

# HUMANISM

“God Is Dead”

# Introduction

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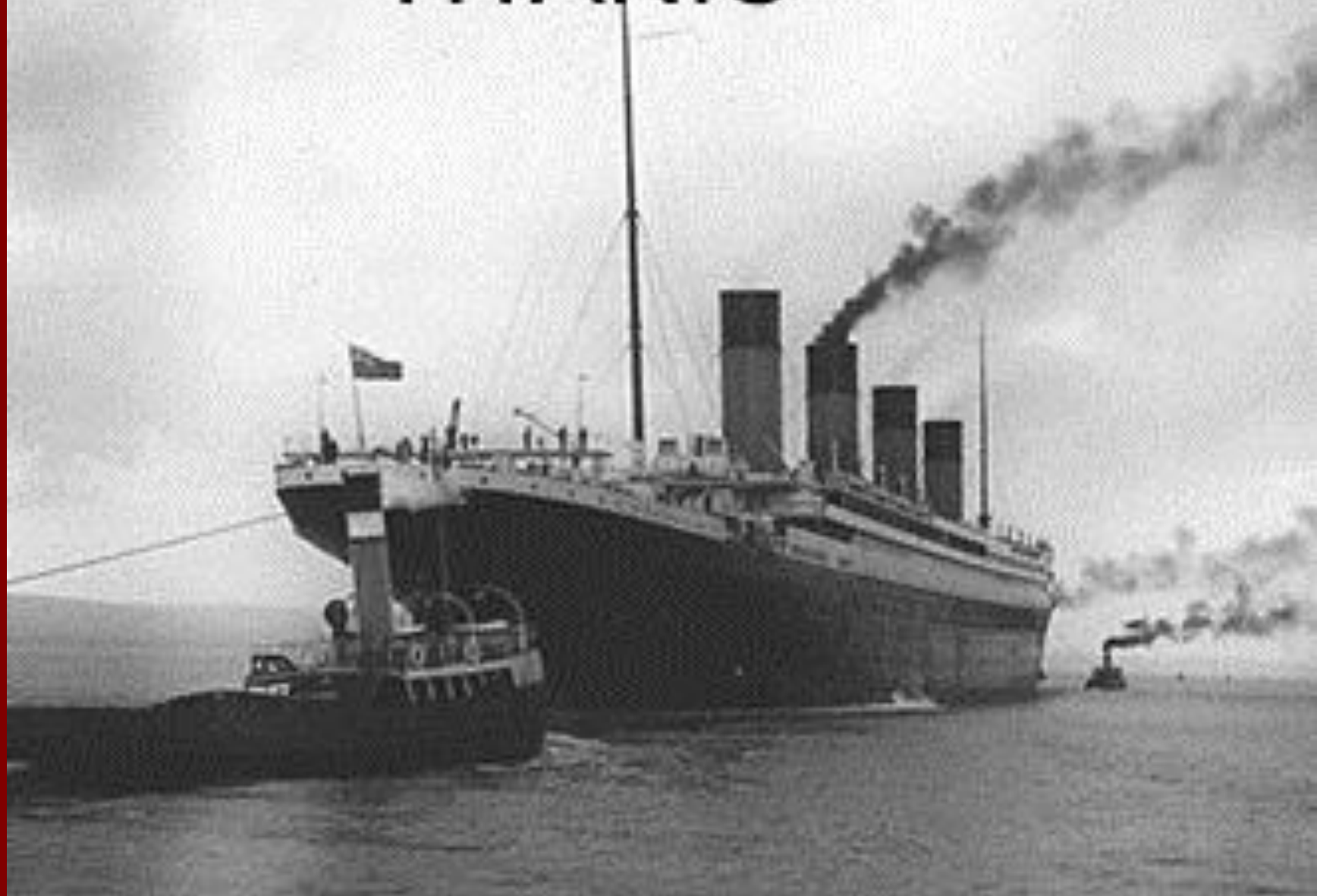
# The Age of Man Begins

- ✧ By 1912, Darwinism was having a phenomenal effect on all aspects of society.
- ✧ Reliance on God shifted towards reliance on man (Humanism).
- ✧ Man's technology was the 'new' answer.
- ✧ The massive ship Titanic symbolized man's pre-eminence.

# Nothing New Under The Sun

- Ecclesiastes 1:9 says: “... *there is no new thing under the sun.*”
- Children of Babel in Genesis 11:24 said: “*Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name...*”
- The Titanic was another attempt for man to build and make a name for man.

