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I dedicate Book Three and Four to

**Gaetano Donizette**

Born November 29, 1797

Died April 8, 1848

For me, Donizetti was the greatest apostle of Jesus.

He made music visible,  
Now I can see myself singing.

**Quran: The Book of Lights**

Book Three and Four

**SEA**

How to Love Life

Surah 14-39

**Orthographic Key**

Judeo-Christian FATHER + SON	GOD GOD
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In these two books, I'll also be using the word "GOD" to describe the Judeo-Christian  
GOD,,  
GOD/GOD in which Jewish values are mirrored in Christian values just as reflections of the  
land and sky are reflected on the surface of a lake.

Book Three and Four are the salad of my meal.

When you complete these books,  
you will have married yourself spiritually.

## Introduction to SEA

Now that you're a genius, you can see that Jews and Christians should have always been pulling together and Muslims should have always been pushing from behind. Now that you're a genius, you can see that **GOD's** designs include all three Scriptures, not one. Now that you're a genius, you can see that Israel holds the greatest hope for mankind. Not even global warming will get solved if the Western world doesn't get its religious house in order.

Book Two was subtitled "LAND." It took considerable explanation to present my image of the Jews as GOD's spiritual clay and decry the *Muslim* belief that we're no more than dirt under HIS fingernails. According to Moses, GOD formed man out of clay. But most people haven't bothered to reflect on what that might mean metaphorically. At best, they see themselves as made of some possibly divine substance that they can't describe with any word better than "flesh." To give them a metaphoric word for what they're all wrapped up in – to call it clay – is more than they care to ponder. That would require the use of their imagination!

The main metaphor of Moses was a concept I described in detail in Book Two because the grounding Judaism brings to the Abrahamic faiths has never been fully appreciated by CHRISTIANS or *Muslims*. They've historically tended to dismiss our contribution to the understanding of **GOD** as irrelevant to contemporary life. And that attitude goes back 2,000 years.

The CHRISTIANS only want to submerge themselves in GOD's love, and the *Muslims* only want to fly by it with devotion to *Him*. The CHRISTIANS are too impatient to read Torah symbolically for universal applications and the *Muslims* lack the emotional composure to read it allegorically with metaphor, symbols and similes for personal elucidation.

But the JEWS only want to submerge themselves in GOD's knowledge without seeking HIS wisdom. They haven't fully plumbed the depth of the main metaphor of Moses.

To this day, the extremists in all three of the Abrahamic faiths denounce the others' faiths as false. They're all more invested in their dogmas that converge at the inferiority of women and the devilish designs of gays.

If I were to look at life through the metaphor of a journey, *Gulliver's Travels* is a good place to start Book Three. <sup>1</sup> I'm like Gulliver. I'm someone who went on a journey, ran into trouble, and woke up surrounded by Lilliputians {tiny people} who had me all tied up. This metaphor brilliantly describes my early relationship to family and society as a gay-Jew. Without knowing how to sweet-talk all the little people in my mind and all those around me into untying me, I was stuck where I was for decades.

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<sup>1</sup> "*Gulliver's Travels*, whose full title is *Travels into Several Remote Nations of the World in Four Parts by Lemuel Gulliver, First a Surgeon, and then a Captain of Several Ships*, was written in 1726 and amended in 1735. It's a prose satire by Irish writer and clergyman Jonathan Swift that's both a satire on human nature and the 'travelers' tales' literary subgenre."

 [Wikipedia]

**GOD** is still bringing me “Lilliputians” on a daily basis, but it’s getting easier to convince them to loosen their ties so I can pull myself free. Although society has tied Jews and gay people up for centuries, (which has left us cantankerous, grouchy, ill-tempered irascible, irritable, prickly, testy and touchy – surely, that, too, must be a part of **HIS** designs.

In Book Two, you learned that the relationship between your head and heart was mirrored in the relationship between Adam to Eve, the male infant to his mother. You learned that every infant concludes that his mother suddenly came out of *him*, and not the other way around. And that’s because the infantile mind speaks to GOD like a lonely Adam until he discovers there’s figuratively someone else inside he can speak to {Eve/his heart}. When a mother begins to converse with her child after his birth, the two of them don’t even have to say a single word out loud. They conspire with one another in opposition to everyone else’s intrusion with a depth of intimacy that instinctively leaves even GOD/GOD/*God* out of their conversations.

The word I’m going to use to describe the communication between a mother and child is “speech,” different from the word “language.” Infants *speaks* to their mother, and their mother *speaks* to them. This unspoken form of communication is the mysterious language I call my “mother-tongue.” It’s the language I spoke with my mother before I ever learned to utter a single word. It’s the language we shared that only required sensing, not talking in words. I didn’t have to literally say a thing when I was still in her arms. And for most of my life, we shared that unspoken language without ever even talking about it. Today, I can still speak to myself without uttering a single word, but I’ll never forget my mother-tongue or my mother.

Every infant on Earth eventually comes to a point in his psychological maturation when he wants to communicate with his family, and others. And that’s a problem because his family isn’t as good at sensing his needs as his mother once was. They insist he make his needs met using words. And it’s then that we all falsely conclude we’ve lost our mother-tongue forever.

People don’t ponder how they communicate with themselves differently from the way they communicate with others. Talking is nothing like speaking, although talking is a form of speaking. Talking requires your mouth, while speaking can be done without opening your mouth or saying a word. Donizetti speaks to me. Michelangelo speaks to me. Rudolph Nureyev speaks to me.

To this day, you may not acknowledge how deep a relationship you have with yourself because you’re speaking to yourself all the time without having to talk. To this day, you may be struggling to make yourself understood by talking to others in the hopes that they’ll speak with you. Only those you choose to call your very closest friends (and, of course, your pets) may be able to speak some of your mother tongue. Everyone else will talk incessantly *at* you about matters that may or may not interest you in the least.

One reason GOD asks us to honor our father and mother in the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment is because it opens us to the mystery of prayer. But without relearning how to speak to ourselves and rethink talking aloud, we’d never discover that we have the ability to pray. We’d never learn all the **GOD**-given uses for communication.

It wouldn't be realistic of you to expect to be able to pray to **GOD** until you complete all seven of these books. Granted, you learned how to speak about yourself in Book Two {LAND} using the main metaphor of Moses; symbols of Jesus; and similes of the Prophet Muhammad. In Book Three and Four {SEA}, you'll learn how to talk about your feelings to yourself. And in Book Four and Five {S<sub>k</sub>y}, you'll learn about that mysterious Muslim addition to communication that I'd describe as devotional prayer within yourself. But until you learn how to ignite, extinguish and reignite the flame in you {Book Seven}, you won't be able to pray to **GOD** in **HIS** mother-tongue.

Learning about the sea is like learning how to talk. (I'm using a simile because I know you know that similes are the main communication device of Islam.) I want you to appreciate your ability to enter your heart from your soul rather than enter your soul from your head as most people would normally claim to do when discussing matters of faith. I want you to enter your heart from the exit, not the entrance. I want you to explore going the "wrong" way. This will be like anal sex. Using similes to make new connections to old ideas is something you came to appreciate in the Book Two. This appreciation will help you immensely in your continuing, spiritual education.

Learning about water {SEA} is like becoming a Christian without having to convert. You became like a Jew in Book Two without having to be circumcised. You confirmed yourself. You learned to metaphorically walk by coming to understand the ground of your being {head} as would a worm crawling underground. And this made you feel grounded, or you wouldn't have continued on to Book Three. But in this second piece of the Abrahamic puzzle, you're going to learn how to symbolically swim. You're going to learn how to move through your emotions in ways that are graceful, flowing and fluid. You're going to marry yourself.

But before you dip your toe into the waters of your emotions with me to test the temperature, we need to go back to the concept of time. Objective time is described chronologically on a visual timeline as moving from left to right. This is a graphic metaphor that must be unpacked since Judaism and Islam are aspects of faith written in languages that move in the opposite direction, from right to left, while Christianity is a religion for the most part written in languages that move from left to right.

There's no reason why we should portray time as moving from left to right. It's just a tradition that needs be explored and explained. To understand where we're going spiritually, you'll need to be oriented to how we communicate about where we're going on LAND, SEA and S<sub>k</sub>y over time. <sup>2</sup>

Subjective time began with GOD's introduction of HIMSELF to the Jewish people through Moses. That perception of time literarily was depicted from right to left using Hebrew script. That meant that all sense of Hebraic progress was an expression and expansion of knowledge from right to left {east to west} through the ideals GOD brought into the world by Moses in Torah. Time for the ancient Jews unraveled like their Torah scrolls, from the

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<sup>2</sup> It's interesting to note that, traditionally, Chinese, Japanese and Korean are written vertically in columns going from top to bottom and ordered from right to left {like Hebrew and Arabic}, with each new column starting to the left of the preceding one. Southeast Asian scripts are written left to right like English and all other European languages. Their **philosophies** hold a different secret.

right to left. And nobody then had any reason to question the direction of HIS WORD. They simply rewound the scrolls each year for 1,400 years; starting the process over each year without bothering to reflect on the direction of GOD's time.

When ancient Jews interacted with ancient Christians intellectually in Europe, the Jews were introduced to writings that went from left to right. And progress then became sociologically associated with the directions of West to East. Call that **GOD's** time.

Perhaps you can already anticipate the problem with the political spectrum in relation to the timeline in that progressives, paradoxically, move toward the future {left to right like Christian scripts} while conservatives, paradoxically, move toward the past {right to left like Middle Eastern scripts}. These two conflicting movements through time are unconscious until you step back from the political spectrum to observe yourself as a spirit moving through LAND, SEA and *Sky* over time in any direction you choose.

Hyper-religious JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are all moving us toward orthodoxy {greater GOD, GOD or *God* consciousness}, which is a movement toward religious exclusion from one another and further separation of the faiths. Spiritual Jews, Christians and Muslims are moving us toward liberalism {greater **GOD** consciousness}, which is uniting us with a future in which we'll all live together in peace. And, as usual, Israel stands between the two with books in European languages whose pages turn toward the right and books and scrolls in Semitic languages that turn or unwind toward the left.

There's an unconscious and unspoken agreement between the progressives and orthodox that despite our differences in appreciation of time, we're all moving in the direction we've agreed to depict time: from left to right, from the past to the future, which is the opposite direction of a scroll unwinding or which the Quran is read in Arabic.<sup>3</sup> This unconscious and unspoken unified sense of the movement of time toward peace and hope isn't discussed or explored in our houses of prayer. {But it should be.} Instead, it's an idea that's assumed by the orthodox and progressives alike.

In order to awaken to an understanding of **GOD's** designs, I've had to look at my social conditioning in the time in which I live. Objective time has forced me to look at time as something that's moving from the left toward the right, even though, politically, I lean toward the left which is a right to left movement.

Subjectively, I perceive life metaphorically as a mountain. In my youth, I unconsciously looked at that mountain from the south and imagined myself climbing it in a northerly, upward direction. In other words, I thought of going south as going down, as going in an evil direction {"hell"}. And I thought of going north as going up {"heaven"} and going in a good direction. I didn't think about time as an aspect of external orientation.

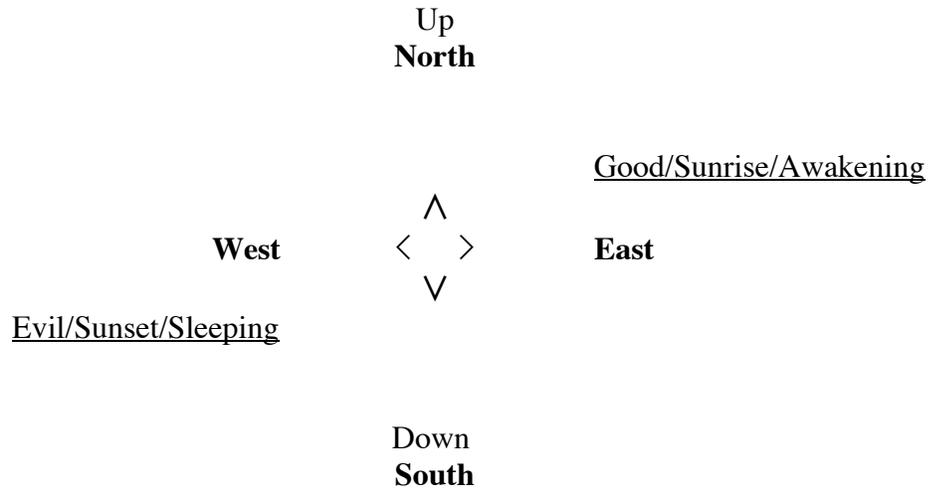
This is movement only up or down is exemplified in language as: climbing the ladder of success; going up the social rungs of society; choosing more and more psychologically elevated partners; my finances rising over time; and the spiritual height I achieved after a lifetime of self-inquiry. These were all figurative ways, supported by idiom, in which I

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<sup>3</sup> שמחת תורה {SIMCHAT TORAH} is the festival of the rewinding of the Torah scrolls, the only time of year at which the Torah scrolls are taken out of the ark and read at night. In the morning, the last PARSHA {section} of Deuteronomy and the first parsha of Genesis are read in the synagogue.

unconsciously perceived myself as going up by being good, doing what's right and getting better over time.

Here is a diagram that expresses movement through space over time as a two-dimensional surface:



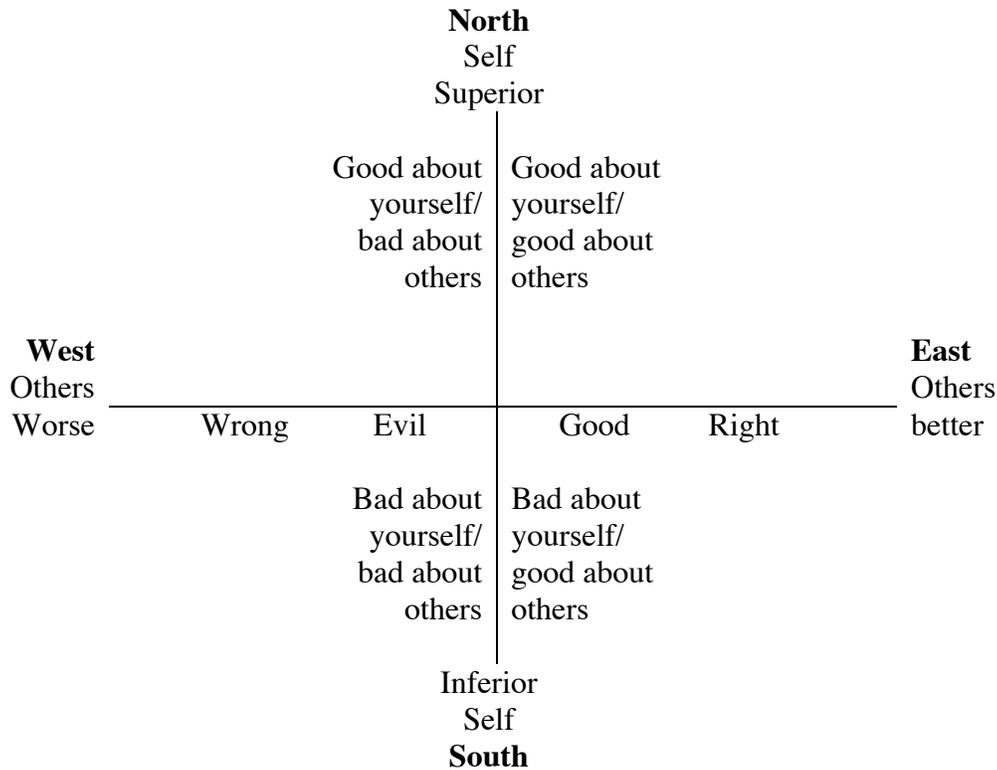
The above image is what good and evil look like abstractly when viewed on a two-dimensional surface. Evil is below us on the left in the SW quadrant. Evil is any movement South {down} and West {left/dark/death} toward the setting sun. Goodness {right/light/life} is an upward, NE progression toward the rising sun.

Goodness is any move toward the NE quadrant in the direction of love. Goodness is any movement North {up} and East {light} toward the rising sun {birth}. Goodness is an upward, northeasterly progression that includes feelings of inclusion, hope and optimism moving toward love.

No one can go only up {North} in life. Misfortune, illness and circumstances beyond our control give us the impression that our individual mountain has four sides. There are all sorts of things that are blocked from our view. Life is more like a relief than a map. Only in middle age was I able to imagine the valley of death and darkness as everywhere below me, while still taking into consideration moral matters that moved me North, South, East and West.

In actualizing a flat-earth, map-like vision of morality and life, I had the inner perception of having gone up {North} the mountain in youth with right moral actions on my right. I felt confident and bold as I moved toward my future. But I was forced by unforeseen circumstance to zigzag around the mountain {East/West} and, thereby, look out at a panorama I hadn't anticipated. This left me looking down cynically, sarcastically and sardonically at other ways of being. This left me with grave doubts about myself and others.

When you judge others on a North/South {up/down} axis, you come away feeling superior or inferior to them. When you judge yourself on an East/West axis, you come away discerning good from evil in you. The diagram on the next page is a view from the bottom of the mountain {South} looking North to the top:



In youth, evil is generally viewed as a series of mistakes that can only be atoned for by moving up out of the valley of darkness {guilt} toward the East {the mystery of light} up the mountain of life to as high a summit as you can achieve. But you may think you're well on your way up the mountain in youth, whether, or not, you're consciously aware of your mistakes. You may get financial rewards and assume that they're signs you've been forgiven for your slipups. But that's not so. **GOD** generally gives us a lot of rope to see if we're later going to hang ourselves or use it to climb higher.

There comes a time in a good person's life when s/he can no longer go North. An act of **GOD** forces us to turn left {West} and face the setting sun. This signifies loss. This is a loss of light, a preview to darkness, and a sense of mortality. This experience of life is accompanied with fear, angst, confusion and sorrow. After sufficient lessons in embarrassment and shame, you're forced to face humiliation.

Human beings are different from all **GOD's** other creations in that we experience guilt. It's not love that separates us from the natural world, but guilt. You can embarrass yourself by exposing your body to harm – nudity. You can shame yourself by exposing your character to harm – nakedness. But you can't humiliate yourself. This third aspect of guilt **GOD** does to us. We call these "acts of **GOD**." From acts of **GOD** we feel completely exposed.

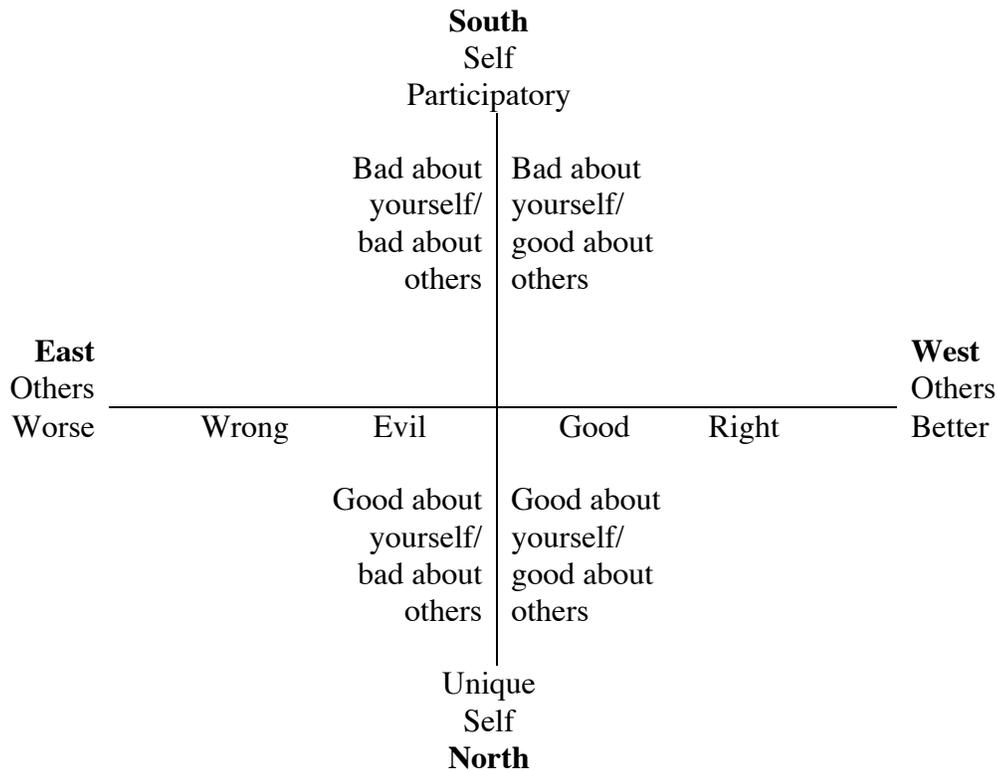
Having to face West can be a terrifying feeling. But, just as embarrassment can be overcome with modesty and shame can be overcome with humility – **GOD** has a design in place for you to experience the benefits of humiliation.

The Christians call this benefit “amazing grace.” The Jews call it **חֶסֶד** {CHESED}, which they incorrectly translate from Hebrew as “loving kindness.” But the Muslims have a better understand of the true meaning of CHESED – which is loyalty. The balm that comes to some after having experienced an act of **GOD** is a loyalty to life itself. When **GOD** gives you more time to work on your redemption it’s an awesome experience.

When you’ve experienced loyalty to life; when you realize that no one’s grades are going on your report card; that you are entirely accountable for all your actions in life – you realize that you’re no longer facing West. You’ve made another left turn. Now you’re going South, back in the direction you came from. This is only possible once you’ve received **GOD**’s amazing and humbling grace.

I now feel I’m coming back down {South} using a similar road to the one I went up. In descending the same way I ascended, I can see where I was coming from in my youth, and I can see how I’m now reliving my past in new ways that make me wiser and soulful.

In having changed course in life, I’m now observing the landscape of my youth from the opposite direction I ascend. And this has changed my perception of reality. What was on my right growing up is now on my left. This allows me to review and correct steps I took coming up in haste in youth that weren’t in my best interest then, or now. The diagram below is a view from the top of the mountain {North} looking down after you’ve achieved amazing grace:



In Surah 18 {The Cave} you’ll read about a dog lying at the entrance to a cave. The Prophet will use these symbols to elucidate inner orientation. You’ll discover the switch in inner orientation that occurs once you’ve received amazing grace. This makes birth

{East/rising into the light} appear to now be on your left and death {West/moving into darkness} to now appear on your right. For some, this will make aging feel right and natural, and not cumbersome or awkward. As you descend the mountain of life in older age, you, too, may get to look down on the setting sun from your North, high above the clouds on your mountain. And even though the sunset of your life may portend darkness and cold until the bittersweet end, your spiritual reorientation within may make death morally more appealing if you went up {North} in youth with goodness, righteousness and better intentions than you may have fully realized at the time.

With evil figuratively as a valley of darkness {guilt} on your left as you face a northerly direction in youth, you may look to do what's right without conscious awareness of your inner orientation. You may not even bother to get up early in the morning to witness the rising sun {East}. You may be too consumed with getting ahead {ascending} than witnessing the clues **GOD** gives us to our moral orientation through the natural world.

I never pondered the fact that I was born as morally far south as I was situated in childhood. But **GOD** obviously planted me where **HE** wanted me. I never consciously looked at my future while in youth as a huge mountain that was rising up in front of me begging to be climbed. I assumed that on the other side of my mountain lay the answer to the mystery of my ascent, a view of me that was obstructed by the mountain itself. I had to climb my mountain to discover what that view looked like from the top looking down on all sides. And I did!

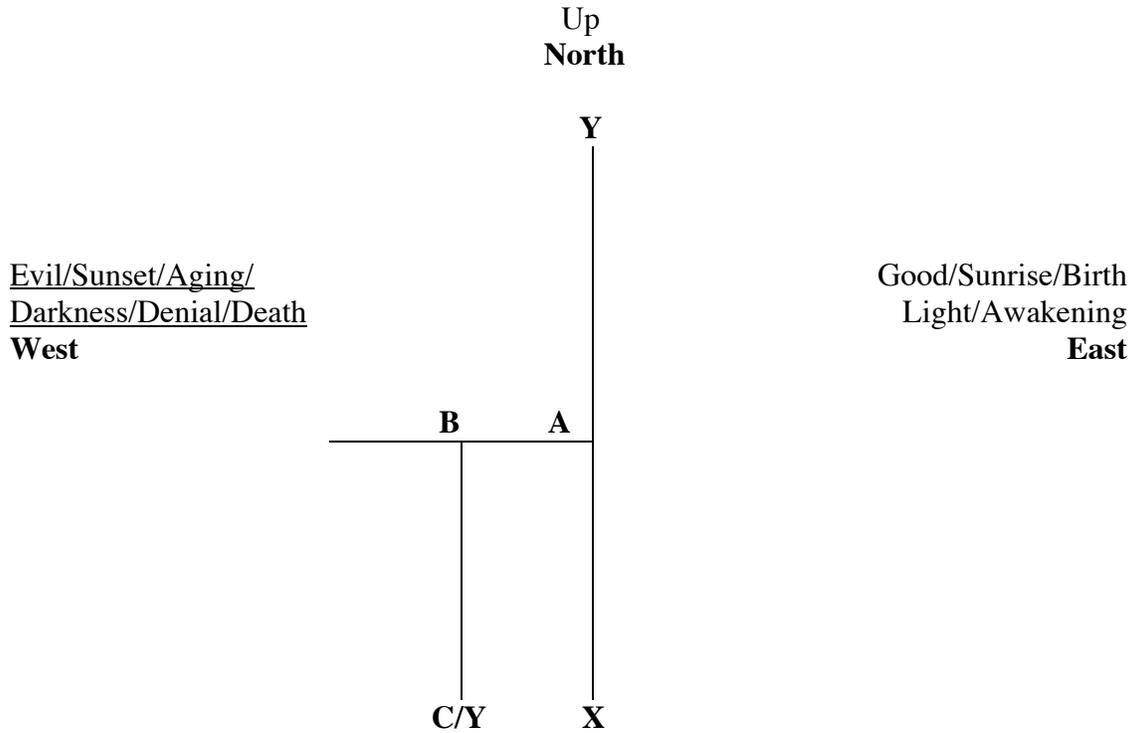
As I surmounted the challenges of youth, goodness unconsciously moved me out of my head in the direction of my heart. Love motivated my ascent to a summit from which I was sure I'd be able to see it all, and from where I imagined I'd be able to see an eternally, dawning day. Love of one man meant everything to me then.

But as I've been descending into older age, I now see a valley of darkness in the west. I'm moving south with a view to the west on my right. I see the setting sun bringing me questions that are far more personal in nature about what life has really been about. Loyalty to my personal progress has become more important to me than death or resurrection.

For a better example of this turn-around that occurs with loyalty to your life after you've experienced an act of **GOD** that has left you feeling humiliated, I ask you to ponder the diagram on the next page entitled "**The Inverted U Turn of Life.**" Some people experience this turn around in youth. Some have to go through it as a midlife crises. And some never get to experience it at all, and go so far North that, like lemmings, they go right over a cliff. You'll find a copy of this exercise at the back of Book Four. Feel free to cut out that page and follow the directions for bending your tabletop mountain onto your moral compass.

