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Ek dink terug aan my kind wees jare.
Ek was maar net nege jaar oud. My ouma het eendag vir my vertel dat 'n brood nog R5 gaan kos en dat ons met geld in ons hand sal staan dat ons niks sal kan koop nie.
Ek het gelag en gedink my ouma is gek.

Vandag jare later besef ek dat my ouma die waardheid gepraat het brood is nou al baie meer as R5. En nou met die Covid -19 staan ons met geld in die hand en kan skaars iets koop wand die winkels is leeg.

Nooit in my wildse drome het ek gedink so iets is moontlik nie. Dit is baie sleg en mens voel so onseker oor so baie dinge. Ons Spar, se rakke het min goed op, daar is skaars vrugte of groente, gee vars gebakte brood nie.
Ek is net bang dat die "lock down" langer as 21 dae kan aangaan.

Ek glo daar is baie wat saam met my sal stem.
Maar een ding weet ek met sekerheid dat ons as 'n land nou meer as ooit moet saam staan.
Daar lê 'n moeilike tyd voor ons, ons moet net op God vertrou.

Daar is 'n liedjie - "He's got the hole world in His hands" ons moet net glo en vertrou, dat God ons nooit alleen sal laat nie.

Ek praat met my vriendin Mercia wat 'n gastehuis het in Clarens. Sy stuur vir my fotos en se die dorp lyk soos 'n spook dorpie. Hulle het reeds duisende rande se verlies van inkomste ervaar in een week.

Ek wonder is dit God se manier om ons mensdom te laat terug keer na HOM.
Al wat ek weet is dat net God kan ons dra in hierdie moeilik tyd. Dankbaar is ek vir ons God en Vader.

Ons moet maar net saam staan en saam ons knieë buig in gebed.

Baie sterke aan elke persoon wat nou in afsondering is.
Wees veilig en hou vas aan jou geloof. Spandeer nou die tyd as gesins tyd. Lees bybel en bid saam.

Ek groet julle tot volgende maand.
Mag God julle seën

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God het die hele wêreld in SY hande.
Amen.



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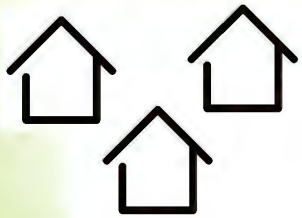


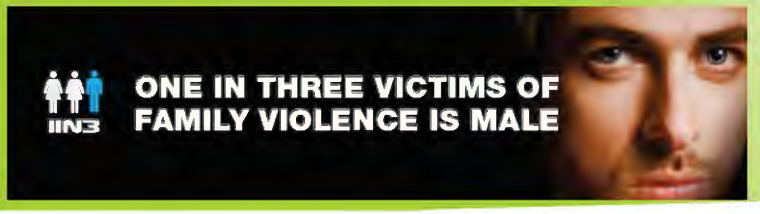
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The Meaning of Easter.

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

However, Easter did not always symbolize Christ's resurrection from the dead and the meaning of Easter was quite different than what Christians celebrate today. The feast day of Easter was originally a pagan celebration of renewal and rebirth. Celebrated in the early spring, it honored the pagan Saxon goddess Eastre. When the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday, since it fell around the same time as the traditional memorial of Christ's resurrection from the dead, was merged with the pagan celebration, and became know as Easter. The meaning of Easter was also changed to reflect its new Christian orientation.

Today, the meaning of Easter, for million of Christians, is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

Origin of Easter - A Christian Commemoration
The origin of Easter, a holiday associated with the observance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is actually based on an ancient pagan celebration. Christians recognize this day as commemorating the culminating event of their faith, but like so many other "Christian" holidays, Easter has become commercialized and mixed with non-christian traditions like the Easter Bunny, Easter parades and hunting for Easter eggs.

Jesus had come into town for the Passover celebration and was nearing the time when he would be betrayed by one of his disciples, publicly humiliated and mocked, beaten beyond recognition, and hung on a cross to die. It was the night before his suffering when he made his special request for his followers to remember that He gave his body for them and poured out his blood as a sacrifice for them.

The best way to understand the real meaning of Easter would be from Jesus, in His three words ... the new covenant.



Prayer

Father God, there is sometimes controversy about how, when, and what to call the remembrance of the greatest day in history - the day Jesus Christ, your beloved son, rose from the dead and brought the gift of your forgiveness and eternal life to all who would like to receive it - the new covenant.

Please pour out your Holy Spirit on all who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and put us on our knees before you with thankful hearts for your great love for us. You, oh God, have given us victory over sin and death, and the promise of never leaving us or forsaking us for eternity. Help us to be the body of Christ, the church, united in awe of how you saved our unworthy souls ... your body and your blood as a sacrifice for us. Help us to bring this message to all who will listen. Help us to love like you love. Thank you forever!

Amen.

Prayer for God's Strength



Dear Lord, thank you for your greatness. Thank you that when I am weak, you are strong. Lord, the Devil is scheming and I know he desires to keep me from spending time with you. Don't let him win! Give me a measure of your strength so that I might not give into discouragement, deception and doubt! Help me honor you in all my ways. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

10 key questions about the Covid-19 lockdown

Midnight on Thursday 26 March 2020 will mark the start of a new period of uncertainty as South Africans adapt to life under a nationwide lockdown in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. We answer 10 key questions that are on most people's minds at the moment.

1. What proof must I produce to show I am on my way to buy groceries?
Individuals must stay at home unless they are buying groceries or petrol, getting social grants, banking or seeking medical care, which are allowed during lockdown.

As to what exactly you need to have on you isn't immediately clear.

