

CORONA HUMOR? Version 2.0

A few weeks ago, I sent out a special *Corona Humor?* "bonus track" article to hundreds who have either requested to receive the Perihelion via email to save us mailing costs or those for whom I have email addresses. However, literally thousands only get this as a hard copy so you did not see my timely Coronavirus article. Since this is a quickly changing phenomenon, I felt burdened to write an entire BONUS Corona edition before the regularly scheduled Perihelion in July. So I am paying to publish another one just for you during this crisis . . . a gift from a friend, no strings attached.

I wrote this *Bonus Track* to the most recent Perihelion, which was written before I had even heard of a *Coronavirus*. Two days after they resumed flights following 9/11, God had miraculously orchestrated events for me to be on a plane to *Washington DC* to share at a high school and some churches. I saw where one of the planes had just flown into the *Pentagon* on 9/11. I wanted to be sensitive to their needs and emotions so I asked the group if they wanted a more serious message or something more lighthearted to help them through that difficult time. The overwhelming response was they wanted something humorous and lighthearted to lift their spirits after all the devastating news (it was time to *bring out the wigs!*). So in light of that . . . *CORONA DIARY*

Day 15: Finally just found a 4-pack of *toilet paper* (TP) on sale for only \$66 made by *Boeing!*

Day 26: I must confess, being an introvert I was initially not too concerned about this Coronavirus or quarantine situation. (It has given me an *excuse to be a recluse!*) However, today panic set in as I realized we were down to our last 11 rolls of (TP)! Like most of you, I had successfully TPeD our house ... and now just heard the breaking news from the CDC that even TPing your house does not prevent the virus from coming inside! Boy is my face red (and white due to the *TP mask*). Fortunately, I was smart enough to also buy up all the *Duck Tape* from the store. But unfortunately, now I have to go outside and replace all the toilet paper with Duck Tape to keep the virus out. I am still inclined to believe that the TP *will* protect us as I think the CDC idea is a *HOAX* perpetrated by those who want to get their hands on more TP!

One thing that struck me about this pandemic is that we are not in control! In our highly advanced 21st century we are so self-sufficient ... even bordering on arrogant. The technology we have is astounding! We have 100s, er I mean *1,000s of TV channels*, we have *smart phones* that can redirect the course of *satellites* in the sky, and we have a pill for everything! I think this virus is a reminder (to quote my late-great friend *Rich Mullins*) that "*We are not as strong as we think we are.*" At least with 9/11 we could see the "enemy" ... and it was us (other humans). This is an unseen enemy sowing discouragement much like the invisible spiritual enemy the Bible talks about in Ephesians 6:12. So we need supernatural strength that only comes from above to stay strong and encouraged, to

have faith rather than fear, and to remember that faith does not give us license to act foolishly! God has not given us a spirit of fear (II Tim. 1:7) as that comes from the unseen enemy. We must choose faith over fear! *"God will keep you in perfect peace when your mind is focused on Him ..."* (Isaiah 26:3).

I am also reminded that we need to be unselfish and help each other out. As Luke 3:11 states, *"Whoever has two tunics or rolls of toilet paper should share with someone who has none."* A famous person said, *"Do to others as you would have done to you."* AND ... as my mom used to say, *"This too shall pass."*

Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.