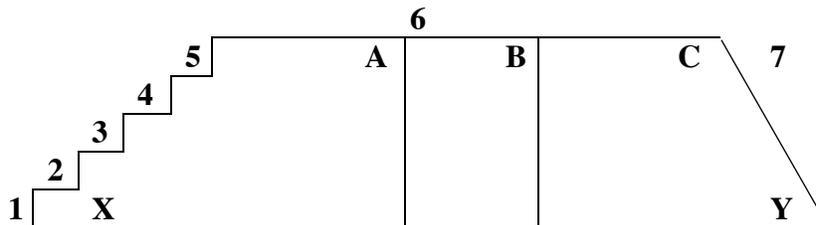
# The Inverted U Turn of Life

## Inner Compass

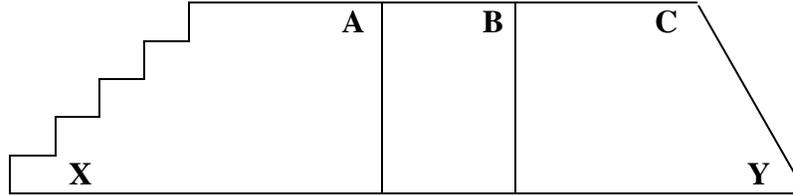


<b>7:</b> Age 70+	Old Age	The Quran
<b>6:</b> Ages 40-69	Middle Age	The Story of Jesus
<b>5:</b> Ages 22-39	Adulthood	The Story of Abraham
<b>4:</b> Ages 18-21	Young Adulthood	The Tower of Babel
<b>3:</b> Ages 13-17	Adolescence	Noah and the Ark
<b>2:</b> Ages 3-12	Childhood	Cain and Abel
<b>1:</b> Ages 0-2	Infancy	Adam and Eve

## Tabletop Mountain



## Instructions



Cut out the tabletop mountain on the opposite page so that you have a piece of paper that looks like the image you see above. Place your tabletop mountain on the **X/Y** line of the **Inner Compass**. This is what life looks like from 0-39. You're exploring life with the "Good/Sunrise/Birth/Light/Awakening" on your right. But because you're facing due North, your perception of reality is paper thin. You may not consciously see yourself climbing higher as you age.

In middle age, you rise to the tabletop of your mountain where a change in perspective occurs. You can look down from all sides. But when a crisis forces you to make a drastic turn to the left, you're facing West, the loss of light, anticipation of darkness and the fear of being humiliated by an act of **GOD**. This is mortality perceived personally. To show this, put a crease in your mountain at point **A** so that your **X/Y** axis is now pointed North and West along the line **X/A/B** line on your **Inner Compass**.

But when you move through this humiliation with determination, courage and aplomb, you earn the grace to turn left again, thereby moving toward the South. Now crease your mountain at point **B** so that your mountain is on the **C/Y** line of your **Inner Compass** facing South, the direction you came from. Your path on the mountain now looks like an inverted 'U' shape. The path you took up the mountain to the top of the tabletop summit will bring you back down in the direction you came after a crisis endured masterfully. What you saw on your right going up (East) is now on your left. And what you now see in the West is on your right.

What was an external mountain you figuratively climbed becomes an inner path around and back down. You can change directions at any time to look at life from differing points of view.

In **GOD** having given me the time to come down the mountain the same side that I ascended it I received the privilege of being able to perceive the inner orientation that the Prophet presented in the 18<sup>th</sup> surah of the Quran {The Cave} looking out from his cave onto his life. And I got to appreciate the psychological importance of traveling all the ways around the mountain on the paths **GOD** has given me.

Surely there's a method to **HIS** madness. The mountain approaching Muhammad has become a symbol of a mysterious love for my life that will end with greater loyalty to me than I could ever have imagined when I was young and wanted to kill myself. But I had to experience life to know that this kind of love for life is real.

Christianity is the institution of faith that symbolizes love as the most valuable aspect of the contents in our container. Love is the feeling that enters every infant literally as milk, but which we all come to know universally over time as the waters of life. The search for life in the universe begins with the search for water. We can't imagine an alien species

that's developed without the meaning of water in its D.N.A. Water is the essence of all life on Earth.

Life without love would leave anyone parched indeed. For those who feel that their life has been endless wandering in a desert, life is a search for an eternal oasis. Christians call that oasis "love." They claim that that watering hole is located in everyone's heart. And they claim an eternal thirst can be quenched with that water.

Jesus found apostles who were fisherman in a mountain sea {the Sea of Galilee } in a desert. HE proved to them that man is like the fish in the Sea of Galilee; eventually doomed to be drawn by the current downstream from high in the mountains to die in the deepest valley in the whole world: the Dead Sea.

Jesus { Joshua #2} symbolically brought the early Israelis across the Jordan River that connects the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea a second time, with love. HIS was the bridge for those {fish} for whom wisdom had only led them to an ever-greater fear of death. HE elucidated the idea that through HIM anyone could come before GOD from his heart not just his head. HE proved that any man or woman could come out of the rocky world of thought into the watery world of feelings.

The historical tension between Judaism and Christianity can be described as a plea from the Christians for the Jews to get out of their head. And that spiritual tension can be seen as a plea from the Jews for the Christians to get out of their heart back into their head. But where could they both go? That place in inner space, the soul, has been given to humanity in the Quran. There you can use your head and heart to help others, and at the same time develop your conscience into that mysterious quality we call "soulfulness."

The Jews pursue matters of their heart and soul externally through the pursuit of good deeds that exemplify their worth concretely. The Christians pursue good deeds from their heart through matters of their head and soul. And the Muslims pursue good deeds from their soul through matters of their head and heart. But none of them consciously learns to appreciate one another's efforts sufficiently. By commending only their own system, they inadvertently create extremists who become devoted to promoting their faith alone rather than people like you and me who are devoted to all life on Earth.

Precisely because Judeo-Christian animosity is mostly behind us, we're at a point in our spiritual maturation where we're now capable of working together on the meaning of the word "water" from a new place in inner space: our soul. Water is an experience of life which gives us the emotional attribute of a symbol from GOD. The feeding of the 5,000 in the Bible was just such a symbol. [Matthew 14:13-21]

Those who feel deeply, feel as though they're underwater moving in a mysterious manner that's best described as like swimming. Their world is different from those who are grounded in the experience of concepts, hypotheses, ideas, notions, opinions, theories, thoughts and other forms of knowledge. People who feel deeply often come to the conclusion the Jews are smart, but they yearn for something more.

Emotions are basically made up of three feelings: fear {yellow}, anger {red} and sorrow {blue}. All the nuances of emotions in between are like the rainbow that appears in the sky after a storm. These currents of feelings run hot and cold. They can be steamy, dewy or icy. They can suddenly condense into tears or freeze overnight to create utter indifference to the plights of others.

The Christian world is like the underworld mystery of the deep, blue sea. For Jews who live underground in our world of thoughts and moral assertion, or Muslims who fly above

it all in a world of spirit, full of beliefs, conclusions, hypotheses and suppositions, the Christian oceans of emotions are very different from what were used to.

Granted, these are stereotypes that aren't evident in individuals of any faith. But, en masse, we see people behaving in ways that mirror their faith or their lack of it. And these differences can be described using the extremes of LAND, SEA and *Sky* to elucidate the poetic peculiarities that are inherent in **GOD's** designs.

In these third and fourth books, we're going to dive down together into the mystery of the Christian world. We're going to enter the heart of man that Christians institutionalized into their religion 2,000 years ago. But we're not going to enter my heart through my head. We're going to enter my heart from my soul. And you're, hopefully, going to see *yourself* enter your heart in a whole new way: through the eyes of Islam. Like a seagull or an albatross {Muslim}, you're going to spy a fish {Christian}, and dive down from the air into the water to catch it. And then you're going to take it to land to spiritually eat it.<sup>4</sup>

I see my soul as different from the soul of JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. They can't circumcise their souls, nor do they want to. They can't go around their soul like you can as though at the summit of a mountain. You have a more developed imagination. You can circumscribe and circumcise your soul. But your soul isn't ready to be circumcised just yet.

Good and evil, like hills and dales, are all part of this journey. Only the most gullible let themselves get tied up by little minds, hard hearts and vacuous souls. For them, life is either a travel or a travail. For you, it's going to be an exciting, poetic adventure.

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<sup>4</sup> "Early Christians used the symbol of the fish to identify themselves secretly to one another. Jesus tempted his apostles to become fishers of men, and HE likened righteous persons to fine fish and the wicked to unsuitable fish that are thrown back into the sea." [Mark 1:17, Matthew 13:47-50] [Wikipedia]

## Oh, One More Thing

As you know, in Book Two, I likened the Abrahamic faiths to an edifice with Judaism on the ground floor, Christianity on the second story and Islam at the top with the penthouse view. Now I'd like to tell you something about the Jewish ceiling and the Christian floor you may not have surmised. If you don't understand what stands between the relationship of these two religious neighbors, you aren't going to understand why **CHRISTIANITY** and *Islām* have been fighting with one another for 1,400 years.

As you know, **GOD** created Judaism on an indigenist landscape. The ancient Jews were the first home of faith in **ONE GOD**. They were a one-story building that indigenists either came in to or stayed out of. The ancient Jews were given the beginning of **HIS** story. They were the only people on Earth where a man could be introduced to his **CREATOR** because Moses had conversed with **HIM**.

Our ceiling became Christianity's floor. When Christians claimed that our **FATHER** had a **SON** with a willing, Jewish woman {Mary}, it was, understandably, quite a shock to us... Jesus is described symbolically as the **SON** of **GOD** and the son of Mary. Therefore, Christians claim that **HE's GOD** in the flesh. That's not a Jewish concept. Their story goes right through the ceiling of every story in Tanach. That's the foundation of the Christian floor.

Until Islam came along in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century, when Muslims constructed their floor on top of the Christian ceiling, Jews didn't quite know what to make of the new neighbors above them and Christians didn't know what to make of the old neighbors downstairs.

Before Islam, the question of **GOD/GOD** {**FATHER** and **SON**} needed to be further fleshed out. The concept of our **FATHER**, **HIS SON** together with a Holy Spirit that had no name was a lot for anyone to digest in those days. And, frankly, for many, it still isn't a concept that's well understood because it hasn't been satisfactorily defined to this day by Jews or Christians in terms of all faiths and **philosophies**.

Jews were introduced to **GOD**. Christians were introduced to **GOD**, the **FATHER**, **HIS SON** {**GOD/Jesus**} and a spirit that had no name. Muslims were introduced to *God* through a third name: *Allāh*. *Allāh* is the name for what the Christians call the Holy Spirit. *Allāh* is the third and last name of **GOD**.

It might seem shocking, even sacrilegious, to call *Allāh* the Holy Spirit. But such is the truth. As we make our way deeper down this tunnel to the **ROCK** under the Dome, you'll come to this conclusion by yourself, and you'll wonder what all those crusades and jihads in the past were about. What a pitiful waste of human life and humanitarian potential!

One man's ceiling is another man's floor. One man's **GOD** is another man's **GOD** and a third man's *God*. But that doesn't mean that these neighbors are going to necessarily get along well together or respect one another's thoughts, feelings and beliefs. Just as today's **JEW**s have problems with the idea of **GOD**, today's **CHRISTIAN**s have problems with the idea of *God*. And *Muslim*s have problems with the idea of both **GOD** and **GOD**. Each wants to think he lives alone in the building. Each believes his neighbors are trespassers in his house who don't belong there.

In the contemporary time in which we live, you could say the New World is the new home of GOD. Many European Christians are still less likely to embrace Jews and Muslims after 2,000 years of fighting in which they tried to prove the power of their GOD. Here in America, believers in GOD have been able to live together in relative peace for about 300

years. But, today, the issue of *God* moving to our shores with Muslim cultural influences is creating a new challenge, one some people are having difficulty adjusting to, and understandably so.<sup>5</sup>

In this book, I'm going to talk about the Judeo-Christian GOD and the Muslim *God* in terms of your feelings. I'm not always going to depict them visually as GOD/GOD/*God* because there's, as yet, little unity when it comes to these three renditions of GOD. I'm going to speak about the tolerance, acceptance and admiration {unity} developed between Jews and Christians when it comes to GOD. But I'm not going to make the claim that there's,

as yet, any spiritual unity between the Judeo-Christians and Muslims because that's just not so. But that's because Jews, Christians and Muslims don't yet feel that their ceilings and floors are touching in spiritually meaningful ways.<sup>6</sup>

There's a poetic implication in using a reflection to describe GOD as a mirror of GOD {GOD}. The LAND is reflected in the LAKE. But so is the *Sky*. Those who want to think of

themselves as modern ought to admit that Christianity is like a reflection of Judaism. That should be relatively easy for Jews and Christians to perceive. But how Christianity can also reflect Islam is still hard to imagine except in the quality of mirroring that water can achieve better than ice. Christian apathy for Muslim spiritual progress is detrimental to world peace.

The secret to understanding these three Scriptures can be expressed using the words "pathos," "sympathy" and "empathy." All human beings have pathos that emanates from their thoughts; sympathy that emanates from their feelings; and empathy that emanates from their soul. But not all human beings realize that self-expression is differentiated by individual circumstances.

Although Jews have pathos {feelings} for pain of the body after all they've been through historically, they're unschooled in matters of sympathy for what GOD had to go through on the cross in terms of HIS suffering for the wellbeing of all humanity. The Crucifixion of Jesus developed an odd (by Jewish standards) caring in Christians for what HE had to go through that Jews haven't wanted to take to heart. When Jews are told about how HE suffered to bring GOD's love into the world, most Jews may figuratively shrug their shoulders in disbelief, ennui or even resentment. Sympathy for GOD is a particularly Christian concept, and not being sympathetic usually brings up anger for Christians.

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<sup>5</sup> One thing Donald Trump has said that I found mysteriously curious was when he spoke about the Muslim immigration to the U.S. and asked, "What the hell is going on?" I think that was an astute question, one I shall answer, although I don't share his fear or disgust with bringing knowledge of *God* to our land.

<sup>6</sup> And all the thieves in the world know it and are trying to exploit us to gain power and control over us all.

In the general sense of the WORD, when you sympathize with what any human being has been through, you feel sorry for the seeming unfairness of their situation. You feel bad for them having had to suffer. But only a Christian humbles himself by comparing his predicament with Christ's. Only a Christian compares his suffering to GOD's.

Pathos comes with pain. Sympathy comes with suffering. Jesus was both in pain and HE suffered on the cross. HIS sacrifice linked pain and suffering in a way Jews took for granted then, and JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* all take for granted, still.

Empathy for others comes with the realization that you're having to go through pain and suffering to learn what you need to know about yourself in your lifetime. Empathy is a bird's eye view of pain and suffering. Empathy is the *Sky* as it's reflected in the LAKE.

It's possible to feel pathos for another person's pain in your mind. It's possible to feel sympathy for another person's suffering in your heart. But to feel empathy, you need to first feel it for yourself. You need to know your own pain and suffering and then experience your cup overflowing for others. Empathy is a soulful experience. It comes from an entirely different place in inner space.

It's possible to visit all three residents in the Abrahamic edifice through matters of the heart if you're sufficiently experienced in where you are and where you're headed. Once you can open your heart to pathos, sympathy and empathy, you can respect your neighbors regardless of how close or distant to your Earthly abode they happen to reside.

Here's a rendition of the Abrahamic edifice chronologically built from ground up with each of the three faiths working on the mystery of the letter assigned to it:

"Paradise"		
Islam	<b>D</b>	↓
Christianity	<b>O</b>	
Judaism	<b>G</b>	↑

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Indigenism

If you go into this building in a modern way (down to up and left to right) {Judaism > Christianity > Islam} you come to know **GOD**. If you go in ass backwards (up to down, and right to left) {*Islam* < CHRISTIANITY < JUDAISM} you come to see everyone you hate as a **DOG**.

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Number of quotations from the Christian Testament thus far	26
Number of quotations from the Quran in Books Three and Four	446
Number of quotations from the Quran thus far	740
Total number of quotations from Scripture thus far	853

## Surah 14

سورة ابراهيم

*Abraham*

In 1974, when I told my mother I was gay, she came over to where I was sitting, kissed me on the cheek and told me she loved me no matter what. But because I'd come out to her with some resentment in my voice, she also told me kindly that me being gay wasn't her fault.

This is the noble side of a woman. This is the princess {Sarah} who refuses to behave quarrelsomely {Sarai} or forlornly {Hagar} over matters that don't go the way anyone would have expected they'd turn out. My mother was a Jewish princess in the best sense of the WORD.

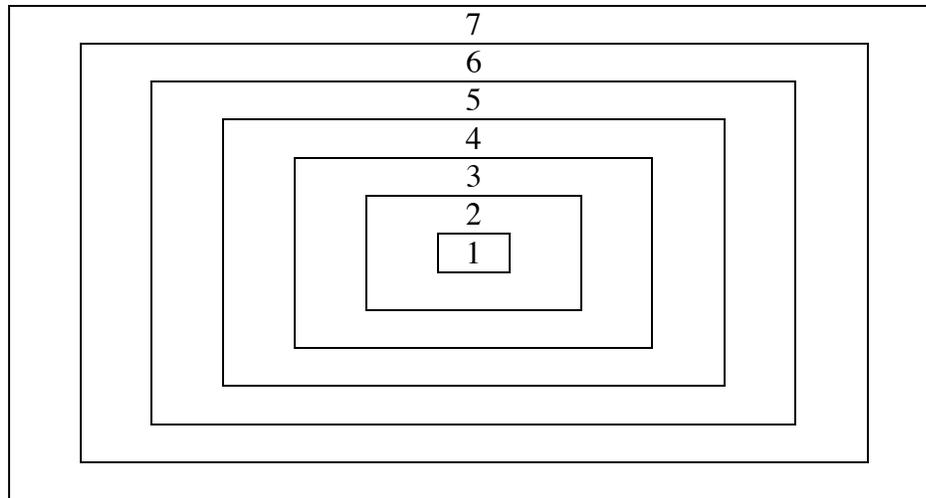
The man who's married to a Sarah is someone to be respected and admired. And yet, Abraham had to start out on the journey of life as Abram, and Sarah had to start out as Sarai. It's not easy to pick a good partner for the entire journey of life because we all change so much over time. This is the psychological truth Moses described with these name changes he attributed to GOD.

I'm not suggesting women should be obedient to their husband or that they should pretend to be cheerful and upbeat if they don't feel that way. The 1950's ideal wife wasn't real then, and that stereotype won't be realistic now or in the future. But the idea of being noble is one that ought to be explored. It's the man who behaves like a prince-of-a-guy to his mother, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, female cousins, nieces, and later to his wife, daughters and all female friends and strangers who's going to see the nobility of women emerging in his own character. It's the man who behaves nobly who's going to see their attributes mysteriously emerge as his  $x^2$  factor personalized. He's going to see himself as a prince in his own eyes.

Abraham is considered the father of the Western faiths. He was the first character in Torah who had a global {3D}, albeit simplistic, understanding of how he operated internally. Abraham's relationship to society was admirable. He consorted with kings. As a foreigner, he negotiated difficult deals with the locals in Canaan {later named Israel} who were suspicious of his intentions. And he won military battles with enemies to protect his alliances, such as his alliance with his nephew Lot who lived in Sodom.

But relationships within Abram's nuclear family were far more complex and difficult for him to handle. He may have been the first man who reached out to make peace with the world, but, at home, he perpetrated more problems than he resolved. Abraham was the first, modern man living in a contemporary world with GOD as his CREATOR. You may be an Abraham, whether you ever consciously identified with him, or not.

The infantile Adam is emotionally aged 0-2. The childish Cain is emotionally aged 3-12. The adolescent Noah is emotionally aged 13-17. The young man who fits into society by making a name for himself and building a foundation for his tower to power is emotionally aged 18-21. And an Abraham is an emotional, adult male figuratively over the age of 21. But an Abraham has a lot to learn about his life as a journey to full maturity. It's not all over when you reach 21!



1 =	Infancy	0-3	Adam and Eve
2 =	Childhood	4-12	Cain and Abel
3 =	Adolescence	13-17	Noah
4 =	Young Adulthood	18-20	Tower of Babel
5 =	Adulthood	21-39	Abraham
6 =	Maturity	40-69	Isaac {Jesus}
7 =	Near Death	70+	Jacob {Prophet Muhammad} <sup>7</sup>

Although everyone is potentially near death, not everyone learns that in the chronological sequence that brings mortality to consciousness only after the age of 70. You can survive a near death experience at any age. You can move through the Hebrew Testament, Christian Testament or Quran in any order given to you by our **TEACHER**.

Torah describes psychological growth through name changes. In בְּרֵאשִׁית {BERASHEET: Genesis, which means “in the beginning”} GOD changed the names of Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah and Jacob to Israel.

The second book of Torah, Exodus, is שְׁמוֹת {SHEMOT} which literally means “names” in Hebrew. In Exodus, GOD gave the first of **HIS** three names {Y.H.V.H.} to Moses. **HIS** second name is Jesus. **HIS** third name is *Allāh*. We all go through psychological changes that are mirrored in our simplistic understanding of GOD/GOD/*God*. We all go through the Hebrew, Christian and Muslim WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of **GOD** in our own, unique ways.

Moses is the author of Torah. Torah is his autobiography. It described the beginning of the psychological formation of the human condition through the sociological {historical} formation of the Children of Israel who were the sons of Jacob who came to represent our original Twelve Tribes.

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<sup>7</sup> The correlation between Isaac and Jesus isn’t difficult to see. Abraham, the father of all faiths, wanted to sacrifice his son, Isaac, but he was stopped by an angel of the Lord. The same Lord allowed **HIS SON**, Jesus, to be sacrificed for the sake of redemption of the world. The correlation between Jacob and the Prophet Muhammad, however, isn’t as easy to see. By the end of Books Three and Four, you’ll have a better sense of this theme.

Figuratively, however, עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל {AAM ISRAEL: the soul of the people who struggle with GOD} is quite mysterious and much deeper than our literal story. Believe me, we, Jews, are not the only ones who've had to struggle with GOD. Christians aren't the only ones who've had to struggle with **GOD**. And Muslims aren't the only ones having to struggle with *God* today.

The WORD "ISRAEL" means "struggle with GOD/GOD/*God*." Our Jewish struggle with GOD {Israel} isn't the same as the Christians' struggle with **GOD** {Israel} or the Muslims' struggle against *God* {Israel}. Our land isn't their land. Our land {Israel} gives Jews, Christians and Muslims the psychological grounding we seek. When the Muslims learn what most Christians already know about Judaism, peace will descend from the "heavens" upon the Middle East.

In spiritual and psychological terms, in order to believe in GOD or *God*, you must first believe in GOD. In order to believe in the Holy Spirit or the tranquility of *God*, you must also believe in EL SHADDAI {the breasts of GOD} the aspect of GOD who made HERSELF known to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob before GOD revealed HIS first (male) name {Y.H.V.H.} to Moses.

Another way of saying this is that in order to know yourself and **GOD**, you must come to know the  $x^2$  factor in yourself. To only know GOD, GOD or *God* is to only know a part of you { $x^1$  or  $y$ }, which will leave you psychologically stagnating, like an Abram, Sarai or Jacob. You'll have to figuratively go through a name change to become an Abraham, Sarah or Israel. These name changes refer to psychological growth and spiritual evolution common to all people of goodwill worldwide.

You've got to use all of Scripture to grow, whether you're straight or gay, male or female, Jewish, Christian or Muslim. But since you can't convert to all three of the Abrahamic faiths, you can't know more about yourself than you now know without the aid of spiritual psychology. And spiritual psychology is linked to Spiritual Linguistics.

We've all gone through some of these name changes psychologically and spiritually, even though it probably happened to you unconsciously because you didn't have the ability to track these inner changes with WORDS/WORDS/*Words* until now. We've all had to look for and identify with the Abraham in ourselves before we could admit we were adult in name only. We can't call ourselves a member of the Abrahamic faiths if we're opposed to any of the Abrahamic faiths. That would simply be immature.

We've all had to look for the three faces of Eve [Sarai {quarrelsome}, Hagar {forlorn} and Sarah {noble}] that we attribute to our  $x^2$  factor. Without perceiving these psychological changes as spiritual advancements, we experience P.T.S.S.D. {Post Traumatic Spiritual Stress Disorder}. Without being able to take our feelings and beliefs seriously, we can't figuratively make our way back and forth from our heart to our breastplate {conscience/soul}. Instead, we get stuck in our head.

It's easy for Jews and Muslims to claim religious indignation at the ways they've been treated by one another. It's harder to see this as lessons set up by **GOD** for Jews, Christians and Muslims who need answers to the mystery of their being.

The descendants of Ishmael {Muslims} and Isaac {Jews} aren't the 'A' students of life they think they are. Neither of them is seated at the front row of the classroom dutifully facing the **TEACHER**. They're spiritually and academically scattered throughout our one-room schoolhouse. Some are better at their studies; some are worse. But neither can yet explain why the Western world looks as it does without blaming the other.

The only thing the hardliners in all three camps {JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim*} can agree on is their hatred of gays and lesbians. They know we tell it like it is because we're more in touch with our  $x^2$  factor, our feminine side. We're not blindly loyal to our Abrahamic father {y} or the three faces of Eve others see in their mother {x<sup>1</sup>}. We love our brother Ishmael as much as our brother Isaac. And Jesus, for us, is just one more brother to love. Jesus was never the king of the Jews. HE was the queen of the Jews...

Although there isn't a surah in the Quran on Hagar or Sarah, only a surah on women in general {Surah 4} and one woman in particular, Mary {Surah 19}, it behooves us to stop for a moment to discuss the three faces of Eve {everywoman} as presented in the Story of Abraham in Torah for elucidation to this 14<sup>th</sup> Surah of the Quran {Abraham} on the life of every modern Abraham {adult} today.

Men are guilty of penis problems they often maintain as a badge of honor. Women, however, are accused of mental problems associated with dissociative identity disorder {D.I.D.}, previously known as "multiple personality disorder," accompanied by memory impairment regarding information not explained by ordinary forgetfulness. In other words, women are no longer called "liars." They're said to be mistaken.

Women's clitoris conflicts are almost always described by men as a scarlet letter rather than a badge of courage.<sup>8</sup> Women are almost always looked at suspiciously by many straight men as being crazy, emotionally distracted, out of their mind or unreliable because of their vaginal issues {menstruation}. But when you perceive some women as more heartfelt than many a man, then "out of their mind" is an apt description for all those, male and female alike, who can leave their head to work on matters of their heart and soul.

GOD created woman {Eve} in Genesis 2. But the next story in Torah in which women are mentioned doesn't come until the Story of Abraham. [Genesis 12] The psychological development of every Adam {infant} grows to become a Cain {child}. He then grows into the next generation of spiritual advancement to become a Noah {adolescent} on the brink of a great promise from GOD. And from there he becomes the youthful everyman described in the Tower of Babel who seeks to usurp GOD's power to make it his own by building some sort of tower to his own greatness. In this way, the psychological development of man before the Story of Abraham alludes to enlightenment before a man can hold a relationship of helpfulness to GOD.

The psychological development of woman, however, is never talked about in Torah. Torah jumps from Eve {mother} to the three faces of Eve [sister {Sarai}, mistress {Hagar}, and wife and mother {Sarah}] as presented in the Story of Abraham.<sup>9</sup> Women in Torah are

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<sup>8</sup> The Scarlet Letter: An 1850 work of fiction written by American author Nathaniel Hawthorne. The story is set in Puritanical New England where women had to wear a scarlet "A" for "adulteress" if they were caught having sex outside marriage.

<sup>9</sup> "NOW THERE WAS A FAMINE IN THE LAND, AND ABRAM WENT DOWN TO EGYPT TO LIVE THERE FOR A WHILE BECAUSE THE FAMINE WAS SEVERE. AS HE WAS ABOUT TO ENTER EGYPT, HE SAID TO HIS WIFE SARAI, 'I KNOW WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN YOU ARE. WHEN THE

acknowledged for their helpfulness to men. They're acknowledged for their roles in other people's lives, not for their helpfulness to GOD directly.

