



Who here has read a newspaper this morning? Which paper did you buy Sir/Madam? I expect you bought it because you thought it might have something interesting to say, or that you would agree with the editor ..... – but there is one newspaper people buy just because it is a different/pretty colour.... I'll write it's name up here.. you'll have to go a little boss-eyed etc....

**FINANCIAL TIMES**

The Financial Times. Can you read it? For the uninitiated, it is difficult to read, learn or inwardly digest. All those stocks, ISAs, shares, futures and other investment tips. Everything you could want to know about.... Well ... Money! L&G I ask you, Are you interested in Money? These days it seems even more true that “Money makes the world go around”. The world’s best seller’s statement that “the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil” has been proved over and over. In fact you could say we are living in Financial Times.

Now L&G, I put it to you that people’s attitudes to Money say a lot about their attitude to Life. Many people’s attitude can be summed up like this...

**MONEY**

Money with a capital ME. He ran the Mirror group. He ran for Parliament. He ran quite a few other politicians. Eventually he ran away and there are still questions as to why he fell off the boat. Robert Maxwell. He was Mr Money. But he was all about ME. Even his employees discovered his “Trust me I’m a Tycoon. Invest in my pension fund – after all if my methods work for me they will work for you too” line was just a way to get them to invest in a fund that he simply wanted to spend on himself. Now L&G we are disgusted by Maxwell, but we also feel good that it eventually came out into the open and he got his comeuppance. But, L&G, on a smaller scale this will also be true for many others in society. When we practise selfishness with our money is leaves famines, homelessness inequality. And these then lead to wars, crime and envy. So it would enlightened self-interest for us to all have a smaller ME in our MONEY.

Others spell Money like this....

**MONEY**

Money with a big MY. Don’t we use the quantity of money someone has as a measure of their success? Once someone has money they become more desirable. People with money begin to think they can say, “Ill do it MY way!” and get away with it. But even ol Blue eyes and his friends found it wasn’t true. Marilyn Monroe was very rich and very attractive, but she was lonely as hell. Mysteries surround her death, but, whether she was killed or took her own life, she died alone and without love.

We all need love to survive L&G.... We need it to banish those inner fears. We need it to cover the multitudes of our sin. We need to just start believing in ourselves again – you’ve got it haven’t you L&G “Money can’t buy me Love”. There’s only one thing in the world that can.

Other people spell money ....

**MONEY**

.. With a capital ONE. The problem with always looking after number one, is that you soon find yourself going round in groups of ....

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...one. And its not only your friends and family who leave you alone... God finds selfishness very off putting. Self-centredness – an old fashioned word is Sin – is obnoxious in the nostrils of God and it forms an impenetrable barrier around us that not even our prayers can get through. There is nothing humanly possible. But “nothing is impossible for the love of God”. But even he had to do something extreme to get through the Sin in your life and mine ....

PREACH .....cross

After Jesus rose from the dead he made it possible, if only you would surrender your life to him, that he could take your broken spirit and re-make it ....

**COMPLETE**

We are just like a balloon that has popped. Jesus wants to remake us. I have a leaflet....etc