

20241014 Lector Report

Hi John,

Spiritual Roulette

We see pictures and watch black-and-white films of the Old West. Many take place in the saloon or on the open prairie, with cactus and tumbleweed rolling for effect.

The sun is setting as the cowboy rides away, or it could be at high noon for a shootout between two disgruntled patrons wanting to settle the score.

In an instant, we see the result.

One shows a sneer and cynical look of gratification, and the other is being measured for a pine box.

One life living. One life was lost.

Two souls in need of help. How will they be judged?

John 1:9 tells us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all righteousness."

Will we have time or wherewithal to ask for forgiveness when we stare down the lead death barrel?

The gun that may take our life could be disguised as social media, pornography, alcohol, or any other vice that takes our attention away from God.

Mark 16:16, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Evil is often seen as joyful or enjoyable.

Do you think Satan will show himself with horns, a tail, and a spear?

No, I don't think he will.

He does not focus on our weaknesses; he already has those. He will begin to chip away at what we consider strengths to create doubt.

Once doubt has taken control, Satan begins to laugh with glee. That is the only time he experiences joy, in his vile existence.

But fear not; we do not have to add fuel to his fire. God has us in His hands and will never let us go.

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Nothing we have done or will do is outside of the knowledge and understanding of God.

Many of us may feel we have it under control and have gotten comfortable with playing spiritual roulette.

We think only one out of six chambers has the one to take us out, so the odds are in our favor. When is the “1” going to deliver the fatal chamber?

How many of those poor victims of the recent hurricanes thought they were “Good with God”, or they had time to “Get Right with God?”

God wears the only relevant watch, and His time is endless.

He doesn't try to trick us like those who write exams by convoluting the real answer with insignificant dribble.

God is laser-focused, with complete clarity and a desire for us to pass the test with flying colors.

Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

The answer to all problems and questions is the same: Jesus is the answer.

No confusion. No uncertainty. No doubts and no roulette.

So, fill your chambers with Jesus, and all your problems have become solutions.

Vivat Jesus.