Every man learns about the many roles that women play in his life if his x<sup>2</sup> factor yearns to understand women's roles for edification of a part of himself. He'll become a sister, mistress, wife and mother to himself and then project those roles onto women with respect. Whether he brings this process to consciousness, or not, depends on his animosity towards the L.G.B.T+ community. The men who scorn the myriad roles women play scorn the kind of men who honor those roles. A feminized man is one who can candidly express his x<sup>2</sup> factor for all to see. He's come out of the closet regardless of his sexual orientation.<sup>10</sup>

The three female roles, Sarai, Hagar and Sarah, each holds a range of traits found in everyone. You could say that your own x<sup>2</sup> factor, whether you're male or female, is based on the following:

<u>Character</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Range of Traits</u>
A. Sarai	Sister	Quarrelsome	Disagreeable, mean-spirited, nasty
B. Hagar	Mistress	Forlorn	Fearful, repressed, sad
C. Sarah	Wife/Mother	Noble	Cooperative, loving, supportive

Men often complain that women are inscrutable, but when you study Torah for personal edification you discover the x<sup>2</sup> factor in yourself that makes you inscrutable to you, too. You discover the three emotional subcategories of x<sup>2</sup> {A, B and C} that you struggle with internally when you bother to look at how you feel, which then motivates how you behave.

Matters of the heart aren't female issues. They're universal issues that are presented in Torah abstractly as the x<sup>2</sup> factor with three subdivisions {A, B and C} that determine who you are and how you're going to struggle to become more attractive to yourself if you use your heart as it was intended.

The ancient, patriarchal three faces of Eve really say much more about the three unseen faces of Steve. A man often begins with a female partner who's like a sister to him. He advances from there to a woman who's a girlfriend and/or mistress. And then he settles on a woman who he believes will be a good wife and mother to his future children. But because no man has been on this quest before reaching adulthood, he can't be certain what he's looking for in inner space until he tries out these roles in projection in outer place with others. Some men are guided by their head; others by their heart; many are simply guided

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EGYPTIANS SEE YOU, THEY WILL SAY, 'THIS IS HIS WIFE.' THEN THEY WILL KILL ME BUT WILL LET YOU LIVE. SAY YOU ARE MY SISTER, SO THAT I WILL BE TREATED WELL FOR YOUR SAKE AND MY LIFE WILL BE SPARED BECAUSE OF YOU.'" [Genesis 12:10-13]

<sup>10</sup> It's interesting to note here that the word "closet" in Hebrew is "ARON," which also means "Tabernacle." The Tabernacle was the moveable closet in which the Israelites carried GOD from Egypt to Jerusalem. Everyone today who comes out of the closet brings with him (or her) a GOD/GOD/*God* consciousness that's powerful, meaningful, personal and inspiring. For me, coming out of the closet requires me to unite the WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of GOD/GOD/*God* for **GOD**. It's not a mission I chose. It's a mission that chose me.

by their penis. But all men claim that their attractions come from their soul. Don't believe them.

The man who doesn't understand how he operates will wander within to discover more about himself from higher crags on the mountain from which he can then look down on all sides to see where he was and how he got to where he is.

Those men who become frustrated and enraged over the way things have turned out for them need to look back at how infantile, childish, juvenile or just inexperienced they once were. This becomes historically evident in all the ways men have run this world since the beginning of time to the detriment of women and children. Men can vacillate between being irrationally quarrelsome to some and unquestioningly submissive and passive toward others. They can be sad about happy things and frightened about things they ought to be in awe of. Therefore, they ought to admit to themselves that their conscience isn't a perfect guide.

Men will wax poetic about the nobility of man one moment and then be terribly petty and mean-spirited the next. We're all Ishmaels and Isaacs in need of understanding of matters of our heart. We all need psychology and Scripture compounded to open our heart to our entire self.

It was poetic justice that Abram and Sarai couldn't conceive a child until they grew up emotionally. They behaved like siblings, not like a married couple. Poetically, it's understandable that Abram conceived a son with his mistress, Hagar. He and Sarai weren't yet mature enough to unify their desires fruitfully with one another.

There are many young parents in this world who behave like children. They're not emotionally old enough to make babies, even though they're physically past puberty. Making babies is usually easy. This world is full of emotional infants, children and adolescents with offspring. But there are very few mature grown-ups with progeny.

What man in his right mind would want to conceive a child with someone he relates to as his sister {Sarai} or even with a woman {Hagar} who behaves as though she's in a sibling rivalry with his sister? Sarai was barren in more ways than one. And Hagar was immature in other ways.

Substituting a Hagar for a Sarai in bed is a common way for a man to fantasize about something in his heart he can't yet put into words. That urge relates to the fact that the y factor in every man feels a need to compensate for the physical body he was given that's far from ideal. Most men can see that they're not specimens of masculine perfection, and so they let out their disappointment with the body **GOD** gave them by finding a forlorn female {Hagar} in whose arms they can drown their sorrows.

The sense of success Abram and Hagar achieved in conceiving Ishmael only distanced them from Sarai, and each other. It wasn't until 15 years later, after the three of them endured great irritation and unhappiness at home, that GOD stepped in to change Abram and Sarai's names, as well as their future.

Most of us similarly avoid becoming rage-a-holics by quietly choosing to swallow our irritations. Over many years, however, some eventually become irritated with their irritability. And in an effort to swallow that, too, they become anxious and impatient at nothing ever changing. You see it in marriages. You see it in polls. You see it in culture wars, and you see it in the wars between the faiths. But do you see it in yourself?

Before I talk about the transition to becoming a Sarah {noble}, let me flesh out the typical relationship a married man has with his mistress, secretary or neighbor next door {Hagar}.

Hagar was repressed and fearful because of her lowly station in life. So, it shouldn't be surprising to us that she could access the feeling of self-pity. She opened Abram's feelings of loyalty and protectiveness of her self-sorrow, which resonated with his own similar feelings of sorrow at the way Sarai {quarrelsome} treated him and the fact that the two of them couldn't produce an heir. He flattered himself for being strong and capable enough to make Hagar feel safe in his arms. Their relationship was physically fertile but not spiritually friendly. It produced Ishmael. It didn't produce love. What Abram couldn't have seen was that the two of them would seem sad and forlorn in our eyes over time. We shouldn't yearn for what they shared.

A man who mirrors the quarrelsome part of himself is like Sarai and can be a handful. He's cranky one moment and cooperative the next. The 'she' in 'he' can be unpredictably kind and practical in one instance and irritatingly irascible the next. S/he can be socially skillful, even manipulative if it means getting things done that are good for their external security and wellbeing.

Most men today don't marry this kind of woman. They can see the Sarai and Hagar within themselves. It's a pity they can't always see the Sarah in themselves, as well. Learning to embrace your own nobility will mature your relationship with **GOD**.

These textbook examples of male/female relationship only get interesting when a modern man looks at how he figuratively holds these sorts of relationships within himself { $y + x^2$ }. He may not consummate his bromances with himself consciously in the bedroom {masturbation}, but they serve far greater psycho/social purposes than the ways our hyper-religious leaders have revealed them to us thus far.

Men can be tremendously quarrelsome for no apparent reason and irrationally cooperative when it suits their fancy. Some may even wish to protect other males who appear frightened and forlorn (like Hagar). Or they may wish to banish the woman in their household or the woman in power in their nation {Sarai} if they've been angered and incensed by voices within that they've previously ignored.

An Ishmael type will grow up alienated from his raging father {Abram} and protective of his forlorn mother {Hagar}. He'll feel like a stranger and an outcast among men if he doesn't have the opportunity to show the loyalty to his tribe that others {Isaac types} are blessed with. He may feel like an outsider even though he's skilled at his job, as was Ishmael who was an archer in Torah. He may be able to aim well when it comes to what he wants in his external world, but he may never overcome the feeling of being existentially estranged from something he can't quite put into words.

This estrangement is ironic since, in Torah, Ishmael's father {Abram} was literally a stranger in the society in which he lived. It was only the result of alienating circumstances at home that forced Abram and Ishmael to grow apart. They never fully understood a sorrow that was later shared by the Prophet in the Quran: trouble relating with women.

The change in names from Abram to Abraham only exacerbated the obvious. Abraham never really connected to either of his sons, Ishmael or Isaac. The former {Ishmael} was too wild for him; the latter {Isaac}, too tame.

The descendants of Ishmael {Muslims} and Isaac {Jews} will eventually become the perfect partners for a bromance before **GOD**. An Ishmael can learn from an Isaac how to

settle down spiritually. And an Isaac can learn from an Ishmael how to spice it up spiritually. But neither of them is there yet today. As far as I've seen, only gay-Muslims and gay-Jews have shown the emotional composure to work out this kind of relationship.

It's the man who believes in **GOD's** designs as deeply as Moses, Jesus and Prophet Muhammad who's willing to persevere through the process of self-evolution. It's only such a man who's thirsty enough to seek to satisfy all his spiritual appetites. He's the sort of guy who has the **חֲזָזָהּ** {CHUTZPAH: nerve} to use his imagination consciously to develop himself into a prince in his own eyes. He knows he can't seek nobility through his relationship with every man and woman on Earth. He's going to respond to the noblesse in others' nobility with his own. <sup>11</sup>

A modern man might bemoan the fact that he's not exactly **GOD's** physical gift to the world... But he can peer through his jealousy of other men's physique or physical prowess to come to admire them for equivalent, inner riches he can achieve because he's willing to work for his own rewards. He's the kind of guy who ends up discovering there's a Sarah, a noble wife, within himself. He sees in himself one of the three faces of Eve that make up his  $x^2$  factor, and which will, over time, make him grateful for having been created an  $(x^2 + y)$  {in that more noble order}.

Hagar ran away with Ishmael when he was a child, but circumstances forced them to go back to Abram's household. Sarai continued to make life miserable for the two of them for years thereafter. And although Sarah modelled the noble side of her nature to the three strangers Abram invited in, the Sarai side of Sarah became even more quarrelsome toward Hagar and Ishmael once Sarah became pregnant with Isaac.

After Isaac was born, Sarah demanded Abraham vanquish Hagar and Ishmael for good, thus demonstrating that although she'd warmed up enough to her husband to bear him a child, she'd cooled off to his mistress and their child even more. By endeavoring to eliminate any competition to her son's future, financial security, Sarai/Sarah became Torah's model of a woman who thinks she's spiritually mature, but who really runs hot and cold without conscious awareness of the multiple, motivating factors that make up her nature.

Torah reveals these spiritual sides of man through women to elucidate the first of many clitoris conflicts men will, paradoxically, figuratively suffer from in the course of their life. And don't think gay men escape having to apply the stories of Torah to themselves. Sometimes we have penis problems. Sometimes we have clitoris conflicts... We're no different from all other men and women. That's what it means to be a combination of  $x^2$  {female} +  $y$  {male} traits.

For men to vilify women for their moody nature or unpredictable feelings discounts man's irrational heart. The man who's out of touch with his feelings will project them onto women and children if it serves his interests to do so. He'll become ornery and irascible because he doesn't know how to swallow his irritability and digest it slowly. He won't

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<sup>11</sup> This is best achieved by applying your desire to acquire by becoming greedy for dignity rather than material wealth. For those for whom that urge doesn't fully serve, I recommend using their greed for money in conjunction with moral rectitude to become noble in business as a step toward dignity through personal affairs.

know how to deal with the anxiety he produces in the pit of his stomach. Relief from heart burn will become something he can only achieve with a pill...

To delve into the behavioral problems of Abraham with his sons, we need to look at his relationship to GOD. An Abraham is a man who may think he's got GOD and country in his back pocket. But when things go bad at home or close to home, he doesn't know what to do about it.

A modern Abraham in the New World is a complex individual who understands he ought to put his whole heart into all that he does because **GOD** wants him to. But then he'll struggle in his conscience {soul} to make sense of his thoughts {head} and feelings {heart}. He goes up and down, and back and forth inside between his head, heart and soul to figure out how he operates. But that's more like a steep mountain hike with switchbacks that make it impossible to see around the next bend inside.

The three world faiths want to glorify Abraham. And it makes some sense for them to try to do so. He did, after all, believe in GOD in Torah and *God* in the Quran. And, in that sense, he was the first mature, human being to become a believer. Adam, Cain, Noah, and the people worldwide in the Tower of Babel story were mere psychological aspects before the introduction of the model, Abrahamic man. But being at the beginning is only the beginning. And it's far from the end.

Abram was a good uncle to Lot, but a bad father to Ishmael and Isaac. He was a good citizen and friend to his countrymen. He sent an army to protect Lot when Lot was threatened by the local authorities. He befriended pharaohs to assist Lot. He made deals with local chieftains. He even succeeded in buying land in Canaan {present-day Israel} despite the ancient indigenists' distrust of strangers. But Abram was a husband whose emotional evolution was presented in Torah and the Quran in detail with good reason. It left a lot for us to wish for in ourselves.

Abram had the knowledge of the heart needed to deal with everyone *outside* his house. He was a man of great sociability and kindness. But when it came to matters *inside* his home, Abraham was emotionally immature and inexperienced.

"Feelings" are what we develop to interact with strangers in sociologically admirable ways. "Emotions" are what we develop for family life. Abram was well established, experienced, grown up, responsible, settled and stable in terms of community. He had mature feelings for men outside his house.

But he was immature and unpredictable to the point of dangerous and homicidal internally. He was emotionally immature with regard to his home life even though his feelings were sufficiently developed to handle life out in the world. At home, he dealt with emotional issues with his wives and children for which he had to turn to GOD for help. This predicament is classic.

*"We have revealed to you this book so that,  
by their Lord's will,  
You may lead mankind  
from darkness to the light;  
to the path of the mighty,*

*the glorious one,  
the path of God,  
to whom belongs all that  
the heavens and the earth contain”*  
[14:1]

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Torah was revealed to the Prophet for its psychological insight into the universal behaviors of man. But *Muslims* have projected their problems onto Muslim women, Jews, Christians, the L.G.B.T.Q.I.A community and they’ve even disenfranchised their own children rather than learn about themselves from the Quran. They’ve distanced themselves from their own  $x^2$  factor, thereby unconsciously acting out the quarrelsome and forlorn sides of themselves {Hagar} that they then accuse women of using against them. *Muslims* are anything but examples of nobility {Sarah}.

Guess what? *Muslims* aren’t alone! Everybody does that! The only difference between a Muslim and a *Muslims* is the willingness to learn from his mistakes; the noble side of himself. The only difference is his willingness to go down into the next valley of darkness {guilt} and then come back up to climb the next precipice. But if the JEWS and CHRISTIANS aren’t willing to do so either, how can we blame *Muslims* alone for *Islamic* terrorism? It might really be fairer to blame all men and women for the spiritual ignorance that comes when you don’t study the WORDS of GOD for personal edification. Contemporary life isn’t modern. Contemporary life is merely anti-traditional.

First, the Lord gave the world Torah. Then, **HE** introduced the Gospels to reveal the struggle in one man’s heart {Jesus} so we’d search for that struggle in our own. And then **HE** revealed more of **HIS** truth through the Quran. This came from **HIS** soul. You’ll always get what you need in life, not, necessarily, what you want. So whether you’re stuck in your head, heart or soul, get out of it. There’s more to you than you think, feel or believe.

When JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* refused to look for wisdom in their head, heart and soul, **HE** banished gay men from the Abrahamic faiths so there’d be someone who could someday show them the big picture. Today’s poster child for the Abraham man is most evident in gay men, lesbians and the transgendered. We may still be immature

ourselves, but we're moving more quickly in the right direction if, for no other reason, because we don't kill each other. <sup>12</sup>

Straight men from the Abrahamic faiths have done little to unite their Abrahamic gifts under **ONE GOD**. On those days when you're feeling particularly frustrated with "heaven" and man's plans, can you really tell me we aren't getting just what we need? Some will pay dearly for what they're doing. Others will be rewarded. And some will just make more and more money. (But that's like being rewarded with a glass of water for drilling a hole in your boat...)

There are so many ways to lead mankind from darkness into light. When you find yourself moving through guilt, you don't need to settle for the secular light of science and technology. You can learn to pierce through your own inner embarrassment, shame and humiliation to see the light psychology shines into Scripture. <sup>13</sup>

Your familiarity with day and night {within} is crucial for self-improvement regardless in which Abrahamic tradition you were raised. **GOD** didn't put us all on Earth to go around and around in 24-hour intervals without universal purpose. But unless you learn to look at life from your heart and soul, you'll never achieve poetic truth. You'll remain prosaic. You'll remain a talking head. And your efforts to take Scripture literally will leave you disappointed with your outcomes. Without feelings and soulful beliefs that included everyone, your life will be meaningless.

What none of the sects of the Abrahamic faiths ask **GOD** in their daily prayer is for their own personal progress in the greater, spiritual process. In their effort to be only logical and rational, they become superstitious, insistent, childish and stubborn.

I think the **JEW**s judge everyone as inferior to them, including other Jews. This leaves gay-Jews out on a limb. The **CHRISTIANS** hold Jesus up as the one and only honorable Jew, different from all the rest. They insist that all Jews are at fault for not being more like they perceive **HIM**. But what if **HE** were gay? And *Muslims* speak about the exceptionalism of the Prophet without being able to take it to heart, condemning all Jews and Christians for not doing as *they* wish. If it weren't for the blessings of the L.G.B.T+ community and secular outsiders in the world community that have always been perceived of as enemies of the three Abrahamic faiths, religion would have ended human life on Earth long ago. Thank **GOD**, **GOD** knows what **HE**'s doing! People certainly don't!

The unsharpened mind, like a dull knife, will only act in a blunt manner. But the only stone on which you can sharpen your mind like a knife is another mind. The heart won't do. The heart, like water, takes the shape of any container you pour it into. The heart can become consumed with material comforts, sentimentality and the rights of the underdog above the rights of the deserving. That'll only bend your mind toward self-indulgence and

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<sup>12</sup> The deterioration of extreme gender role differences is for the good of us all. The deterioration of the family model is caused by tribalism that's becoming internalized. The pastoral, peasant lifestyle can all be found, alive and well, within you.

<sup>13</sup> When you close your eyes, you'll always see darkness, but you'll know in your head, heart and soul that you're piercing "it" with the moral improvements to your character you work on within. This is the difference between the outer light you can see and the inner light you have to perceive.

laziness. The inquisitive man will find his mind sharpened and his frozen-hard heart scratched, scraped, scuffed, nicked and abraded. But that's precisely the sort of experience a conscience needs in order to learn how to personalize and internalize the world around it to improve your moral standing from within.

A sharp mind and an icy-hard heart is precisely what Pharaoh achieved. What Pharaoh lacked was a conscience. A conscience can only be created with awareness of **GOD** and then with more *God*. And the more awareness you achieve of **HIM** and more of *Him*, the more capable you are of becoming soulful.

To think outside the box {head} and feel outside the sphere {heart}, you've got to believe like a pyramid {soul} is constructed. I don't say you should believe only in Islam. I tell you, you ought to believe like a pyramid is constructed. For this, you should go to the Jews, since it was the Israelites who did the hard work of constructing the ancient pyramids, not their indigenist, slave masters.

It wasn't until the Prophet addressed this issue in the Quran that matters of man's soul were finally brought to consciousness as a spiritual process that requires a third place from which to come from in inner space. It was the Prophet who looked at the conclusion Cain drew, and opposed it, saying we're *not* the keeper of our brother's soul. We're here on Earth to learn to unite our head through Judaism with our heart through Christianity. But that can't be done in either place in inner space. That's why we should care for other people's physical wellbeing and their feelings, but not for the outcome of their soul. That's one of the reasons for *God* having created Islam. That's what *Muslims* should learn to talk about, rather than fight over their obsessive-compulsive revulsion with the State of Israel.

The devil lies in the details.<sup>14</sup> The devil is anyone who wishes to maintain the religious status quo rather than grow. If you aren't willing to reject the *exclusivity* of the Abrahamic faith you come from, you aren't going to be part of the future *inclusivity* of the Abrahamic faiths. And that will have a serious, detrimental effect on your good fortune.

The y factor is the male part of a man that wishes for the very best he witnessed in his father. The x<sup>2</sup> factor is the female part of him that wishes for the very best he witnessed in his mother. By separating and reuniting these parts in the soul, an individual will turn out just fine, regardless of which gender s/he's more attracted to sexually or what s/he cares to do in bed.

You don't need straight glue to fasten the triangle facing your inner sky  {father} and the triangle facing your inner earth  {mother} together. You're like a six-pointed star of David . You represent the union of your parents whether you're gay or straight. Arguments about homophobia and premarital sex are nothing more than a distraction from

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<sup>14</sup> Judaism doesn't subscribe to the idea of a "devil" or "hell." We have no enemies who are enemies of **GOD**. All our enemies have desires that merely conflict with our own. And all your enemies' enemies are people who have desires that conflict with their own desires. Some of these desires are sexual. Some are economic. And some are simply emotional. But none of them are spiritual. **GOD** is everyone's **GOD**. Your GOD/GOD/*God* has no monopoly on our **GOD**.

matters of far greater importance to your eternal wellbeing. This is the Star of David everyone bears.

Don't blame the devil for anything or everything that happens to you. It's a lack of courage to explore the figurative serpent in your tree or worm in your apple that's to blame. If you choose not to evolve, is it the devil's fault your knuckles are morally scraping on the ground? Do you expect to get rewarded for not doing something others are working overtime to accomplish? Do you really think you're going to be able to stand before **GOD** and defend yourself by insisting that the devil made you do it or the devil made you not do it?

Many a man has suffered from a worm in his apple {prostate cancer}. And many a woman has suffered from a nest of snakes in her chest {breast cancer}. Cancer is a biological reality that corresponds to emotional and spiritual matters that you've chosen to challenge yourself with to teach you how to deepen your moral regard for you. I'm not suggesting you can eliminate physical illness with prayer. There are physical reasons as well for what you're going through. I'm suggesting that with prayer you can deepen and personalize the meaningfulness of physical illness.<sup>15</sup>

Pain {sensations of the body} is a powerful way to make us aware of the preciousness of life in the body we were given. Suffering is a powerful way to make us aware of the preciousness of the sensations of our heart. If you ignore your pain and suffering as inconsequential to your being, you may continue to exist, but you'll cease to live. If you ignore the spiritual underpinnings of life, you may choose pain and/or suffering to awaken you to why you're here. Anything is worth going through rather than leaving here without having done your homework. I want to graduate with as high as degree as possible.

Converting to another religion or switching teams sexually isn't going to help you become a better person. Nor is it going to assure that you'll avoid pain and/or suffering. You can change your mind or surgically exchange or augment your sex organs. But the spiritual direction you go in, in life isn't going to waiver without a change of heart. So long as there's a throb in your chest, you're going to be held responsible for your classwork, homework and test results, regardless of your low opinion of yourself or our **TEACHER**.

Share your opinion of the **TEACHER** with the **TEACHER**. Denying **HIS** existence is a sad way to avoid parts of yourself. When I was a teacher, I much preferred the student who came to me privately to complain about his grades to the student who ignored his standing in the class and my ability to help him.

Getting pompous and preachy by pointing fingers at others isn't going to do a thing to help you improve you. **GOD** wants you to better yourself, as well as better the circumstances for all around you. But you can't do both simultaneously if you don't take your inner world more to heart. Until you see your relationship within yourself in your enemies' actions, you're going to behave like a pawn in the game.

Remember your penis or clitoris is much less rational than your heart. Your genitals can't put desire into words. Your desires merely express themselves with 0 or 1 impulses. To the extent you strongly wish to avoid certain circumstances {0.001} or strongly wish to

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<sup>15</sup> The possibility of healing autoimmune diseases through greater awareness of how you're struggling against having to be in the body you were given is a tempting topic, but not the subject of these books.

achieve others {1.111}, you create what psychologists call your ego. “Ego” is really just a technical word for controlling desire, which I’ve just expressed in numerical terms.

*“Woe betide the believers,  
for they shall be sternly punished!  
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who debar others from the path of God  
and seek to make it crooked.  
They have strayed far into error.”  
[14:2-3]*

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A bent knife is hard to wield. It’s hardly a helpful tool. It only frustrates and angers the hand that tries to use it. When you hold a bent knife in your hand, you need to compensate when cutting into things. If you simply pretend to substitute the knife you’ve been given for another, you’re fooling yourself. Can you pretend to have another man’s penis and still enjoy your own? Can you bend your desires with your mind to straighten your ego out?

You’ve got to learn to live life the way it’s been given to you. And that requires a sense of humor at how emotional you can get over the little things the get under your skin. {We all turn some mole hills into mountains.} You won’t handle the big challenges well if you haven’t practiced on the littlest of problems you’re dealing with. The smaller the challenge, the more valuable it is to your awakening.

When you allow your ego to dominate your actions, you’re wielding a bent knife. Your ego, unlike your penis, can be straightened out if it’s bent. Then you’ll be able to point your ego where it was always intended to go: straight into you. Stab yourself with humorous scorn or tactful criticism. Your ability to accept criticism from you is much more noble than your ability to accept it from others.

If you’re not frequently questioning **GOD** as to why **HE**’s allowing people to act unjustly toward themselves, you’re missing the point as to why **GOD** acts indirectly through people. Your worry for them is a projection of your worry for you. Get a grip on the projections of your feelings and desires, and you’ll become a lot more effective in ruling yourself.

*“Woe betides the believers, for they shall be sternly punished!”* Well, “stern” is a harsh word. In some cases, you could probably say you’re only being mildly punished. We might not have managed to change **GOD**’s intentions since the beginning of time, but it looks like we’ve succeeded in lessening **HIS** blows considerably. We don’t usually think of **GOD**

as treating us sternly unless we get sick, suffer from a natural disaster, an unexpected death in the family or severe financial or emotional distress.

Use your enemies as a mirror, and you'll thank **GOD** for them. Without someone to model bad behavior, how would you ever realize you, too, can be your own worst enemy? Use their vile behavior to better yourself. Don't bother to try to forgive them. Instead, take their bad example and use it for edification of what you're figuratively doing to you.

Murdering, cheating, stealing, lying and craving what others have are human failings. But just because you were brought up not to break the Ten Commandments literally doesn't mean that you're not doing so figuratively. Just because you treat others respectfully doesn't mean you're nice to yourself.

But seeing yourself as a perpetrator of crimes against your own humanity might be very difficult at first. For that, you should ask **GOD** to remind you of what you've done to you. Revenge against yourself isn't the answer. Self-enlightenment is. Without self-enlightenment you can't achieve salvation {external repair} or redemption {internal repair}.

Don't accept bad behavior from anyone, least of all from you! Look back on your past with disappointment in not having been sufficiently schooled and sophisticated to have done any better than you did at that time. Judge yourself severely now, and you'll be a lot more willing to judge others gently. Judge yourself severely now, and you'll be able to judge yourself a lot more gently in the future.

Of course, there are limits to this philosophy, like any other. We need standards of behavior that are respectful, but clearly marked. But if you don't start with standards that are respectful of yourself and well delineated, you're only going to get called a hypocrite, or worse, feel like a hypocrite.

**GOD** doesn't need you to remind **HIM** of your losses and imperfections. You should be able to remember them well enough without **HIS** help. **HE** allowed it all to happen in the first place. So, obviously **HE** wants you to do more with your experiences than label yourself a victim. Those who don't question their victimhood from within turn into martyrs.

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Muslims can't appreciate how their older brothers {Christians} treated *their* older brothers {Jews}. How will any of today's Muslims be able to morally measure how they're treating one another? And if they can't do that, how will they ever perceive how they're treating themselves?

CHRISTIANS no longer claim the Jews are perpetrators and they're victims. Now CHRISTIANS project their victimization onto blacks, illegal immigrants and women. The *Muslims* continue to claim the Jews are perpetrators of colonization. They're glorify martyrdom. And the JEWS just want to separate themselves from the Jews over their issue with the gays.

If you're a freshman in the school of life who wants to graduate your spiritual high school experience with honors, look at the grades of the sophomores, juniors and seniors. Decide for yourself how you wish to proceed. You'll either make it into college or you'll spend your whole life as an adolescent in this school.

