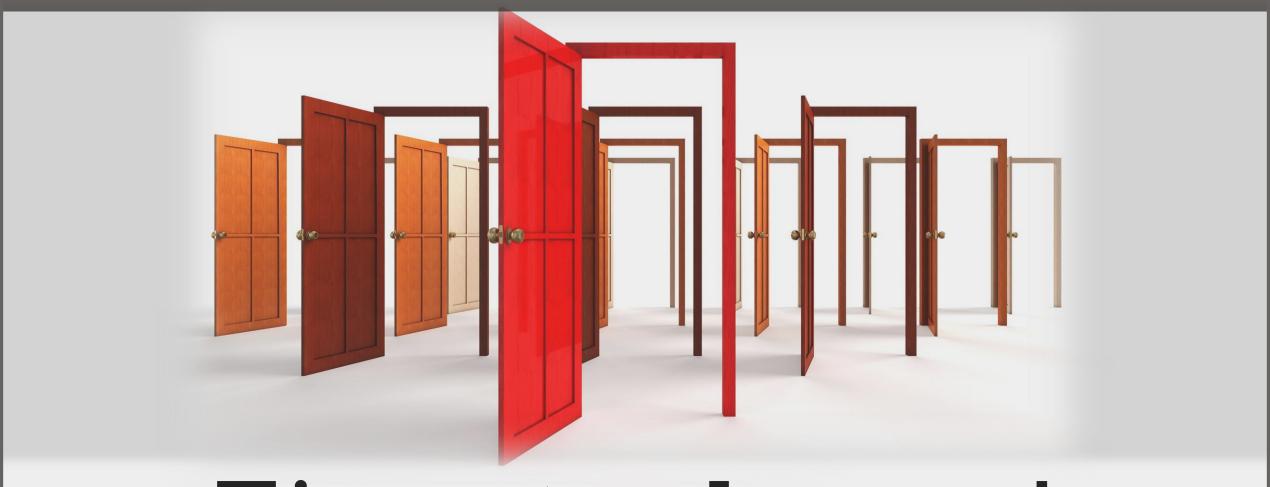
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Time to dream!

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":





I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.









The importance of dreams!

God gave us the ability to dream





To see past now and wonder what could be...





We want hope!

We need to be able to dream there is more!

We know there should be purpose in our lives!



"Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness."





For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.







When we get down and discouraged, we get stuck in the "now", but in Christ there is a future that is beyond what we can imagine!



Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.





Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.







There is hope in Christ!



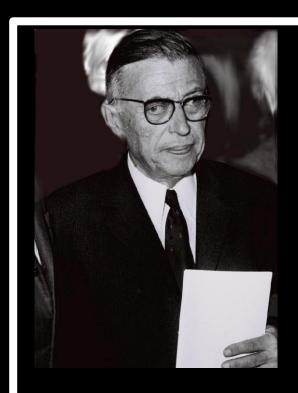
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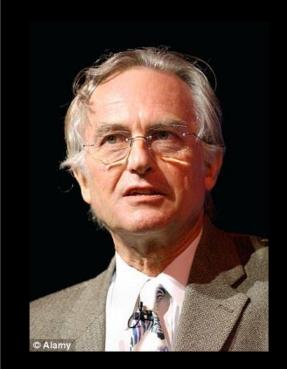




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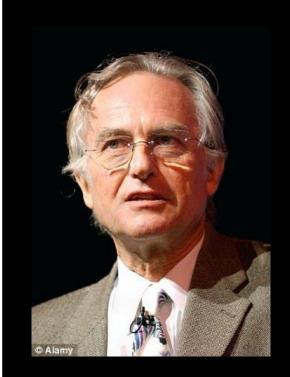
"I existed like a stone, a plant, a microbe... I was just thinking... that here we are, all of us, eating and drinking, to preserve our precious existence and there's nothing, nothing, absolutely no reason for existing".

Paul Sartre, J. Nausea p. 162



Richard Dawkins

"A foreign publisher of my first book confessed that he could not sleep for three nights after reading it, so troubled was he by what he saw as its cold, bleak message. Others have asked me how I can bear to get up in the mornings.



Richard Dawkins

A teacher from a distant country wrote to me reproachfully that a pupil had come to him in tears after reading the same book, because it had persuaded her that life was empty and purposeless.

Dawkins, R. 1998. Unweaving the Rainbow. P. ix

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.





So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.





Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor.





Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.





The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."







Life is meaningless apart from God!



What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun? One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever.





The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose. The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit.





All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again.





All things are full of labor; Man cannot express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing. That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun.





Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us. There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after.