# TITANIC



# “The Wonder Ship”

- ‘The Biggest Ship in The World’
- 900 feet long (three football fields)
- 11 stories tall
- “Unsinkable”
- Rudder weighed 101 tons
- Propellers the size of windmills



# An Engineering Marvel

- 50,000 horsepower engines
- Required 650 tons of coal per day.
- Traveled at speed of 23 knots (600 miles per day).
- There were various quotes made about the “unsinkable ship”.
- Perhaps the most brash was this one:

“God Himself  
Can Not  
Sink This Ship”

# False Gods

- Titanic was named after a group of Greek gods called Titans.
- The Titans were gods of nature.
- I Corinthians 2:14 says: *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*

# The True God

- ↪ God is not only potent,
- ↪ but He is omnipotent!
- ↪ God is not just natural,
- ↪ He is supernatural!

# “Ship of Millionaires”

↪ John Jacob Astor

↪ Fur trading family, Astoria, Oregon;  
Hotel Astor

↪ Benjamin Guggenheim

↪ Miner, Industrialist

↪ Mr. Straus

↪ Owner of Macy’s Department Stores

↪ Many other rich and famous passengers

# The Peak of Luxury

- First ship with a swimming pool
- Turkish baths
- Gymnasium
- Five grand pianos
- Saloons and smoking rooms
- Four passenger elevators
- Darkroom for amateur photographers

Some  
Names on  
the  
Passenger  
List

Mr. Smart

Mr. Peacock

Mr. Best

Mr. Petty

Mr. Mock

Mr. Gold

Miss Frolicker

Miss Fortune

Miss Berg

Mrs. Pond

Mr. Frost

Dr. Pain

Mr. Sad

Mr. Orr

Mr. Rowe

Mr. Fish

Mr. Bury

Mr. Hell

# Putting GOD First

- ✧ A preacher, Reverend Gray, was offered passage on the Titanic.
- ✧ He had a commitment to speak at Moody Memorial Institute, so he declined and took an earlier ship.
- ✧ He was called foolish for passing up “a chance of a lifetime”.
- ✧ He sacrificed luxury and fame to serve God. He gained life.

# Maiden Voyage

- April 11, 1912
- Sailed from England going to America
- 2,223 were aboard (included crew of 900)
- Captain Edward Smith was on his final voyage ending a long career at sea. He planned to retire after this last trip.

# The Fire Below

- Two days into the cruise, a large fire was found raging in the **sixth** compartment below tons of coal.
- The Captain asked the Titanic's owner Mr. Bruce Ismay:
- "Should we turn around and go back?"

# The Fire Below

- Mr. Ismay answered:
- “No repenting. Keep going and do not disturb the passengers.”
- Coal stokers were assigned to fight the fire fulltime.

# Don't Disturb The Passengers

- ↪ Smoking
- ↪ Drinking
- ↪ Gambling
- ↪ Dancing
- ↪ Entertaining
- ↪ Flaunting wealth, jewels, furs, dress
- ↪ Enjoying all the pleasures of this world

# Peace and Safety

- ↻ **Six** men were assigned on watch
- ↻ Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>
- ↻ Frederick Fleet, a sailor at watch, with 26 years experience said: “I’ve never seen the ocean more peaceful.”
- ↻ The safest ship on the most peaceful ocean
- ↻ Peace and safety

# Six Warnings

- Titanic received **six** separate warnings.
- Radio messages from other ships passing through the area warned of trouble ahead.
- Icebergs
- Prepare for what is coming.
- The last message came from a smaller ship named The California.

# Don't Interfere

- ✧ Titanic's reply to the California's warning,
- ✧ "Keep Out, Shut Up, You are interfering."
- ✧ Titanic had everything. No need to be bothered by a message from an *insignificant* ship.
- ✧ After all the passengers were having fun.
- ✧ They didn't want to be interrupted from the pleasures of life by warnings of the future.

# The Lord's Day

- Sunday night at 11:40
- Something scraped the ship.
- A passenger later testified: “It sounded like a giant finger pressing along the side of the ship.”
- Someone mentioned to Mr. Ismay that the ship had hit an iceberg.
- Mr. Ismay's historical reply:
- *“What is an iceberg to the Titanic?”*

# An Unbelievable Report

- ↪ The report came to Captain Smith.
- ↪ The seemingly impossible is happening.
- ↪ **Six** compartments have been torn open.
- ↪ **Six** compartments are flooding.
- ↪ The ship is sinking.