The conspiracies and collusions we see in Middle Eastern countries are indicative of figurative sins everyone commits against one another since so few are willing to explore the  $x^2$  factor in themselves. Men make enemies around them to distract them from their abhorrent disdain of **GOD** having created them half female. This is the essence of the JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* problem with Jews, Christians and Muslims.. The  $x^2$  factor is what gay men have no problem with. We love our feminine side. We don't want to fight with anyone.

Externally, everyone can see that the *Muslims* are the perpetrators. The CHRISTIANS profess to be victims, and that the JEWS act like martyrs. But internally, try, instead, to perceive your mind as a perpetrator {instigator} of change, your heart as a victim {recipient} of emotional transformation, and your soul as a martyr {heir} of self-transcendence.

Religious blame always flows over into the political realm where it can't be solved internally. The sibling rivalry started with the messages Ishmael and Isaac received from their father, Abraham. Isaac was adored to excess. Ishmael was vilified to the extreme. The Republicans are Isaacs. The Democrats are Ishmaels.

If you don't look at how your parents unconsciously trained you in childhood, you probably aren't going to succeed to your satisfaction in integrating your head, heart and soul. Your head and heart are going to take the sides of your parents, and you're going to act out their issues inside. And if you reject that internal struggle, you'll externalize it, with projection instead. Either way, you'll stop yourself from getting where you want to go.

Frustration is unbelievably high everywhere in the world today, but the frustration in the Muslim world is obviously the highest. None of us likes to be challenged to look at how deeply other people's frustrations are mirroring and worsening our own. *God* is working through Muslims to change everyone's perception of himself. With very small amounts of inner awakening comes an awakening to much more about GOD/GOD/*God* than we knew before.

Until we come to learn from all our spiritual brothers and sisters, not just those sanctified by our faith, we're only going to continue to see frustration levels rise across the board. Until we look at the frustration we create within ourselves, we aren't going to empathize with the frustration emanating out of others.

Frustration is a Jewish, Christian and Muslim problem. But until JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* make it their problem, too, they aren't going to see the error of their ways. They're going to continue to look to war to solve their inner Israel {struggle with **GOD**} issues.

As you age, and your thoughts {Cain} kill off one positive feeling {Abel} after another, you eventually find yourself with a perpetrator/victim problem that mirrors the relationship of the CHRISTIANS to the Jews. Your heart will cry out to GOD for justice, and your head will cry out to GOD for mercy. And when you become so frustrated that you can't decide

who's right and who's wrong (your head or your heart), you'll begin to believe you're a martyr. You'll call out to *God* for fairness.

That's when you'll stand back from the Abrahamic faiths to consider what's happening around you, and how that's mirroring what's happening within. Perhaps then, you'll look at your desires to see how they may be affecting the other forces within you. It only takes a tiny bit of doubt about yourself to interject a whole, new question into your spiritual, operating system.

You should stop reading this book altogether if you're only interested in what the Prophet had to say that you want others to hear. Your only reason for reading any further should be to discover how you speak to yourself and then to learn how to talk to yourself in a new way. As far as the Quran goes as a tool of conversion, you're done. *God* isn't going to be enough even for *Muslims*. Look at what they've done lately to pervert *His words!*

Ignorance never makes you blissful. Ignorance is a sign that you're ignoring yourself. The devil isn't your problem. The devilish results we see all around us today are a combination of billions of bent penises and clitorises being collectively wielded to go up and down and in and out in all the wrong ways. It's not about *whom* you have sex with, but about *how* you relate to someone with many desires that have been bent out of shape.

If you get up in the morning feeling violated; if you go to work on Monday mornings feeling you're going to continue to be monetarily raped by your employer for another week's work; if you feel your word doesn't ever seem to be taken seriously, that you're being used and abused by those who know you well – your problems aren't only around you. You've got to raise your expectations and desires about what you can do to change the world within you.

**GOD** has put a lot of work into making your worlds look just as they do. The question isn't how you're going to change your worlds from the outside in, but how you're going to change them from the inside out. If you find yourself only getting more frustrated with others, you're missing the point of life. Look, instead, at how frustrated you're getting with yourself. The more you can reduce your frustrations, the more you'll be able to achieve Jewish peace, Christian serenity and Islamic tranquility.

There's a joke that they did a study in the 1970's on the effects of saccharine on rats. They gave massive amounts of artificial sweeteners to rats, and they all died of cancer. But the conclusion of the study was that we need stronger rats... (You might like to consider giving up consuming artificial sweeteners of your philosophy of life and try honey {wisdom} instead.)

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has spoken only in the language of his own people,  
so that he might make his precepts clear to them.  
But God leaves in error whom He will  
and guides whom He pleases.  
He is the might the wise one.”*

[14:4]

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I can't state my case in Arabic. I can't claim to be a normal human being after having been committed to insane asylums. I can't claim to be a Jew without a gay agenda. But I can tell you that the Jew du jour is you, not me. Israel has never been more secure, while people all over the world are crying out to **GOD** to make them safer. Israel cried out to the world for decades to help them stop *Muslim* extremism, but the world refused to listen. Now Europe, Russian and America are being terrorized by *Muslims* and are calling on the Israelis for help. Surely, in this there's something for all of them to reflect upon.

The Nazis didn't need the Final Solution to solve their Jewish problem. Their problem was a **CHRISTIAN** problem. The Protestants in the north of Germany and the Catholics in the south of Germany refused to work together. Hitler could have created any scapegoat to unite them. The Jews just happened to be there with 2,000 years of **CHRISTIAN** animosity to draw out of Europeans. The Germans only wanted to turn Christians into compliant **CHRISTIANS**.

Today's neo-Nazis in Europe and America are up against a world order that has many Jews du jour. Today's neo-Nazis only need one agreed upon scapegoat to get everyone to become compliant. And so long as you treat yourself like you're your own scapegoat, sacrificing yourself to the dictates of others, you're making yourself vulnerable to their agenda.<sup>16</sup>

When things get tough for you inside, you don't need a final solution, as I did with drugs and attempted suicide. Your problem, like mine, is a misinterpretation of Scripture. There are no Jews, Christians or Muslims who are possessed by the devil. **JEW**S, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* don't yet understand how their Scripture relates to a greater, universal reality that they can't access through **GOD**, **GOD** or *God* alone. **HE** ought to be accessed from within. Inclusion of others begins within.

The terrorism we suffer from in the Western world is the result of Abrahamic interpretations of Scripture that are bankrupting modern man. They'll leave our children in utterly devastating, spiritual poverty if we don't speak up inside and talk to one another

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<sup>16</sup> The blacks were only slaves once, although their unfair servitude isn't yet over. The Jews were slaves four times in history. The last time was only 70 years ago. My father was one of those slaves. If you want to avoid being enslaved by the system or by power-hungry politicians, listen to those who know best what they're talking about.

about our beliefs. We'll become victims to anyone who promises to protect us from the Jew du jour.

Anyone who tries to deny **GOD's** story with hatred, apathy and scapegoating will pay a price for it at a time of **HIS** choosing. And unless you've signed on to the fight on one front or another, you'll be very lucky if you don't end up like my mother, on a dementia ward in old age. Matters of the mind should be crucial to us all. A mind is a terrible thing to waste.<sup>17</sup>

The modern world is no longer a place where Jews and gays will be punching bags for those who have trouble accustoming themselves to the container they were given or the imperative to fill it with godly contents. Those days are over. Each of us will judge ourselves for our contribution to the moral lifting of humanity out of the "hell" we've made for ourselves on Earth.

I can't change your mind. I can't transform your heart. I can't transcend the belief system under which your brain was originally washed, dried and had wrinkles ironed into it. I, too, was somewhat afraid of every tutor and teacher I ever had as a child.

But life humbled me to learn about myself through many imperfect models, all striving in different ways for perfection. It didn't humble me to like or love any one group of people over any other once I personalized their issues. Just learning to like and love myself was challenge enough to perceive the world in an entirely new way.

As a writer, I enjoy being creative while alone. I'm in good company when I'm all by myself. Generally, I get a lot of validation from **GOD**, but very little from people. But I compensate for that lack of acknowledgment from others by validating myself without becoming an agent of self-propaganda. That saves me the disappointment of not trying to squeeze out of others that which they don't have to give. I'm not responsible for what they do to themselves. They are. I'm only responsible for what I do to me.

Zionism isn't a Jewish conspiracy to take over the world. Zionism is inspiration from **GOD** to use the land **HE** gave us as a light unto the nations. Zionism is the Jewish love and devotion we use to show Christians and Muslims how to use what we have to offer to create something even greater. Granted, the love Jesus shines is an eternal symbol of **GOD's** design, but the little Jewish light the Jews shine upon Christ's lighthouse of love will help all those lost at sea to see.

When Muslims illuminate our **ROCK** upon which **HIS** lighthouse stands under the Dome of the Rock, the whole world will see what only true believers can see about the magnificence of **GOD's** designs. That's the goal of Zionism. That's how I've been taught to express myself.

*"We sent forth Moses with our signs,  
saying,  
'Lead your people out of the darkness into the light,*

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<sup>17</sup> "'The mind is a terrible thing to waste' is an iconic slogan dreamt up by the advertising agency Young & Rubicam that goes back more than four decades. It was meant to promote the United Negro College Fund scholarship program for black students." [Wikipedia]

*and remind them of God's favors.'*  
Surely, in this there are signs for every steadfast thankful man."  
[14:5]

“**WE** sent forth Moses with OUR signs,  
SAYING,  
‘LEAD YOUR PEOPLE OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO THE LIGHT,  
AND REMIND THEM OF GOD’S FAVORS.’  
Surely, in this there are signs for every steadfast, thankful man.”

If the Prophet had no problem with Moses {the prophet before the Prophet} why should you? If the Prophet could give credit where credit was due, why can't you, too? Can you be thankful for the light today's Judeo-Christian-Muslims shine? Why don't you, too, shine your light out from every rock you stand on?

Those opposed to Zionism on principle would bite off their *Muslim* nose to spite their CHRISTIAN face. What are they accomplishing by holding on to centuries of anti-Semitism that did the world no good? What are they accomplishing by holding on to centuries of homophobia that did men no good? <sup>18</sup> Anti-Zionism is the curse of the modern age. It'll only undermine the Israel within you.

*“Their apostles answered,  
‘Is God, the creator of the heavens and earth,  
to be doubted?  
He calls you to Him that He may forgive you your sins  
And reprieve you until your appointed hour.”*  
[14:9]

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And reprieve you until your appointed hour.”

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<sup>18</sup> Homophobia is the collective JEWISH/CHRISTIAN/*Muslim* conspiracy to scapegoat the L.G.B.T+ community in their attempt to collude to take over the world. Each of them is using the others to advance his own agenda. What they call the “gay agenda” is *our* agenda to disrupt *their* agenda. Obviously, you can't *make* anyone gay. But you can tactfully contrast *your* success with *their* failures. This is a thought that terrifies JEWS, CHRISTIAN and *Muslims*.

Many proclaim their *innocence* to **GOD** instead of their *sins*. They insist they have nothing to atone for when shame was created for them to discover humility. How can anyone improve his character without shaming himself in the privacy of his own mind's eye? Atoning before yourself is practice before atoning before **GOD**. Did your mentors never speak to you privately about your everlasting spiritual grades in the school of life? Have you never known the awful terror and awesome joy of figuratively sitting beside your **TEACHER**, hoping to hear something good about your grades and decorum in class?

If you don't use your homophobia, anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism to pierce the well-protected treasure you're keeping from yourself, you'll die spiritually impoverished, bewildered and in pain. Your inner defenses are so obvious to **ONE** and all, and yet you don't go on an exodus, crusade or jihad to get yourself through them. If you don't struggle with **GOD** from time to time, how will you know if you're progressing?

No one can help you if those you love are caught up with guilt over their poor grades in this school. If you worry more about how you look in front of the class than how you feel about yourself in the moment, know that your **TEACHER** is like no other. **HE** knows how hard it is for you to face yourself. **HE** knows you could do better if **HE** allowed you to see better. **HE**'ll give you many assignments today and in the future to make up for those you couldn't summon the courage to go through in the past.

But you could do more to personalize matters of your heart. You could search for each missing feeling you've projected elsewhere and no longer feel within. Now is the time to turn your heart around to face it. Now is the time to feel some sorrow for your enemies because in doing so you'll grow. Your feelings are fluid. You don't need to try to hold on to them. Just pour them into each new vessel given to you every day and watch what happens next. You'll be amazed at the feelings you can hold, verses those that pour right through you.

*“Their apostles replied,  
‘We are indeed mortals like yourselves.  
Yet, God bestows His grace on such of His servants as He chooses.  
We cannot give you proof,  
Except by God’s leave.  
In God let true believers put their trust.  
And why should we not trust in God,  
When He has already guided us to our paths?  
We will endure your persecution patiently.  
In God let all the trusting put their trust.”*

[14:11-12]

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In **GOD** let true believers put their trust.  
And why should we not trust in **GOD**,  
When **HE** has already guided us to our paths?  
We will endure **YOUR** persecution patiently.  
In **GOD** let all the trusting put their trust.’”

You can't love monogamy until you unite the harem of voices inside you with marriages to yourselves. You can't pray faithfully with your congregation until you become the rabbi, priest, pastor, minister, imam or cleric of all the voices within you. Your infancy, childhood and adolescence were like preschool, elementary school and secondary school. Now you're in college, and it's time to unite these disparate experiences into one *you*. **GOD** gave you adulthood to learn about self-unification. You're, indeed, mortal like ourselves.

Moses described psychological growth as name changes **GOD** bestowed on the Patriarchs. He even gave us a book on names {**SHEMOT**: Exodus} in which **GOD** gave Moses **HIS** first name. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert at which time **HE** was tempted by the devil. This is the Christian way of describing the demons we all struggle with within. And in the above passage, the Prophet described spiritual growth as something that can't be proved in the general world we share because the proof only lies in both our worlds.

Moses was told that nobody can look upon **GOD**'s face without dying. The full truth is that you can't see your own face without dying, either. {A mirror doesn't allow you to see your face. It allows you to see a reflection of your face.} Don't wait until you leave your body to look down with forgiveness, mercy and love for someone as flawed as you. Take your flaws more personally than you now do. Stop apologizing to us for them and start apologizing to you before **GOD**. You'll be amazed at the results true confession can achieve in the privacy of your own mind. You're like a Rube Goldberg invention.<sup>19</sup> The only way to discover how to operate you lies in **GOD**'s hands, but with practice, you can observe the complexity with which you were assembled.

The ancient Jews used to put their hand on one another's "thigh" {a polite way of saying penis} whenever they made a vow. That was a euphemistic way of assuring one another that their testicles were safe in one another's hands. It was a euphemistic way of acknowledging the delivery system of their individual power and vowing to use it for the good of the group.

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<sup>19</sup> “A Rube Goldberg machine is a contraption, invention, device, or apparatus that's deliberately over-engineered to perform a simple task in a complicated fashion, generally including a chain reaction. The expression is named after American cartoonist and inventor Rube Goldberg (1883–1970) (Jewish).” [Wikipedia]

Jesus talked about HIS relationship with HIS FATHER. The Christian FATHER/SON alliance became the model for successful male bonding without having to touch one another in any way other than sentimentally. You don't need to bring your bond with other men to matters below your waist to sanctify your bond with a man. But you do need to have a bond below your waist to sanctify your bond with yourself. What good is being made in **GOD**'s image if you don't yet understand how Scripture helps you to express your desires sexually? You can't have sex with another person without including sex with yourself.

The Prophet receives his inspiration through an angel of the Lord who represented **GOD**'s masculinity. Inspiration can come from any number of resources, but those resources all return to the same **SOURCE: GOD**. Nothing lies outside **HIS** realm. There's no gay man or Jew who doesn't answer to **GOD**. You don't need to play devil's advocate for me. I can advocate for myself by myself.

Whether you receive your inspiration through your eyes, your ears or your nose {intuition}, you'll spend your life learning to face yourself without the use of a mirror. **GOD** will give you many configurations of figurative reflections for you to find your way through to you. Sometimes you'll find yourself looking within, reliving your past as though in a mirror. Sometimes you'll see yourself by looking through a window out onto the world we share. The more you discover what your face really looks like using your head, heart and soul (with or without the aid of a tool for self-reflection), the more you'll discover how **GOD** made you in **HIS** image.

You're a mystery unfolding like a leaf on a twig {Islam}; on a branch {Christianity}; on a bough {Judaism} growing out from the trunk {indigenism} of a tree of self-knowledge. The more you understand yourself, the more you'll blossom and bloom with outward beauty, and the more you'll seed this world with the fruits of your everlasting good works.<sup>20</sup>

When I was released from the second mental institution that I was involuntarily committed to 40 years ago, I found life unendurable. I only wanted to die. Not more than a couple of years ago, my mother asked me to kill her. She didn't want to go on. To those who aren't ready to get out of their head and through matters of their heart into their soul, I apply these wise words from the Quran, "*We will endure **YOUR** persecution patiently.*"

Blaming others isn't going to give me the calm I need to admire myself. And yet, sometimes it's just not possible to keep my fear, anger and disappointment inside. It bubbles up from within and spreads around me without me fully realizing what I'm doing to others. I can make a mess around me without lifting a finger...

The Jews aren't the enemy of the political left, and the gays aren't the enemy of the political right. Your enemies lie within you. Your enemy is that ignorant anus that insists it's not going to learn anything from anyone it disapproves of. It's the symbolic stranger

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<sup>20</sup> Evolution is real! To the extent you can evolve, you can become a conscious beneficiary of **GOD**'s designs. That's bad news for **CHRISTIANS** because they don't believe in evolution. But when you look at how their knuckles are figuratively scraping on the floor you can see for yourself why they don't want to entertain new ideas.

within that you can't get through to. It's the voice inside that won't listen to a word you say. It just makes noises and cranks out the same old dung day after day.

When **GOD** sends you a lousy tutor who can't teach you a thing you yearn to know, one who even makes things more complicated than they were before, stay calm. There isn't a student on Earth who doesn't have something to learn indirectly from everyone, even if the lesson is that you need more frustration to make you aware of the frustration you aren't yet willing to see sloshing around within you.

Matters of the heart need to be taken personally. It's an insult to your intelligence to attempt to solve matters of your heart externally. The last thing your heart wants to hear is for your head to proclaim, one more time, that it can fix your feelings. Allow yourself to feel frustrated with the job of evolving and you'll be a lot less frustrated with the disconnect you perceive in other people's feelings and failings.

**GOD** doesn't need you to teach me a lesson about my faith or my lifestyle. I can teach myself. It's not your job to make me suffer for not *being* you, not being *similar* to you or not even being *somewhat* like you. If you think you were enrolled in this school to beat up on those students you don't like, watch as your world sours and your frustrations grow.

Watch as you blame the government around you, when the governance within you is much worse. Watch as you blame the illegal immigrants around you, when it's the strangers within you who may be ruining your inner world. Watch as you deny climate change, while you get hotter and hotter under the collar. Watch and see what the **TEACHER** thinks of humanity's classroom decorum just because some think they've already graduated and have nothing more to learn.

The ultra-orthodox movement in **JUDAISM** is surrounded by modern Jews who are putting more and more pressure on the orthodox **JEW**s to wake up to *all* of **GOD**'s designs, not just the sliver of the pie the hyper-religious **JEW**s think was baked for them alone. Israel has such a huge influence on the other major faiths because **GOD** *wanted* it this way.

The ultra-orthodox movement in **CHRISTIANITY** is surrounded by modern Christians who are putting more and more pressure on the rightwing Evangelicals to wake up to *all* of **GOD**'s designs, not just the sliver of the pie these hyper-religious **CHRISTIANS** have that they think was baked in *their* house of bread {Bethlehem} alone.

The **JEW**s pray at the Wailing Wall, stuffing it full of prayers without bothering to think about the importance of the **ROCK** above it. The **CHRISTIANS** observe the cracks in their religious wall without reading the handwriting on it. They refuse to look at their feelings in modern ways. They're today's moneychangers at the Temple gate watching as **GOD** fights *them*; the 1% who want to rob the rest of us blind.

And don't get me started on the radical *Muslims* who pretend to blend in wherever they go. Since the re-creation of the State of Israel, the Muslim world has lost a great deal of respect for itself and injured the reputation of the Abrahamic faiths, to say nothing of what they've done to **GOD**'s reputation! There's little else to say about how desperately they need to join the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Who's going to look up from the Wailing Wall, across from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and down from the Dome of Rock? <sup>21</sup> Who's going to make sure that the Abrahamic world never reverts to animal sacrifice? How will that happen when men are behaving like animals, themselves? Innocent people are getting killed in the name of GOD/GOD/God.

If you try to turn back the clock by bullying students in this school, there'll be consequence for your lack of classroom decorum. **GOD** doesn't want to take any of us backwards. **HE** wants to bring all of us further forward. You're going to get exactly what you deserve after your lifetime if you don't change your ways. So, think carefully to what you say to yourself before you open your mouth.

I'm sorry to say you're getting exactly what you need every moment of every day. Watch as your future unfolds. Watch as you feel more like a winner or more like a loser over time. Watch, because you're going to learn a lot about yourself by watching. If you want to see more justice, mercy and fairness around you, you'd better work tirelessly in both your worlds to meld what you've got within. Thinking outside the box and moving beyond the sphere will turn you into a pyramid if you're doing it right. Morality is all you ought to occupy yourself with while you're still a temporary resident in the 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension.

Those who wish to tutor me in the school of life please don't quote Scripture to me in a scornful or supercilious tone of voice. Find more subtle ways of teaching me what you profess to know about **GOD's** designs. Remember that we're all here predominantly to learn, not to teach.

*“Do you not see  
that God has created the heavens and the earth with truth?  
He can remove you if He wills  
and bring into being a new creation.  
That is no difficult thing from God.”  
[14:18]*

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<sup>21</sup> “The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is believed to be the site of the Golgotha {Calvary} where Jesus was historically thought to be crucified. The place of Christ's crucifixion marks the twelfth post on the famed Via Dolorosa in the Old City of Jerusalem.” [Wikipedia]

Creation is an important word. **GOD** may have created Adam in **HIS** image, but **HE** didn't stop there. **GOD** created Jesus in **HIS** image. And then **GOD** created the Prophet Muhammad **GOD** in *His* image, too.

If there was a creation, then there was a re-creation and a pro-creation. If you can't be creative, you're stuck in the one creation your parents impressed upon you. You're a literalist. You can't see yourself figuratively.

You can figuratively lose your good standing in any class in the school of life. You can have your seat moved to the back of the room. You can even be put on probation or expelled. You can find yourself in a university-level class one moment, and in kindergarten the next. You can find yourself demoralized and depressed about **GOD's** influence in any part of your life without ever being able to put your feelings into meaningful words.

But the opposite is also possible. You can advance your standing in the school of life, too. It's called growing and evolving. You don't need to live your life like a religious extremist. You don't need to earn your wings by becoming a corporate warrior who knocks people down financially, rummages through their pockets to steal everything they own. Your ill-gotten religious and monetary gains will turn into spiritual losses over time. Wall Street and the Wailing Wall will lose your respect over time. The rock you clench so dear, will crumble to dust if your mind is sick.

You don't get to bargain with the **CEO** of life over how you're going to pay for what you've done. Liquidate your busyness without the Lord. You never should have gone into busyness in the first place. What you call business as usual may be dirty busyness. The longer the 1% use the religious extremists to maintain control over us, the more they'll all pay for their ill-gotten gains when their journey comes to an end. But the longer we let them, the more we, and the planet, will pay a price, too. <sup>22</sup>

There's a plan in place. And if you plan to work outside the plan to make a lot of money, attain power for the sake of revenge against those you hate or procure a seat in class to mock the **TEACHER**, know that you've been warned. You're not the first person on Earth to receive these warnings. But most rarely listen.

We've been given objective time and space to share what we can with one another. But we've also been given a subjective sense of time and space from within to use any way we wish. If you think you can avoid yourself to pursue only the temptations of the external world, you may pretend to be shocked when the system seemingly catches up with you. But deep in your heart, you'll be grateful to **GOD** that you've been stopped. If you don't believe me, watch and see. There's a mischievous imp inside you that's dying to get caught.

**GOD** created both our worlds with the same principles in place. And **HE** can, not only literally remove you from the world we share. **HE** can remove you from any part of your

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<sup>22</sup> There isn't a metaphor left where you can hide. Wherever your mind goes, **GOD** can go. In fact, **HE** can get where you're scheming to go even before your mind arrives there. And he can do so because **HE** knows what it is you really desire and how your desires interface with your heart and soul. When you find me substituting the word "busyness" for "business," know that it's because I have such a low opinion of the business world.

world within, even if you may think it's yours alone to do with as you please. **HE** can reach out and figuratively break off a limb from your tree. **HE** can reach in and crush your mind, break your heart or twist your soul. **HE** can leave you feeling unwise, unloved and confounded with doubts you won't be able to unravel on your own. **HE** can leave you feeling your autonomy knows no bounds as you languish like a prisoner in your subjective cell.

But **GOD** can also bring a new creation into being. And that new creation can be a part of you that you've been semiconsciously aware of for quite some time, or the new creation can be a part of you that you suddenly discover in an instant. In other words, **HE** can advance you or impede you in your studies. What's more, **HE** can do the same with those you love.

Freewill is a joke the ignorant and evil agree on because they aren't smart enough to look any deeper for the truth. You'll want to become the recipient of freedom, the beneficiary of liberty and the heir to emancipation to understanding how freewill works.

You don't need to consciously agree to the evolution of your container to perceive the evolution of your contents. If you insist on denying you have the potential to evolve, you aren't going to experience the truth of Tanach, the Bible and the Quran. You aren't going to understand why **GOD** chose to give us three steps up to **HIS** throne, not just the step on which **HE** first placed you.

You're a new creation each morning. If you don't wake up eager to discover the changes in your mind, the transformations of your heart and the ways in which **HE**'s allowing you to transcend your soul with more insight into yourself each new day, you're not prepared for another day of class. You're simply not paying close enough attention to what's happening to you.<sup>23</sup>

Today is tomorrow's yesterday. Today will soon be a part of your lengthening past. If you don't do more to earn your own esteem today, what hope will you have tomorrow? Tomorrow's hope depend on your efforts today. Hope is something you must construct for yourself over time.

If you're not prepared to concentrate on how you react while reading my words, how do you expect to concentrate all day while **GOD** is writing to you with **HIS** magnificent pen? The handwriting on the wall is written each day on the Wailing Wall. Those who can't look down from their lofty seat at the Dome of the Rock to see what the **TEACHER** is describing to another part of the class shouldn't expect **HIM** to advance them in their studies. They're impeding their own development. But the same can be said of those who literally stick messages *in* the Wall without the ability to figuratively read the handwriting *on* it.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> The words "paying attention" in Hebrew translate as "putting your heart into it."

<sup>24</sup> There's a tradition of writing down prayers and sticking the bits of paper between the huge boulders of the Wailing Wall. The Israelis empty the papers in the cracks between the rocks periodically and bury them outside the Old City.

*“And when Our judgment has been passed,  
Satan will say to them,  
‘True was the promise which God made you.  
I, too, made you a promise,  
But did not keep it.  
Yet I had no power over you.  
I only called you,  
and you answered me.  
Do not now blame me,  
but blame yourselves.  
I cannot help you,  
nor can you help me.  
I never believed,  
as you did,  
that I was God’s equal.”*  
[14:22-23]

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satan won't testify on your behalf when you find yourself, once again, in some sort of manmade "hell," having to endure a malevolent stranger you don't seem to have anything in common with. You'll suddenly see that you've always been your own worst enemy. Even if you profess you had no power over where you ended up, you'll know your choices were all your own. And you'll have no one to help you sort out your situation from a moral perspective, but **GOD**.

