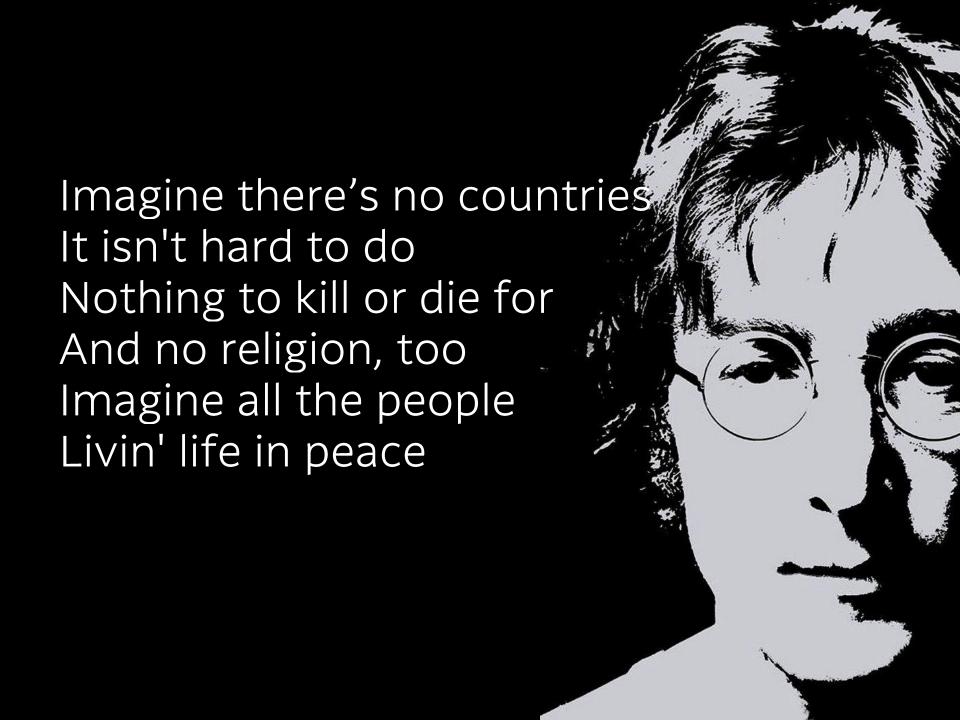






Imagine there's no heaven It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us, only sky
Imagine all the people
Livin' for today





## Heaven, Hell and the **Christian Hope**

## HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE

Living in view of eternity

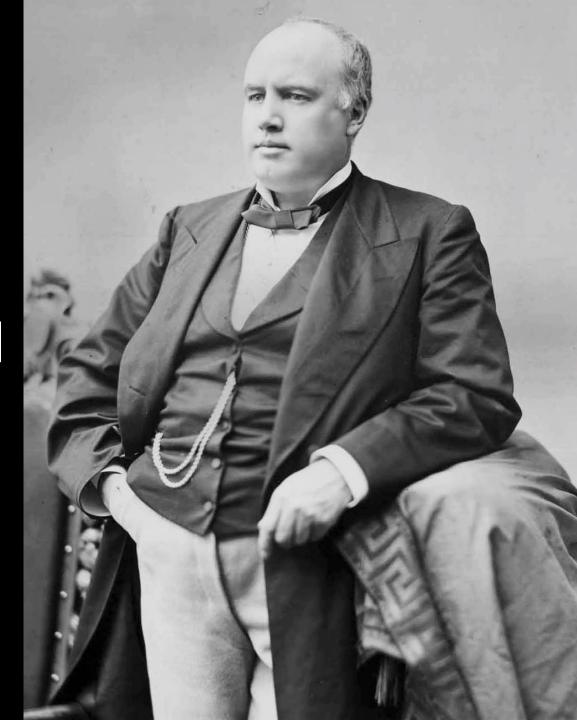




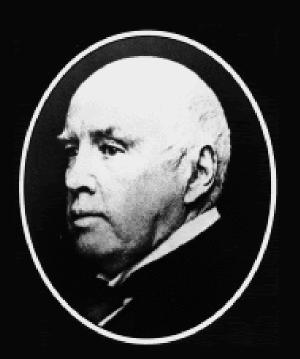
...that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and **deliver** all those who through **fear of death** were subject to lifelong slavery.



R.G. Ingersoll



Every life, no matter if its every hour is rich with love and every moment jeweled with a joy, will, at its close, become a tragedy as sad and deep and dark as can be woven of the warp and woof of mystery and death.



Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.





...we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope

and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.



## So we do not lose heart.



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as **we look** not to the things that are seen but **to the things that are unseen.** For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are **eternal**.



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Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus **hopes** in him **purifies himself** as he is pure.

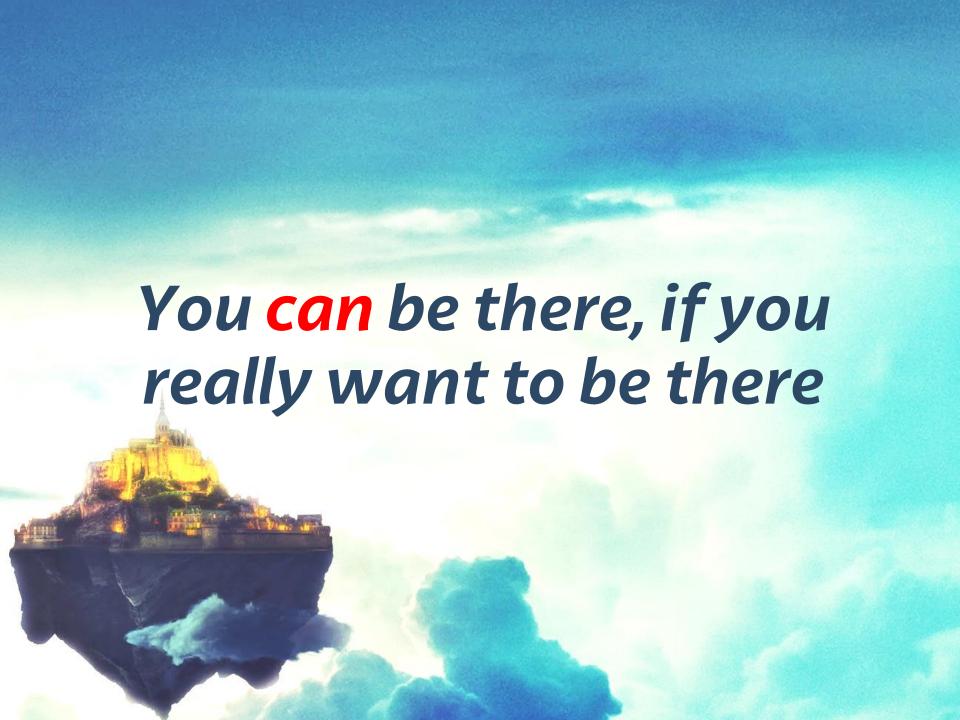












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