# Partying and Surfeiting

- A number of parties were being hosted throughout the ship.
- Smoking rooms, gambling parlors and saloons were filled.
- Few realized or sensed any danger.
- No one was telling the passengers about the fire below.

# Women and Children First

- Captain Smith gave the order.
- “Man the lifeboats – women and children first.” (No ERA in 1912)
- As the word was passed throughout the ship, passengers mocked and ignored the warnings.
- There were enough lifeboats for only half the passengers and crew.

# Nearer My God To Thee

- ✧ Witnesses to the tragedy later said that while lifeboats were being manned and the ship was slowly sinking, they could here the band still playing on the deck.
- ✧ The last song heard being played?
- ✧ “Nearer My God To Thee”

# The New World To Come

- The designer of the Titanic spent the closing moments of his life in the formal smoking room.
- There was a huge mural on the wall in the smoking room titled:
  - “The New World to Come”
- The designer of the ship went down with the ship - to a new world.

# Reverend Harper

- Reverend Harper followed the Captain's orders.
- He placed his daughter Nana in a lifeboat, then put on a life jacket and jumped into the water to help others get into lifeboats.
- Harper came upon a boy holding on to a floating deck chair. Harper took off his life jacket and gave it to the young boy.

# Didn't See Need To Be Saved

- ⌘ Not enough lifeboats, because the Titanic was considered “Its Own Lifeboat” (Man’s works can save man).
- ⌘ The lifeboats could have saved half of the passengers and crew.
- ⌘ The lifeboats left with only one fourth of the passengers and crew.

# Too Late To Be Saved

- The Titanic radioman frantically signaled for help.
- The distress signal had long been CQD.
- CQD – come quick danger.
- SOS literally stood for “Save Our Souls”.
- At 12:45 Titanic sent the very first SOS signal ever sent from any ship.

S - Save

O - Our

S - Souls

# Salvation Available That Day

- The California was approximately **six** miles away.
- This was the ship that had been told “Keep out, shut up, you are interfering.”
- The California had obediently shut off message traffic with the Titanic.

# 6 Rockets Fired

- ❧ “On the bridge of the California, Second Officer Stone and Apprentice Gibson counted the rockets... in time to see the **sixth** rocket.”
- ❧ They assumed it was a part of the Titanic partying and celebrations.

Source: “A Night to Remember” page 56

# \$400 Million Steel Coffin

- It took 2.5 years to build.
- It took 2.5 hours to sink.
- The boat dropped down two miles to the ocean floor.
- 1,500 people were entombed in the \$400 million dollar steel coffin.

# The World Was In Shock

- Man's greatest achievement
- "The Ship Not Even God Could Sink"
- Churches were packed
- There were official hearings to determine who was at fault.
- Thousands and thousands of pages of testimony
- Annual survivor meetings

# Testimony of Salvation

- At one of the survivors meetings, a young man got up to tell this story.
- With tears streaming down his face, he recalled that Reverend Harper had given the boy a life jacket, and then swam away to help others into lifeboats.
- Later Harper returned to the boy and led him to a saving knowledge of Christ.

# Testimony

- ❧ The boy said that it was hard to keep your leg muscles moving in the frigid waters.
- ❧ After swimming to help many people, Reverend Harper could not keep above water any more and slipped into the deep ocean waters.
- ❧ Reverend Harper's last words to the boy were: *"Believe on the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."*

Source: "The Titanic's Last Hero", Moody Press, 1997

# Six Is The Bible Number of Man

- Anti-Christ's number is 666 (a trinity like God, but a trinity of man, in three sixes).
- God created the earth for man and gave him 6 days to labor. The seventh day belongs to God. Seven is the number of perfection.
- Man (6) plus Christ makes 7 the number of completion and perfection.

# Six The Number of Man

- ❧ Six day cruise
- ❧ Sixth compartment caught on fire.
- ❧ Six men were on watch.
- ❧ Six messages warning of icebergs.
- ❧ Six compartments flooded.
- ❧ Six miles away from nearest rescue ship.
- ❧ Six rockets sent up for help.
- ❧ Six empty lifeboats counted by the rescue ship the USS California.

# The Lives of the Unsaved Are Like the Lives of Most On the Titanic

- ⌘ The cruise is all there is. Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.
- ⌘ Humanism is the new answer.
- ⌘ 'Man can save himself and does not need God.' Man-man-man. 6-6-6
- ⌘ Don't tell us about the fire below.
- ⌘ Don't interfere in our lives by telling us about future judgments coming.
- ⌘ "Keep out, shut up, quit interfering."