You may find you blame beguiling voices within you for getting you where you ended up. Within lie the demons that tempted you that you chose not to struggle against. Looking down at your penis or clitoris or even wanting to grab your crotch as you tell yourself, “You’re to blame” isn’t going to do you any good.

You may find yourself facing **GOD**, **GOD** or *God* through guilt at the most inopportune moments, wondering why you can’t unify your thoughts, feelings and beliefs. Peace and justice are important parts of **GOD**’s designs that emanate out from within, but if you think you’re going to achieve mercy without modeling it, you’re not dreaming. You’re fantasizing. You might like to consider learning from gay men how to perceive a vision of a better world for all.

There are some voices that act like angels or devils within you. But there are Jewish, Christian and Muslim disciples in you, too. Until you become curious enough to discover who you are and how **GOD** made you in **HIS** imagination in a completely unique and special way, your penis is going to sit by limp and do nothing in the presence of your conscience, leaving your head and heart alone as they stand before **HIM**.<sup>25</sup>

You can want anything you want, but you should use all the forces within you to decide on the moral justification for the ways in which you get what you want. This you can do alone. You’re experienced enough to know how to make that call. You don’t need **GOD**’s help to discern right from wrong. What you need help with is pulling yourself out of your mindless, habitual ways of relating to you. It’s denial of the problems you have that afflicts you.

Call on **GOD** if you feel uncomfortable about what’s happening within you. Rely on **HIM** any way and any time you like. Reply to **HIM** in any manner you find effective when you’ve reached a dead end in speaking to yourself. What else is **GOD** for, except to help you become the best you, you can be?

The unique answers **GOD** will always have for you will come more easily if you don’t try to solve your problem being you, all alone. You may have something else in mind for you at this time. **GOD** may approach your becoming by giving you new opportunities to help others become. Stay open to new possibilities especially if your heart feels broken.

All this is something every Jewish boy is supposed to know by the time he has a Bar Mitzvah {at the age of 13}. But how many rabbis teach the fundamentals? How many priests, pastors, ministers, imams and clerics are lost in lofty moral arguments over the religious rituals of puberty and not the emotional/spiritual importance of coming of age? And how many of them demonstrate a 21<sup>st</sup> Century understanding of the mystery of being themselves?

*“Their greeting shall be:  
‘Peace!’”*

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<sup>25</sup> Just imagine how quietly the beguiling serpent sat by while **GOD** questioned Adam and Eve.

[14:26]

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שלום {SHALOM} means peace, but it literally means “fill.” In the Christian sense of a container with a precious contents (love) that you’re filling yourself with, you may feel half empty some of the time and half full at other times. To fill yourself with peace, remember that peace is a filling of yourself with the best in you and dumping the rest.

It’s not going to be Jewish wisdom, Christian love or Islamic submission that’s going to take over the world. It’s going to be all three. It’s not going to be JEWISH foolishness, CHRISTIAN hatred or *Islamic* snobbery that’s going to destroy the world. It’s going to be all three. These aren’t prophetic statements or predictions. They’re just conclusions based on common sense which is the result of reading all of Scripture.

*“Do you not see how God compares a good word to a good tree?*

*Its root is firm*

*And its branches are in the sky;*

*It yields its fruit in every season*

*By God’s leave.*

*God speaks in parables to men*

*so that they may take heed.*

*But an evil word is like an evil tree*

*torn out of the earth and shorn of all its roots.”*

[14:27]

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**GOD** plants **HIS** garden. **HE** prunes it. **HE** weeds it. **HE** sows, and **HE** reaps it. People are born, and they die. There’s no one who’s going to remain here too much longer than anyone else in the grand scheme of things. **HIS** attention to **HIS** garden is constant. **HE** gets down on **HIS** knees to care for us. **HE** holds every leaf we unfurl with utmost, tender care.

But **HE** can rip you out of the ground you're so comfortably planted in at any moment and expose your roots.

**HE** can transplant you to a foreign soil. Your life is no more than a burning bush that has learned to speak for itself. Your ability to communicate with **HIM** lies in your hands, as much as **HIS**. You're only as free as you allow yourself to be. Freedom, liberty and emancipation need to be earned. If you don't do the work, it won't get done. Don't kid yourself. You may be more like a potted plant than a caged bird. <sup>26</sup>

*“Take your pleasures now:  
you are, surely, destined for the fire.”*  
[14:30]

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Burn today like an eternal bush with the goal of purification in becoming better than you were before. Burn with the knowledge of being like a holy tree. Burn with a passion for learning about the most fascinating person in your world. For *“you are, surely, destined for the fire.”*

There are gay men and women out there who've learned from Torah that we *all* ought to be diligent in changing **GOD's** opinion of us. Many are working overtime to purify themselves in personal ways since they aren't going to change their gender, sexual identity, the color of their skin or their religious tradition to please anyone. **GOD** may have once thought it was an abomination to be gay. But that was then under those circumstances, and this is now under very different circumstances. Our interpretations grow as we grow. <sup>27</sup>

If **GOD's** opinion changed enough over time to introduce other faiths, **HIS** opinions have obviously evolved enough to set aside some of the laws **HE** set down about 3,400 years ago, **HE** set down 2,020 years ago and *He set down* 1,442 years ago. If we can all agree that slavery must be avoided at all cost, then the laws of Torah on how to treat slaves become meaningless sociologically. Now they can only be taken psychologically and applied figuratively to ourselves. And since **HIS** opinions have been interpreted over time, obviously *our* opinions of ourselves should be open to interpretation, too.

*“Take your pleasures now: you are, surely, destined for the fire.”* [Quran 14:30] But the fire doesn't need to come after life. You could learn about the seven attributes of the flame and experience them consciously in your lifetime rather than wait for a “hellish” punishment when you're all through. There's no reason not to take your pleasures now.

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<sup>26</sup> In other words, your feels of being victimized by your circumstances should motivate you to work differently. Use spirituality to grow. Don't avoid it. Spirituality is the secret to success. Just because you don't like hypocrites doesn't mean that you're not one.

<sup>27</sup> Leviticus 11:9-12, 18:22, 20:13

But there's also no reason not to do your best *not* to over-indulge in pleasure, either. Surely, from your experiences in growing up with a religious or spiritual education, you learned deeper meanings to the word "burn."

Listen to yourself think and carefully weigh what you hear yourself say. Put your faith in you. You can answer your own questions if you can use the language that you're learning that mirrors your mother-tongue: intuition.

The problem with listening to your thoughts can be summarized in a few words:

1. You may get distracted by other thoughts that take you in a different direction.
2. You may find your thoughts slowing down as you search for words to describe what you're trying to tell yourself.
3. You may find your thoughts moving so quickly that they transfigure into abstract patterns that may also be meaningful to you even though they're not expressed in words.
4. You may be fluently replying to every question you ask yourself, but not consciously aware of what you're really telling yourself.

The more you play with the challenges to each of these outcomes, the more intimately you may come to feel united from within. The more you entertain the possibility that you're often lying to yourself, the more you'll strive to be more honest {head}, sincere {heart} and authentic {soul} with yourself. From this, you'll derive the achievement of becoming genuine overall, a quality revered by people in the know. From this, you'll be able to speak more frankly to others about what's really on your mind.

Guilt is a wonderful way to enter the spiritual process because guilt can express itself as a thought, feeling, belief or even as a desire. The guilt of embarrassment of your body, shame at your behavior toward yourself or humiliation of your relationship with you before **GOD** has the potential of leading you to greater modesty, humility and grace.<sup>28</sup>

When you find yourself in an uncomfortable, guilt ridden place inside, and your eyes start to literally wander around the room you're in, or close in a desire to go to sleep – stop and imagine you're looking yourself in the eyes. You may be amazed at how reassuring it can be to imagine gazing into your own eyes. It's both a real and imaginary activity that can temporarily relieve guilt and confusion.

Once you realize you've never looked into your own eyes without the assistance of a mirror, you'll come to realize how you were spiritually created to yearn for you. You're a mystery you can't easily admit to. If you live your life authentically, you'll discover who you are and what you look like from within. The Catch-22 is that you can't see into yourself if you don't look at how you respond to people you perceive as vastly different from you.

Paranoia in public is a projection of your discomfort with yourself. The more you can bring this idea to consciousness when you're feeling uncomfortable with others, the more you'll be able to reach the source of your fears.

As you make your way down this dark and mysterious road of self-discovery, you may find that guilt isn't nearly as common a spiritual reaction as anger and frustration. When

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28 A sense of emptiness, onliness and vacuousness will envelop you if you aren't in touch with your embarrassment of your body, shame of your character and humiliation before the Lord. If you feel in any of these ways, know that you're in denial.

the forces within you start to scratch and bite at one another, you'll discover why peace on Earth is so hard for us to attain. It's not the fault of the Jews that there's no peace in the Middle East. Peace on Earth is everyone's fault because everyone's guilty of waging wars within that we then turn around and blame on others. Your struggle doesn't need to be realized as an exodus, magnified into a crusade or blown up into a jihad. Your struggle lies in all three.

When you looked at yourself for the first time when you were a child (with real interest and curiosity), you didn't see a tree. You didn't see a lumpy loaf of bread or a bottle filled with wine. You saw only the most superficial exterior aspect of you: your skin, hair, nails and teeth. And you've been wrestling with that stranger (just as Jacob wrestled with a stranger) all your life. You have your own unique limp (just as Jacob came away from his fight with that stranger with a limp). In psychological terminology, a limp is a neurosis.<sup>29</sup>

Don't live like a tree that's afraid of fire. Don't be a bump on a log that never has a care in the world. Don't behave like a faggot {a branch from a tree } that's bundled up with other faggots that leaves you without a sense of where you came from. If you do, every time you go out on a limb, you'll experience anxiety. Be an individual.

Don't deny the existence of the forces within you, and you'll find a way to make peace with yourself. Guilt will teach you to love yourself more dearly. Loving the one you're with will teach you to be more devoted to the other ONE you're with: **GOD**.

Remember that Hebrew and Arabic have no capital letters. The CHRISTIANS reacted to the GOD of the Jews by figuratively capitalizing on GOD to differentiate HIM from HIM. They tried to sell their followers on the idea that their CHRISTIAN GOD {Jesus} was greater than our Jewish GOD {Adonai}. And now the *Muslims* are trying to convince themselves that their *Muslims God* is greater than our Judeo-Christian **GOD**. Grow up little boys! Women and gay men can see right through you!

Defiance is human, not JEWISH, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim*. The three of them refuse to make peace with one another because they don't have the psychological tools yet in place to do so. They're all like Jacob before his limp. They know something about **GOD**, but they don't know what they don't know. And they're not interested in finding out.

Because of the unconscious influence the Abrahamic faiths have had on one another, MODERN man finds himself in the dilemma of either having to choose between three gods or uniting them into ONE. My book has, from the outset, expressed this religious dilemma

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<sup>29</sup> Until Jacob decided to reconcile with his brother Esau for having stolen Esau's inheritance, Jacob blamed Esau without reason. Jacob was consumed all his life with external desires and how to get his way whenever possible. It was through the negotiation of coming to terms with Esau that GOD brought a stranger into Jacob's life to help him wrestle externally with what he'd done to himself. It was only in losing that external struggle and having to limp before Esau the next day that we, the reader, are given insight into the interpretation of Jacob's limp as a symbol of neurotic, life-long behaviors that ultimately lowered Jacob's esteem of himself in his own eyes. Torah without psychology is more destructive than the Gospels without Jesus or the Quran without the Prophet Muhammad.

as the trouble all men have with GOD/GOD/*God*, a question that can only be answered using the  $x^2$  factor as the overlapping mystery between man, woman and **GOD**. I've also described this spiritual dilemma as the penis problems and clitoris conflicts we all suffer. And I've described it algebraically in the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} A + B + C &= x^2 \text{ }^{30} \\ x^1 + x^2 &= 1 \\ x^2 + y &= 1 \\ \text{Solve for } x^1, x^2 \text{ and } y \text{ }^{31} \end{aligned}$$

I've accommodated my Christian brothers by calling Jesus **GOD**, thereby explaining the split between Judaism and Christianity in linguistic terms Christians can appreciate. And I've tactfully described the difference between *Muslim* dogma and Muslim inspiration by differentiating **GOD** from *God*. *Allah* is the name of the Holy Spirit. When you struggle with *Him*, you struggle with **GOD**.

Two thousand years ago, the messianic gift of moving **GOD**'s design out of our head and into our heart sent the Western world reeling into spiritual confusion and uncertainty about the meaning of life. And that quandary was only exacerbated when the Prophet added *God*'s last name {*Allah*} to HIS first name {Y.H.V.H.} and HIS middle name {Jesus}.

The modern name for GOD/GOD/*God* that I've given you {**G.O.D.**} is a combination of the unconscious fear of those in all three of the Abrahamic faiths that GOD/GOD/*God* doesn't love them or understand them well enough. You don't need to convert to an institution that prays to HIS/HIS/*His* first, middle or last name to know that much.

You ought to include everyone's contributions in life in with your own. You and your faith of birth or ancestry weren't created in a spiritual vacuum. To see that much only requires a modicum of vision. A fantasy or a dream isn't going to help you if you don't have a vision of a better world than the one that we're forced to live in now.

The spiritual frame around the tenuous picture you hold of the meaning of life is called **GOD**. As your picture of yourself grows, your new frame will magically accommodate your larger picture. But if you insist that your image was only made by GOD/GOD/*God*, watch as your picture gets distorted, torn, frayed or faded. Watch what happens when your picture becomes larger than your religious frame. Then you'll see what happens when people you thought were like you turn into vindictive, mad men and even into killers.

The emotional turmoil the Abrahamic faiths are having today is caused by modern man's struggle with his violent past in accommodating a future filled with peace. Today's JEWS are going to want to give up their insistence on a monopoly on **GOD**. Today's CHRISTIANS are going to want to throw out their nonsense about taking Torah

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<sup>30</sup> A = Sarai, B = Hagar, C = Sarah

<sup>31</sup>  $x^1$  = vagina;  $y$  = penis;  $x^2$  = anus: commonality between all people

scientifically. And today's *Muslims* are going to want to give up their claim of world domination and accept Israel as **GOD's** gift to the Jews.

*God* gave the Muslims many gifts. Israel isn't one of them. **GOD** gave the Christians many gifts but using Torah as a scientific blueprint of **HIS** designs is utterly absurd. **GOD** gave the Jews many gifts, and Jesus happened to be one of them, whether they want that gift or choose not to accept it.

The frustration you may be having being you in a world full of people who aren't at all like you is a part of a frustration we're all suffering from; a spiritual dilemma that can only be solved from within each one of us individually. There's no one *sociological* solution to the *psychological* problem of believing in **GOD**.

The ancient Jews were the first to have been contacted by **GOD**. This differentiated them from all the previous gods the ancient believers prayed and sacrificed to. Some **CHRISTIANS** stole that **GOD** away from the Jews, but still use Torah as a tool to justify their faith, not as the source of wisdom of the head it was meant to be. When you combine Tanach with the Gospels, you achieve adequate moral insight into yourself to appreciate the Quran.

Stealing knowledge is unwise, hateful and disloyal. Haven't you seen enough examples of thefts to have learned that much from the world around you? Now apply that knowledge to yourself. Walk fearlessly within and cautiously without.

The *Muslims* are well on their way to a worse living "hell" if they continue to proclaim their loyalties to every *imam* or *cleric* who proudly waves his kindergarten diploma from the school of life in the faces of his followers. The only Israel they're ever going to get is an inner Israel. And the sooner all Muslims start to work and pray together with Jews and Christians, the sooner each of them will discover his unique mission in life.

It's time for little boys and girls to face front and get back to their studies. They're never going to achieve their goal of going to college if they don't pass their eighth grade, summary exam before entering high school. These early adolescent antics have got to stop.

You'll desensitize yourself from people who don't appreciate your contribution to this world if you don't force yourself to engage with people in new ways. There are no coincidences in the way things turn out. **GOD** has brought others into your life to engage with them, not to disassociate from them through entertaining distractions that only bring more amusements to your existence. Start talking to people you wouldn't have thought have anything to offer you. And instead of confirming you were right all along, listen, instead, for something they have that you don't. You'll be amazed at what that'll be.

You can extend your 15 minutes of fame with a lifetime of self-service if you continuously replace the frame around your life with a bigger frame you'll always be able to grow into.<sup>32</sup> If you strive to develop the humility to see yourself as a candle in the dark; a lodestar in your own inner night sky; and an integral part of a Milky Way of an expanding spirituality that's guiding humanity to a wonderful finish – you'll witness the seed in your

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<sup>32</sup> "'15 minutes of fame' is short-lived media publicity or celebrity of an individual or phenomenon. The expression is credited to Andy Warhol (gay), who said, 'In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes.' (1968)" [Wikipedia]

fruit break out of its shell. You'll see meaning unfold for you, and for a lot more than just 15 minutes...

*"If you reckoned up God's favors,  
you could not count them.  
Truly, man is wicked and thankless."  
[14:35]*

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you could not count them.  
Truly, man is wicked and thankless."

The reason why a man can't count **GOD**'s favors is because he doesn't know where to begin. If you begin in your penis or clitoris, you'll find yourself with countless desires and cravings, each opening you up to new questions about who you'd be if those urges and impulses were satisfied in morally astute ways. This is the home of all questioning. This is the place where your passion to gain control over you resides. This was why it was so easy for the serpent to tempt Eve. She had a good feeling that it knew something she did not.

When you pray to **GOD** to give you something you want, it's your penis that's motivated your heart to make the call, and your head that's doing the talking for the two of them. But the more you want what you want, the more the delivery system of your desires {penis or clitoris} is going to dominate the conversation, leaving your head, heart and soul out of the discussion.<sup>33</sup>

I'm not saying you shouldn't ask **GOD** for outcomes you want. I'm just pointing out how nude, naked and transparent you are to **HIM**. The more realistic you are about how well you can communicate with **GOD**, the more you'll be able to humble yourself before **HIM**. The more you'll be able to ask for incremental improvements to your operating system, which will, in turn, improve your ability to do more than just pray for what you want in the external world.

To my mind, the Q IN L.G.B.T+ stands for questioning, as well as queer. What differentiates us from other people is our constant questioning of our desires. What you want to make *of* yourself is very different from what you want *for* yourself.

Like everyone, gays and lesbians had to discover that not all questions could be answered with experience alone. Many of our questions need to be answered with our imagination in conjunction with experience. But because we in the L.G.B.T+ community investigate life with questions that originate below our belt where our desires reside, we're often more creative and curious than those who become inhibited by a hyper-religious tradition that advocates strict control of gender, familial and religious roles.

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<sup>33</sup> You're never going to be able to literally see these thoughts emanate out of parts of your body. If you do, seek psychiatric help. But, over time, your mind is going to be able to discern the different kinds of sentences you construct. In reviewing these sentences, you'll be able to determine where they figuratively came from within you.

This is another reason why we've always been detested by the extremists in the Abrahamic faiths. They're afraid our questions will prove that **GOD**, **GOD** or *God* doesn't exist. It never occurred to them to question whether we have the power to prove that **GOD** does exist!

It's hard to use your head to be thankful at all times to those around you. It's hard to use your heart to always appreciate yourself. And it's especially hard to come from your soul to express your gratitude to **GOD** every minute of the day. You've got to get over being uptight with others and start looking at how uptight you are when you're all by yourself with you as your witness and **GOD** as your only other **WITNESS**.

If you have a sincere desire to improve your relationship with you, I recommend you begin with your penis or clitoris. I don't mean you should have more sex. I mean you should question your desires. I also don't mean that you should question whether you should desire what you desire. By that, I mean you should question what urges your desires are trying to satisfy.

One of the urges I always wanted to satisfy was the feeling that people wouldn't hit me if I said something they didn't approve of. My father and mother hit me for doing and saying things they didn't approve of. Serving others to avoid their disapproval started to get old by the time I reached my mid-60s...

Man may be less wicked than he ever was, but he's still far from a pleasure to be around for lengthy periods of time. (And that includes you being with you, and me being with me.) He desperately needs all three of the Abrahamic faiths and the three **philosophies** of the Far East (in addition to indigenism) to remind him to question why he's here; why he wants what he wants; and how satisfaction could bring him closer to an understanding of **GOD's** designs. He's not nearly soulful enough, and he compensates for not getting what he wants by becoming a yenta instead.<sup>34</sup>

*“Abraham said,  
‘You make this a secure land.  
Preserve me and my descendants from serving idols.  
Lord,  
many have they led astray.  
He that follows me shall become my brother,  
but if anyone turns against me,*

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<sup>34</sup> Yenta: Yiddish: busybody, gossip, meddler, complainer. A yenta is someone who uses her conscience as other people's guide. A yenta is also known as a matchmaker, someone who brings people together because they're too young and inexperienced to find a mate on their own. Traditionally, yentas were women, but in this day-and-age, it's so easy to see the yenta tendency in men, too. I was quite the yenta until I vowed to use my conscience only as my guide. Don't tell me that there are Christian and Muslim yentas!... Next, you'll be telling me there are **Hindu** and **Buddhist** yentas, too. Say it ain't so!...

*You are, surely, forgiving and merciful.”*  
[14:36]

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YOU are, surely, forgiving and merciful.’”

It was wise of Abraham not to have said, “If anyone turns against me, *I* will, surely, be forgiving and merciful.” It was wise of him to depend on GOD for forgiveness and mercy for, surely, Abraham knew only a circumscribed amount about matters of his own emotions, as we saw from his behavior toward his wife {Sarah}, mistress {Hagar} and children {Ishmael and Isaac}. He was thoughtful. He was clever. He was socially adept with people outside his home and those he invited into his home. From that we can deduce he was devoted to progress. But he wasn’t a loving man in the modern sense of the WORD.

It was wise of Abraham to say to GOD “*YOU are, surely, forgiving and merciful.*” But it’s certain he didn’t realize the depth of the WORD “YOU.” It was loving of Jesus to say to GOD, “FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.” [Luke 23:34] As you read more of the Quran, you’ll discover the depth of the devotion the Prophet held for *God*, and how intimately he was apprised of **HIS** designs from yet a third, inner point of view. But only modern man can understand the big picture from a contemporary perspective.

You can’t act wisely or devotedly if your heart isn’t in it. Think of wisdom as your north pole and devotion as your south pole, with your feelings at your equator. Most people have a flat-Earth view of themselves because they aren’t willing to look at their feelings for themselves for deeper elucidation of the answers they’re seeking. Their view of life is like a map of the globe with the land masses stretched out of proportion at the north and south edges. Your wisdom and devotion may have been stretched way out of proportion because of a flat-Earth point of view. You only need to look at your equator to understand what happened to you.

You can only be as forgiving and merciful as you can be at this time in your emotional development. The importance of your feelings isn’t in question. We know you have the capacity to love you. What’s in question is whether you know it. We know **GOD** knows it. And I’m sure by now you know that I know it.

You can’t behave forgivingly and mercifully toward yourself if you’re frustrated with the way things are turning out around you. (You can only compensate for your frustrations with yourself with self-indulgences.) Blaming your frustrations on gays and Jews isn’t the right answer. Drugs aren’t the right answer. Not even dedicating your life to making money is the right answer. You’ve got to look at the forces within you, the  $x^2$  factor in particular

– the anal issue that’s keeping you from getting your desires satisfied materially as well as spiritually. x<sup>2</sup> is the hole inside that everyone’s got to account for.

Muslims have been praying to *God* for 70 years to help them destroy the State of Israel. {But the State of Israel also represents an aspect of your state of being.} Their prayers haven’t been answered, but they continue to look for ways to figuratively extend their penis further to get their desires in *God*’s face. Meanwhile, they curse gay men for our sexual behaviors. Is there anything that might be askew in that picture?...

People are figuratively sticking their penis in one another’s faces (and **GOD**’s), while denouncing our gay sexual behavior. That’s rich! Decide for yourself where and when you ought to apply the word “abominable.” Don’t tell me that I’m abominable because of how I love.

I’ve never minded a penis in my face if there were no strings attached to it. But when I got the feeling that my sexual partner wanted something unstated from me separate from a good time, I always got resistant. My heart shriveled up. Does it look like JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are doing a good job of convincing GOD/GOD/*God* that what they want is for a righteous cause? Matters of the heart ought to be taken to heart. Hypocrites, all of them!

As the spiritual descendants of Abraham’s first, two, traumatized children {Ishmael and Isaac}, today’s Muslims, Christians and Jews are severely, spiritually compromised by today’s *Muslims*, CHRISTIANS and JEWS. And it’s got to stop.

It was wise, loving and devoted of Abraham to have said, “*YOU are, surely, forgiving and merciful.*” Many people say things that are truer than true. But how will you know that about yourself if you don’t take more time to explore you?

*“Praise be to God  
who has given me Ishmael and Isaac in my old age!  
All prayers are heard by Him.”  
[14:40]*

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who has given me Ishmael and Isaac in my old age!  
all prayers are heard by HIM.”**

Leave it to a father {Abram} who was spiritually young and inexperienced when he made babies (even though he was 86 when Ishmael was born and 100 when Isaac was born). Abram figuratively slapped his sons around one minute and thanked GOD for them the next. As the father of your own inner child, you’re going to need to ask yourself if it wouldn’t be better to shame yourself for not being better to you today than you were yesterday rather than shame those closest to you for not living up to your twisted expectations.

Surely, **GOD** is far less concerned about you holding the virginity of your anus more sacred than he is in you learning about how **HE** made you in **HIS** complete, spiritual image. If you only want to return to **HIM** and proudly say you're still a virgin in your butt, you'll remain a sphincter of an unusually large circumference in the emotional and spiritual sense of the word... Better to have loved yourself and lost your virginity than not to have loved you at all.<sup>35</sup>

*“Never think that God is unaware of the wrongdoers’ actions.  
He only gives them respite till the day on which all eyes will stare with consternation.  
They shall rush in terror with heads uplifted and hearts utterly vacant.  
They shall stare but see nothing.”*  
[14:42-43]

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Marriage equality is the law of the land in the U.S. Abortion is legal. Islam is protected in this country because freedom of faith is guaranteed by the Constitution. But you can already see zealous **CHRISTIANS** running around in fear of the future with their heads uplifted and hearts utterly vacant at the fear of losing their precious guns. We stare at them with consternation at the folly of their ways. Their penis and clitoris problems overwhelm their hearts and minds. And then they behave like rectums regardless of their anal virginity. Jesus isn't willing to cover their ass.

The Catholic Church is still worried about divorce in a day-and-age when people couldn't be more divorced from themselves. A relationship between two people is easy to create. A baby is just as easy to make. But the diaspora men and women suffer individually within themselves isn't talked about. It's man's divorce from himself that takes the greatest toll over time, not distancing himself from an unhappy marriage.

Falling in love with someone is a separation from yourself that eventually brings you back to you with a whole new view of you. Finding unity within through a relationship with another person is historically equivalent to the story of the ancient Jews who came back from the Babylonian Exile with the Prophet Ezra in 539 B.C.E. They discovered that **GOD** was everywhere and in everyone only after they thought they'd been taken away from **HIM** to Babylonia.

The ancient Jews were dragged away in chains from their land by the Babylonians. They suffered from sociological, separation anxiety for more than 100 years as slaves for

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<sup>35</sup> “‘Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.’ Quote from the poem ‘In Memoriam A.H.H.’ by the British poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson completed in 1849. It is a requiem for the poet's beloved Cambridge friend Arthur Henry Hallam, who died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage in Vienna in 1833.” [Wikipedia]

the second time in their, then, brief history of a 1,000 years. But when the ancient Persians who conquered the Babylonians freed the Jews, and the Jews got the opportunity to return to Israel, only about one quarter of them did. Love of your land, like love of another person, can end with various outcomes. But grounding yourself is imperative at all times.