"I do not have the strength to endure. I do not have a goal that encourages me to carry on."







Aim at nothing and you will hit it every time!



"To know Jesus and make Him known while living, loving and serving like Him"



"According to your faith will it be done to you."





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Dreams focus our energy and lead to rewards





Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize?

So run to win!

So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing.





...that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;





that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.





I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me.





Friends, don't get me beckoning us onward - to Jesus. wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is





I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back. So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us...



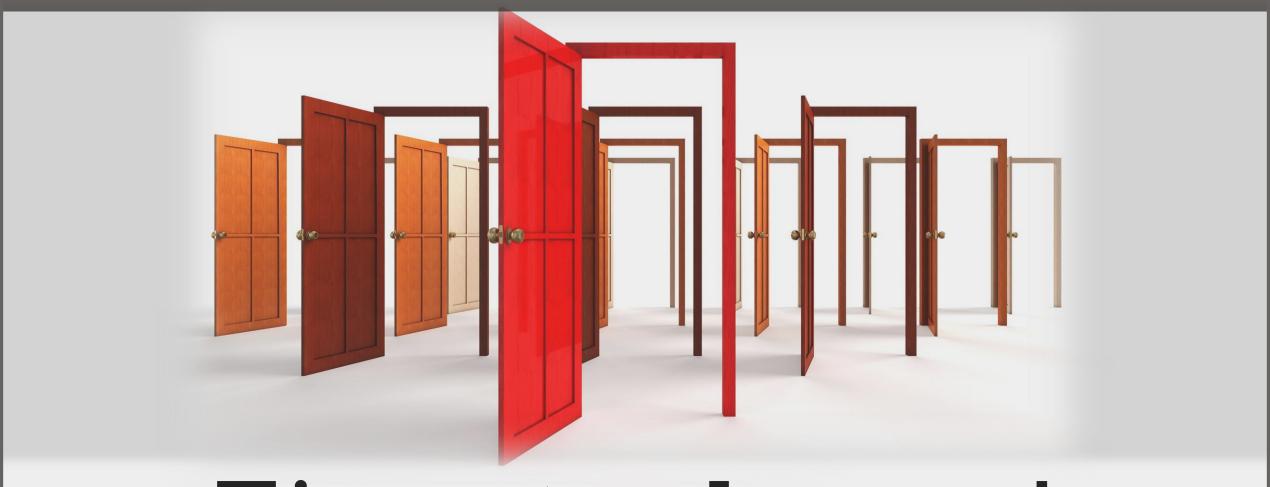




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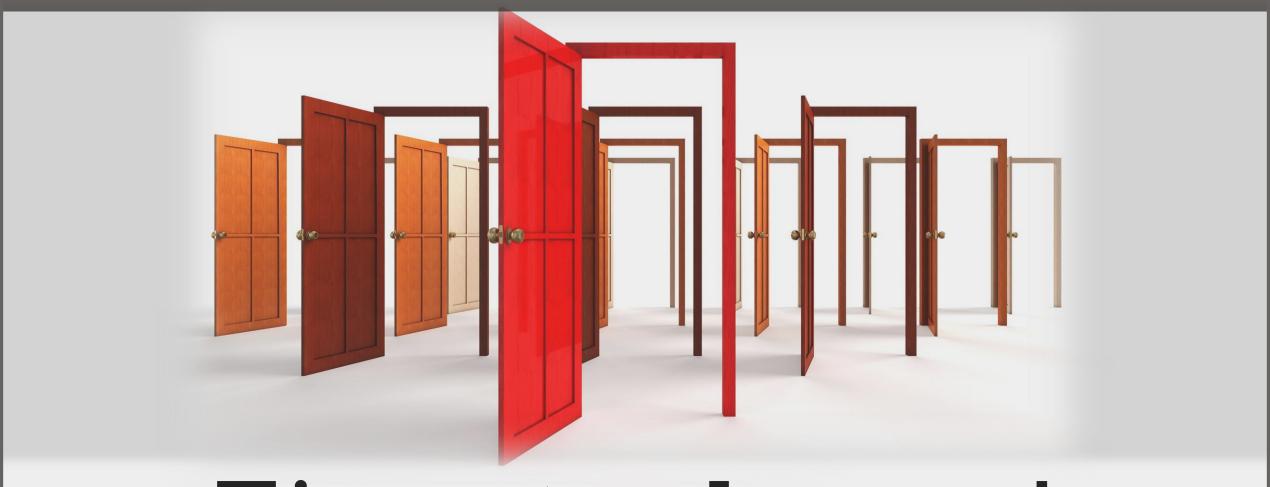
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