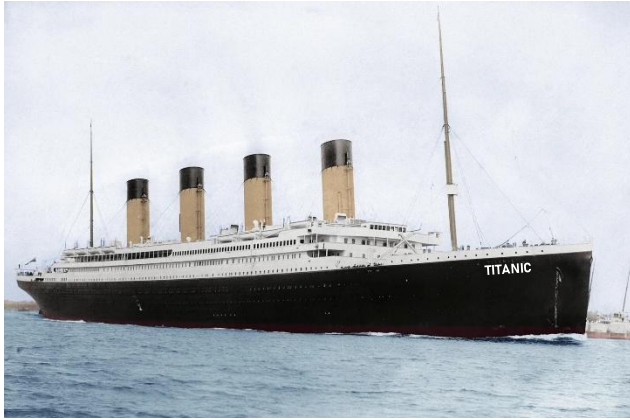


WHAT CAN WE TAKE AWAY FROM THE TITANIC ?



Titanic means: exceptional strength, size or power. (Oxford) The Titanic was the largest cruise ship in the world at the time: 882 feet (269 meters) long, over 100 feet (30.5 meters) tall with ten 10 levels or decks. The Titanic was supposedly one of the safest ships. To prevent leaks, its hull had two layers of steel. It had 16 compartments that could be sealed off using watertight steel doors.

If the ship did spring a leak, the doors would close, to keep the ship from sinking. The ship could carry 2,453 passengers and 900 crew. The first-class area was like an elaborate hotel with swimming pool, gym, library, cafes, etc.



“Even God himself couldn't sink this ship” is believed to be said by Edward John Smith, the captain of the ship.

The Titanic left from England and even though the captain was warned about icebergs in the northern waters, the Titanic went full speed across the Atlantic. On the night of April 14th a giant iceberg was spotted in its path. The captain tried to steer away from the iceberg, but it was too late. The iceberg cut into the side of the ship at 23:40 hours. The designers did not foresee that an iceberg could cut into the side of the ship, while passing.

Although it was not a big collision it ripped holes into the lower side of the ship. Five of the ship's sixteen compartments began to fill with water. The enormous ship slowly began to sink. The ship's crew began putting people into the lifeboats. The Titanic was designed to carry 32 lifeboats, but there were only 20 on board and so on that fatal night 1496 people lost their lives. The unsinkable ship sank after 2 hours and 40 minutes at 2:20 A.M. in the early morning of April 15th, 1912.

What can we learn from this?

It is a lesson for our personal life and even for our whole world. If we think ourselves to be a Titan, a



person of very great importance, strength, intellect and we have no need for God, because we think that God is useless and cannot do anything anyway. If we show him the finger and challenge him, as we speed towards our goals, then we might be in for a surprise heading towards disaster and we might unexpectedly get sideswiped by an iceberg that we did not see coming as we throttle full speed along with no time to stop, except getting smashed for a couple of weeks during our yearly holidays.

Maybe some of us are wiser than that, but what are the little leaks and secret sins below the water line of our personal ship, that no one sees? Little leaks sink great ships, maybe not as dramatic as the Titanic sank, and maybe we won't take as many people down with us as the Titanic did, although none of us are an island and we influence others. Yet slowly but surely, the leaks, however small, will eventually cause our ship to sink and go down into the forgotten abyss. That is, unless we repent, and stop to repair those 'little' leaks, but if we just shrug them off then we might be in for a surprise. King David prayed: 'Please cleanse me from secret sins and hold me back from the sins of pride; let them not rule my life.' (Psalm 19:12,13)

When the captain of the Titanic made that proud statement, God himself was listening, and honestly, it is not the wisest thing to challenge the Creator of heaven and earth like that. Because *'nothing is impossible with God'* (Luke 1:37) as is manifested in that unsinkable ship resting at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

If the captain only could have said, "I would like to give credit to the engineers and the ship builders for the amazing work they have done. I am honoured to be the captain of such a masterpiece and in all humility, I like to ask the Most-High to bless this ship on its journeys and that it may serve mankind and its purpose for many years to come."

If he could have said that, then he would have listened to the iceberg warnings, slowed down the ship and be more careful. But in our



The iceberg that sank the Titanic

pride, we push the counsel of others aside and the result can be devastating as it was in this case. Our words are **containers of power** and we don't realize what we set into motion with our statements and what powers we release into the universe.

