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50,000 Celebrate in Cape Town
South Africa Enters New Age of Hope

Mandela's Lifetime Campaign Against Apartheid

Look after her!

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The endorsement (backing, support, approval) of reputable, well known people is used to establish any book's credibility.

Christians regard Jesus as the most credible person in all history – He did not lie. Jesus fully endorsed the Old Testament and quotes it extensively. (eg. Matt. 5:18) Jesus endorsed the New Testament by personally choosing and authorizing its writers. (eg. 1Thess. 2:13, 2Pet. 1:20-21, 2Tim. 3:16-17) The "Truth" of the Bible (or anything),

can also be evaluated by experience – "Does it work?" Nelson Mandela (& many, many world changers, great scientists, humanitarians, pioneers etc.) endorsed that the Bible is true, the revealed word of God to humanity and was the foundation and inspiration for the monumental and globally recognized good he achieved! Mandela's relationship with Jesus, as revealed through the Bible was the source of his success.

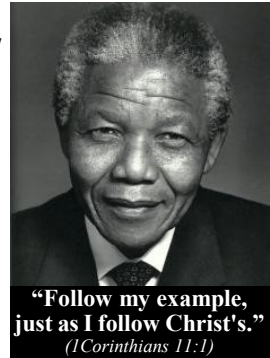
- Just a few other classic examples include:
- Martin Luther King Jr.** – American civil rights activist & Pastor.
 - William Willberforce** - Outlawed slavery in Europe, founder of the RSPCA & over 40 other social reforms.
 - Balisé Pascal** - Invented the mechanical calculator, the hydraulic press & co-authored the science of probability. He was also famous for "Pascal's Wager: The value *gained* of a faithful Christian life & hope of eternity in Heaven - would be far greater than the *loss* should faith be in vain."
 - Isaac Newton** – One of the greatest pioneer scientists and theorists of all time (in the fields of physics, optics, astronomy, mathematics etc. most known for formulating the 3 laws of motion & the law of gravity). He wrote more about the Bible & it's historical accuracy than he did about science.
 - Florence Nightingale** – The mother of modern day hospitals/nursing.
 - Louis Pasteur** - Established the germ theory of disease - discovered and developed the vaccine for the much feared and deadly Rabies virus.
 - Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr.** - 1st astronaut with a Ph.D. & crewmember of Apollo 11, the 1st moon-landing mission. Aldrin made sure that the 1st act of human beings on the moon was a remembrance of Christ - he held a communion service on the spaceship and allowed Neil Armstrong to be the first to set foot on the moon. The most reproduced photo of the moon landing is Armstrong's shot of Aldrin standing near the lunar module.

Now for the BIG question: Are you a good person?

Yes or No

Have you kept the 10 Commandments - God's top 10 list of loving others & Him?

- (1) Have you ever told a lie? Revelation 21:8 says, "All liars will have their part in the lake of fire (hell)."
- (2) Have you ever stolen anything? (the value is irrelevant) 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 says, "No thief will enter heaven."
- (3) Have you ever looked with lust? Jesus said in Matthew 5:28 that lust is adultery of the heart. God sees you as a lying, thief and an adulterer at heart *and we've only looked at 3 of the 10 Commandments!* (See the full list: Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5, Matthew 5:21-28 & Mark 12:30)



If you are honest, you know you will be guilty on the Day of Judgment.

The Bible warns that the punishment is death and eternal separation in hell from God and all that is good. That's not God's will. He provided a way for you to be forgiven and your punishment paid. God in His great mercy came down, took on flesh as Jesus Christ, shed His blood, died on the Cross and went to hell in your place, so you could go free! Then He rose from the grave and defeated death, so you can have a relationship with Him *now* and eternally. That's how much God loves you!

You broke God's Law and Jesus paid your fine. It was a legal transaction. This means that, God can legally dismiss your case. You can leave the courtroom on the day of judgement because Jesus paid your fine.

So, "What should we do?" (Acts 2:37)
The Right Response Required:

- Repent** - turn right back round 180 degrees (U) from your sinful, selfish way to God's way - know and do His will.
- Believe** - trust that Jesus has paid for and can forgive your sin by taking your death penalty on the cross.
- Be Baptized** - this sacred dipping is your **bath** (2 clean you up Acts 22:16), **burial** (2 lay 2 rest your mess Rom. 6:4) & a **re-clothing** (dressing you in your new "adult faith wardrobe" Gal. 3:27)
- Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit** - He empowers and leads you into actually living this new abundant life that you could never do in your own strength! (see Acts 2:37-38)

Date I made peace with my Creator and did the right response required: ___/___/___

Find a Bible believing, Jesus following, disciple-maker to help you grow. (see Matt. 28:18-20)

A Free Gift from:



Quiz Questions:

- (1) What country was he born in?
- (2) How long did he spend in Jail?
- (3) Why is Mandela Day celebrated on the 18th of July?
- (4) What long standing institution did he end?
- (5) What was the source of his success?

NELSON MANDELA DAY

TAKE ACTION. INSPIRE CHANGE, MAKE EVERY DAY A MANDELA DAY.

The song "**Mandela Day**" was written by rock band "Simple Minds" for the Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute (also known as Mandela Day), a concert held at Wembley Stadium, London, on 11 June **1988**, as an expression of solidarity with the then-imprisoned Mandela. In November 2009, the United Nations General Assembly declared, 18th July Nelson Mandela International Day, to honour his birthday. This is the first time that the United Nations (UN) has designated a day dedicated to a person.