Ezra and the returning ancient Israelis rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem and resumed their animal sacrifices for more than 500 years until the coming of Jesus Christ. In the same way that they continued to project their guilt onto the animal kingdom, you've probably seen people in your own world separate and divorce – and still carry on the same unhealthy practices they performed before.

When the Jews returned to Israel in 1948 after a 2,000-year separation from the land, they brought greater awareness of GOD's design than they had when they returned in 539 B.C.E. under Ezra. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Jews had learned the meaning of departure, disconnection, division, estrangement, parting, rift and separation. Only a small percentage of those Jews who could no longer hold the idea of Israel in their heart divorced themselves entirely from our faith.

Divorce is a 20<sup>th</sup> Century practice that the Catholic Church still opposes in marriages between men and women. The Jews know about divorce through the estrangement we have with the JEWS in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, modern era. Our estrangement from one another won't be rectified until we can come to the spiritual table to discuss our differences. But today's Jews won't be able to carry on a meaningful conversation with today's JEWS so long as gay-Jews can't be included in the discussion.

Everyone is, at times, divorced from himself in the figurative sense. And everyone should want to learn how to remarry someone who's disappointed him greatly: himself. This makes our relationship with ourselves at times rock solid, fluid or diaphanous. This makes the I/thou relationship something we can observe in peoples, individuals and in the natural world. But this makes the I/THOU relationship something we can only observe from within. Therefore, don't tell me how to pray or how to make love. I already know how.

Marriage is a universal concept, not just a ritual performed by straight people. Marriage makes Israel a universal concept, not just an individual experience with GOD/GOD/*God*. And this makes Judaism, Christianity and Islam aspects of universal concepts that must be spiritually united if we're going to find any use for religion to a modern world going forward. The marriage of faith in yourself is the greatest unification concept in the universe. But that can't happen so long as people are fighting in and around Israel over control of an inner grounding they've projected onto the Jewish state.

There are many forms of onliness. Divorce is only the outcome of one of them. The greatest cause of onliness is the loneliness that comes with deep, emptiness and loss. But those who are filling themselves with the Lord are learning how to marry themselves. They're learning to like themselves a little more day by day. They're in an arranged marriage that they're making the best of. This is a concept that's even more modern than the notion of romantic love between members of the same gender.

Your feelings for you are going to change as dramatically as your feelings for anyone else over time. If you haven't learned how to swim through the waters within, you're surely going to drown in relationships with others; or, as we find in mental institutions, you're going to drown in your relationship with yourself.

I was twice involuntarily committed to mental institutions because I literally tried to divorce myself from me. Although it wasn't stated at the time as such, the insane asylums

I was locked in were places where they were trying to help me reconcile a terribly bad relationship that I had with a stranger I didn't want to be with. But they didn't have the spiritual insight to know what would have helped me heal. Drug therapy shouldn't have been the only answer. A pill won't create a happy marriage with yourself.

Reconciliation with you after you've come to the conclusion that you honestly and deeply hate yourself is quite a mental, emotional and spiritual challenge. Spending your life with your worst enemy feels like a curse. Mental illness is a life sentence in a prison cell with the most despicable and dangerous inmate you can possibly imagine.

Physical blindness as a spiritual condition that begins with acknowledging that you'll never be able to look directly into your own eyes. That's something your eyes can't do without external tools because of the way you were made. But you can earn spiritual eyesight with insight, whether, or not, you were gifted with 20/20 vision. Seeing myself was something that I learned to do with **GOD's** help. I just needed to imagine **HIS** perspective to look down on where I was coming from.

If you think you can simple open your eyes in the morning and see where you're going to go morally that day, you're assuming a depth perception as great as **GOD's**. You're assuming you can see what's going to happen in the next moment physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. Unless you admit you're blind to the next second in time, you won't be able to admit that your head, heart and soul can only perceive eternity through a seemingly unending series of nows.

To add injury to insult the concept of now changes over time. "Now" means instantly when you're in grave danger. It's like the period at the end of a sentence. But "now" grows from a point to a circle when you speak about the things you're *now* doing in your life.

In truth, every word in your vocabulary has been given to you by **GOD** to help you learn to perceive **HIS** designs in how **HE** created you. Those who are wise see that. Those who are loving feel that. And those who are devoted believe it down to the marrow in their bones.

Cheating others out of a good life or out of a good reputation is a form of revenge you won't be able to see until you can see how resentful the child in you still feels towards your inner parent. Stop struggling with what your parents did to you. It's over. Make peace with *now*. Stop struggling with what your inner parent has been doing to your inner child. That's over, too. You can swap out your inner parent for an inner adult. That's all it takes for your inner child to grow up with unconditional love.

*"They plot,  
but their plots are known to God,  
even if their plots could move mountains."  
[14:49]*

*"They plot,  
but their plots are known to **GOD**,  
even if their plots could move mountains."*

Plots, schemes and conspiracies are crowbars of varying sizes you use to try to move mountains. Plots are nothing more than methods you use to spread dirt about other people to justify what you want. You won't get any closer to the wisdom of the mountain approaching Muhammad in this way.<sup>36</sup>

There are the kinds of mountains you climb, and then that are the mountains of dirt {gossip} we all push around for practice to give us a sense of the power **GOD** has in making the mountains everybody can see. When you look down from the top of a pile of dirt, {vicious gossip} you've collected, you should already be able to perceive the futility of your intentions in spreading it around. You should see how dishonestly men with insincere feelings hold disingenuous beliefs to achieve selfish ends. You should see the devil in the flesh. You should see a nest of snakes. You should see yourself as **GOD** sees you.

Fortunately, we all resent hypocrisy even more than we love righteousness. Good news may inspire us to renew our faith in ourselves. But seeing people get their just desserts makes us gloatful. And that's good sometimes, too. Some prefer to push from behind {inspiration}. Others prefer to pull from ahead {gossip}. Both methods have their merits and various outcomes. Man works in mysterious ways.

Men who behave selfishly will try to move any mountain that gets in their way. They're not interested in honesty. They use insincerity as a tractor to move dirt around. And they pave it all over with false pride. Sadly, many naïve people would rather believe liars than face the truth about the truth. They'd rather live in denial of their misogyny, racism and homophobia than face their feelings about themselves. They'd rather blame any earthworm, flatworm or roundworm they come across than blame the snake {penis} that knew their mother or the worm {clitoris} that knew their father.

And yet all men know they've got a penis with a figurative bend in it. None of us are all that straight a shooter. We rise to most occasions without causing ourselves unpleasant sensations, discomfort or pain. We thrust ourselves into some experiences in the wrong way. But when we feel **GOD** has stepped on us, we behave like a snake with a limp, flopping about with a kink in us as we try to slither uselessly about. From **GOD's** perspective, we must be painfully comical to behold.

Abraham was a simple man who rose every morning and greeted **GOD** with the **WORD** "HINENI" {here am I, present before **YOU**}. He knew enough about the world around him to do well financially. But he didn't know much about the world within himself. He did the best he could, given the paucity of the moral soil he'd been planted in. And still he managed to leave a legacy for modern man to emulate.

At his grave, his sons, Ishmael and Isaac, sat silently. They didn't share the stories they'd heard of how their father had bargained with **GOD** to save the people of Sodom. They didn't talk about what happened to their great uncle Lot or how their mothers had suffered at their father's hands. They sat there silent, unable to talk to one another about how they felt about their upbringing.

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<sup>36</sup> "The full phrase is 'If the mountain won't come to Muhammad, then Muhammad must go to the mountain.' He went up Mt. Hera where supposedly the Archangel Gabriel spoke to him." I've heard the phrase expressed in the opposite. "If Muhammad won't go to the mountain {external reality}, then the mountain {external reality} must come to Muhammad." [Wikipedia]

The time has come to talk about our forefather, Abraham, and how his sons must have felt about him. It's time to look at who we are if we're going to work together at who we're going to become in the future.

Just imagine what you could do to add to our heritage if you wanted to cooperate with yourself more than conspire against some others. You could conquer your own world. You could graduate this school with honors. You could face **GOD**.

## Surah 15

سورة الحجر

### Al-Hijr

*Al-Hijr* translates from Arabic as “*the stoneland*.” When I think of a place made only of stones, I think of the moon. The moon is the crescent in the Crescent and Star, which are the symbols of Islam. But these symbols don’t, in fact, represent Islam. The Crescent and Star predate Islam by more than 1,000 years. The crescent represents the moon god {*Ay Ata*}, and the star represents the sun goddess {*Gun Ana*}. Coins of the Turkic Khaganate found in the various excavations in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan from 576-600 B.C.E. prove that Turkic peoples were using the crescent and star long before Islam as their symbol.

My point in bringing up the moon with stoneland is inspired, not factual. When you personalize and internalize the universe around us for elucidation of how **GOD** made us in **HIS** image, I see the moon as like the mind of modern man, a stony place surrounded by a vacuum; a place where change occurs only because of debris that crashes into it. Man’s mind is like the moon circling 238,900 miles from what really counts.

The heart of modern man is like the sun; it lies 93,000,000 miles away from his mind, a distant ball of fire glowing in a black vacuum he yearns to understand and explore from a safe distance.

The moon-like the mind of man revolves around his soul, which is like the Earth. And the two of them revolve around his heart, which is like the sun. Man’s mind {moon} and soul {Earth} fall through inner space. They’re both trapped in their attraction to his star-like heart {sun}. This is the poetic essence of man’s relationship to the forces within him when you take the most important “heavenly” bodies personally.

**GOD** gave us these “heavenly” relationships to explore through science as a spiritual clue to what’s going on inside each one of us. The more astronomers discover about the universe around us, the more the spiritualist will be able to adapt the material facts about the external world to our world within. The spiritualist will eventually discover that love is the ultimate attraction that keeps us united within, without and throughout.

**GOD** doesn’t create anything in outer space without considering man’s potential for a poetic relationship to it so he can then discern and elucidate what’s going on in his inner space. Our two worlds will always have the potential to be further united through metaphors, symbols and simile. By applying scientific knowledge to religion in these ways, we can explore the spiritual intention of **GOD**’s designs for an increasingly modern view of both our worlds without reverting to superstition, dogma or banality.

Thoughts	Mind	Moon
Feelings	Heart	Sun
Beliefs	Soul	Earth

To examine the above metaphor of the mind as the moon, I’m now going to present you with a short story from my second book, [The Wisdom of Self-Love: Life is a School](#).

I Am My Major. Once you have this personal interpretation of Al-Hijr {The Stone Land}, the 15<sup>th</sup> surah of the Quran may make more sense in a contemporary context:

I had a terrible nightmare. It was painful, and yet somehow sobering. I dreamed I woke up suddenly and found myself hovering in midair in front of a scorched, rock wall devoid of life. And as I floated in front of it, I intuitively knew it was a mirror of my psyche; it was built with thoughts of fear that were as big as boulders; thoughts of pain as big as rocks; thoughts of dread the size of stones and myriad pebbles of ideas about suffering. I was standing before a Wailing Wall of negative thoughts piled high one upon the other.

There was no feeling coming back to me from this wall. It was like the wall I'd faced when I woke up in my car alive at the bottom of that cliff. It was my world without sympathy or empathy for me. It was my world illuminated with light that came from a million miles away. It was the world of my mind as it really was.

The scorched wall was made up of all the stones the bullies in my life had thrown at me. I couldn't see past that wall of rock before me to the joyful memory of good people, places and things. There I was, as I was, staring at that part of me that was always hard, cold and seemingly insurmountable. And I was terrified at the thought of going around it.

But as I looked away from those seared, parched rocks, out into the blackness of the space surrounding them, I felt an emptiness within that was immense. And in that emptiness, I couldn't stand myself. At the core of my being, I felt like scorched earth; land without promise; a place that fostered no life; dust turning inexorably to dust in a vast void.

But when I was able to acclimate to this inner environment and accept my destructive thoughts with a modicum of curiosity, I magically found myself floating up and back away from the wall. And then I saw that the wall was really a cliff that continued around in a complete circle, creating the perimeter of a crater.

Curiosity continued to propel me above the place where I'd been hovering, and I saw myself floating above the center of an empty hole, an explosion in the terrain of my reality. The wall was actually all around me, and I suddenly thought I'd fall down into it and never come out alive. The only evidence of my existence in that moment was that huge hole of devastation surrounded by a vacuum.

I clung to my sanity with no more than survival instinct, through contemplations of annihilation that felt like they'd rip my mind apart. But hope for a better future, like a solar wind, propelled me in a new direction. I found myself moving through inner space thanks to that momentary, positive attitude.

I slowly rose up and out of the crater. And from a new vantage point I saw I'd been in one crater, but that there were thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of craters around me, all shimmering in an eerie twilight. And although I was lost and confused by my nightmare, I knew I was on an important adventure in coming to know myself by moving conscientiously through it.

The craters were the consequence of every negative thought I'd ever had. I was looking at my psychic terrain, and it was pot-holed with the meteoric effects of points of view that had scarred me for life. And they were shimmering in the light of the sun that reflected off them.

When I remembered that all I had was my love of adventure, I saw myself rise even higher into the inky, black space in my imagination, an abyss of darkness I could see was filled with myriad, tiny points of light. And then I realized I was hovering above a horizon down onto what looked like the surface of the moon. And I thought I was a fool for taking so long to realize where I was.

When I thought about where I was in relation to where I'd come from, a meteor-like rock flew through inner space and crashed on the surface of my mind, producing a silent explosion and another crater. And I realized then that my own negative thinking was the gravity drawing the meteors down to the surface, causing them to crash, wound and scar me.

I realized how barren and exposed I was to my own thinking. I could see that my mind was the moon of my being, a brittle, barren surface that reflected the light of my heart.

Although I couldn't quite believe I could damage myself so badly, I was propelled by this inner truth in another new direction, and I saw the good Earth an immense distance away. And then I felt for the first time how important that blue-green ball of life was to me. There on Earth was where I was born and where I belong. I believe that still.

My mind might be a psychic terrain that looks like a barren moon, an inner world that bears the scars of a lifetime of pain and suffering, revolving silently in a cold, harsh vacuum. But my mind revolves around a greater world that's bathed in the sunshine of warmth and light an immense distance away. When I saw the Earth shining in the night sky hundreds of thousands of miles away, I shed a tear for it.

As the result of sorrow for myself, my body was propelled away from both moon and Earth, further into the darkness of inner space to a place where I could see both celestial bodies within me, with the sun shining on them both. And I then knew that the sun is the source of all my spiritual nourishment. Love is a huge part of the answer.

And with a new, found joy I set out to explore the mysteries and vastness of the celestial bodies in my inner universe.

But there are galaxies within I want to reach; other stars I want to know to appreciate their light from other points of view.

My soul identifies with the Earth, this blue planet in a black sea revolving around a small, yellow sun. I can't survive without the sun's constant illumination and warmth. But my mind rotates whether it's day or night, facing my heart in monthly cycles. Twelve times each year my mind circles my soul as my soul makes its way around my heart.

The universe around me mirrors the universe within. It's no coincidence I live on the third planet from this sun, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension. My soul is a fragile "heavenly" body vibrating, rotating and revolving with a set pattern in a sea of inner blackness as millions of twinkling eyes watch on.

*"The day will, surely, come  
when those who disbelieve  
will wish that they were Muslims.*

*Let them feast and make merry;  
and let their hopes beguile them.  
They shall learn.”*  
[15:2-4]

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GOD began with Judaism because HE knew HE had to teach humanity to be thankful to one another, whether, or not, they became aware of HIM. {The word יהודי “Jew” in Hebrew means “thankful.”} Thanks begins with our parents and spreads out from there to our siblings before we can spread it to others and eventually turn it around to give thanks to ourselves.

GOD continued by creating Christianity because HE wanted us to become appreciative of ourselves {head and heart} through that unique emotional path called love. Only love makes us appreciate what we have; what we want; what we could have; and what we can have when we see ourselves revolving around the feeling of self-love, the most soulful of all feelings.

But *God* went even further when *He* created *Islam*. *He* wanted us to become grateful to ourselves for all we do for *Him*. *He* wanted us to use the thankfulness that comes from our head and the appreciation that comes from our heart to recognize our constant presence of life for *His* sake every moment of every day. You see that in the devotion Islam brings to faith over and above materialism; physical comforts; worldly knowledge; carnal knowledge; and emotional gains.

But Islam is difficult to understand because it’s more like the Earth as seen from the moon or from the far away sun. We look at our soul from so many perspectives in inner space. We see it through a yearning so deep that we can’t imagine ever getting there and being there. It takes faith to put your faith in every faith. The Earth {soul} as seen from the moon {mind} would be dark indeed if not for the sun {heart}. The hyper-religious revolve around one of the three. Spiritualists can see all three from their unique place {space station} in inner space.<sup>37</sup>

Thankfulness, appreciation and gratitude are euphemistic names for the three steps to **GOD’s** throne. If you can’t get yourself to pray with Jews, Christians or Muslims, at the very least you should learn to become thankful to the world, appreciative of yourself and grateful to you for having devoted your life to life. Even an atheist can do that much. You’d think a true believer could go as far if not a little farther.

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<sup>37</sup> The name the Prophet gave to this place is “The Cave.” {Surah 18}

If all the land on Earth is a symbol for the world of thought, then one idea is just a stone. It doesn't have to be a diamond. A thought can be like a pebble, and a notion can be like a grain of sand. Not every notion or idea is precious even if you think it's big.

Learning about the world around us is what they teach you at school and in college. This is the little mountain of boulders, stones, pebbles and grains of sand you receive from a secular education that's symbolized by a diploma. This is the stone land. It'll all be left behind when you depart. When all is said and done, your thoughts are no more than dust in the wind.

Learning about the world **GOD** gave you within is a higher education of a whole other sort. Herein lie the gemstones. When the Prophet beseeched his followers to put their attention on the "world to come," he was referring to learning about salvation in the outer world for the sake of the redemption then achievable from within.

If today's Muslims are going to insist that there's a "heaven" that's only open to Muslims, they're only going to discover more and more about the "hell" *Muslims* are bringing them to. You only need to look at what zealous CHRISTIANS are doing with CHRISTIAN exclusivity as their foundation for political rule in the West.

If you strive for a place where the signs read "FOR JEWS ONLY," "FOR CHRISTIANS ONLY," "*For Muslims Only*," "For Straights Only" or "For Men Only" know that you're not entering "heaven." For having made it "hell" on Earth for some others, you're, surely, on your way into "hell." If gays and Jews can't enter, turn around and go the other way.

When you try to clean your conscience with scrubbing solvents that bleach out the emotional color or when you use brushes that rent the fabric of your being with dogmas that ruin the weave, you discover that self-purification isn't the way to clean your conscience. Stoning others, as suggested in Torah, or flagellating yourself, as Muslims do with sticks, isn't going to do anything to clean your conscience. You need to straighten up your inner house and run a vacuum over that rug that's piled high with all the crap you've swept under it. You've got to face your denial over what you're doing to yourself.

Moral rectitude isn't the outcome of spiritual study; moral rectitude is the result of experience over a long period of time. The Prophet's idea of "paradise" was the result of a previous "paradise" we should endeavor to combine with his to create a "paradise" for the new age right here on Earth.

If you create an inner world made up of only LAND, SEA or *Ský*, you end up with the symbols of the Star of David, the Cross or the Crescent Moon and Star. The tenets of Judaism, Christianity and Islam are represented by these symbols, but they stand for concepts that should bring us all more in touch with **GOD**, and not the feeling that **HE**'s in some galaxy far, far away.

The Prophet spoke about the future of faith in **GOD** because he could look down from his inner *Ský* onto his LAND and SEA. He had a view of his inner world that no man had achieved before him.

In another way, Jesus was the first visible man. It wasn't as though HIS skin was transparent. People couldn't see how HE operated on the inside. What made HIM a visible man is that HE could come into those around HIM. HE was the only man then who made HIS way from the outside in without doing so physically. HE did so spiritually.

And in his own way, Moses was unique, too. His ability to separate Judaism from indigenism to perceive GOD's presence was a unique gift, as well. To Moses was given the secret of fire. And that secret lies you know where...

Like the Prophet's soul, your soul is associated with your intimate view of the Earth, not with the sun or the moon. You should use what science has given you to build your inner world with evidence that enriches you. Each force within you, like a "heavenly" body, has its own unique rotation and revolution. But you can only do as much as you can each day while here on Earth to come to know how you're a part of it all.

*"We created man from dry clay,  
from black molded loam,  
and before him,  
Satan from smokeless fire.  
Your lord said to the angels,  
'I am creating man from dry clay,  
from black molded loam.  
When I have fashioned him  
and breathed fire of My spirit into him,  
kneel down and prostrate yourselves before him."  
[15:25-31]*

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Your Lord said to the angels,  
'**I/I** am creating man from dry clay,  
from black, molded loam.  
When **I/I** have fashioned him  
and breathed fire of **MY** spirit into him,  
kneel down and prostrate yourselves before him."*

Loam is a paste of clay and water with sand and chopped straw used in making bricks and plastering walls. In that sense, every man is like a clay house made of bricks. Blood, flesh and bone are the ingredients of man's physical bricks that have been uniquely constructed to create man's biological edifice.

But the Prophet was drawing on the extension of the simile "man is like a clay house" to make a greater point: man is more like a clay *oven* because he has a fire within him that was ignited by **GOD**. Man lives in a house on fire until the fire eventually burns the house to the ground and goes out {death}. He is in the Hebraic metaphoric sense of the WORD,

like the Burning Bush Moses confronted that he believed housed GOD. That vision was but a projection of himself.

satan is created from smokeless fire. he holds all the spiritual attributes of fire except prayer. In other words, the concept of a fallen angel is a human being who has no desire to communicate with his **CREATOR**. For **GOD** to have breathed fire into man, and then to have asked the angels to bow down to **HIS** creations would have required that **HIS** entourage in “heaven” understood the incredible, potential power of **HIS** spirit in human form. This, satan could not do. When you have no desire to communicate with the Lord, you’ll stuck in a material frame of mind. Nothing exists except that which exists. You’re morally bankruptable. You’re virtuously vacuous.

With the metaphor of Moses, man could open his mind to GOD. With the similes of the Prophet, man could open his soul to *God*. But to live a life in which you’re the personification of love, you must have a real-life model of love to love. You must have GOD’s/*God*’s contribution to your journey in your heart, whether, or not, you believe that Jesus is your savior. This differentiates a symbol from a metaphor or simile. This differentiates the attributes of a head and a soul from a heart.

Man is greater than the angels because he has the potential to be more than perfect. An angel is all smoke without fire. An angel is a messenger of prayer. An angel is like a rising plume. An angel is like an idea that flies to **GOD**’s abode on wings of faith to relay a man’s wishes. A man’s words ascend and descend from Earth to “heaven” and back again as though flying on the wind. An angel is but an attribute of communication with **GOD**. But man has the potential to be that, and much more.

A devil is all fire and no smoke. Man has the autonomy to behave like satan: smokeless fire. Man has the possibility to burn like an electric fire, nuclear fire or solar fire. He has the potential to use creativity to create new news. An angel is all smoke and no fire. An angel is **GOD** in disguise {**GOD**/**GOD**/*God*}.

Every human being is like satan in the flesh, a smokeless fire. We have the autonomy to know, love and devote ourselves to ourselves without communicating our will to **GOD**. This, a devil can do, but an angel cannot do. Unlike an angel or a devil, a human being has the ability to consume himself with spiritual desire, not just mold himself into any shape, like loam. Man is made of a fire that smokes.

There are plenty of gingerbread men in Europe who are sweet, spicy and enticing. But there’s more to the potential for man than what Christianity is baking in their European kitchens. If you want to be **GOD**’s little cookie, not just **GOD**’s, **GOD**’s or *God*’s, you’re going to want to understand the spiritual process that makes you, you. Only in that way will you understand Jewish history that included 2,000 years of living “hell” for Jews in Europe; European history that included so many centuries of conquest and defeat in the Middle East; and Islamic history that’s still weaving its way today throughout the world to create robes of piety. The Muslim diaspora in Europe and the Americas has the potential of bringing great gifts back to Muslim lands if they choose to learn to learn.

You can’t see what you really look like until you leave your human form. **GOD** will give you the benefit of perceiving yourself as you really are, not using your eyes, nose and

ears, but using your head, heart, soul and genitals. This is the mystery of the clay **GOD** uses to shape each new addition to humanity. This is what “paradise” alludes to in the modern sense of the **WORD**.

“Lord,  
said Satan,  
‘Since you have thus seduced me,  
I will tempt mankind on Earth:  
I will seduce them all,  
except those of them who are your faithful servants.’”  
[15:40-41] <sup>38</sup>

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For satan to understand six of the seven virtues of **GOD**'s spirit {illumination, love, purity, mystery, a calling and intuition} without any understanding of smoke – the ability to communicate with our **CREATOR** for the sake of self-improvement for the sake of doing **HIS** will – leaves every satan open to any and all temptations. In fact, it makes him the animalification of temptation: the serpent. You could say that “it” makes you the personification of the serpent in the Creation Story. You bring the concept of satan to life.

When satan said he'd seduce them all, except those who were **HIS** faithful servants, the Prophet was describing the Story of Adam and Eve as a spiritual process, not a literal *fait accompli*. He was bringing the meaning of the Creation Story out of the abstract and into the personal life of everyman. Only the man who knows how lost he is without prayer can appreciate the depths of despair that temptation can take him in. Only the man who misunderstands the power of his penis {the delivery device of the mystery of his being} will become vulnerable to dogmatic, material interpretations and projections of Scripture.

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<sup>38</sup> Those who are like satan understand all aspects of the spiritual process except respectful communication with the Lord for the sake of redemption. They can't separate or unite themselves with **HIM**. They think they're god. **GOD** doesn't seduce you. Does your penis seduce you when you masturbate? It's your imagination that has you pleasantly beguiled. Your penis is merely responding to your whims.

<sup>39</sup> satan's humble use of letters can't be capitalized on. he can create punctuation that'll slow you down or stop you, but he has no power over you. he's just the personification of your penis or she's the personification of your clitoris.

**GOD's** faithful servants aren't perfect by any means. The only thing that separates believers from the rest of humanity is their ability to spiritually smoke – their ability to communicate somewhat with **GOD** through prayer for the illumination of their soul (not their ability to use cigarettes to inhale tar and nicotine. Those who choose smoking over prayer are merely idolaters who are literally exhaling life by blowing their future up in smoke.)

We all concretize our spiritual process with materialism to avail ourselves of “heavenly” rewards through our senses. We're all dancing around golden calves and wasting valuable time we could be spending on progressing on our journey. You can't take your golden calves with you. You must, at some point, choose to leave them behind, as did the Israelites. You must internalize your gold, learn from your mistakes and move on.

The purpose of organized religion is to advocate for the good and to warn about evil in the external world. The serpent in the Creation Story, however, advocated for evil and warned about the good. That's why Moses described the serpent as beguiling. That's why Jesus debated satan, and why the Prophet talked about the will of satan in detail. Evil can turn into wisdom if you repent to others. But goodness will lead you astray if you don't seek redemption from yourself.

This is why you need spirituality in addition to religion. This is why you need two worlds, not just one. This is why you need to take some things literally and other things figuratively. This is why you need to make mistakes, learn, apologize, repent and then seek redemption from yourself before the Lord.

