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and told him that Kevin had given him a counterfeit note (the clerk had probably switched a good note for a dud one himself). Big trouble. He nearly got arrested and the £50 note was confiscated.

Money is very important – if anyone says it isn't it is usually because they have plenty of it

Story No. 2 Not long ago when I first wrote this there was a boy aged 16 years. He decided he didn't want to have treasure on earth, he wanted to have treasure in heaven. So he read his holy book and listened to his teachers. He believed all he was taught - just like I did when I was 16 years old. So on Wednesday that week he walked into a shopping centre Tel Aviv with 14kg of explosives strapped to his body and blew up himself all around him. He was sure he would have treasure in heaven.

Reprise. So what went so badly wrong? Like my friend Kevin with his counterfeit £50 notes the boy believed he had the genuine article, but this time it was a counterfeit heavenly treasure and it cost him, and many others, their lives.

To avoid losing your money or your life take it seriously. The genuine and the counterfeit - know the difference. Choose wisely.

It's not too hard to check your money to see if it's genuine but how can you check if spiritual things you have been taught are true? Are you missing out?

It is the latest craze to imagine that all religion is really the same and therefore all bad. But truthfully, the differences in religions are as great as those in sport for example between football and chess, Hunger Games and musical chairs or Russian roulette.

Unexpectedly science has become a counterfeit religion with its own 'creation story' of Darwinism and philosophy of 'nothing but atoms and the void' and more recently so has 'political correctness' substituting for Christian moral values.

There is a reliable test for a religious or secular idea: what fruit does it bear? What effect does it have on people's lives? Does it make people selfish or unselfish? Are they more loving towards each other? Are all people made happier? Do they have life and live it large?

Jesus said 'I have come that you might have life and have it to the full'. Choose life.



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Spring time

Spring is definitely a time when nature seems to come alive again. The trees with their stark brown bare branches start to shoot and soon the whole world is turned green again.

Everything in nature is doing something – singing or displaying or flowering or mating or hatching or hunting. Living things are vividly alive, and observing them gives us the most intense pleasure.

Everyone seems to get the point that seemingly dead things are bursting into life once more. Even people who do not believe in God find it hard to miss the message about the stirring of springtime juices making us dream of resurrection. Barbara Mertz, a famous atheist speaks honestly for the sceptic when she said "Spring is always cruel, with its false promise of resurrection" It is so sad to live a life without hope for the future.

Spring is the natural season for Christians to contemplate the significance of Christ's death and resurrection. Saint Paul was brutally honest when he wrote '.. if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile..'. But if He was raised (and He was)

then Easter signals a glorious hope.



Roman soldiers - some of the many witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Why always eggs?

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The story of Jesus is history not mythology and although it seems offensive that a just man was put to death in the way he was, we are in fact very familiar with stories of ordinary people who made the ultimate sacrifice to save the life of someone else. To die is the decisive proof of the highest love. What else could a loving God have done? We invite you to see the Easter story as the triumph of God's love, the joyous proof that we are supremely loved by Him. His resurrection gives us hope that we may live again one day, as ourselves, as He does. If you want faith but lack it listen to the story - faith comes by hearing.

The happiest story teller Hans Christian Anderson said "Just living is not enough we must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower" and I would add a lot of hope.

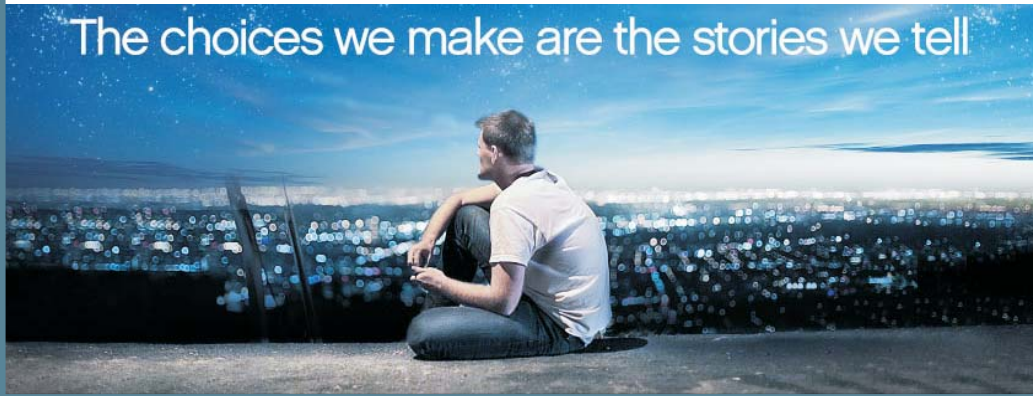
The new £1 coin is here

It is now impossible to eliminate all the fake £1 coins so the bank is going to scrap all the coins, the good along with the bad.

There are so many fake religions the government cannot tell the difference between them either and is making a new religion all of its own called political correctness that is supposed to make everybody live happily together - by law.

Learn to know your true currency and your true religion and make your friends happy and be happy yourself right now and in the future.

The choices we make are the stories we tell



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Know Your Treasure

(or how to get rid of the fakes)

There are so many fake £1 coins, over 50,000,000, the banks have given up even trying to get rid of them. The forgers were getting too good at making realistic copies. Drastic action was called for.

The government decided to get rid of all of the £1 coins, good and bad together and ask the Royal mint to invent a new coin that was too difficult to copy.

The new design was launched on the 28th March and it's got six new security features. It's 12 sided, has a latent image (it changes when viewed from different angles), it's bi-metallic - gold colour outer rim and silver colour inner circle, it has micro lettering around the edges, milled grooved edges on alternating sides and a hidden security feature (a code exists on the top layer of metal on the surface of the coin on the queen's face. It can only be read by the Royal Mint's special fake coin detection machines).



Story No1. A friend of mine I will call Kevin (that's not his real name) was going to Spain for his holiday so he needed to change some English money into Euros. He knew he could get more Euros for his pounds if he waited until he got to Spain. So he went to his English bank and drew out some £50 notes with the idea of changing them to Euros in Spain. So far so good.

When he arrived at the border in Spain he handed over his £50 to the Spanish bank and asked for Euros. That was when his troubles started. The bank clerk called a policeman