Transport minister Fikile Mbalula said that public transport - including e-hailing services - will be available to take people shopping or to fulfil other essential services.

"All people are catered for in terms of public transport - prioritising essential services, that takes into consideration people needing to go to hospitals, to buy groceries and so on. You will be carted for during 5am and 9am, and again between 4pm and 8pm.

"The lockdown seeks to limit unnecessary movement so that also has an impact on transport because you cannot commute like business as usual," he said.

Minister of trade and industry Ebrahim Patel said: "We will be talking to supermarkets about opening early and closing early and ... similar arrangements with spaza shops. We want to encourage people to shop at local shops."

2. What proof do police or army that I have a valid reason to be out during lockdown?
You will need a permit to move around without restrictions and these will be given only to people involved in essential services — there are 28 categories listed.

Companies will issue the permit (annexure C of the regulations). These will be granted only to people who comply with the list published by the government, said Patel.

3. Can I drive my minor child to be with his mother or father if we share joint custody?
At this stage it's not quite clear, but the government has encouraged parents to try not move their children around.

Minister of social development Lindiwe Zulu said: "We still have to deal with custody/visitation rights ... Some will say 21 days is a long time. The movement of the children is going to be difficult, but we know what it is if parents want to see their children, they have custody rights."

She said later that the department still needed to work out the directives based on the lockdown regulations.

"We wish that parents could really understand the extraordinary time that need extraordinary action at this point in time. This is a sensitive matter - parents would like to have their children going back and forth ... but it will be an appeal from ourselves that parents will have to really think very carefully about themselves and their children and the exposure of the children [to the virus].



If the parents have joint parental rights, they also have joint parental responsibility. and maybe many of them will take the decision about where the child will stay. We're talking about 21 days - not a lifetime where one parent will have an advantage over another," said Zulu.

4. Can I visit elderly relatives who need help?
No visiting will be allowed by family under lockdown, but old-age homes will get the food and support they need along with children's homes and youth homes, the social cluster promises. Social workers will be listed under essential services, as will others working in social services.

5. Will I be able to volunteer to help with providing meals or services to those in need?
The "production, distribution and supply of food" are listed as essential services, as is the "relief of distress", so it is possible that volunteers will be given exceptional status and a permit to assist those in need.

6. Can I walk my dog, or go for a jog?
No! Police minister Bheki Cele made it clear early on Wednesday evening that "no dogs will be walked" during the lockdown.

This restriction contradicts the concession early Wednesday by health minister Zweli Mkhize, who told SABC television that dog-walking and short jogs should be no problem, provided people kept their distance.

7. Can I get electrician or plumber if emergency leak or fault?
Yes, this should be possible, given that the maintenance of power, water and telecommunications are listed as essential services.

8. Will any public places open to the public?
No, everywhere is closed: shopping malls (except grocery stores and pharmacies), parks, beaches, swimming pools, markets, nightclubs, casinos, taverns, shebeens and any other place where people gather are closed and off limits.

9. Will taxi ranks, bus and train stations be open?
No, they will all be shutdown, but Uber will be permitted to operate.

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MOFFIE

★★★★

Director: Oliver Hermanus
Cast: Hilton Pelser, Rikus Terblanche, Ryan de Villiers, and more
Nominations: British Independent Film Award for Breakthrough Producer, MORE
Languages: English, Afrikaans
Screenplay: Oliver Hermanus, Jack Sidey
Our rating: ★★★★

A young man drafted into South Africa's military, but he knows he is different and must keep himself hidden. However, when another recruit develops an intimate relationship with them, they are now both in danger.

Moffie, screening in the Orizzonti sidebar at Venice, is a tense, stealthy rites-of-passage drama from the dog days of South Africa's apartheid regime, a tale of callow young conscripts inside a corroded old system. Set in 1981 during the country's border conflict with communist-backed Angola, Oliver Hermanus's film manages an unflinching portrait of a society in spasm; paranoid and brutish and largely screaming at itself. It's a war story of sorts in which the battle has already been lost.

Kai Luke Brummer gives a fine performance as Nicholas, a willowy 18-year-old at a sun-blasted army boot-camp. Nick and his fellow soldiers are supposed to be fighting the enemy, but the only action they're seeing is on the volleyball court, or the dorm, or sometimes in the toilet cubicle, much to the sergeant's horror. The way the officers see it, the very worst thing a soldier can be is a "moffie", an Afrikaans insult that the subtitles translate as "faggot". "Moffie!" they scream – as though they regard homosexuality as a mad dog that has somehow got under the fence, or an invading swarm of wasps, liable to sting any man who isn't properly covered up.

Nick has a porn mag, which surely means he's protected. But he's also drawn to handsome, sophisticated Staffen (Ryan de Villiers), who helps him dig a trench. But men have orders to remain in the pit until dawn. It's cold and it's wet. They're only snuggling up to keep warm.

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10. What happens if I break the rules during lockdown - for example, by driving on the freeway?
You could be punished with a fine or up to one month in prison on serious charges, including attempted murder.

A Ladysmith salon owner who continued to work after testing positive for coronavirus, ignoring the order to self-quarantine, has been charged with attempted murder. Two more have been charged with attempted murder in KwaZulu-Natal for moving around when they were told not to do this, said Mkhize.

"If we ask you to quarantine yourself, you will be forced. The same if you are asked to divulge all the people you were with.

"There are a lot of vulnerable people out there. The elderly are very vulnerable. A lot of people are immuno-suppressed," added Mkhize, urging everyone to stop their exposure to the virus in order to save lives.



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