*“He replied,  
‘This is My straight path.  
you shall have no power over My servants,  
only the sinners who follow you.  
They are all destined for hell.  
It has seven gates,  
and through each gate they shall come in separate bands.  
But the righteous shall dwell among gardens and fountains;  
in peace and safety shall they enter them.  
We shall remove all hatred from their hearts,  
and they shall take their ease on couches face-to-face,  
a band of brothers.  
Toil shall not weary them,  
nor shall they ever be driven out.”*

[15:42-49]

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We're all in “hell” on Earth in the figurative sense hoping to avoid having to literally go there after life. We're all living in a house of smokeless fire with a demon within it. It's only through communication with ourselves and the Lord using words formed into rational sentences that any of us can discover greater conscious awareness of what's going on inside us. In this sense only, we must all learn to smoke. Only in this way can we develop the humility to perceive ourselves as separate from **GOD** so as not to play god.

You're like seven spiritual letters in search of **WORDS** to share with **GOD**. You're a mystery of a linguistic formation of words slowly being united into sentences that are helping you explain you to yourself. And as you learn how to communicate with you in universal ways, you'll find that there are seven paths in life that correspond to the seven attributes of fire. One of these paths holds the burn we all sometimes need to experience in order to grow into a mature human being. Purification is a painful, but very important part of life.

Israel has, in some ways, already shown itself to be filled with some of the righteous who dwell in gardens filled with fountains. The fact that approximately 375 million Muslims in the Middle East haven't yet been able to kill eight million Jews in Israel is a miracle that should not be ignored or discounted. For *Muslims* to continue to try to do so will only continue to reduce the political stability of their nations and rape their children of a hopeful destiny. Every Muslim will want to find his own way through the Quran to discover that *God* is waiting patiently for him within him.

**GOD's** designs are clearly not to allow the Jewish people to be undone, but, instead, to make us a shining light for all nations. “REACH OUT YOUR HAND TOWARD THE SKY, AND THERE WILL BE DARKNESS OVER THE LAND OF EGYPT, DARKNESS SO THICK IT CAN BE FELT!’ MOSES REACHED OUT HIS HAND TOWARD THE SKY, AND THERE WAS A THICK DARKNESS IN THE ENTIRE LAND OF EGYPT FOR THREE DAYS. PEOPLE COULD NOT SEE EACH OTHER, AND NO ONE WENT ANYWHERE FOR THREE DAYS. BUT ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL HAD LIGHT IN THEIR HOMES.” [Exodus 10:21-23] “FOR YOU WILL LIGHT MY CANDLE; GOD, MY GOD WILL ENLIGHTEN MY DARKNESS.” [Psalm 18:29] “O HOUSE OF JACOB, COME, AND LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.” [Psalm 2:5]

The JEW who thinks the religious success of Israel is enough to exalt us in **GOD's** eyes is very foolish. Israel is but the tip of a spiritual iceberg that's melting. We all ought to hold Israel in our heart and soul without hatred for anyone. The secret to the success of Israel and her shining light lies in the peace the Jews achieve throughout the gay world, not just in the straight world or in the Middle East.

When the Muslims endeavor to do as we do, they'll discover the secret to peace in their own nations. And the Democrats and Republicans will transform their political platforms to those that spiritually enhance the *virtues* of Judaism and Christianity, and not their *vices*. Once again, **CHRISTIANS** will need to shamefacedly reassess the meaning of Christianity when they realize what they've done to gay-Jews and all other American minorities. Jesus might well have been a gay-Jew! How many imagine having sex with **HIM** without admitting it out loud? But now you're visible enough to see through you. Tell yourself what you see and cast your eyes down with disappointment if need be.

Through your own personal efforts to grow, this world will be figuratively upgraded from a planet to a star in **GOD's** eyes. And our world will explode with indigo awe and lavender joy.

The spite we still see in **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* when it comes to gays and Jews is a projection of the spite we all need to examine in ourselves. The students who get wrong answers on their tests should wake us up to what we're doing right. And we should use the information we're allowed to access from within to help our classmates. Returning spite within with spite without will never raise the class curve. And it'll never help you further improve yourself in finding answers that'll serve you in years to come.

Immodesty won't serve you. Shamelessness won't serve you. They'll only weaken you to humiliation in one of seven ways.

*“Tell them of Abraham’s guests.  
They went in to him and said ‘Peace,’  
but he replied,  
‘We fear your intent.’”  
[15:51]*

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To open your heart to strangers is easier said, than done. Even Abraham was honest with his guests in telling them he was afraid of their motives. Either he spoke for his family when he used the word “we,” or he spoke for his inner forces. Whether he spoke from his head for his family or from his heart for his inner forces, we know that the strangers perceived him as genuine.

When you personalize Abraham's encounter by entering your own tent like a guest (like an angel in the disguise), you might also want to question your intentions as an inner

“we” confronted by three strangers {head, heart and soul} from the point of view of your desires. By using the second-person singular {you} to address yourself internally, you may sometimes find yourself feeling frightened or suspicious of some aspects of yourself that mirror something you can’t yet see in your own motives. You may find yourself worried about your intentions just as Abraham was worried about the strangers’ intentions.

If you haven’t consciously confronted the confusion and guilt that occurs when you open your heart to yourself by expressing your fear and suspicion of your own previously, unexamined motives, you may not be prepared for the cascade of self-doubt that ensues. It can be maddening to sort out these sorts of issues in the darkness of inner space, especially if you’re beating yourself up for having done something you first thought was kind and helpful, only to discover your decision produced disastrous results.

When your head figuratively peers down into your heart with doubts and questions about your feelings, your soul may not yet be experienced enough to assuage your negativity with moral insight and action. You may end up hating yourself simply for not knowing what to do next.

Many choose to react to this turmoil by projecting dread into their future instead of questioning more thoroughly what’s going on within them in that moment in time. The fear of cleaning up that mess inside is usually expressed as dread of what other people would say or do to you. What Abraham didn’t (and wouldn’t) admit to the strangers who visited him a few days after his circumcision was how maddening it can be to be a man in the process of becoming.

If you don’t realize you have forces within that can bury you like a rockslide, drown you like a tidal wave or blow you away like a tornado, you aren’t going to understand the challenge to develop intimacy with the one man (or woman) who truly wants to love you like no other. You may erroneously conclude you were burned by a fire you could never have seen coming.

*“Have no fear’  
they answered.*

*‘We come to you with good news.  
You shall have a son endowed with knowledge.’”  
[15:52-53]*

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The son endowed with knowledge that was miraculously born to Abraham when he was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 was, of course, Isaac. And the knowledge that Isaac was endowed with was knowledge of GOD.

But Torah never tells us what knowledge Abraham gleaned from Isaac. The Jewish people have been pursuing knowledge longer than any other people on Earth; much, much longer than Christians and Muslims. But sexualizing your experiences from the Tree of

knowledge, as JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* still do, only creates conclusions about the role of women and attitudes about masturbation and homosexuality that are merely projections of unresolved guilt feelings you haven't addressed at their **SOURCE**.

Personifying the serpent in the Creation Story as satan, a spiteful angel who tempts human beings to learn how to do things that defy **GOD's** designs, is the typical JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* way of avoiding how they were figuratively made. The secret to the meaning of life, like the secret to creating life, can't be found above your waist. You must grow up spiritually to trigger the changes in your spiritual body that'll allow you to reproduce new beliefs based on experience at higher levels of reality.

JEWS avoid the temptation to externalize their frustrations onto demonic spirits by seeking scapegoats to punish for their lack of self-intimacy. At one time, their scapegoats were indigenists who ritualized sex as a form of idol worship. Today, JEWS condemn the L.G.B.T+ community instead. And CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are happy to go along with their conclusions even if all three of them disagree vehemently on every other issue. Three blind mice! See how they run.

Carnal knowledge is natural to Jews, Christians and Muslims. We've already pooled our knowledge to escape superstition and blind faith. We already know that the inclination to do evil is something each of us should prepare to take responsibility for individually. We're curious, not guilt ridden, about exploring our deepest urges. We look at impulse control issues as a psychological, not religious, issue.

*"We razed their cities to the ground  
and let loose a shower of clay-stones upon them."  
[15:76]*

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and let loose a shower of clay stones upon them."*

The Prophet was referring to the Story of Sodom in Genesis where the same three angels visited Lot to warn him that **GOD** would rain down clay stones upon them because they had turned into an immoral people.

In a world today where thinking is considered by some to be so much more important than feelings or being, clay stones become the little, spiritual ideas **GOD** rains down upon us all. For modern man, clay stones represent concepts, ideas, impressions, notions, thoughts and views we hold that may drive us to distraction and misfortune or move us with inspiration and joy.

Modern man has many thoughts that bombard his mind like meteors slamming into the moon. These ideas chip away at the grounding of his being, leaving it with depressions and voids that'll only be filled with more ideas that may rain down on him in the future. Modern man is still in denial of how his feelings {sun} are driving his thoughts {moon} and beliefs {earth} around in circles.

*“We will, surely, punish the schismatics  
who have broken up the scriptures into separate parts,  
believing in some and denying others.*

*By the Lord*

*We will question them all about their doings.”*

[15:90-93]

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The three holy books {Tanach, the Bible and the Quran} were spiritually separated by well-intentioned men long before any of us came into this world. Our ancestors believed in the exclusivity of GOD’s, **GOD**’s and *God*’s designs, not the inclusivity that modern man is searching for today. I’m sure **GOD** understood the hatred in our ancestors’ hearts that made it impossible for them to do any better at the time. But I’m also sure **HE** knows **HE** now has us where **HE** wants us.

We must do our utmost to be more inclusive in our dealings with strangers, especially those who seem abnormal, disenfranchised, odd or queer. If Abraham could welcome in three strangers despite his fear of their intentions, we can certainly do a little better to overcome our fear of inclusive ideas that seemingly come at us out of nowhere. They may either leave us feeling as though we’ve been bombarded with small clay stones or with huge metaphors that leave great destruction in their wake.

**GOD** sends down new ideas into our inner world to help us change our mind. Sometimes **HE** does so with miniscule, intellectual impacts that grind us down like sandpaper. Other times **HE** unleashes massive thoughts that leave us cratered with depressions that leave the landscape of our mind pockmarked and forever rough and uneven.

Each hollow on the moon is a part of a precise record of the history of impacts **GOD** wished to record on its surface. Each crater in our mind is an equally accurate record of our personal history that **HE**’s wished to record. Rather than looking up at the night sky to look for the man in the moon, we ought to look inside for the moon in the man.

If you could look inside your mind, it might figuratively look cratered like the moon because of all the dust and meteors that have rained down upon it for eons. If you could look into your heart, it might look like a brilliant ball of fire, full of seemingly unending illumination and heat. And if you could look into your soul, it might look like the Earth, a garden of delights that might remind you of **GOD**’s promises in the “world to come.”

Inner space figuratively looks like outer space if you're sufficiently schooled in metaphor, symbolism and simile. There's a vast darkness we float in that's interrupted with glittering rays of light shining in unexpected places. But you'll want to explore one world as much as the other to make connections between the two.

Science and religion could work in unison just as your right and left hand can when tying your shoes. But figuratively using only your right hand will turn you into a religious fanatic with no regard for reality. And figuratively using only your left will leave you confused, disoriented and bitter about why life has done you wrong.

The ultra-orthodox JEW lives in a stoneland that should remind you of the moon. He has a view of the Earth that's hundreds of thousands of miles from the truth. And the rightwing CHRISTIAN fanatic is just a figurative sunspot, millions of miles from here-and-now, flaring up intermittently with fury over something deep down inside him that we'll never know.

Now if we could only convince the *Muslims* that they're just where they ought to be, here on Earth with the rest of us. They're not alone in a conspiracy with *God*. If they could only see the potential that they have to repair their one world with experiences that come from the other.

## Surah 16

سورة النحل

*The Bee*

The bee is the creature that makes it possible for trees to pollinate other trees. The bee is the yenta, the go-between, for flowers. The bee is like the man or woman who makes it possible for others to “BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY.” [Genesis 1:28, 9:7]

Once you understand how **GOD** intends the Abrahamic faiths to come together in peace, you’ll not only want to learn to reach out like a bee going from flower to flower. You’ll want to learn how to swarm and attack those who seed divisiveness between communities, nations and faiths.

*“There is no god but Me:*

*Therefore, fear Me.”*

[16:3]

“There is no god but **ME**:

Therefore, fear **ME**.”

Although thousands of years ago, people needed alarm, dread, fear, horror, panic, phobias, superstitions, terror and trepidation to keep themselves from behaving arrogantly, today, awe in **GOD**’s designs ought to suffice to motivate us to keep morally moving forward.

Superstition about **GOD**’s participation in your life will only cause you to remain afraid and worried about the guilt you produce on a daily basis with regard to your interactions with others. But, if you make your conscience your guide, you’ll find yourself fearing **GOD** less and loving yourself more. Then, facing your guilt in how you’re treating you will get easier over time.

That may sound terribly self-indulgent, but you’re already as spoiled as rotten fruit. You’re already feeling wrinkled and bruised like an old, fallen apple. You might as well reseed yourself inside and plant yourself anew. If **GOD** is merciful enough to let the seeds of a tree start over in a new location with the help of a bee, why wouldn’t **HE** allow you to do the same? Every young adult is already replanting himself some distance from the metaphoric trees that produced him.

As you embark on the exploration of wisdom of the heart, you’ll discover a whole rainbow of feelings inside you that should give you reason to hope tomorrow could turn out even better than today. Your feelings may not always be pleasant, but your ability to manage them well will.

“Cynicism is the refuge of cowards.”<sup>40</sup> Cynicism is the refuge of cowards because cynicism stops with irritation with others, instead of continuing inside to become an opportunity to challenge yourself with ridicule, scorn and derision. You could derive great deal of hope from the rainbow of light and dark colored feelings you discover in your heart. You might even feel encouraged by your feelings to jump out of that watery world you’re in to view the sky.

You don’t have to attempt to flagellate, flog or kill yourself. You don’t have to seek another golden calf to dance around to make your life worthwhile. You don’t have to set fires in the heart of others like a pyromaniac in search of gleeful tricks. You could simply ridicule, scorn or deride yourself for your bad habits. That’s not too much to ask.

Live your life like a student with **GOD** as your **TEACHER**, and I’m sure you’ll graduate with adequate skills on your earthly résumé. I’m sure **GOD** will figuratively give you a good paying “job” in the afterlife after you graduate life, even if I can’t say for sure what that even means. (Who really wants to sit around for eternity in the shade of trees besides calm, flowing streams? Who wants sex with 72 virgins who never grow more experienced because there is further no passage of time? I’d go nuts, even if you may think otherwise.)

*“He has given you horses, mules and donkeys  
which you may ride or put on show;  
and He has created other things beyond your knowledge.”*  
[16:8-9]

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The animal kingdom has been divided into domesticated beasts and wild beasts. It’s easy to see other people as like wild animals, but we ought to appreciate one another as like domesticated animals as well, all being used for the greater good of our earthly farm.

**GOD** also created other things beyond our knowledge. Some people are more like insects than aardvarks. Some are more like a spider. They weave a web of deceit. Some strike back like scorpions. And some are like bees, go-betweeners for flowers, producing the honey of life we call wisdom. Nature in the animal kingdom, like the plant kingdom, was created to be a mirror of our moral world within.

Israel is the Land of Milk and Honey. It’s the land that corresponds to the “paradise” that lies within you in this lifetime that’ll open your mind to the “paradise” you might be able to achieve in the “world to come.”

Milk is mother’s love. Milk literally comes from women’s breasts, but it emotionally comes from your mother’s heart and soul, which lie beneath her breasts. Men are literally capable of giving children milk to drink, as well as emotionally and spiritually nourishing them with love. The only thing a man can’t do is nurture life in his body before it enters

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<sup>40</sup> A quote by Democratic Senator from New Jersey, Cory Booker.

this world. That form of feeding can only be done psychologically for your inner child until s/he's old enough to feed him or herself.

Honey literally comes from female, worker bees. Honey comes from pollen digested by their body that they feed to their larvae. The biological digestion process of worker bees produces honey, while the biological digestion process of human beings produces feces. The only way to see our intellectual, emotional and spiritual digestion process in a positive light is through the end results, what figuratively comes out of us from the consumption process.

It takes knowledge about the world around you to glean from that knowledge, knowledge of your world within. To produce wisdom, it takes more than the knowledge that comes from metaphors. It takes symbolic inquiry to perceive your biological container as an emotional container for your feelings, but especially for the feeling called love. With that knowledge you can use similes to compare and contrast you to the natural world in order to achieve the knowledge you need to personalize **GOD's** designs. That's honey. That's the sweetest outcome of all.

The fool learns only about one of his two worlds. The knowledgeable learn about both, but they don't compare and contrast the two. To learn about both worlds and do your utmost to make moral connections between the two requires metaphors that bridge your two worlds; symbols that take you across them with others; and similes that compare and contrast the views on both sides for spiritual insights into **GOD's** designs for you alone. This is usually expressed as parable. **GOD** speaks in parable because only those enlightened to how they operate will be interested in **HIS WORDS**.

**GOD** gave everyone two worlds, the world around us that we ought to learn to share and the world within us that we ought to learn to respect. Your inner world is made up of LAND, SEA, Sky and flames<sup>7</sup>. Fire figuratively burns in your head, heart, soul and genitals.} If you understand all fire, you understand each fire.

Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad gave us the tools we need to find a personal reason for living in both worlds. Therefore, we should discuss our differences, not fight over them, because **GOD** can throw clay stones at us at any moment to force us to cross bridges we didn't want to know were even there.

*“It is He who sends down water from the sky,  
which provides you with your drink  
and brings forth the pasturage on which your cattle feed.  
And with it, He brings forth corn and olives,  
dates and grapes and fruits of every kind.  
Surely, in this there is a sign for thinking men.”*  
[16:10-12]

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dates and grapes and fruits of every kind.  
Surely, in this there is a sign for thinking men.”

A thinking man will only learn how to make money with the gifts from **GOD** in the outer world. But men who can feel will enrich themselves with spiritual fruit from the orchard of life {Judaism}; wheat from the fields and grapes from the vineyards {Christianity}. And the unusual man who can believe in himself will understand the meaning of cattle as presented to man by *God* via the Prophet.

Beauty – the answer lies in beauty. If you don’t find life beautiful, you’ll never be able to appreciate it. An infant, child or adolescent can only appreciate beauty externally. Only a mature adult can appreciate beauty from within. If life can’t make you cry because it’s revealing how beautiful you are, you don’t yet know enough about how to live.

It takes more than a man who can think in clever ways to reach the level of “heaven” alluded to in this passage. It takes a man who wants to believe with every fiber of his being. It takes a man who loves disciplining himself for the sake of beauty and who prays like a Muslim to bring the Quran to life; not to beat it to death, as does a *Muslim*.

The secrets of the universe are available to everyone. But the answers all lie within, a place you can’t invite any stranger into. There, you deal with your issues by yourself. But if you’re smart enough to invite **GOD** in with you, you’ll discover incredible truths about you that’ll defy your earthly desires with “heavenly” temptations you’ll then be able to earn with beautiful deeds for others.

The man who can take the Quran to heart will be wealthy in both his worlds. He’ll come to know the profound truths the Prophet was given by the Archangel Gabriel. Pursuing the words of the Quran will take him out of his inner Egypt, across an unseen bridge, concealed by a Red Sea, on a journey to a land of spiritual promise beyond his wildest imaginings.

*“Your God is one God.  
Those who deny the life to come have faithless hearts  
and are puffed up with pride.  
God, surely, knows what they conceal and what they reveal.  
He does not like the proud.”  
[16:21-24]*

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Paradoxically, we, gay people, pride ourselves on being proud. After having been put down for so long by everyone, our self-esteem was so deeply damaged that nothing, but pride, could help us heal. Sadly, soulless sex, drugs and alcohol turned into crutches we needed to compensate for how we felt about ourselves. We even had to survive a plague {A.I.D.S.} sent by **GOD** for us to discover our faith in ourselves and to give us reasons to make ourselves proud. Ironically, from our own Holocaust we were able to rise from the ashes of death to discover the seven attributes of the fire the Prophet spoke about in the Quran.

Now that we've turned ourselves around with pride and used it to our advantage, we're able to point out to straight people that the problem today isn't pride. It's arrogance. Taking Scripture literally divides it. And that makes its followers dogmatic. That may have been useful to our ancestors. But using Scripture as a weapon to put anyone down wasn't what Scripture was intended for. Pride doesn't come before the fall. Arrogance does.<sup>41</sup>

Gay pride is a remedy – a vaccination against the disease of religious superiority that many still spread in all three of the Abrahamic faiths. **GOD** made every individual using the same formula: clay, straw, and sand: loam. If you think you're intrinsically superior to anyone because of your religion or heterosexual orientation, you're suffering from arrogance. There's no way you could be proud of yourself. You don't know the meaning of the word.

Pride heals that which is wounded. Arrogance wounds that which is well. If you compare and contrast the two, you'll choose gay pride over arrogance. It'll heal your anal issues. That private part isn't as private as you may think it is if you're using it to defecate on others. You're not the Lord even if you behave as though you think you're a king.

If you still suspect that gays may be spiritually sick, you're creating a disorder that's really just a projection of dis-ease with yourself. If you use the world around you like a screen onto which you project your negative opinion of your world within, you're going to create conflicts in both worlds. And the **TEACHER** is going to teach you about what you're doing. Therefore, it would behoove you to pay more attention in class.

The male/male bond begins with how **GOD** created Adam. **HE** glues every Adam to himself with survival instinct, self-satisfaction and pride until he's sufficiently experienced to reach out of his own accord with curiosity to the **TEACHER** to tell him about the world he was brought into. That's spiritual infancy. Brotherhood begins with your brother within. The brothers around you are just for practice in coming to the truth about your feelings for you.

*“Are they waiting for the angels to come down  
or for the fulfillment of your Lord's will?  
Those who had gone before them also waited.*

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<sup>41</sup> Pride cometh before the fall: “Probably a misquote of: 1611, King James Version of the Bible, Book of Proverbs, 16:18, ‘PRIDE GOETH BEFORE DESTRUCTION, AND A HAUGHTY SPIRIT BEFORE A FALL.’” [Wikipedia] In the Hebraic sense, the L.G.B.T+ community is here to disassemble a great deal of that which was improperly constructed to begin with.

*God did not wrong them,  
but they wronged themselves:  
the evil which they did  
recoiled upon them,  
and the scourge at which they scoffed encompassed them.”*  
[16:34] <sup>42</sup>

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Imagine sticking your head in a cabinet to look for something, and then accidentally banging your head on one side. To recoil from what you’ve done, you’ll likely bang your head on the other side of the cabinet, thus producing a great deal of frustration and bruising on both sides of your head, to say nothing of what that might do to your thoughts and feelings about yourself.

This recoiling reverberation is a common, spiritual occurrence, as well. People question **GOD’s** intentions as the thoughts in their head bounce all over the place. A sound mind is, in part, the result of being able to get your head out of tight spaces without banging and bruising it. This creates frustration with yourself that can cause you to frustrate others unnecessarily, as well.

What **GOD** allowed you to do to you when you were very young will later be revealed through the spiritual process in ways that’ll help you get to know yourself. Your unique form of self-destruction in youth became your template for self-improvement in older age.

When you’re young, you’ll curse the cabinet on which you banged your head. In middle age, you’ll curse yourself. In older age, you’ll pray about it.

People are given opportunities to create bridges between their two worlds with words. **GOD** flings clay stones at our mind to get us to cross these bridges. But many obstinately refuse to grab onto words that bridge troubled waters that could be made more secure with question marks. Instead, many wonder why they find their life so repetitive, dull and boring

Passivity was my greatest vice in life. I was afraid to stand up for myself. I was repressed by parents who were ashamed of how deeply they wanted vengeance against the Germans. My mother and father trained me to obey them without question. But the only

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<sup>42</sup> The righteous are often waiting for angels to better this world. They don’t want to get dirt under their fingernails for fear they may suddenly arrive before the Lord with dirty hands. They find doing good for those with less than they have embarrassing, demeaning or unmanly.

way I could was to repress myself into passivity. So today, when someone treats me unkindly, I reel with anger, confusion and doubts instead of imagining my head in a cabinet banging back and forth until I stop myself.

*“Strive as you may to guide them,  
God will not guide those whom He confounds.  
There shall be none to help them.”*  
[16:37]

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Killing Jews isn't the answer to having your thoughts ricocheting inside you like balls on a pool table. Segregating gays and denouncing us as morally degenerate isn't the answer to anal issues every man needs to work out for himself privately.

You'll lose your moral direction and relinquish some of your hard-earned destiny in this life if you keep up this kind of behavior. There's enough evidence of personal responsibility in this day-and-age to give up such prejudices and propensities. If you insist on maintaining the outdated intolerant ways of our ancestors, expect more bad news sooner (in this world) or later (in the next).

Expect to see more and more participation by gays and Jews everywhere in the world in the future. Expect your conscience to be forced to work overtime in having to figure out right from wrong in an age when you can't literally hear the difference between the words “modern” (external) and “modern” (internal) when spoken aloud. **GOD** won't do your work for you. The Quran couldn't be more accurate or predictive of how **GOD** operates for better or worse. If you don't believe me, just watch and see.

Good men and women worldwide will always come to the defense of gays and Jews because **GOD** is making it more and more necessary for individuals to solve their problems with moral solutions that include pathos, sympathy and empathy. The anti-Semites and anti-Zionists are homophobes, as well. Together with the racists and misogynists, they'll one day find there's no one left to commiserate with them. The hole they find themselves with inside is right where it needs to be.

*“Are those who plot evil so certain that  
God will not cause the earth to cave in beneath them,  
or that the scourge will not descend on them  
whence they know not;  
or smite them in the course of their journeys when they cannot escape;  
or give them over to slow destruction?  
Yet is your Lord benevolent and merciful.”*

[16:45-47]

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The only time Moses predicted what **GOD** was going to do without discussing the matter with **HIM** in advance was in The Book of Numbers {the fourth of the five Books of Moses}. Korach, a cousin of Moses, Aaron and Miriam {the three siblings who orchestrated the Exodus} fomented a rebellion against the three of them. Moses predicted that Korach and his followers would be swallowed up by the ground beneath them. (“*Are those who plot evil so certain that **GOD** won’t cause the earth to cave in beneath them?*”) Like all those since who plot evil against the Jews, even the disgruntled Israelites under Korach were certain that **GOD** wouldn’t get in the way of their conspiracy. Maybe they didn’t think **HE** had enough power to outwit them. Or, maybe they didn’t think **GOD** might prefer evolution to revolution.

The Quran isn’t blind to the history of the Jews who came before Islam. The Prophet warned that *God* was figuratively nearer to them than his followers might think. Those who perpetrate evil can’t escape *His* wrath: “hell.” But the “hell” on Earth that today’s *Muslims* are suffering and spreading will someday lead the rest of us to harmony between the faiths and **philosophies**. “*Yet is our Lord benevolent and merciful.*” Melody, not cacophony will be our reward.

For 2,000 years, **CHRISTIANS** disapproval of Jews made life “hell” on Earth for my ancestors. After Hitler, the tables were turned. The Jews could disapprove of **CHRISTIANS** without fear of reprisal. And the State of Israel is the evidence of **CHRISTIAN** guilt and Jewish disapproval of **CHRISTIAN** hypocrisy. We achieved this reward without having to literally take up arms against Christendom. That would have been absurd given our numbers and our desire to live in peace with everyone.

Today’s *Muslims* are recreating **CHRISTIAN** history, just as a younger brother may follow in the footsteps of his wayward, older brother to spite their parents. In metaphoric terms, today’s *Muslims* are now enrolled in the same class on tolerance their Christian counterparts were enrolled in. And they’re failing that class as badly as their predecessors. Anyone who cares about his education here on Earth can see that Jews, Christians and Muslims are also in this class, taking the class credit/no credit. There’s something for everyone to learn. Tolerance begins within.

There’s only one thing we can all do about our **TEACHER**’s disapproval. It must be internalized. Those who plot evil will see **GOD** cause the earth to literally cave in beneath them. But some experience caving in financially or legally. And that figurative inundation can be a very humbling experience.

