

## No End in Sight

Look around you. Virtually everything you see will eventually break, rust, decay, be consumed, or stop functioning. Lightbulbs eventually burn out. Couches and chairs lose their stuffing. Gas tanks run dry. Milk runs out. Pens lose their ink. And computers crash.

People also wear out and run out of patience, understanding, time, and energy.

Even the things that God provides for us here on earth are temporary. The beautiful sunset fades away to darkness. The wonderful green leaves on the trees sooner or later turn brown and fall to the ground.

And one day, our lives will end as well.

But . . .

What if it were different? What if there's no end to that beautiful friendship? What if you can experience unlimited energy, peace, love, and joy with no boundaries? What if you never had to worry about separation, destruction, or death?

Too good to be true? No, not at all.

God does provide such a life. That is one of the amazing traits of heaven. The whole concept of life there will be

different—a new design, a perfect and eternal body.

This amazing, everlasting life is free for the taking. It is all found in Jesus Christ, the perfect Provider. He said that he can take anyone to God the Father in heaven: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

As long as we live on this earth, we will experience limitations, disappointments, and joy that will end too soon. However, 1 Peter 1:3-4 says that it is by God's boundless mercy "that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in

heaven for you pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay."

So set your aim high! Go for the life that is boundless, that has no limits. It is an eternal, unending life if you will place your trust in Christ. Make him part of your life today—and for eternity.

[Jim Kraus]

**"What if you never had to worry about separation, destruction, or death?"**

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## Exploring the Neighborhood

Terry and Sue Phelps of Blackfield, England, were distraught. Someone must have stolen Fred!

At least that's what they thought had happened to their 100-year-old tortoise when he wasn't at the back door for breakfast. There had been other local tortoise-nappings so it wasn't out of the realm of possibility.

The senior couple enlisted neighbors to search for Fred, but nearly a week passed with no results. Fred's owners cast a wider net with a newspaper article explaining their heartbreak for what had happened.

And then . . . Fred was returned, thanks to a motorist who nearly ran over the tortoise in the middle of a country lane, a mile from the Phelps's home. The rescuer took the reptile home with him, and when he read the story in the paper, he put two and two together.

The tortoise had been traveling at an average speed of just 0.006 mph. When you're a hundred years old, you don't tend to move as quickly as you once did. Good thing.

Phelps, 86, has had Fred more than 30 years, and was relieved to have him safely home. "I can't thank Fred's savior enough," he said. "I hadn't had a full night's sleep since he went missing."

Now they can all sleep well at night, as long as the door to Fred's pen is securely latched.



## Officer Donut Starts His Training

More and more police departments are discovering the benefits of comfort animals in their work with victims, trauma survivors, and first responders. The Greenfield, Massachusetts, police department has found an incredibly adorable one. This past summer, a 9-week-old Saint Bernard was sworn in as Officer Donut.

Lt. William Gordon and his wife, Officer Laura Gordon, will train and handle the new addition to the unit. The large breed is known to be calm and loving, which could help children who have been victims of crime or have witnessed a tragedy. “Sometimes a child can tell a dog what happened when they feel uncomfortable telling a human,” Gordon said.



## Professor Solves Problem

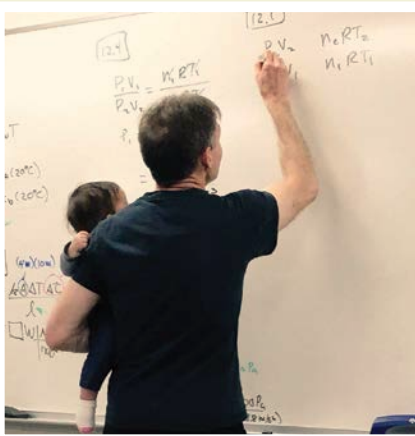
Kristen Black had a dilemma. Her babysitter had a conflict the same time Black's physics class at Arkansas State

University was meeting. So Black called professor Bruce Johnson to let him know she wouldn't be there. He told her to pack up the baby and come.

“I hope that no parent ever feels like a classroom is an unfriendly place for their kids,” Johnson said, admiring students who are raising children while going to school themselves.

ASU Chancellor Kelly Dampousse posted a photo of Johnson holding the baby during class.

“One of my Intro students sent me this pic of my colleague, Arkansas State University physics professor Bruce Johnson,” Dampousse wrote. “She had a daycare conflict, so he told her to bring her baby to a study session. Then this happened. . . . He cares so much about the success of his students.”



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## Priciest Grilled Cheese

National Sandwich Day (observed on November 3) inspired Joe Calderone, the creative chef at New York City's Serendipity 3 restaurant, to craft the Quintessential Grilled Cheese. Using a French pullman loaf infused with Dom Pérignon champagne and mixed with edible 23K gold flakes, the thick slices

are basted with white truffle oil and more gold. The cheese is Italian—caciocavallo podolico—made from Podolica cows' milk. These rare dairy cows graze on aromatic grasses such as licorice, fennel, juniper, and wild strawberry.

The \$214 sandwich (nabbing Guinness World Record status as the most expensive sandwich in the world) also includes a South African lobster-tail



tomato bisque. If you have a hankering for this grilled cheese, a 48-hour advanced notice is required.

## Scientific Funny Bone

For fifteen years Gary Larson, creator of the famous *Far Side* cartoons, immortalized his wacky sense of humor with a cast of human and animal characters. A 1982 panel poked fun at the stegosaurus, known for its small brain and the four nasty-looking spikes on its tail. In his depiction, Larson drew an early human lecturing his fellow cavemen about dinosaur-related hazards. Using a diagram of a stegosaurus, he points to the spikes and says, “Now this end is called the thagomizer . . . after the late Thag Simmons.” Unintentionally, Larson plugged a gap in the scientific lexicon by naming the tail spikes. To this day, many paleontologists use the word *thagomizer* when describing them, even in scientific journals.

Just for laughs 



K.Spear

“Grandma, can you tell me again what it was like before wi-fi?”



K.Spear

“Third grade is okay. But it's not like the golden years of kindergarten”

The use of a life is to spend it on something that outlasts it. —William James

There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind. —Fred Rogers

You can't really be strong until you see a funny side to things.