

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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The improvement in our physical well-being is evident, particularly since the Industrial Revolution. The problem seems to be the nature of man. Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Cain killed Abel and we are still at it. No matter how hard we try, we just can't make this world right.

When a whole area of the world becomes affluent and things get better physically, the fire of the faith seems to die out (e.g. Europe and now the USA). Ultimately, we find a way to kill 70-80 million as in WWII and start over again. I count nine wars since WWII; now we can probably figure a way to kill billions of us!

Jesus repeatedly told us He was bringing in a *new* Kingdom (e.g. the Lord's Prayer) rather than giving us the task of fixing the physical Kingdom of the World, which will finally be replaced.

I believe we become citizens of His *new* Kingdom when we are "born again" into His Family and His Kingdom. But, that makes us "*Aliens and strangers in the world*", (1 Peter 2:11) which can be very uncomfortable and cause us to feel out of step.

We continue to do "good works" but for a different reason. We try to let Him use us to reflect His Will and His Values here in this world—not to make this temporary Kingdom of the World better, but to be faithful citizens who attract others to His perfect, new and eternal Kingdom of God.

And it also often makes things better for those around us!

From Grandpa With Love

A Note From the Writer

Moving into my nineties caused me to reminisce. It was eye-opening to realize how much I had been changed by one-liners. I decided some of these might give others a new insight or a chuckle, so—enjoy! You can reproduce this material, provided the copies are complete, including this copyright note, and circulated free of charge. © 2018 Marvin J. Martin