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Dear Warden:

> "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having **the key** of the bottomless pit and **a great chain** in his hand. And he **laid hold** on the dragon, that old serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and **bound** him a thousand years, and cast him into **the bottomless pit**, and **shut him up**, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years be fulfilled, after that he must be loosed (paroled) a little season...And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat upon it...And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and **the books** were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life. And **the dead were judged** out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works ...And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into **the lake of fire**...And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. **I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.**" (Selected verses from the book of Revelation, chapters 20, 21)

The above passages of sacred Scripture may at first seem quite odd or even too offensive to one's accepted understanding of the Bible. The Word of God, however, often speaks with graphic symbolism, especially in the Revelation and vision given to John the Apostle, who wrote these futuristic truths. When you examine the contents of these passages, nothing really should shock anyone reading its message. After all, most reading this letter understand the thoughts and ideas quite well. What does it say? To paraphrase and simplify:

John the beloved Apostle was shown a vision of events perhaps just as relevant as tomorrow's newspapers. One with great authority (an angel from heaven) was sent down to apprehend and bind in chains one named Satan. The charges were many, but summarized as "Deceiver of nations". A special key unlocked a great door which gave horrible passage to a bottomless pit. Herein Satan must serve a thousand-year sentence. Then attention is drawn to a judge's bench: a "great white throne". The judge's name is "Alpha and Omega" or the beginning and the end: in short, to clarify, the One Who is eternal.

Before Him stands a host of the dead, both those who were famous and those who weren't (the great and the small). Two books were opened by the eternal Judge: one, the Book of Life and the other, a ledger which clearly audits man's works. Whosoever was not found by name in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Lest we despair, however, this same judge turns to John the Apostle and says, "I will give to him that is athirst of the water of life freely."

Let me ask you: Do you believe that the Scriptures are true? **Do you think that we can operate courts, prisons and keys and God does not?** Is there valid reason that one should soberly approach the future? Could it be that all the above shall come to pass?

To you, my beloved friend, **you hold keys; you open and shut doors; you know the awful sense of judgment. It's where you spend your career, your emotions, your precious time!**

Lest you miss the most urgent point of this letter, understand this: the eternal God Who delegates all authority, all judgment, all sentencing (yet future) says: "Whosoever (anyone who will) let them come and drink freely". Jesus said it this way: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

To you who "turn the keys",

God's richest grace!

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