



7 "TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA WRITE:

THE  
WORDS OF HIM WHO IS HOLY AND TRUE, WHO HOLDS THE KEY OF DAVID. WHAT HE OPENS NO ONE

CAN SHUT AND WHAT HE SHUTS NO ONE CAN OPEN, 8 I KNOW YOUR DEEDS. SEE, I HAVE PLACED BEFORE YOU AN OPEN  
DOOR THAT NO ONE CAN SHUT. KNOW THAT YOU HAVE LITTLE STRONGholds, YET YOU HAVE KEPT MY WORD AND HAVE  
NOT DENIED MY NAME. 9 I WILL MAKE THOSE WHO ARE OF THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, WHO CLAIM TO BE JEWS THOUGH

*of*  
ECCLESIASTES

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TO LIFE'S MEANING

10 I AM GOING TO COME UPON THE WHOLE WORLD TO TEST THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE EARTH. I WILL AM  
11 I AM GOING TO GIVE TO EACH OF YOU WHAT YOU HAVE, SO THAT NO ONE WILL TAKE YOUR CROWN. 12 HIM WHO OVERCOMES

IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS,  
WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT  
CHAPTER.

I HAVE A  
QUESTION.

CERTAINLY,  
CALVIN.  
WHAT IS IT?

WHAT'S THE  
POINT OF  
HUMAN  
EXISTENCE?

I MEANT ANY QUESTIONS  
ABOUT THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

OH.

FRANKLY, I'D LIKE TO HAVE  
THE ISSUE RESOLVED BEFORE  
I EXPEND ANY MORE ENERGY  
ON THIS.

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**God has a life for his people beyond this life.**



***Live now. Live forever.***



MISS WORMWOOD,  
I HAVE A  
QUESTION ABOUT  
THIS MATH  
LESSON.

YES?



GIVEN THAT, SOONER OR  
LATER, WE'RE ALL JUST  
GOING TO DIE, WHAT'S  
THE POINT OF LEARNING  
ABOUT INTEGERS?



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CLASS.



NOBODY LIKES US  
"BIG PICTURE"  
PEOPLE.



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