

Dear Mr. Nietzsche,

You would probably be disappointed if you saw the current state of the world, today: many people still flock to synagogues, mosques and – your least favorite – churches. No, mankind has not advanced to its next level (as you'd probably call it) quite yet, but thanks to you, it's on the way.

You might want to know a little bit about me before I go on. My name is Thomas Williams; and I have been educated at Catholic schools for the past ten years, in the good ol' United State of America. Don't turn away just yet – I read your *Beyond Good and Evil* last year, in eighth grade, and was blown away by your philosophies on religion. I continued to read *The Antichrist*, and while I do not see eye to eye with your views, you have definitely changed the way I view the world – religion in particular.

Christianity – and religion itself – as a stage, seems to be wrapping up its act: its curtain shall fall sometime soon. There are signs already: more and more people are beginning to ask questions as to the reality of God, and are casting aside their religions. It is because now, in the twenty-first century, resources are available that *disprove the Bible!* That would've come in handy back in your day, eh?

Speaking of time, the world has changed considerably since you left it: a new technology called the "Internet" dominates many people's lives. This electronic "super-highway" is now the most efficient way of purchasing goods, and finding information on virtually anything in the known world. No longer must one trod to a library to read a book: they can either purchase the said book from the Internet, or even read it on the Internet! The Internet is displayed on a device called the "computer," which runs on electricity. It (the computer) has a glass screen through which one may view images. The whole thing itself is too complex for me to describe here, but if you somehow rise from your dead state (and if you are what society deems "sane"), you'll have to look into these gems of engineering.

Other than that strange device, there are several other technological advances you may want to know about. For one, the creation of television, which provides entertainment and news updates to anyone that can afford to pay a monthly fee. As millions upon millions of people own these devices, you will not be shocked to hear that the Catholic Church uses it to broadcast its message to and fro about the world.

As for literary and philosophical advancement, there has only been one man I know of that's tried to fill your shoes: his name is Jean-Paul Sartre, and he, like yourself, is dead. Jean-Paul continued your ideas, and you'd be pleased to know that, through his movements in the latter half of the twentieth century, many were awakened to the facts: that God was created, merely as something to attribute one's fortunes to, and one to blame for one's mishaps, or at least question, if not blame.

As I close, Mr. Nietzsche, I leave you this message: humanity still has a little time left on its hands. If you were right, many will grow out of religion, and move on to something else, something better in your view. If the Christians were right, you're probably being stuck with a pitchfork in some red place of fire and smells awful right now, but if we cease to exist after death, as you seem to suggest, then- then, why am I writing this letter?

Seeing you Soon (?)

Thomas Williams