

## SUICIDE RECONSIDER

This is a short message for people who may be struggling with great discouragements in their lives.

Now, I'm not a psychologist, but from what I've read on the subject, a common item in many of the notes left by people who have committed suicide is that they could no longer identify any purpose for their lives or opportunities to achieve any reasonable level of fulfilment.

If that is the situation you find yourself in at the moment, with respect for everyone's personal spiritual beliefs, I want to present you with some questions to consider.

1. What if there is a God who created the entire universe and designed every form of life?
2. If that were the case, what if that God is the source of love, joy wisdom and inner peace?
3. What if this creator of all things strongly desires to live in a loving father – child relationship with every human being?

According to the teachings of the bible, the answer to all three of these questions is, "Well, that's the way it is."

Let me tell you about just one verse in the bible which I'm hoping you will find especially thought provoking. It says, *"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the son of God, then God lives in him and he in God."*

The next question I want you to think about is:

What would be the implications of the source of love, joy, wisdom and inner peace living in you?

My personal experience of this, having made the decision to accept this offer over thirty years ago, is one of being constantly aware of this source of spiritual guidance within me. From that guidance, I have developed a belief that the meaning of life is to live in a very close relationship with the creator and to draw from that relationship the love and wisdom required to most effectively love and serve my fellow man. Individual purpose continually develops from that belief.

So, if you're struggling to find purpose for your life, there's one more question I want ask you.

What have you got to lose by applying this information to your own life?

I can imagine you may be asking, "How can I know if there is any integrity in the teachings of the Bible?"

My answer to that question is "Put your trust in them and find out."

Imagine if someone told you that a particular herbal treatment would successfully cure you of a serious medical condition you were suffering from. You could choose to be sceptical and ignore the information, or you could try it and find out for yourself if it really works.

The same applies to bible teachings. You can ignore them and never find out if they can be trusted, or you can apply them and see if you notice positive changes in your outlook on life and your attitude to people.

Here is a really basic prayer if you decide to do something with this information.

“God, I don’t even know if you exist. But, if you do, and what is written in the bible about Jesus being your son is fact, then I am prepared to put my trust in that teaching, because I want to experience you living in me, guiding me in the ways of perfect love, joy, peace and wisdom in every situation. I want to identify your perfect purpose for my life.”

Now there’s a lot to understand about who Jesus is and why he came to earth. Have a look at my brief summary of this subject in a couple of short documents on my website. They only take about 10 minutes each to read.

My website is:

[www.answers4life.com.au](http://www.answers4life.com.au)

If you want to discuss any part of what I have mentioned here today, I’d love to get an email from you.