




# Intersections: Christianity & Today

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## L O N E L I N E S S

1. If you feel lonely for someone, does that mean that you love them?
2. The strongest man upon earth is he who stands most alone. —Henrik Ibsen (True or False?)
3. When you are by yourself, do you need the radio or the television on in the background?
4. Are you lonely because you are like a candle held sideways?  
(I.e. you are a \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ P. a four-letter word ending in P.) 
5. I lie awake. I have become like a bird alone on a housetop. —Psalm 102:7 
6. As there is both good and bad society, there is also both good and bad solitude.   
—St. Francis de Sales
7. One cause of loneliness: Having the I'll-desert-you-before-you-desert-me syndrome.
8. And surely *I will be with you always*, to the very end of the age. —Jesus (last verse of Matt.)  
Now *I am going* to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, “Where are you *going*?”  
Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: it is for your good that *I'm going away*. Unless *I go away*, the Counselor will not come to you; but *if I go*, I will send him to you. —Jesus (John 16:5–7)
9. **Loneliness** is the unavailability of people to communicate with on any level. . . .  
**Aloneness**, however, is the unavailability of someone to communicate with at your level of awareness. M. Scott Peck, *The Road Less Traveled*, p. 288
10. We are most of us very lonely in this world; you who have any who love you, cling to them and thank God. —William Makepeace Thackeray