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An Australian teenager has become the sixth foreign tourist to die of suspected methanol poisoning in a backpacker hotspot in northern Laos.

TRAVELLING ABROAD FOR JOY.

I have noticed especially over the last few years that people, especially from the richer Western world, travel abroad more than ever. On holidays to supposedly exotic locations.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY I HAVE NOTICED THAT A DISPROPORTIONALLY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THESE SAME PEOPLE DIE WHEN THEY TRAVEL ABROAD, when compared to if they had stayed at 'home' in their own countries!

Some of you may think that this is a ridiculous article, but I think quite a few of you know what I am talking about, and have experienced this yourselves or know other friends who have experienced this.

In the second half of this article I am going to share a few Scriptures, and also an amazing message from the Lord about (not) 'Travelling Abroad!' Praise the Lord. I will end with a testimony of winning a soul for the Lord in India, when travelling

abroad for the right reasons.

• And I use the term 'abroad', as meaning; anywhere you may be and going to any other place where you are not familiar with, either in other countries, or even in your own country.

In this edition I am going to include a lot of INTERNET links which will show just a tiny fraction of people who died abroad, outside of their own country, as they went travelling for fun, and joy or, as the western world often loves to say for young people, 'in their gap year'. **

I believe we should consider the first part of this message as a very important warning to ourselves; that is, as believers in Christ to study carefully the mistakes of the unsaved people of this world, and pay great and detailed attention to what has happened to these unfortunate people.

To you as Christian parents, it is your responsibility to care for your flocks, ('children' up to and beyond of ages of 18-21)

These people, you will read about, (if you click the links provided), mostly young, but not all, went to Morocco, Africa, Thailand and a

big variety of other locations and countries. They all died!!! **Why** did they die? That is really up to you by the help of the Holy Spirit to see and apply to yourselves and share with your friends as the Lord Almighty shows **you**.

The important message of this first part of the article is three fold:

- 1. These people (in the links provided), did not probably have a personal relation with Jesus Christ. It is very doubtful Jesus Christ would have led or told two young women in their twenties who were not believers, to go to Morocco to have fun, a Muslim country which has a history of violence against Christian people.**
- 2. They may have also (almost surely in most cases), ignored the advice of their family or others close to them. Therefore did not pray or think sufficiently about their travel plans**
- 3. Their sad ending should be a warning to us. And remind us of the**

importance of prayer before making travelling plans

As a final thought it would have been good for the victims and parents to reevaluate the meaning of 'fun'. The idea of fun to Muslims, may be totally different to those of our own values. Let us pray for their families that they can recover from this personal holocaust.

And also why did their parents in Denmark (an apparently sexually 'liberated country') allow such young women to travel to a Muslim country full of virile young Muslim men? There is a great deal to this story that we can never know according to the Western media. I have my own views which I hope to publish shortly in the WCF 'The Spirit of Whoredom', which is part of several scriptures.

And especially the admonition to fathers that they MUST control their daughters until the age of marriage otherwise they The daughters could be subject and under the control of the Spirit of Whoredom. Leviticus 19:29 (Hosea 4:12 and 5:4 also)

[Morocco hikers: Three get death penalty for Scandinavian tourist murders - BBC News](#) **this article NOT for the faint-hearted.**

[Russian tourist swept to her death by massive wave at Thai island viewpoint | CNN](#) Go abroad and be swept away.

The preponderance of main stream media seems to be this upholding and promoting this slogan:

Stay Aware, Stay Safe and Stay Together.

This is excellent advice and is in part scriptural, because Jesus sent his disciples out two by two. Jesus knew it was not good to be alone in unfamiliar territory. As He had seventy disciples it was probable they were in similar unknown territory for at least some of the journey.

Also, we should not expect the 'System' or Tour operators to protect you or your children. People who travel abroad or even outside their immediate locality in these last days, really do so at their own risk. I have been mentioning this severe problem for three years now.

This below link here is a tragic and heart-breaking example.

[Thomas Cook should 'hang its head in shame' over deaths of children in Corfu](#) | UK news | The Guardian

[The No. 1 Killer of Americans Abroad](#)

Other terrible links with many lessons:

[Holidays: Safety advice after teen's death - BBC News](#) **the preponderance of main stream media seems to be this slogan: Stay Aware, Stay Safe and Stay Together.** This is excellent advice and is in part scriptural as Jesus sent his disciples out two by two. Jesus knew it was not good to be alone in unfamiliar territory.

[Category: American people murdered abroad - Wikipedia](#)

[Six dead and 11 injured after car ploughs into German tourists in Italy](#) | Daily Mail Online

[From Barcelona to the Maldives, Tourist-Go-Home](#) Season Is on Again even local people of these

countries do not want you to come there anymore!

Some western tourists are such a disgrace, that the local people in Spain and other countries do not wish them to come there anymore!

[Killed while traveling](#) – Trends in tourism-related mortality, injuries, and leading causes of tourist deaths from published English news reports, 2000–2017 (1H)

[Chart: Where Brits die abroad | Statista](#) an amazing article and charts, so surprising! Covers a one year period.

Part Two!

"Our foolish way is to desire, and then set to work to accomplish what we desire. We do not go to work in God's way, which is to seek Him first, and then expect all things to be added unto us. If we will let our heart be filled with God till it runs over with delight, then the Lord Himself will take care that we shall not want (lack) any good thing. Instead of going abroad for joys, let us stay at home with God, and drink waters out of our own fountain.

He can do for us far more than all our friends. It is better to be content with God alone than to go about fretting and pining for the paltry trifles and time and sense.

For a while we may have disappointments; but if these bring us nearer to the Lord, they are things to be prized exceedingly, for they will in the end secure to us the fulfilment of all our right desires".

Charles H Spurgeon 'The Cheque Book of the Bank of Faith'. November 6 page.

So it seems to me (Jerry) that there truly is a way which seems right unto a man (and woman), but the end thereof are the ways of death. I reiterate that we should earnestly pray for 'safe passage' during any travels; ask others to pray for you all the time and don't even go unless the Lord confirms your travel plans. Proverbs 14:12, 16:25 Proverbs 3:5-7

I know a lot of the first part is quite gruesome, but if it helps saves people's lives, it is worth bring our attention to these events. Let us endeavour to travel and accomplish something for the Lord, and go with prayer and the blessing of God.

My Sikh friend in Delhi, India

Sometimes you may be planning something, but God often has a totally different plan, schedule, timing or outcome in mind. Most of us are not flexible enough at those points in time to say 'not my will, Lord but thine be done' as Jesus set the example.

Luk_22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

One certain day in Delhi, the capital of India, almost quite near the beginning of the 21st century, I was on my way to a pre-arranged appointment with another Christian colleague to visit a business contact. We had not been in that part of Delhi before, and it seemed no one knew where this obscure address was. To make matters worse, on the way to this mysterious place, the rickshaw we were travelling in broke down. So we were stuck, as well as late and frustrated. As we sat there wondering why things were going so badly wrong for us,

a middle-aged Sikh man passed by the rickshaw and peered in. We explained our predicament to him and he also had no idea of the place we were supposed to go. It just looked like we had been misinformed in the first place.

Congenially he invited us to his office, to which he was on his way, to have a cup of that nice Indian tea which we all like so much.

We thought that would be good, having come so far on a seeming wild goose chase at least we could have a chance to think and pray about what to do next, and talk with this nice friendly man. He opened his humble office and ordered some tea for us all. As we started talking I soon realised that this was really the man Jesus had sent us to see. Like a flash of revelation in my mind, it dawned on me, that here was quite a needy soul. The man, Mr Singh, (as many Sikhs are apt to be surnamed), began to tell us all his life's problems. Although happily married with two young boys, he had other financial issues, in-law disputes, and worries for the future. After some time talking with him he was almost in tears and our hearts went out to him, and the Lord told me, 'just tell him about me and how I can heal his life.'