Mandela spent 67 years making the world a better place, beginning in 1942 when he first started to campaign for the human rights of every South African. The UN has also asked the people of the world to set aside 67 minutes of their day to undertake a task that would contribute to bringing joy or relief to the millions of disadvantaged and vulnerable people of the world.



Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

(Born 18th July 1918 - Died 5th December 2013)

He ended racial apartheid in South Africa, became their 1st fully representively elected President after 27 years in jail and was awarded The Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

Quiz Question Answers:

(1) South Africa (2) 27 Years (3) The 18th of July was Mandela's Birthday (4) Apartheid - Simple Definition: a former social system in South Africa in which black people and people from other racial groups did not have the same political and economic rights as white people and were forced to live separately from white people. From the Afrikaans language, from *apart* + *heid* = hood. First Known Use: 1947 Source: Merriam-Webster's Dictionary

(5) What was the source of his success?:

Mandela writing in his autobiography "**LONG WALK TO FREEDOM**" about the Christian Church that he became a part of as a young man said; "the Church was as concerned with this world as the next: I saw that virtually all of the achievements of Africans seemed to have come about through the missionary work of the Church." (Page 22)

"K.D. was my nephew ... We were both Methodists, and I was assigned to his hostel, known as Wesley House, a pleasant two-storey building on the edge of the campus. Under his tutelage, I attended church services with him at nearby Loveday, took up soccer (in which he excelled), and generally followed his advice.

Fort Hare, like Clarkebury and Healdtown, was a missionary college. We were exhorted to obey God, respect the political authorities and be grateful for the educational opportunities afforded to us by the Church and the government. These schools have often been criticized for being colonialist in their attitudes and practices. Yet, even with such attitudes, I believe their benefits outweighed their disadvantages. The missionaries built and ran schools when the government was unwilling or unable to do so. The learning environment of the missionary schools, while often morally rigid, was far more open than the racist principles underlying government schools. Fort Hare was both home and incubator of some of the greatest African scholars the continent has ever known." (Page 52)

"I became a member of the Students Christian Association and taught Bible classes on Sundays in neighbouring villages." (Page 55)

While imprisoned "I had one not-so-pleasant visit from two Americans, editors of the conservative newspaper the *Washington Times*. They seemed less intent on finding out my views than on proving that I was a communist and a terrorist. All their questions were slanted in that direction, and when I reiterated that I was neither a communist nor a terrorist, they attempted to show that I was not a Christian either by asserting that the Reverend Martin Luther King never resorted to violence. I told them that the conditions in which Martin Luther King struggled were totally different from my own: the United States was a democracy with constitutional guarantees of equal rights that protected non-violent protest (though there was still prejudice against blacks); South Africa was a police state with a constitution that enshrined inequality and an army that responded to non-violence with force. I told them that I was a Christian and had always been a Christian. Even Christ, I said, when he was left with no alternative, used force to expel the moneylenders from the temple. He was not a man of violence, but had no choice but to use force against evil. I do not think I persuaded them." (Page 620)

Mandela spent his first night as a free man at Archbishop Desmond Tutu's home in 1990 after his release from 27 years in prison.

"When I greeted Archbishop Tutu, I enveloped him in a great hug; here was a man who had inspired an entire nation with his words and his courage, who had revived the people's hope during the darkest of times." (Page 677-678)

Quotes from Nelson Mandela's Autobiography **LONG WALK TO FREEDOM**

Mandela's Great grandson said:

"What he preached inside the home, he also preached to everyone. So I am sure everyone learned something from my great grandfather, like we did as a family."

At his funeral (2013) US **President Barack Obama** said:

"For nothing he achieved was inevitable. In the arc of his life, we see a man who earned his place in history through struggle and shrewdness; persistence and faith.

He was practical, testing his beliefs against the hard surface of circumstance and history... & on core principles he was unyielding. Obama said near the end of his speech: "And while I will always fall short of Mandela's example, he makes me want to be a better man."

Former US President Bill Clinton said the core of Mandela's example was that "the power of public good does not require public office, just a well-placed heart and a determined mind.

"In return for everything Madiba has taught us, we each owe it to him to support his work and legacy by doing and living our own as best we can, not just on this day, but throughout our entire lives."

Mandela's friend who also gave a Eulogy said: "Nelson Mandela stood for; the ideals for which he was prepared to die.

Mandela has laid a solid foundation; he has cut a pattern. It is for us to build on – for he did warn us that, "the long walk continues."

Now is the time to put to practice the values he espoused. These include such values as putting others first, caring, forgiveness and reconciliation. For in sacrificing his life, Mandela put South Africa first. We too have an opportunity to continue to put the interests of our fellow human beings first, to care for fellow human beings, to forgive and reconcile – wherever we are; in whatever we do. It will not be easy to put into practice these values. Here is a warning: Fatigue will set on! We might find ourselves in despair. When that happens, we should remember what he said:

"It always seems impossible - until it is done!"

We will forever be grateful to the Almighty that he assigned Nelson Mandela to this colony we call earth, and allowed him to occupy its South most part of Africa.

I concur with him when he said: "When a man has done what he considers to be his duty to his people and his country, he can rest in peace."

"May God keep him in perfect peace as he rests in Abraham's arms."