The Titanic did not have to go down on its maiden journey, but the ship could have lasted for many decades to come. It could still be moored in some harbour as an attraction, or a five-star hotel. How could I say that with certainty? Because that is how the Lord works; he's like a doting parent who is proud and protective of the child that honours him. "But we've grown up and don't need God anymore; a crutch for the weak; a delusion from the dark ages. We know better now." In our arrogance we ignore our Creator, "Can't you see how smart we are? We can create A.I. and A.G.I. androids, intercontinental ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads, drones, carpet bombs, bunker busters, etc., etc."

When will our ship hit that Nuclear Iceberg?

As Leonardo Davinci said. **“Blinding ignorance does mislead us! O, wretched mortals open your eyes.”**

We can destroy alright, but even if we would bring all the scientists and geniuses in the world together, we will not be able to produce a single blade of grass with procreative life. As life comes from life and this life can only originate from that higher dimension in which our Creator operates.

In Pseudoscience we like to say that Science and God don't go together. This is total utter nonsense as true scientists stand constantly in awe, whether they look through a telescope or microscope, discovering and confirming a Master Creator. God is not against science; he is the pinnacle of science.

Einstein not only taught us $E=mc^2$ and the theory of relativity. He also taught us this formula:

$$\text{EGO} = \frac{1}{\text{Knowledge}}$$

Werner Heisenberg said, “Only a few know, how much one must know to know how little one knows.”

Max Planck: “All matter originates and exists only by virtue of a force which brings the particles of an atom to vibration... We must assume behind this force the existence of a conscious and intelligent Mind.



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This Mind is the matrix of all matter.”

As Planck wrote **M**ind with a capital letter, so Einstein wanted the E of energy in $E=mc^2$ to be a capital, because they were both aware that they were referring to God, confirming the scripture that, *‘by him all things consist.’* (Colossians 1:17) These were no fools or ‘religious nuts’, but Quantum Physicists and Nobel Prize winners.

Enough on that; **what are the little leaks** that will ruin our vessel. It's those little things that we assume nobody knows about. Festering a hate, spinning a lie, breaking a promise, getting upset to show our superiority, picking up that little thing that does not belong to us, etc., etc.

“I did not steal it; I just picked it up and put it in my pocket.” - Carrying something dodgy, “If I don't take that quick money someone else will.” And we just sprung another leak. We tell ourselves a white lie. Lies are not black or white; lies are lies and leaks.

“This above all: to thine own self be true, and thou canst not be false to any man.” (Shakespeare)

I started working with two people who had similar qualities about a decade ago: one was a simple but honest man and happy to be of service. The other gave the impression of being a go-getter, however finances ruled the major part of his life. I explained to him that if he would be honest in his dealings that then the Lord could bless him. He tried his hand at several businesses but one after the other did not deliver finances quick enough. He mismanaged funds which I had designated for certain payments, but he used for personal needs.

I don't think that the Lord, like us, wants to keep investing in a ship that continues to spring leaks.

However, the other person was trustworthy and built his business by gaining the trust of people and keeping his word. He steadily got more clientele and is now well established in his line of business.

I also sprung some ‘anger’ leaks, which I knew I had to stop as it was ruining my ship. I got on my knees many a time and apologized to the ones affected by me and thank God, it seems like it lost its grip and hold on me, as the consequences and the following guilt feelings were and are still very painful. I know that I have to watch out for any potential iceberg run-ins that could spring another ‘anger’ leak. I can honestly say, ‘Here but for the grace of God go I.’

If your ship is sinking and going down, then do like



Simon Peter did when he saw the wind and waves, he began to sink, but he cried out: “Lord, save me!!!”

‘Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and saved him.’ (Mat.14:28-31) Peter got thrown off because he looked at the circumstances instead of Jesus. We might say, “Well my ship already lies at the bottom, I couldn't get any lower; I am a dead man.” Lazarus was dead for four days and Jesus raised him up, as well as a few others.



There's really no excuse for not reaching out our hand and asking him to save us. Any drowning man when he gets thrown a life saver will grab onto it.

This isn't religious rigmarole; this is our life at stake.

Shall we bow our head and let go of our pride which got us in this trouble in the first place and say:



“Dear Jesus, I never pray anymore, honestly, I don't know what to say, but now that I am thinking about it, I am very sorry for screwing up my life. If you can salvage my wreckage, that would be a miracle as I have given up on it. Could you please take over the controls of my ship, or whatever is left of it. I don't know much about you, but if you are what people say you are, then I want to

get to know you better and I will read what your first disciples Matthew, Mark, Luke and John recorded about you. Thank you for listening. Maybe I can do something meaningful for someone else, so my life can have some fulfilment again. And... I mean this.”

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