

# ACADEMY REPORTER

## Can You Hear Them Calling?

While visiting a website that I had just recently discovered, I noticed that in one of the forums someone had posted a new thread called: "I DON'T WANT TO GO TO HELL"! I immediately clicked on the thread ready to answer this cry for help. What I found shocked me. The person who had posted this thread wrote: "I am always being told that because I've gone from Taoism to no religion that I'm going to hell, but I don't care! So am I wrong for being fickle?"

Obviously, I was going to say, "Yes." but this person was set in what he thought was right and I couldn't comment on it anyway. My main reason? Because there was already eight pages of responses to this thread. Some of the responses were from fellow Christians, but the majority were from atheists. I read through all of them. Some I messaged, if they asked a question that I could answer, but there were others that I just didn't know what to say. This thread became more than just a discussion on Hell, it became something like a confession thread. At several points I would come across someone who admitted that they were "cutters", "suicidal", "druggies", or just confused about the world.

One girl posted: "If God allows bad things to happen to us, then he's not someone I want to believe in."

Several asked: "My friend committed suicide, will they go to Hell?"

These two comments almost made me cry. This wasn't something new, I've heard all this before. Just not on a personal level like this. What really frightened me the most was when I saw the ages of some of these people. Take a guess? They were between thirteen and eighteen years old.

I was beginning to slowly realize what a sheltered world I've lived in. I don't have to worry why my friend isn't sitting next to me in class today. I would just assume she is sick or at a doctor's appointment. I wouldn't think like some kids who posted on this site, "I hope she didn't take her life last night." Unfortunately, most who thought that, were right.

I learned something that day. I learned that there are people out there who have questions, but they aren't getting the answers. So why are we being so quiet? We have the answers, we're just too scared to speak up.

## THE PRINCIPAL'S PUZZLER

**This week's winner:** Evie Black

**This week's answer:** Because he would get paid for three people instead of just one.

**This week's puzzle:** The strongest chains will not bind it, Ditch and rampart will not slow it down, A thousand soldiers cannot beat it, It can knock down trees with a single push.



## EDUCATOR'S CONVENTION

Just a reminder that our Educator's Convention will be March 5 instead of March 12. This is to make it possible

### REMINDERS

March 5 — Educator's Convention, No School

March 11 — Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 19-29 — Spring Break, 11:30 AM Dimissal

March 30 — Academy Classes Convene

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IT WAS SAID THAT IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE OFFERING-TAKING ABILITIES OF GOOD OL' SAD FRED, THE CHURCH WOULD'VE HAD TO SHUT DOWN YEARS AGO

I have seen and read the Friday Letter.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut out, sign, and return this box to school.