

The streetlights flickered to life on the deserted street as the sun just dipped out of view behind the mass of buildings to the west. The street was completely deserted except for a single stray cat pawing at one of the bin bags that lay beside an overstuffed bin.

There was almost no sound that evening except for the wind and somewhere in the distance, a voice. It seemed to be a news broadcast although it was not clear whether it was coming from someone's tv or from a radio. The cat casually trotted out from beside the bin and sat calmly on the pavement, its eyes cast to the sky almost as if it was listening.

'Our top story tonight, the comet that was spotted by US scientists a week ago is confirmed to be on a trajectory that will bring it into collision with earth. Time of impact has not been specified, however it has been speculated that it will be between two to three weeks. One fact has been confirmed for an absolute certainty; impact with earth is inevitable.

NASA's attempts to intercept the comet have been unsuccessful, the previous attempt resulting in the loss of the lives of eight astronauts. After a meeting of the group of G7, following the resignation of several of NASA's highest ranking officials, it has been decided that no more attempts to prevent the comet from reaching earth will be made. It has instead been suggested that this time be spent with family.

The decision not to intercept the comet has had a mixed result on the behaviour of the public. Some are now engaging in excessive illegal activities such as drug taking, looting and various violent crimes. The murder death rate has increased by 75% and the rate of death by overdose has increased by 200%. These activities however, seem to be taking place only at night making the streets an extremely dangerous place for anyone not travelling in a group.

Members of the public, however, are choosing to spend their days embracing religion and unity in the face of what some are calling "judgement day." Daily prayers are held in all churches which now welcome members of all faiths to join in prayer. This acceptance has yielded a unity that humanity has not experienced in many, many years. The president of the United States has described this coming together of all religions as "breath-taking," and has also said that "this is the enlightenment that humanity always needed but never knew how to achieve."

The facts are; humanity's end is finally upon us. Whether you decide to spend it engaging unhindered in illegal activity or whether you'd prefer to spend it joined in prayer with your fellow man, the main consensus is this; keep your family close, keep your heads, and simply enjoy the rest of your life while you have it. Thank you and goodnight.'

The night fell silent. Even the wind had died down to barely a whisper. The cat kept its eyes towards the sky. It looked as though the cat was gazing at the stars. But really, way off in the distance there was a tiny ball of orange flickering almost as if it was one of the stars. The cat watched it approach earth, unblinking.

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