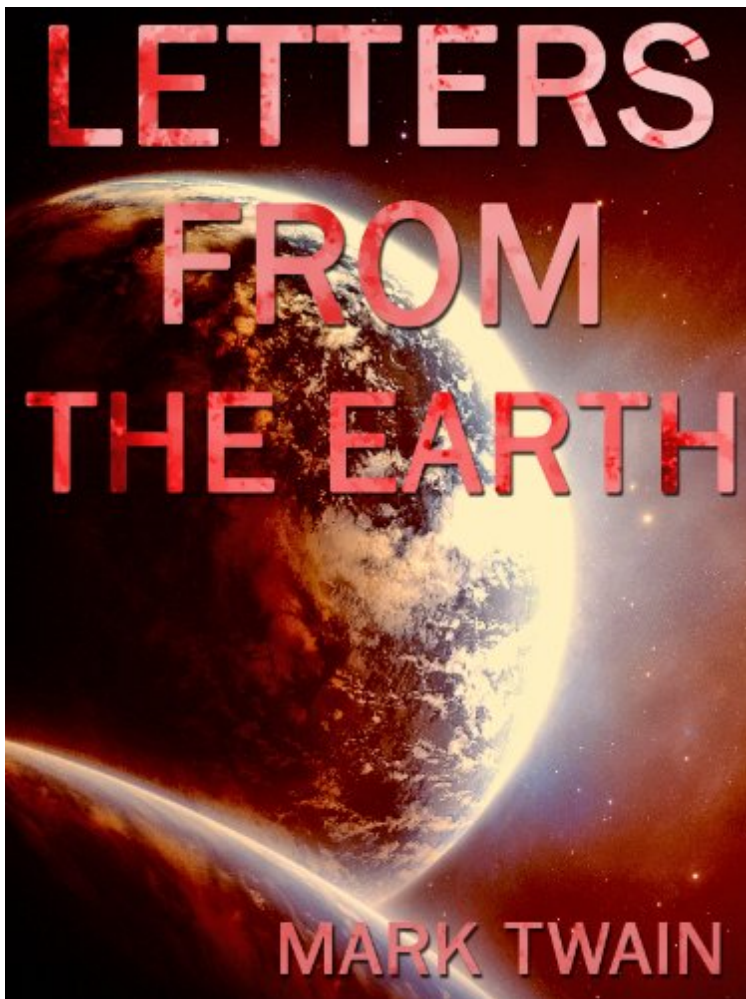


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Prsentation de l'diteurLetters from the Earth is one of Mark Twain's posthumously published works. The essays were written during a difficult time in Twain's life; he was deep in debt and had lost his wife and one of his daughters. The book consists of a series of short stories, many of which deal with God and Christianity. Twain penned a series of letters from the point-of-view of a dejected angel on Earth. This title story consists of letters written by the archangel Satan to archangels, Gabriel and Michael, about his observations on the curious proceedings of earthly life and the nature of man's religions. By analyzing the idea of heaven and God that is widely accepted by those who believe in both, Twain is able to take the silliness that is present and study it with the common sense that is absent. Not so much an attack as much as a cold dissection. Other short stories in the book include a bedtime story about a family of cats Twain wrote for his daughters, and an essay explaining why an anaconda is morally superior to Man. Twain's writings in Letters From the Earth find him at perhaps his most quizzical and questioning state ever.About

Author: Samuel Langhorne Clemens (November 30, 1835 April 21, 1910), [1] better known by his pen name Mark Twain, was an American author and humorist. He is most noted for his novels, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876), and its sequel, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1885), [2] the latter often called "the Great American Novel." .com If you're already familiar with Finn and Sawyer, perhaps this collection of fragments, short stories, and essays--assembled posthumously some few decades ago now, but still fresh--will enhance your sense of Twain's true range. A particular favorite: his essay "The Damned Human Race," wherein he proves, rather convincingly, that an anaconda snake is a higher form of life than an English Earl. From AudioFile Comedy legend Carl Reiner brings these short stories and essays of Mark Twain to life with feeling and drama. Much of the material is satire, and the narrator's tongue-in-cheek performance aptly suits the intent of the author. Much of the material is humorous, and Reiner's comic ability amplifies the radical ideas of a writer well known for his predilection for levity. The concepts of God, Heaven, and the Bible seem to be the commonest victims of Twain's barbs, so only the open-minded should sample these lines, which were banned from publication by Twain's own daughter. J.A.H. AudioFile 2001, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine