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Death has been swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

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“This will be disastrous, not if, but *when* this virus is made.” Samuel said. “Once this virus spreads it will rapidly infect the whole human race. I have created an anti-virus. This anti-virus will have to be injected into the blood stream, in order to do this you will have to surrender your life that many people should be kept alive.”<sup>1</sup> Eliot, Samuel’s Son promptly volunteered his service<sup>2</sup> while His Father prepared a shelter.<sup>3</sup>

## 10 Years Later

“We were so close!” Andrei exclaimed to his wife Genesis. “PS106-29<sup>4</sup> was just about cured; I don’t know what happened...” “It’s Okay honey”, Genesis replied, “you’ve worked hard on that vaccine, I’m sure we’ll get it soon.

Andrei and Genesis both worked at the Center for Disease Control. Andrei was the Senior Chemist and representative of the CDC and Genesis worked under him and a Junior Chemist. They had two teenage boys, Sayer and Dan.

The next day Andrei was in his office discussing the team’s findings with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, while Genesis was in the lab slavishly working on the vaccine. Suddenly, Draco, the co-worker who often gave Genesis the creeps, pulled Genesis aside and whispered, “Genesis” with his normal lisp, “while I was researching I put together this serum that is doing amazing stuff for me.” “Draco, what are you selling now?” she replied, “I’M NOT SELLING ANYTHING!” he yelled. “I mean, I’m not selling anything” he said again, but this time in a much nicer and quieter voice. “But, I do need something from you. I need you to

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 50:20

<sup>2</sup> John 17:24

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 25:34

<sup>4</sup> Psalm 106:29

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pitch this serum to Andrei for me. This serum will change the face of the CDC, it increases your I.Q. significantly along with super-human memory.”

Genesis paused for a second, “...what tests have you done?” she inquired. “L-Let me show you.” Draco stuttered, “ou thanato apothaneisthe esesthe os theoi ginuskontes kalon kai ponaron<sup>5</sup>.” Genesis gave Draco a blank state. “You see” Draco said, “In the course of an 8 hour period I learned Greek. I-I just read the book once and I retained 100% of it. But that’s not it!” Draco exclaimed, “I-I can also see viruses.” Genesis paused “...riiight...” she said sarcastically, “I’ll tell you what, let me take the serum home and I MIGHT talk to my husband about it, that is, if I don’t have him fire you for unlawful testing.” “I understand” said Draco, “but I suggest you try it yourself” Draco began to walk away, but turned sharply toward Genesis snapping his fingers, “oh, I almost forgot. Make sure you wash your hands, I wouldn’t want a staph infection to break out in the CDC.”

After Draco turned the corner, Genesis rushed toward the bathroom and vigorously washed her hands. She stood looking at herself in the mirror for an abnormal amount of time contemplating what increased knowledge would do, not only for her, but her husband, and even perhaps resolving the PS106-29 vaccine. She pulled out Draco’s serum and looked at the vial which read “EP2-1<sup>6</sup>” but Genesis opted not to inject herself with it, stuck it back in her lab coat, and went back to work.

After a few frustrating hours working on the vaccine, not being able to concentrate due to thoughts of Draco’s serum and aggravation of the incomplete vaccine, Genesis gave in, pulled the vial out of her pocket, grabbed a syringe and injected herself. She immediately felt an

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<sup>5</sup> Genesis 3:5

<sup>6</sup> Ephesians 2:1

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increase in brain activity<sup>7</sup> and in seconds resolved the flu vaccine that the crew had been working on for six months. Genesis bursts through Andrei's door proclaiming her victory on the flu vaccine.

That night Andrei took Genesis and the boys, Sayer and Dan, out to a fancy dinner to celebrate their success. After dinner, Genesis explained Draco's serum to Andrei. "So that's how you resolved the vaccine?" Andrei asked. "Yes, and that is also why I made the waiter take back your chicken parmesan- you would've gotten salmonellosis for sure!" Genesis responded. "Why hasn't this come across my desk?" Andrei asked with a concerned voice. "I was concerned too" Genesis said, "but it is working out great for me and it is already benefitting mankind." Despite a breach of procedure, Andrei couldn't argue with her logic, Genesis held out a syringe, "would you like to try?" She asked. Andrei immediately injected.

After a few days of self testing the serum, enjoying their new powers and impressing Sayer and Dan, they also injected their sons knowing it would help them in school and in life so they don't get sick. Andrei forged the testing data and made a phone call to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to pitch EP2-1. They instantaneously requested hundreds of thousands to be sent off and disbursed to hospital staff and medical workers all over the United States. Draco, however, was nowhere to be found.

