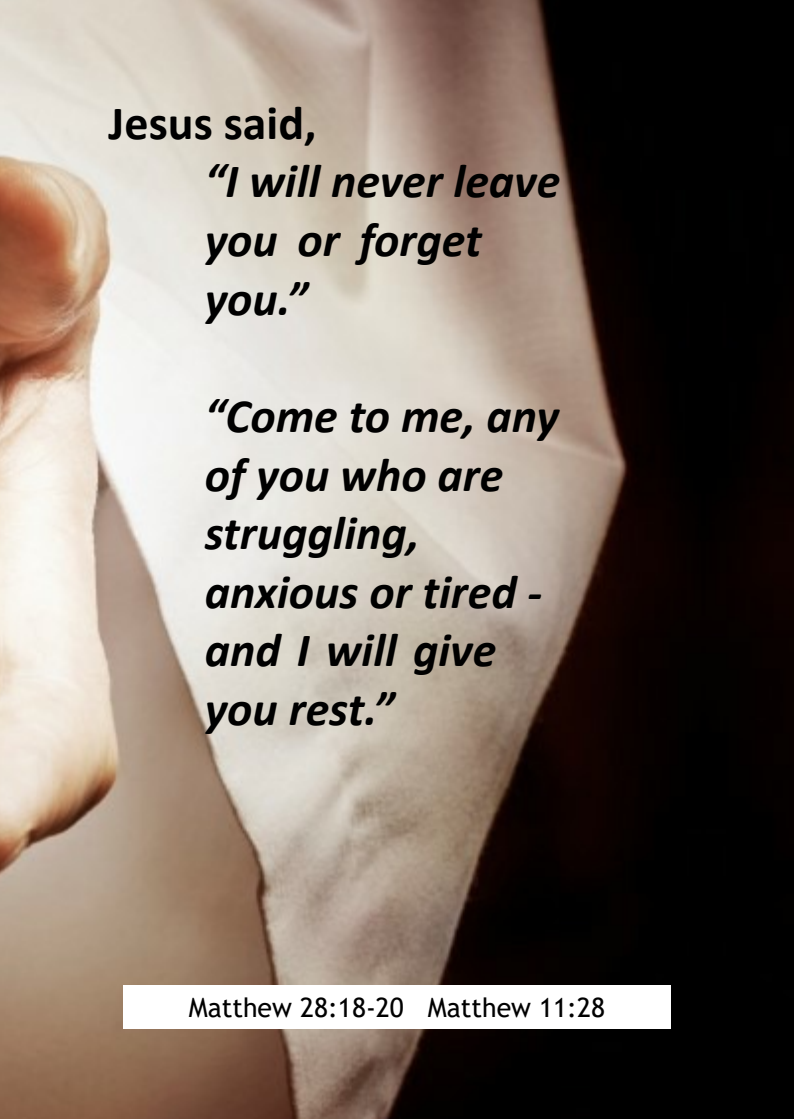
Jesus defeated death.

The angel at the tomb on
that first Easter morning
said,

*“He is not here. He has
risen!”*

1 Corinthians 15:4 & 54-57 Luke 24:6





Jesus said,

***“I will never leave
you or forget
you.”***

***“Come to me, any
of you who are
struggling,
anxious or tired -
and I will give
you rest.”***

Matthew 28:18-20 Matthew 11:28

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Thank you for taking the time to read my little booklet. As a Christian, this contains my beliefs with a number of Bible verses that help explain my faith.

At the age of 13, I read a very similar book, though that one had many more words! At the end, the author asked if I believed what I had just read? If I did, they then offered me a prayer to say to help me connect with the God who created me and loves me.

That was over forty years ago. It's been quite an adventure! Not always easy, but praying that prayer was the best decision of my life.

So I've printed it on the page opposite, just in case it's something you want to do too.



Lord Jesus

I recognise that I have sinned and done things that have hurt You and others.

I am willing to turn away from what is wrong in my life and follow You.

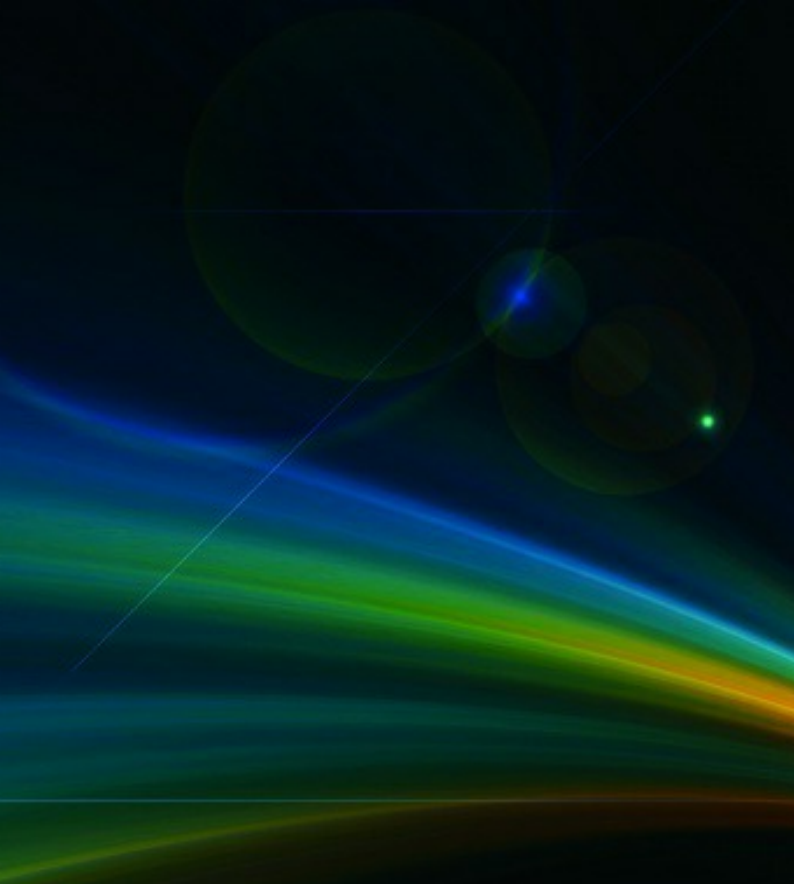
I believe You died on the cross for me, so that my sins can be forgiven and we can become friends.

I ask You today, Jesus, come into my life.

I receive You as my Lord and Saviour. Place Your Holy Spirit within me, clean me, mend me and help me to follow You all my days.

Please write my name in Your holy Book of Life and never delete it.

Amen.



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