



Hello L&G. If you would like to take a couple of paces forward etc. I wonder if anyone can tell me who this handsome Mr Man is? etc.... No? ... Well let me show you...

MR TOPSY TURVY

Now Mr Topsy-Turvy reminds me very much of the world today. Life feels like it has become inside-out, upside-down and back-to-front. Even the English language has seen a change in the meaning of many words. For example: you all look nice people, but how would you react if I called you a bunch of wallies? ... You might be offended; but you would be wrong. Because if you were to check the root meaning of the word with the Oxford English Dictionary people you would find it means "one of great intelligence"! Now that really is upside-down.

Another word that we have misused is this....

LOVE

When I was younger I used to put the TV on every Saturday afternoon and watch all the slushy love stories where the man would get the girl of his dreams and they would live happily ever after. But as I grew older I started to look around and see people, who once said they loved each other, hating each other. 2 in 5 marriages breaking up. They say love hurts, but the way some of us treat each other you could be left thinking that love can permanently damage. But love is probably best summed up by the Biblical word charity, which means the giving of yourself and your possessions without wanting anything in return.

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FREEDOM

Today we live a, so called, free society; where we can think what we like, say what we like and, within reason, do what we like. The motto of today is "If it feels good do it!" The problem is that many of us have done it and found that it doesn't feel good any more. Despite all this freedom, we do not feel free. Agnetha (blond girl from Abba) said, "I can go into any shop anywhere in the world and I can buy what I like. But my money has not bought me freedom. My money has not bought me peace of mind." You see freedom is an inside job, and there we all have a problem as many of us here toady suffer from.....

GUILT

The word Guilt is taken from an Anglo-Saxon root that means a wolf tearing into a piece of flesh. Every time we say, think or do something wrong this same reaction occurs in us. The more we push guilt down, the more it tears at us from the inside. Doctors say that guilt is one of the main causes of problems like heart disease and (of all things) constipation. And L&G, guilt is actually caused by another disease that each of us has got. Now... I am about to put this disease on the board. So come a little closer.... no need to be scared... here it is....

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I disease. Not something to do with needing glasses, but "I want this; I want that, and I will trample on anyone who gets in my way". If you like, selfishness & greed, an old fashioned word for it is SIN. And the problem with this SIN is that it cuts us off from God.....

PREACH cross

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You see God wants to meet you today. All you have to do is.....

TURN

Turn from your upside-down way of life and let God forgive you and turn you right-side-up. I have a leaflet here..... etc