# We Have The Good Life

☞ Revelation 3:17: *“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:”*

# The Fire Below

- Jesus spoke often about the fire below (Hell).
- Mark 9:47: *“And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:”*

# The Fire Below

- Jesus said far more about Hell than about heaven.
- Men do not like to hear about it. It takes away from enjoying the many pleasures of this world.

# No Repenting

- ✧ Jesus said in Luke 13:3: “*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*” (*repent – turn around*)
- ✧ When Titanic heard about the fire below, they could have turned around and been saved.
- ✧ Instead of *repenting*, they continued on and rejected messages that would take away from their pleasures.

# Peace and Safety

- It was the most peaceful sea in 26 years, on “the safest ship ever built.”
- I Thessalonians 5:2-3 *“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”*

# Peace and Safety

- Noah's ship was not as well engineered, and he faced incredibly rough waters, but GOD was with the Ark.
- The world's greatest nautical engineers built the Titanic (a god of nature), a ship that not even God could sink.
- Without God, man's greatest works go down.

# Efforts to Warn

- ✧ Ezekiel 3:18: “When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.”
- ✧ They should have been warned but those who could have warned gave up, not wanting to risk further rejection.

# Efforts to Warn

- ✧ Hebrews 9:27: *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”*
- ✧ We are all cruising through life looking for money, pleasure, and comfort. We all assume our cruise will not be cut short, but God’s judgment can come at any time.

# They Did Not Chose to Fear God

- ✧ Proverbs 1:28-29: *“Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:”*
- ✧ When you say that God can not sink your ship, you show no fear of God.

# They Did Not Chose to Fear God

- The Bible says that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. That is the starting point.
- Without that, you are sunk.

# Names Written Down

- After the sinking of the Titanic, The White Star Lines Office in Liverpool, England posted a large listing of names in two columns.
- “Known to be lost”
- Known to be saved”

# Which Column Are You In ?

∞ I John 5:13 *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”*

# Only Two Classes of People

- When the ship sailed, there were several classes of people on the ship. Rich, poor; educated, uneducated; minorities, majorities
- When the ship sank there were only two classes.
- Saved
- Lost

# God Wants All Saved

✧ II Peter 3:9: *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

# God Wants All Saved

- ⌘ Those who love God and follow God, such as Reverend Harper, are not willing that any should perish.
- ⌘ This world cares for your flesh, but not for your soul. They will get you involved with smoking, alcohol, drugs, immorality, partying, movies, and gambling but they will not save your soul.

# Death is Ahead For All

- The lifeboats that were rescued were only half full.
- Many more could have been saved, but were not.
- Of the 18 lifeboats that left the area, only one came back to try to save more who were in the water.
- Their attitude was *we are saved*, that is good enough. Why risk problems trying to save others?

# The Sea Gave Up The Dead

- ☞ Revelation 20:13-15: “ *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*”

# The Sea Gave Up The Dead To The Fire Below

- The Bible teaches that there is a lake of fire below for all non-believers.
- Except man repents, he will perish.
- Not many are in the business of trying to help others to be saved.
- Most want to just enjoy the pleasures of this world and continue on a 'fun cruise' through life.

# What Lies Ahead

- For all of us death is coming.
- Will you die saved or lost?
- If you have been saved, will you be the one in 18 that tries to help others to be saved?
- How many John Harpers do we have?
- John 15:13: *“Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends.”*

# A Memorial

- Today you can attend Harper Memorial Baptist Church in Glasgow, Scotland.
- The church was renamed for their Pastor, John Harper, who was lost at sea while saving souls.
- His daughter Nana, who Pastor Harper put in a lifeboat, survived and married a Baptist Pastor.

# Did God Sink The Titanic?

- The Titanic had a twin.
- The sister ship *Olympic*
- During WWI, *Olympic* was attacked by a German Submarine, U-Boat 103.
- *Olympic* turned around, rammed and sank the U-Boat.

# Did God Sink The Titanic?

- Iron to Iron,
- Olympic wins;
- Iron to Ice,
- “The ship that God can not sink”,
- Loses

# SOS - In Summary

- ✎ There is a fire below. Jesus said so.
- ✎ Except ye repent, ye will likewise perish. Jesus said so.
- ✎ If you are not in the saved column, better get there before it is too late. Jesus is not willing that any should perish.

# SOS - In Summary

- All around us is partying, music, games, amusements. Most do not want to think about a fire below. They want to have fun in peace and safety.
- Most do not know what is soon coming.
- If you are in the saved column, are you the one in 18 trying to rescue the perishing? Jesus told us to tell others about salvation.