



In or Out?

What will be best for the UK? Or what will be best for me? (I wonder which of those you think when you consider the EU debate!). The argument boils down to whether you think on balance independence would make us more free here or on the path to isolated ruin.

Scotland

Some look back to the Scottish referendum, where voters were persuaded by a narrow margin that the benefits (including the links via the rest of the UK with Europe) were worth the loss of economic and political independence. As it has happened, it looks as though the crashing oil price would have sent an 'out' vote to isolated ruin. There is nothing so wonderful as hindsight! Yet we will never know if it really was a missed opportunity. The fact is, there are nearly 50% of Scots who were left unhappy.

Marriage

Is there a parallel with marriage? And I'm not talking about the detection of sham ones. Our society today seems all too ready to give up on a marriage, claiming they want freedom—but how often does it end in

isolated ruin? And when people break up, there are always those who are unhappy, even if there are those who feel more free.

Heaven

I don't want to persuade you to vote one way or the other in the referendum. What I want to bring home is the fact that there are decisions we make in life which rule us in or out—and once we have made that decision, there won't be a chance to go back on it. But the most important one of these decisions isn't Scotland, the EU or even your marriage. And it's a decision which is yours to make, not imposed by anyone else. It is whether you will be in heaven or not. The Bible talks about those whose names are written in the Book of Life—they are the ones who have trusted in Jesus' death for them. So this is the question raised by Easter: are you in or out?



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