

A Sermon on Parting Gifts

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for November 12th, 2023 (and beyond)

This is a gift giving advisory sermon intended to help surviving loved ones cope with your death. Below are ideas and examples of potential gifts you may wish to leave to be opened only in the event of your death by the intended parties. Humor is a must. It can't be so sentimental that tears alone are the result. It must result in a smile. But, these are just my recommendations and guidelines to help surviving loved ones cope with your death and maybe you want them to grieve in sorrow rather than remember with joy. If so, this sermon is not for you.

Potential "In The Event of My Death" Gift Ideas and Examples:

1. The worst photo of yourself that you hate and still haven't destroyed with a note that reads "In the event of my death, I ask you find and destroy all copies of this photo including this one."
2. The best of times and worst of times... Write a note describing one of your favorite or the favorite memory you share with the intended recipient and include the worst time you ever had together. The worst time would be best if it was a long argument that almost ruined your relationship and took a bit to resolve or get past.
3. A link to a video you put on Youtube or liked on Youtube that is absurdly stupid as a final share of sorts. The note should read "This is a matter of life and death. You must see this video. It explains everything."

I'm sure that's enough for you to get the idea. Think ahead and make sure your loved ones remember you with joy even if it involves an expression of "whatever" accompanied by rolling their eyes in slight annoyance. That's better than an eternity at any wailing wall and the best parting gift in full context.

#TaoFu Joker says: "This was all my idea."

#TaoFu Harvey Dent says: "Who would miss you? I'll be relieved, so relieved."

#TaoFu Riddler says: "That's rude and the author wrote all of it."

For those interested in starting #TaoFu Self-Defense Exercises, please see <https://www.cope.church/taofu.htm> and begin at any time.

There are opportunities to send messages, receive mystery bonus blessings, and more with or without donating available now on our "Pass the Basket" page at <https://www.cope.church/basket.htm> . Thank You.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 KJV Willful blindness is an abomination.

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