



Point of View

Dear Marketplace Friend,

"I'm sure a lot of people - politicians, business people, and those in news and entertainment media - are resting easier now that (he) is dead. (He) told the truth about so many of them. Now, they can go about their despicable ways..." So said Andy Riordan of Lisbon Falls, Maine, in his letter to the editor of **USA Today**.

The press release: "George Carlin, the acerbic, Grammy-winning comedian whose career spanned more than 50 years, dies of heart failure Sunday evening (June 22) after being admitted to the hospital complaining of chest pains. He was 71." Where is he now?

George Carlin, who "told the truth," was very outspoken about faith: "Religion convinced the world that there's an invisible man in the sky who watches everything you do. And there's 10 things he doesn't want you to do or else you'll go to a burning place with a lake of fire until the end of eternity. But he loves you! And he needs money! He's all powerful, but he can't handle money!" (from his book, **Napalm and Silly Putty**) Where is he now?

Here's Jesus' perspective: *"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from*



*the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'" (from His Book, **Luke 16:19-27**)*

I've interrupted my book series because I've been taken with the death of George Carlin. Network and Cable channels

have been running tributes and stand-up specials; Carlin made people laugh... down here. Where is he now? And, is he making people laugh, now?

According to Jesus, George Carlin is in hell... and if he had the microphone for three minutes, here is what he would tell us. It's the Seven Words You'll Seldom Hear on Television: "Judgment is coming; get right with Jesus."

God - that "invisible man in the sky" - really did love George Carlin. In fact, he loved him so much that he sent his only son to rescue him from hell. George heard about that - he was raised as a Catholic in New York City - but he decided it was (expletive) and made religious faith a gag line.

Where is he now? Sadly, he is in hell - the place prepared for the devil and his angels - and he's not laughing, nor ever will again. You and I are here to get those Seven Words out to everyone: **Judgment is coming; get right with Jesus...**

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