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## CONTAGIOUS

by ADAM SMITH

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** Two friends discuss sudden, unnatural changes in their fellow neighbors. And it seems to be spreading.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Two hula hoops duct taped together in "X" shape works fine for a "contamination suit".

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Evangelism, Christian Living

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Seeker Service

**CHARACTERS:**

GREG—normal guy waiting to go to work

JASON—slight conspiracy theorist waiting to go to work

**PROPS:** Bench, two briefcases, raincoat, goggles, earmuffs, surgical mask, hula hoops

**COSTUMES:** Greg is dressed in slacks and sport coat with briefcase; Jason is in a "contamination" suit.

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A bus stop

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*GREG is dressed for work and sitting on a bench waiting for the metro with briefcase at his side. JASON enters carrying briefcase and dressed in "contamination" suit. Raincoat, goggles, earmuffs, surgical mask and hula hoops. JASON enters nervously. He stands next to GREG with an occasional paranoid glance.*

**GREG:** *(Gives JASON a double-take)* You performing surgery in a typhoon? What are you doing in that ridiculous get-up?

**JASON:** Haven't you heard? Three other families in our neighborhood were infected last week!

**GREG:** What are you talking about? Who's been infected?

**JASON:** The Johnsons, the Reeds, and the Mahoneys.

**GREG:** *(Skeptical)* Wait, wait, wait, I just saw Paul Reed and he looked fine. Actually, he looked better than fine. He looked happier than I've ever seen him.

**JASON:** Then you've seen it. See! I'm not crazy. Something is happening and it's spreading!

**GREG:** I don't understand. What are you talking about?

**JASON:** Well, you've seen Paul already. Tell me, Greg, when have you ever seen Paul happy?

**GREG:** Now that I think about it, it is a little strange. Paul rarely steps foot outside unless it's to get his morning paper or to yell at the neighborhood kids to stay out of his yard.

**JASON:** See. And get this, two days ago Tim Johnson mowed his lawn and you know what always happens, right?

**GREG:** Sure, Tim refuses to mow that strip between his property and the Mahoney's because he feels it is their responsibility. And the Mahoneys refuse to mow it because technically it's part of Tim's yard. Meanwhile, it grows to be this small independent ecosystem that everyone hates.

**JASON:** Right. Well, Tim mowed it.

**GREG:** *(In disbelief)* What?

**JASON:** You heard me. He mowed it, but it gets better. He didn't stop there. He mowed the Mahoney's entire lawn as well.

**GREG:** Come on. Now you're just talking crazy.