The Following morning after the Sayer and Dan went to school Andrei and Genesis both collapsed on the kitchen floor and remained there until the boys got home. Sayer and Dan walked in the door, saw their parents lying on the floor and panicked. In the midst of their panicking Andrei and Genesis came to. "What are you boys doing home?" Genesis exclaimed. "Mom, it's 3:30" Dan said. Andrei and Genesis both panicked and ran to their room they had both missed an important conference concerning the new vaccine. They decided not to go into

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<sup>7</sup> Genesis 3:5

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work since most of the day was already gone. Andrei and Genesis were both oblivious to the fact that their hearts have stopped beating, however, later that day Genesis noticed her skin was extremely brittle, which, unbeknownst to them, was from the lack of blood circulation. She tried curing this with massive amount of lotion, but Andrei didn't think anything of his brittle skin.

When they got to work the next day they were both immediately swarmed with phone calls, emails, most of which were threats of termination. It was discovered that Andrei forged the testing results, and all the unused shipments were recalled. Throughout the day, Andrei's superiors showed up along with what looked like FBI agents. However, they avoided Andrei's office and instead met in the conference room with closed doors. Andrei and Genesis hid in his office for as long as they could until they were summoned to join in the closed door meeting. After hours of interrogations Andrei finally snapped in an uncontrollable rage, punching the agent in the face and lunged toward the vice president biting a chunk out of his shoulder. To Andrei this was all in slow motion. He could see his saliva trickle into the man's bloodstream in vivid detail. This gave Andrei an insatiable desire to repeat his actions, thus spreading the virus.

At home, Sayer and Dan got into an argument, Sayer snapped and attacked Dan<sup>8</sup> throwing him to the ground and ripping his skin out with his teeth. This same scenario happened in the all medical facilities that were shipped the serum, seemingly brought about by rage. These beings were like dead men with the desire to kill<sup>9</sup>, and their weapon of choice was their teeth. Within a matter of months the whole world was infected with this virus.<sup>10</sup> It spread from city to city by means of subway airplane and boat.

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<sup>8</sup> Genesis 4:6-8

<sup>9</sup> Genesis 6:5

<sup>10</sup> Romans 5:12

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Meanwhile, Samuel and His Son were the only ones who were not infected with this deadly disease<sup>11</sup>. Due to His Fathers prior instructions, Eliot knew His time had come. He knew exactly how to defeat this virus, however, He was terrified to do it but at the same time eager and willing<sup>12</sup> for the sake of mankind.

Eliot left His Fathers shelter and headed towards the CDC for chemicals. Once He arrived, He made the anti-virus and injected Himself with it knowing that the only way to get it into the blood stream of the flesh eaters was to sacrifice Himself<sup>13</sup>. While Eliot was in the lab, the surrounding zombies smelt fresh blood, which they haven't had in months; they surrounded the building trying vigorously to break in<sup>14</sup>.

Eliot calmly walked towards the front doors that were being pounded on repeatedly by the hands and forearms of the undead. He cracked the door and was pulled through the small slot by the creatures. Eliot was immediately torn to shreds by the violent crowd; His appearance was marred, beyond human semblance<sup>15</sup>. Many of the creatures who had feasted on Eliot were transformed<sup>16</sup> back into their old selves-for the most part at least. However the anti-virus did not work of the others and they remained the living dead and became a bit more enraged<sup>17</sup>.

One of those who were transformed was Andrei who, even as a zombie knew to stick around the CDC. Once Andrei received life, he was tremendously confused about the trashed environment he was in. While stumbling around for a bit, he came across a creature whom he has helped to create. The creature lunged towards him Andrei quickly rolled out of the way, popped

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<sup>11</sup> 1 Peter 1:19

<sup>12</sup> Luke 22:42

<sup>13</sup> Hebrews 10:12

<sup>14</sup> Psalm 22:12-13

<sup>15</sup> Isaiah 52:14

<sup>16</sup> John 6:56

<sup>17</sup> John 6:37-40

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back up and snapped the creature's neck. Andrei stood in shock; not only because of the hideous creature, but also his extremely fast reactions to the creature.

Andrei began to seek shelter in the CDC building, but once again he was attacked, but this time his reaction wasn't so fast. The creature grabbed Andrei's shoe, throwing Andrei to the ground. Andrei spotted a nearby piece of shrapnel and slams his other heel into it sending it flying into the air, he grabs it mid air and stabs the creature in the forearm, pinning it into the once green lawn and he had daily walked across on his way to the office. Andrei has once again impressed himself.

On the way into the doors, Andrei passed the body of Eliot. Somehow Andrei knew he was important, so Andrei draped a cloth over Eliot's body and brought Him into the building. Once Andrei had time to think, he realized that he had caused all this mess and that his wife and two sons are one of those creatures now. He broke down in tears and his sobs echoed through the halls of the empty building.

After a few minutes, the others, who have been changed eleven in all, found their way into the building and met up with Andrei. After discussing their sorrows for their loved ones, they all noticed that they had super abilities unlike that of their former selves<sup>18</sup>. "We may actually stand a chance at survival." Andrei said to the others.

It was then that Andrei noticed that the body of the man he drug in was gone. Before he could alarm the other the man walked out from the next room. However, it did not look like the same man since he was recognizable as if his flesh had grew back. "a-are you one of them?" Andrei said with a terrified tone. "no" replied the man, "I'm Eliot Godfrey, Son of Samuel Godfey." Andrei was no stranger to the Godfrey family; he knew that Eliot Father was the most intelligent chemist in the world. "My Father had sent me. You see, He knew that it was

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<sup>18</sup> 2 Corinthians 5:17



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inevitable that you would disburse EP2-1 and has created an anti-virus for it long before it was ever created-R5-8<sup>19</sup>.” “Great! Give it here.” Andrei exclaimed. “I can’t” Eliot said, “You already have it flowing through your veins. I first injected myself with the formula and then I had to sacrifice myself to the crowds of hungry creatures-you.” The group stood listening intently to Eliot. “The anti-virus bonded with my blood and brought me back to life as it did to you. Now, however, the sacrifice has already been made and it is no longer necessary.<sup>20</sup> But there is much work to be done. You must inject your blood into the creature’s blood. Doing so will reverse their altered DNA with a little improvement as well.” “So this is why we were able to do all those things?” said Andrei, “yes” replied Eliot, “My Father was very careful in creating this anti-virus. However, you must be warned; injecting them with your blood will not work on all creatures, but only the ones whom my Father has created the anti-virus for<sup>21</sup>. Now go, you’ve got a lot of work to do.” “Where are you going?” Andrei asked. “Don’t worry, you’ll see me again, once the work is complete<sup>22</sup>.” Eliot then walked out the door and disappeared off in the distance.

The crew then began to brain storm about how to inject their blood into the zombies safely. They agreed that syringes were too risky. “We need to get out of here and find some weapons, perhaps a sword or a bow.” said Tom, one of the survivors. So they set off to look for weapons.

They came to a nearby pawn shop which they thought may have some weapons. While digging around the pawn shop, a loud scream came from the back room. The group ran toward the shriek to find one of their group members being attacked. Some of the members already found weapons and began to draw them including Tom, who had a 9mm pistol. “STOP!!!”

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<sup>19</sup> Romans 5:8

<sup>20</sup> Hebrews 7:27

<sup>21</sup> John 6:37 & 65

<sup>22</sup> II Peter 3:9

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yelled Andrei while he threw himself toward the attacker. During the struggle Andrei grabbed a piece of glass from a broken display case and stabbed himself in the hand, he then stabbed the creature in the side and pushed it away. They all stood back and waited. The creature looked up and snarled at the group. They grabbed their weapons and left.

Andrei's hand was bleeding pretty badly but he kept the blood flowing. "We can't kill these creatures, they are human beings." Andrei said while grabbing Tom's gun and tossing it in the bushes. At that moment a swarm of zombies approached the group. Andrei went around in a panic, wiping his bloody hand on the swords and arrows found in the pawn shop. The group sliced up the creatures, making sure to get Andrei's blood in each of them. Andrei had no weapon at the time since he could not hold one, and was attacked by multiple creatures. Andrei was bit, but escaped the struggle. The brawl had no effect on the creature, and Andrei's wounds had no effect on him<sup>23</sup>. The group ran back to the CDC.

"What are we doing?" Tom asked in an angry tone of voice. "Here we are being gentle to these... these creatures and risking our lives? We are the only ones left!"<sup>24</sup> "No we aren't" replied Andrei quickly. "You heard what Eliot said. I think we better listen to the guy who brought Himself back from the dead and not you, you saw His scars from the attack didn't you?"<sup>25</sup> But we've got to think of a better way to spread the anti-virus."

Andrei then hooked himself to an IV and filled a container with a pint of his blood. He then grabbed the pouch and poured some blood into a sword's sheath. "ah-hah" said Andrei. The rest of the group followed suit.

The group then went out confidently to try and convert these creatures. Although Andrei was excited about his duty, he hoped that he could be reunited with his wife Genesis and his two

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<sup>23</sup> John 6:39

<sup>24</sup> 1 Kings 19:14-18

<sup>25</sup> John 20:27

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boys. The group spread out through the town with swords and bows in hand and did what they had to. The first conversion was amazing and exceedingly rewarding. The creature's eyes would turn from a hazy white, slowly revealing their irises and pupils their flesh would turn from a veiny purple to a nice flesh tone and the rips in their skin were mended. While the eyes of those who didn't take to the anti-virus would become even more hazy white, and their flesh was even more decomposed than it was before and their anger became 10 times of what it was before.

