

My beautiful Triumph Thunderbird is taxed again, now awaiting the conjunction of sun and time off! (My wife is convinced it's painted in watercolours because I never take it out in the rain.) Bikers tend to be passionate about their machines; it should not be a surprise, then, that some of them can also be passionate about their faith - many of whom follow Jesus. Indeed, there is a Christian Motorcyclists' Association (CMA), the members of which have plenty of opportunities to bear witness to their fellow bikers. Admittedly, other bikers can be cynical about fulfilling their lives beyond the excitement of the here-and-now ride.

The CMA nonetheless tries to meet unbelievers on common ground. A piece illustrating this appeared in their magazine recently and is reproduced here for you. Read it as it's laid out, top to bottom, then again from the bottom to the top. It's a bit like Eric Morecambe's version of the Grieg Piano Concerto: all the right notes [words] - but not necessarily in the right order! Perspective can make all the difference: the second version rises, of course...

### An Atheist's View on Life

I will live my life according to these beliefs  
God does not exist  
It is just foolish to think  
That there is a God with a cosmic plan  
That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing  
Is a comforting thought, however  
It  
Is only wishful thinking  
People can do as they please without eternal consequences  
The idea that  
I am deserving of hell  
Because of sin  
Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power  
"The more you have the happier you will be"  
Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose  
In a world with no God  
There is freedom to be who I want to be  
But with God  
Everything is fine  
It is ridiculous to think  
I am lost and in need of saving.

(A Christian view on life)