So I asked him if I could tell him some of my life story, and how I had a 'Friend' who may be able to help him. Eagerly he listened as I shared with him parts of my personal story which is in part one of this book. He was very respectful and took it all in with sincerity. After sharing with him the story of how a simple but genuine prayer to Jesus Christ had significantly helped turn my life around, and more

importantly deliver Eternal Life and a relationship with the Loving Creator God, I asked him if he would like to do the same.

At this point it usually becomes important to lead a person in prayer and ask them to pray with you or 'repeat after you' if they declare they would like to know Jesus Christ. So, after getting his whole-hearted approval, he repeated a prayer with me to Jesus Christ.

After the prayer ended all was quiet in the office. I peeked a look at him but he still had his very moist eyes closed for some considerable time. We respectfully waited for him to finish his own devotion with God.

As he came back to earth he looked at me and then he suddenly touched his head and heart and went down on his knees and touched my feet also. We had not seen this before in India, we vaguely understood that it signified a great sign of respect. We felt very touched and humbled, as we felt very unworthy ourselves. Mr Singh himself was absolutely elated and deeply moved. 'From now on I will follow Jesus, and my family also!' He declared. We stayed a bit longer with him and shared a few simple Bible verses with him about his new life in Christ.

We left him to continue his office work and returned home, having never found the original person we set out to see.

A very short time after this we moved to Chandigarh, a part of north India's Punjab state where most Sikh people live. I kept in touch with dear Mr Singh. He came the 250 kilometres north to Chandigarh by car with his wife

and two boys specifically to visit me and my family, and spend a weekend receiving more Bible teaching.

True to his word Mr. Singh continued on with God and his new life. We can only be amazed that God came to a man who responded and whose heart was open and receptive to the Word of God and was willing to travel a huge distance to seek more Truth. This is a precious thing in God's eyes, and even Jesus directly referred to such people in the New Testament when he said, referring to the Queen of Sheba:

Mat_12:42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for **(because)** she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the Wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

Luk_11:31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the Wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

How far are you willing to travel for

God? How hungry are you for Jesus or for the answers to our problems? How much are you willing to give to pray to sacrifice and to seek? Well, if you are like dear Mr. Singh, you will make progress and stand out as an example to others.

Jesus came to the Jews, who didn't hardly have to travel at all to meet him, but they didn't receive him.

The Queen of Sheba came from the south, probably Yemen, with her entourage to seek the Wisdom of Solomon in Israel with a massive gift also for him (not that he needed it).

I believe God reserves the very best for such people, perhaps because they are few and far between. Such people don't go unnoticed to God. Are you one? Why not make a covenant with God today, and see what He will do for you!

Psa_50:5 gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

And finally for us as his missionaries we learned that valuable lesson, that God has his own way. He has his own sheep and He knows where they are, even he has to break down your 'rickshaw' to find them! Praise the Lord.

Other valuable notes: THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

According to the Hebrew Bible, the unnamed queen of the land of Sheba heard of the great wisdom of King Solomon of Israel and journeyed there to test him with questions, and carrying gifts of four and a half tons of gold, as well as precious stones, spices, and wood. See First Kings 10:1-13 (largely copied in 2 Chronicles 9:1-12).

It is related further that the queen was awed by Solomon's great wisdom and wealth and pronounced a blessing on Solomon's God. Solomon reciprocated with gifts and "everything she desired ... besides what he had given her out of his royal bounty." Then "she turned and went to her country, she and her servants."

Excerpt from the book: 'Shake off the Dust' by Jerry Finch. Chapter 6 in part II.

God bless you. A truly Happy Christmas and safe present and future travels. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: Deuteronomy 33:26-28

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