At the end of the day the group met back at the CDC. Andrei heard his name being called. He could recognize Genesis' voice anywhere. Andrei was finally reunited with his wife. After catching her up on everything that happened, they began to seek out their sons. But Sayer or Dan was nowhere to be found.

The group grew bigger by the day and more organized. They held weekly meetings to discuss happenings, help others locate loved ones and to donate more blood for the battle. Dan was found but Sayer was not. "That's it" Andrei said to Genesis, "That's all the people in our town. m-maybe he was one who is not destined to be saved."<sup>26</sup> Genesis began to sob quietly.

The group expanded to other towns and within a few months charters sprung up all over the world<sup>27</sup>. The ledged of Eliot was spread all over the world while prepping them to spread to anti-virus.

One day in mid-fall, a mast of what looked like fire appeared in the sky<sup>28</sup>. Everyone around ventured out to follow the object. This pillar also attracted the flesh eaters. Attempts were made to inject them with the anti-virus, but no one was successful<sup>29</sup>. After months of following

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<sup>26</sup> Romans 9:11-18

<sup>27</sup> Matthew 28:19

<sup>28</sup> Exodus 13:21

<sup>29</sup> II Peter 3:9

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the object, they came to a foreign land that no one knew existed. It was exceedingly large and should would have changed the way maps looked if it was noticed before.

The large group, which no one could number,<sup>30</sup> approached the gate and was greeted by Eliot. The group was exceedingly happy to see Him. Everyone who entered was given new clothes and security. Once they were all inside, the gates were closed and no one could enter. The large group had a feast that day.<sup>31</sup> After the feast was over Eliot released a chemical weapon that Samuel made in order to destroy all degenerate zombies that remained on the earth.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>30</sup> Genesis 32:12

<sup>31</sup> Revelation 19:9

<sup>32</sup> Revelation 20:10

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## Appendix

More than 300 years ago, a man named John Bunyan wrote an amazing story of a man named Christian who was on a journey of the Celestial City. The story was an allegory (much like *The Chronicles of Narnia*) which was packed with Biblical connotations. Although, it is unlikely that any story would come close to Bunyan's classic, I always thought that Zombies would make a good allegory of man dead in his sins.

In eternity past the Father made a covenant with the Son, which the Son would take upon Himself human flesh and die for the sins of His people by the ordination of the Father by the power of the Spirit. In Theological terms this is referred to as the Eternal Covenant or the Covenant of Redemption. Notice how Samuel made an agreement with His Son that would require His Sons life.

Andrei and Genesis are characters resembling Adam and Eve, while Draco was the serpent who deceived the couple into doing what they ought not to do. The Temptation came with lies, just as the serpent told Eve in the Garden ("You shall not surely die, for you will be like God" which is what Draco said to Genesis in Greek.).

Saint Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D. formulated the fourfold state of man from his gleaning of the scriptures. This is demonstrated by the chart below.

<b>Pre-Fall Man</b>	<b>Post-Fall Man</b>	<b>Regenerated Man</b>	<b>Glorified Man</b>
Able to sin	Able to sin	Able to sin	Able to not sin
Able to not sin	Unable to not sin	Able to not sin	Unable to sin

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This chart reveals the state of man in each stage of redemptive history and, for the most part, though the story of *The Death of Death*.

<b>Pre-Viral Man</b>	<b>Post-Viral Man</b>	<b>Anti-Virus Man</b>	<b>Man within the gates</b>
Able to kill	Able to kill	Able to kill	?????
Able to not kill	Unable to not kill	Able to not kill	?????

Notice in both situations that Post-Fall and Post-Viral man were utterly hopeless and could not redeem him/herself from their situation. Just as we have all inherited a sinful nature from Adam and Eve putting us in the situation of being able to sin and unable to not sin, the world also inherited the virus which put them in a similar situation.

To remove us from our terrible fate (in our case hell), Christ had to come down from heaven obey the laws that we could not obey and die, suffering the wrath of His Father so we don't have to. Once this is applied on our behalf, our nature changed, from hating God, to loving God. However, not all mankind is saved. God has ordained from the foundation of the world, that only certain people will be saved. These "elect", as mentioned throughout the Bible, Romans 9, for example, upon hearing the Gospel message, are regenerated and are granted repentance. This is a passive on our part. We did not reach out to God while God reached back. Rather, we threw rocks at God while we were drowning and God dove in to pull us out.

Likewise, Eliot came to save mankind from their fate. He, like Christ, was killed by the very ones He was dying for. Once the anti-virus comes into effect, the elect are changed into

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more useful human beings, able to do things they otherwise weren't able to do. Once they were given their mission to accomplish (the salvation of souls), they encounter various trials, until entering the gated kingdom.



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