

# Have We Lost Our Way In Life?

Great revealing truths are often compressed into just one sentence in God's Word, The Bible.

**Jeremiah 10:23** [Living Bible] *“O Lord, I know it is not within the power of man to map his life and plan his course.”*

**This simple statement is an inspired explanation of all the problems that human beings have ever faced.**

**Human life can be likened to a mystery journey. We have difficulty in perfectly recollecting what has past, and of the future we know nothing at all.**

Yet with such great disadvantages we have to continue this journey every day with one massive problem: not knowing what we are travelling towards, and is it a desirable goal we have ahead?

**One thing is sure, if we are to arrive at the desired destination we must be travelling along the right path.**

**James 4:13-14** [NIV] *“Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”*

**Sometimes we will come to the end of our road in life sooner than we expected.**

What will we find at the end of our life's journey?

**Proverbs 16:1** [Message Bible] *“Mortals make elaborate plans, but God has the last word.”*

**John 14:5** [NIV] *“Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”*

Thomas spoke for all of us when he asked this of Jesus.

**We of ourselves do not know the way we should be journeying in life.**

**This is the truth and we need to face up to it squarely. However severe the blow may be to our pride, we would do well to bow our heads and admit to our ignorance.**

For those of us who accept that we do not know the destination we are travelling towards in life, there may be hope for us within the mercy of our Creator God.

For those who are confident they know where they are going in life there will be only increasing darkness ahead of them.

**If humanity could think themselves out of this age-old predicament they would have done so long ago.**

In spite of all the serious-minded people of superior intellectual endowments through the ages, the basic questions about life still remain unanswered by humanity.

**Where did I come from?**

**Who am I?**

**Why do I exist?**

**Where am I going to when life ends?**

**The answers to such questions remain securely hidden from the vast majority of people.**

All who are depending on their own intellect to answer these questions have failed to produce an acceptable answer that satisfies an enquiring mind.

**Why are we as human beings so philosophically lost?**

**Because we are morally and spiritually lost.**

We cannot find the answers to the questions that life presents us with because the light of God has been extinguished in our minds.

**Revelation 12:9** [NIV] *“The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”*

**2 Corinthians 4:4** [NIV] *“The god of this age [Satan] has **blinded the minds of unbelievers**, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*

**God has allowed Satan to deceive and blind the vast majority of people to the truth at this time in history.**

**Romans 1:18-25** [NIV] *“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator, who is for ever praised. Amen.”*

The fearful indictment that the Holy Spirit brings against all humanity through Paul as he writes to the Gentiles who have become Christians in Rome.

This is an accurate account of the vast majority of people since and including Adam and Eve.

**What is the result of this wholesale rejection of God’s influence in the lives of these people?**

**Romans 1:26-32** [NIV] *“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Furthermore, since they did not think it worth while to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practise them.”*

**What hope is there for these people who have rejected God’s revealed answers to the questions the intellect that we have has generated in our minds.**

**Psalm 51:1-4** [Living Bible] *“O loving and kind God, have mercy. Have pity upon me and take away the awful stain of my transgressions. Oh, wash me, cleanse me from this guilt. Let me be pure again. For I admit my shameful deeds, they haunt me day and night. It is against You and You alone I sinned, and did these terrible things. You saw them all, and Your sentence against me is just.”*

**Psalm 51:1-6** [Message Bible] *“Generous in love, God, give grace! Huge in mercy, wipe out my bad record. Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry. I know how bad I’ve been; my sins are staring me down. You’re the One I’ve violated, and you’ve seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil. You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair. I’ve been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born. What you’re after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.”*

**David understood what was the only way out of the predicament that doing his own thing and seeking his own path in life had led him to become.**

**1 John 1:5-10** [Message Bible] *“This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you: God is light, pure light; there’s not a trace of darkness in him. If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we’re obviously lying through our teeth, we’re not living what we claim. But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another, as the sacrificed blood of Jesus, God’s Son, purges all our sin. If we claim that we’re free of sin, we’re only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense. On the other hand, if we admit our sins, make a clean breast of them, he won’t let us down; he’ll be true to himself. He’ll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoings. If we claim that we’ve never sinned, we out and out contradict God, make a liar out of him. A claim like that only shows off our ignorance of God.”*

**Confess our sins, acknowledge them before God and seek to journey the rest of our life in the light of His Word.**

**Apart from the Creator God’s Words we have no sure philosophy for life.**

**John 14:6** [NIV] *“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.”*

**Apart from Jesus Christ we have no true knowledge of our Creator God or the way we should conduct our lives to be pleasing to Him.**

Apart from the in-living Spirit of Christ [the Holy Spirit] we have no ability to live lives that are morally pleasing to our Creator God.

**Colossians 2:6-7** [NIV] *“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and **overflowing with thankfulness.**”*

**With such knowledge as we have been given through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit we can never be thankful enough.**