Some must experience that caving in psychologically. Who doesn't know the depression, despair, misery, hopelessness, melancholy, dejection, gloominess and unhappiness that arise when your thoughts can't sustain your beliefs any longer? The emotional holes we find ourselves in we should try to dig ourselves out of. But how many are willing to do the work internally when it's so much easier to agree with others and lay blame externally instead? Who wouldn't rather argue about how to change the world than change one's self?

There's nothing, absolutely nothing, that doesn't happen without **GOD's** allowance, however inhumane and cruel it may be. Freedom is a tool given to your mind to teach you about **GOD's** wisdom. Liberty is a tool given to your heart to teach you about **HIS** love. And emancipation is a tool given to your soul to teach you gratitude for the part you get to hold in **HIS** designs.

Life shouldn't be about a land grab for Israel. You can't take Israel with you when you leave here. You can't literally even take the rock under the Dome of the Rock with you when you leave here. Your time on Earth should be about earning your Israel within. Seeking what isn't yours will only diminish the **WORD** of **GOD** in your opinion and the efforts of Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad.

People will try to use my words to turn Israel into an international haven. They'll use their desires for external control over the Jews to try to bend my words to suit their wishes. They don't realize that they're only going to make an ever-bigger ass of themselves. Their anus will someday become so big that they may fall right through it and land on their chin. Their arms and legs will be up beside their ears with their rectum around their neck. They'll figuratively find themselves at the bottom of a well, not realizing that the light shining above them is encircled by their ass. When that much ground swallows you up, you're in a "hell" no one, but **GOD**, can pull you out of...

From the soul, it's every man, woman and child for himself unless you decide to help make life turn out otherwise for everyone. To the extent that you work for inclusion, you'll be included. To the extent that you wish to exclude, whether geographically from a part of the world we share or politically from your participation in society, you'll be excluded.

You may call me abominable, but if you think you're going to use my words against Israel, you're diabolical. You're conspiratorial. You're not cooperative.

Look at how you regard the homeless, the poor or those outside your class? Can you really tell yourself that you aren't guilty of exclusion? Sometimes it's morally necessary to separate yourself from others. But sometimes it's not. If you're so arrogantly autonomous that you can't learn from others, you may find yourself excluded in the "world to come," as well. People are like books to read, but you may not be letting yourself in on what you allow yourself to read. Self-selected censorship of your messages to you can be an insidious prohibition.

The bleeding-heart liberals are as guilty of irrational reaction as the heartless conservatives. Giving people a hand up is so much better for them than a handout. But economic assistance must be conditional. It must include standards that must be set morally for the good of us all. Helping only those who'll help you with their vote or a perfunctory nod of approval won't set you free.

There's no filthy, homeless person, degenerate JEW or perverted queer more despicable than who you may have to look at in the mirror every morning if you don't set a higher standard every day for you. Everything I've said so far about JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are aspects of the blathering idiot in you. Abnormal thinking is ubiquitous.

If you've learned to remove the weeds that grow on your face overnight, you know something about the promise of a garden of eternal delights and how to discern the difference between a plant and a plant out of place. Prune yourself better, and you'll do a better job of pruning others. Your garden needs your attention. There's a 5:00 o'clock shadow every day.

There's no supernatural, fallen angel who tempts man to wreak havoc upon himself. Satan is the poster child who looks externally just like your wild, inner child. Each and every one of us has the capacity to choose goodness or evil, and each of us does so on a moment-to-moment basis whether we consciously know it, or not. If you don't explore your mind, plan on losing it.

The young and inexperienced think they can strike out at others with the same prowess with which their penis can plunge, like a dull knife, into the abyss in another person's body cavity. The older, more experienced among us know it's not about how fast you can get it up, or how deeply you can get it in. It's really about the intentions you hope to sow with your seeds. Are you trying to please, or are you trying to plunder? If your penis can't inform you of its answer to that question when it does its thing, believe me, your head, heart and soul won't be able to do any better.

*“God has said  
‘You shall not serve two gods,’  
for He is but one God.  
Fear none but Me.”  
[16:50]*

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‘You shall not serve two gods,’  
for **HE** is but **ONE GOD**.  
Fear none but **ME**.”

*“You shall not serve two gods,”* but you shall serve **ONE GOD** in two worlds. Most men today don't know the difference between the god between their legs they secretly worship and the **GOD/GOD/God** they worship on the Sabbath. They figuratively dance six days a week around their penis as though it were a golden calf that will fulfill their every desire, and then they wonder why so many don't care to take their Sabbath seriously.

In bygone days, there was no way to say something like this. Everyone was forced to go to his house of prayer on the day assigned to his Sabbath. My kind of candor is the result of the candor we're all allowed in the modern age. Atheism has, paradoxically, brought us closer to our faiths. Many of today's atheists may be unkind, but today's believers are cruel and, as a rule, far bigger hypocrites.

Just as **GOD** can refer to **HIMSELF** in the first, second and third-person, Christians refer to **HIM** in three distinct ways, too. Their **FATHER** translates as the first-person “I.” The **SON** corresponds to the second-person “you.” And their Holy Spirit is like the third-person “s/he.” When Christians talk about **GOD** {Jesus}, think about “you.” Think about your heart talking to your head.

If:	
I + 1 + 1	± 1
Then:	
FATHER + SON + Holy Spirit	± 1
I + you + s/he	± 1
Head + heart + soul	± 1
And even:	
Judaism + Christianity + Islam	± 1

The mystery of how **GOD** reveals **HIMSELF** to us must be revealed, not declared. If I’m wrong about my symbolic equations about **GOD**, prove it with **WORDS/WORDS/Words!** Symbols must be cherished and explored for their intrinsic meaning to understand how they affect our humanity. Blood won’t dye the meaning of a word to make its color any deeper. Irrationality is unacceptable.

Jesus was given the first, symbolic container of love, the first sacred symbol personified. But bees are containers of wisdom from **GOD’s** heart revealed in the natural kingdom through the Quran. Bees are like symbols that unlock the secret of similes. Man is symbolically like a bee in that he produces a kind of honey that he can then offer to his children. Man’s honey is wisdom. Man’s honey comes from information eaten, digested into knowledge and finally expelled as a powerful concentrate called wisdom. But this honey isn’t the product or ownership of men. It’s produced by all people, even children.

The pollen bees collect from many kinds of flowers is like information. Wisdom is something that both men and women produce from information collected through experience. Just as both men and women produce milk {love}; they both produce honey {wisdom}.

Don’t bother to make the claim that you’re a spiritual symbol brought here by **GOD** to declare to the rest of us how to live our life. There was one Jew who claimed to be a spiritual symbol brought down to Earth by **GOD**. Look what they did to **HIM**! Use **HIS** relationship to **GOD** in a psychological context. Reproduce what **HE** produced. And do so without arrogance.<sup>43</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> Some men’s ego provides them with the authority to behave like god. Other men’s egos give them the authority to behave like the son of god. They think their father is divine.

If you behave like you sit on the right-hand side of **GOD** because you were poured into a container better than all the rest of the containers **GOD** created, then we may have to politely inform you that we have no intention of bowing down before you, whether you're straight, male, white, JEWISH, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim*. Sooner or later, we'll all come together to prove you wrong. {That's not just in the cards. That's the whole point of **GOD** having dealt each of us a full deck...} There are spiritual taboos. Cross a certain moral line, and the masses will rise up and teach you what those boundaries are. Bank on it! <sup>44</sup>

*“When the birth of a girl is announced to any of them,  
his countenance darkens,  
and he is filled with gloom.  
On account of the bad news,  
he hides himself from men:  
should he put up with the shame or bury her in the earth?  
How ill they judge!”  
[16:57-59]*

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The arrogant man judges himself with his penis, not by the strength in his hands and legs, or the perseverance of his heart and soul. He looks at the work he's accomplished in sowing his seeds. He doesn't have the insight to see his present bounty or the foresight to see his future harvest. He cares only about his seeds, not the ground he's planted them in.

The man who admires the arrogant, judges himself for his passivity. To the extent he can turn over and take it like a man, he should see himself as giving, useful and self-sacrificing. Passivity is an attribute. It's those who are passive-aggressive who give the passive a bad name.

Get a grip on your penis and anus. You don't even need two hands to do so. Treat ladies as you would gentlemen. Treat men as you would ladies. Treat all people fairly and with

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Since both conclusions emanate out of their crotch and not their head, heart or soul, it shouldn't make any difference to you. Avoid them. Don't vote them into office! Giving them power is a sign of how passive-aggressive you really are.

<sup>44</sup> But if you decide to take it upon yourself to spill blood in order to teach lessons, know that you're probably going to pay for that error of judgment for a very long time.

respect. If you do so, you'll behave morally well with yourself. Forget about behaving correctly. Behave nicely instead.

*“Your Lord inspires the bee,  
saying,  
‘Make your home in the mountains,  
in the trees,  
and in the hives which men shall build for you.  
Feed on every kind of fruit,  
and follow the trodden paths of your Lord.’”  
[16:68-70]*

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Man is like the honeybee. What the bee does literally, man does figuratively. The Prophet is making his case for looking at humanity through the eyes of Moses and Jesus to find greater significance in the way things are through signs from nature. The Prophet is suggesting that men are producers of love {milk} and wisdom {honey}. And this becomes the foundation for the Prophet's message of our need for devotion to **GOD**.

But this also becomes the erroneous blueprint for the *Muslim* belief that the Land of Milk and Honey is his right to conquer. Just as the bee is dependent on its job of feeding on the flowers that'll then become fruits granted by **GOD**, so should you spiritually nourish yourself on the fruitful experiences the Lord allows you in life because you, too, produce a kind of honey.

**GOD** doesn't gift a righteous man sight for him to close his eyes in fear of other men. **HE** gave men sight so they'd open their eyes further. Close your eyes at night, and dream about the world you're building while here on Earth that'll mirror your “world to come.” Open your eyes in the morning and see hope in the light of day. Make your bed with joy in the morning and meet the mystery of each new day with the best of intentions. If you don't, I guarantee that you'll lose sight of your own vision.

*“From its belly comes forth syrup of different hues,  
a cure for men.  
Surely, in this there is a sign*

*for those who would take thought.”*  
[16:69]

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a cure for men.  
Surely, in this there is a sign  
for those who would take thought.”

Think about what comes out of your anus and what comes out of your mouth. Can you tell the difference between the two? Or are the two ends of you in competition for what reeks with more disgust, your excrement or your words? *“Surely, in this there, too, is a sign for those who would take thought.”*

*“God brought you out of your mothers’ wombs  
devoid of all knowledge,  
and gave you ears and eyes and hearts,  
so that you may give thanks.”*  
[16:77-78]

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devoid of all knowledge,  
and gave you ears and eyes and hearts,  
so that you may give thanks.”

If your head can’t thank others for the knowledge that they’re bringing you, your thoughts are as far away from the rest of you as the moon. If your heart can’t appreciate yourself for the feelings of love you have for you projected in so many wonderful ways out onto the world (despite how others bombard you with clay stones) your feelings are as distant from your thoughts as the sun from the moon. And if your conscience can’t be grateful to **GOD** for the faith you’ve achieved in being you that you can give, in full, back to **HIM** – then, clearly, you’re still a babe in arms who can’t yet use his eyes and ears for what they were intended. You don’t yet know where on Earth you are in relation to where you’re going.

Giving thanks must begin by thanking others. But then you must contain and internalize that feeling of thanks, so you can appreciate yourself. Only by augmenting your feelings for others internally can you then take the third step up to the throne to offer your gratitude to **GOD** for how you’ve been allowed to treat you.

Spiritualists do it in this order. The hyper-religious do it in the reverse order. The hyper-religious are bankrupting this world. They’ve got nothing to give themselves after they’ve given their all to **GOD**, **GOD** or *God*, let alone plagued others with their ass-backwards ways of thinking. Their head, heart and soul have been bankrupted by the spiritual process they’ve subverted. They’re emptying their cup, and then wondering why others don’t fill

it; the very essence of spiritual poverty. You've got to renew yourself by yourself. Only in this way will you be able to keep on giving to others.

*“God has given you houses to dwell in,  
and animals’ skins for tents  
so that you may find them light when you travel  
and easy to pitch when you halt for shelter;  
while from their wool, fur and hair,  
He has for a space of time  
provided you with comforts and domestic goods.”*  
[16:80-81]

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provided you with comforts and domestic goods.”

**GOD** may have provided you with animals and plants to cover your body, but **HE**'s also provided you with indoor plumbing, electricity and skyscrapers to comfortably house your whole family. If you don't look at this world symbolically as a container with a potential for helping you achieve greater, personal contents, you're going to miss the wisdom of the Prophet's message and the generosity of **GOD**'s universal intent. You're going to squabble over Scripture. You're never going to learn to live.

*“The day will, surely, come when We shall call a witness  
from each community  
to testify against it.  
We shall call you to testify against your people:  
for to you We have revealed the book  
which manifests the truth about all things;  
a guide,  
a blessing,  
and good news for those who submit.”*  
[16:89]

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We live in a day and age when there are plenty of witnesses. People have good minds, open hearts and well-developed consciences. They’re just spiritually young and inexperienced. They need the kind of guidance you get from a fairy on your shoulder whispering in your ear, not a mother or father leading you by the hand.

Submission to **GOD** ought to be the mission of Islam. But fundamentalist **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* want to make gays and Jews submit to their will. And the only thing that comes of that is the spreading of violence beginning in the Middle East and moving from there around the world. **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* can’t contain the problems they cause because they don’t understand the greater, spiritual process they’re a part of.

Meanwhile, those women in all three of the Abrahamic faiths who buy in to submission by their male counterparts later may wonder why their children grew up to be spoiled. They may ask themselves why their children left home and rarely return. They may wonder why they constantly submit to the will of unawakened men such as their father, brother and/or husband.

What they don’t wonder is why nonreligious people disdain the idea of submission. Ironically, people who are repressed are the most likely to defend submission. To **GOD** alone will I submit, but even then, my idea of submission may be very different from yours.

Republicans in Mississippi refuse to submit to Democrats, yet theirs is the poorest state in the Union. They had decades for Republicans pull them out of poverty, yet they’ve seen nothing. “People who are repressed are the most likely to defend submission.” {I’m quoting myself!}

Submission to **GOD** is harder than it looks when you’ve been conditioned to submit to bullies who convince you your enemies will never become your friends. Being secular is hard if you’ve been trained to inhibit yourself from personalizing your faith. But being religious is just as hard. This is why **GOD** calls many witnesses from each community to speak about the challenges to their community. You might be such a witness in the spiritual sense of the **WORD**. You may even be one of the witnesses **HE** calls on to become an ambassador of goodwill to other communities.

**GOD** made you *like* a seed. **HE** planted you *as* a sprout. And you’ve been growing in **HIS** garden, branching out and blossoming in many diverse ways. You aren’t just male or female. You aren’t just a member of one faith-based species of metaphoric, botanical

creation. You're not just a member of a national or linguistic grove. There's no coincidence in all the ways **HE** made you to feel *like* spiritual metaphors, symbols and similes living out **HIS** designs.

You may find yourself feeling like a seed discovering for itself what it looks like as it breaks out of its shell and grows into something much greater. What might you become after you've made your way through the rock of your being into the light? Only time will tell.

Look at all the tiny ways you already flower and fruit and ask yourself why **GOD** chose you to express yourself in these diverse and colorful ways. There'll be more to you than you now see and know as today's twigs become tomorrow's branches and boughs. There'll be more knowledge about you that you'll discover as you make your conscience an even greater guide. Learn more about yourself while with others. Teach less. Your **TEACHER** is always watching to decide what it is you next need to know.

You don't have to hate yourself to be disappointed in yourself. Success in the external world isn't enough. If you don't work from the inside out, your hatred of yourself will grow. The opposite of love is apathy. It's your utter, apathetic disregard for your inner self that disappoints you and causes you to fall into the dark pit of despair, depression and a sense of indifference to others. Disapprove of your self-apathy. Don't hate yourself for it.

“Do not,  
*like the woman who unravels the thread she has firmly spun,  
take oaths with mutual deceit  
and break them on finding yourselves superior in numbers.*  
In this,  
God puts you to the test.  
On The Day of Resurrection  
He will resolve your differences for you.”  
[16:92]

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**GOD** puts you to the test.  
On the Day of Resurrection  
**HE** will resolve your differences for you.”

The majority doesn't rule. The majority leads by the largest example. And if the majority is leading the people the wrong way, you ought to first become an expert on the intentions of Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad if you're going to convince the

majority to go another way. The masses believe in **GOD** more than they believe in their leaders. Therefore, if you disapprove of the self-apathy of others, I guarantee you the masses will eventually respond with guilt and remorse at their ways. Only then will they do something wise, loving and devoted to eradicate their injustices toward themselves.

Life may have started out as a garden in infancy, but it quickly turned into a ranch. The 1% {and the hyper-religious leaders they set in place} use scapegoats to keep the cattle penned in with enemies on all sides. But that's because people behave more like animals {flesh-eaters} than fruit {consumers of knowledge}. Only the poetically inclined are going to look deeply into what motivates them.

In Torah, we learned that Cain was a farmer. He brought **GOD** the fruits of his labors. And we learned that Abel kept flocks. He was a rancher. Cain killed Abel. The farmer killed the rancher. So, stop crying out from the ground of your being for justice, and start learning to question the gifts you're giving. Do you unconsciously make your sacrifices using animals {bodily experience} or plants {abstract experience}? The poor and disenfranchised are farmers like Cain who offer **GOD** the fruits of their labors. The rich and powerful are ranchers like Abel who offer **HIM** animal sacrifice.

The conflict between your head {Cain/farmer} and your heart {Abel/rancher} will never be resolved. Your heart will always be tempted by your desires in the same way that Eve {Cain and Abel's mother}, was tempted by the serpent. And Adam {your head} will always be overwhelmed by your feelings and desires. You must, therefore, observe yourself from a third, godly, place in inner space.

Evolution is much harder than revolution. Evolution takes longer, but the results are more lasting. Revolutions repeat themselves. Evolution moves inexorably in one direction only, toward the right, toward **GOD**.

*“Had God pleased,  
He would have united you in one community.  
But He confounds who He will  
and gives guidance to whom He pleases.  
You shall be questioned about all your deeds.”*  
[16:93]

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He would have united you in one community.  
But **HE** confounds who **HE** will  
and gives guidance to whom **HE** pleases.  
You shall be questioned about all your deeds.”

I'd amend what the Prophet said here. I'd say you'll be questioned by **GOD** about all your deeds. So, you should first question them yourself. When you can question yourself and vow obedience to you, you move off a two-dimensional plane of *art* to a three-

dimensional plane of *dance*. You find yourself in a pas de deux with you  $\{x^2 + y \text{ or } x^2 + x^1\}$ .

You can avoid unnecessary confrontations in life, and after life, if you use your conscience as your guide. The more you recognize the ways in which you may be trying to avoid obedience to you, the more control you're going to achieve over the forces within you. But I found that without a strong belief in **GOD**, I didn't have the self-discipline to care whether I was that conscientious, or not. I needed to know that I wasn't alone in disciplining myself. I needed to believe in rewards and punishments that were being managed by a **POWER** that was organizing my moral education day by day.

You probably have no idea how little anyone really cares about what you think of your anus. Most people would prefer that you keep your anus as private as they want to keep theirs. Civil society is predicated on everyone subliminally learning to do so. It's obvious that when you parade your flesh about, it brings up jealousy. But when you bring up the mystery of your being, it brings up envy. Would you rather people call you vain or conceited? The reasons for your vanity will fade over time. Your body will age. The reasons for your conceit may, actually, transform as you find the courage to learn what happens to all that forbidden fruit you're eating. Your spirit can grow.

*“When we change one verse for another  
(God knows best what He reveals)  
they say,  
'You are an impostor.'  
Indeed, most of them have no knowledge.”  
[16:101] <sup>45</sup>*

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Indeed, most of them have no knowledge.”*

The Prophet was no impostor. The impostors in today's world are the believers in every faith who live out the dogmas they were spoon-fed as children without question. The impostors today will tell you they abhor idol worship, even though they've never seen anyone literally pray *to* inanimate objects, only *through* them.

The impostors today will tell you they're not ignorant because they have plaques on the wall and licenses with the state that prove they're smart. They have a wife, 2.5 children, a house and a two-car garage to prove that what they know they really know. They have

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<sup>45</sup> The people once called the Prophet Muhammad an impostor. And many still do. But the Quran is much harder to read than Tanach or the Bible because you must enter the Quran first through Tanach and then the Bible. To reveal the intentions of *God* requires several fonts to keep track of **HIS** messages.

opinions they parade around on a leash like a pedigree at a dog show. The imposters will tell you all the mistakes you're making without challenging themselves to rectify their own.

Today many true believers have university degrees and influential positions in society and institutions of faith. Yet many couldn't come close to finding the spiritual importance of their anus if you tied both their hands behind their back. They're all queen bee wanna be's. They don't want to work like a worker bee – on themselves. That, they presume, is woman's work! So much for their honey.

“Say:  
*‘The holy spirit brought it down from your Lord  
in truth  
to reassure the faithful,  
and to give guidance and good news to those who submit.’*”  
[16:102]

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The Shechinah {feminine presence of GOD in the world} is a Jewish belief that made its way into Christianity in male form as the Holy Spirit to motivate people to believe in the synchro-mysticism of life. The Holy Spirit is a Christian belief that made its way into Islam as the tranquility of *God* to motivate people to believe even more in the synchro-mysticism of life. But the name of this spirit is *Allah*. Be assured, **GOD** brought down each verse of Scripture for a reason. **HE** didn't contract **HIMSELF** anywhere along the way. **HE** didn't forget what **HE**'d said previously. And **HE** already knows what 's going to say next.

“*To the Jews  
We have pronounced unlawful  
what We recounted to you before.  
We never wronged them,  
but they wronged themselves.*”  
[16:120]

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what **WE** recounted to you before.

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Our history is the history of one mistake after another. How else can a man move morally forward without arms and legs, to come to know good from bad, right from wrong, and better from worse? How else is wisdom achieved? How else can we move toward our **MAKER** except on our belly like a snake? Would **HE** believe us if we claimed we stood tall before **HIM**?

Christians and Muslims are the recipients of the wisdom of our many mistakes, just as the eldest child learns directly from the parents while the other children are given the luxury of learning from everyone who came before them in the family.

If you interpret this passage to mean that Israel has been forever taken away from the Jews because of our previous mistakes, you’re misreading the intention of my words. What **GOD** recounted before the 7<sup>th</sup> Century that was unlawful for the Jews is now that which we all have the freedom to take personally rather than literally. And the same goes for the liberty we’ve all gleaned from Christianity. Whether you avail yourself of these opportunities to self-emancipate is entirely up to you.

*“To those who commit evil through ignorance,  
and then repent and mend their ways,  
your Lord is forgiving and merciful.”*  
[16:121]

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and then repent and mend their ways,  
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Unfortunately, most people want patience, and they want it now! They insist on signs from **God** without having to put in effort to understand **HIS** metaphors, symbols and similes. They don’t refute **HIS** existence, but they’re blind to **HIS** participation, especially in their daily life. They vacillate in their opinions, repenting and then repeating the same mistakes. This is why you may see them moving morally on their belly like a snake. They wind their way forward, pressing left and right, hardly ever able to see much of where they’re going.

If the Israelites could have internalized their Exodus from Egypt to Israel, they wouldn’t have had to go on the journey from the one to the other. If Jesus could have lived a long and fruitful life, **HIS** contribution might have looked quite different. If the Prophet could have rented a villa in Capri in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century instead of living in a cave in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century, his message might have sounded more pleasant and upbeat at the time it was recited.

History unfolds with markers from **GOD** to show us where we’ve been. Discovering why your life unfolds the way it does will bring up a combination of objective and subjective reasons for you being the way you are at this snapshot on your journey. Take another snapshot, and you’ll see another view.

*“And now We have revealed to you Our will,  
saying,  
‘Follow the faith of saintly Abraham:  
he was no idolater.’”*  
[16:123]

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saying,  
‘Follow the faith of saintly Abraham:  
he was no idolater.’”

I’ve heard Catholics often say that the saints were saintly in the ways they were saintly, but they were human in every other way. Surely, the same can be said of Abraham. He had a unique and special relationship with GOD. He understood GOD to the best of his ability in the time in which he lived. He did the best he could under the circumstances he was given. But GOD had to watch over the wellbeing of Ishmael and Isaac when their father couldn’t.

Would you turn your back on **GOD** because of what your father put you through? Or will you submit to **HIS** choice of parents for you, and do the best you can with what you were given? The more you see your vices as coming from your parents, the more you’ll see your virtues coming from them as well.

*“The Sabbath was ordained  
only for those who differed about it.  
On the Day of Resurrection  
Your Lord will judge their disputes.”*  
[16:124]

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only for those who differed about it.  
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Your Lord will judge their disputes.”

Have you ever heard atheists argue about which day of the week is holy? Atheists aren’t concerned with what you’re doing on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. They won’t be a part of this dispute. Rather than learn to pray three ways on three days, Abrahamic men dispute the holiness of the two days they don’t recognize while looking down their noses at atheists. What’s wrong with that picture?

The weekend is one of the greatest gifts **GOD** gave the worker bee. I love the idea of having every Saturday and Sunday off. And I’d love for mankind to move toward a three-day weekend by including Fridays. We weren’t brought here to work externally, as much as to work internally.

TGIF!        Thank **GOD** it's Friday.  
TGIS!        Thank **GOD** it's Saturday.  
TGIS!        Thank **GOD** it's Sunday.

Let's celebrate all three Sabbath days as gifts from **GOD**. This alone will make our hive buzz with excitement.

The bee is the creature that makes it possible for trees to pollinate other trees. Pollen is the equivalent of semen. Inquiring heads, hearts and souls want to move past appearances. The Quran is like a hive and anyone can become like its queen.

*Surah 17*  
سورة الإسراء  
*The Night Journey*

“Glory be to Him  
who made His servants go by night  
from the Sacred Temple  
to  
the Farthest Temple  
whose surroundings we have blessed,  
that we might show Him some of our signs.  
He alone hears all and observes all.”  
[17:1] <sup>46</sup>

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who made **HIS** servants go by night  
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the farthest temple  
whose surroundings we have blessed,  
that we might show **HIM** some of our signs.  
**HE** alone hears all and observes all.”

The journey the Prophet took over the course of one night from Mecca through Jerusalem to “heaven” is renown outside Islamic circles. “There” in “heaven,” he conversed with Moses and Jesus, as well as with *Allah*.

Moses took the Israelites to Israel. Jesus took the Jews to “heaven” from Israel. And the Prophet took the Muslims to “heaven” through Israel. Israel isn’t “heaven.” You need to look more closely where you think you’re going when you use the metaphor of life as a journey. Your journey isn’t the same as your destination.

Jerusalem is our Abrahamic airport. Perhaps no flights out of this world leave from any other place on Earth. Who knows? The very name of the Israeli airline, El Al, is a pun that means:

1. to the skies
2. skyward

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<sup>46</sup> The sacred Temple is in Jerusalem where Abraham would have sacrificed Isaac and from where the Prophet rose to “heaven.” The farthest temple is the temple within that leads to **GOD**. It’s the farthest temple, paradoxically, that’s so close, so near and yet so far away.

### 3. to GOD

There are three legs of the journey to **GOD's** realm that you ought to buy into to get your ticket from here to "there." Ancient JEWS believed that religion had to be centralized around the temple where sacrifices to GOD occurred day and night. Ancient CHRISTIANS believed they could usurp the claims of the ancient Jews over Israel because they saw themselves as new and improves Jews made in the image of Jesus. And ancient *Muslims* believed that the inheritance from Abraham to Isaac had slipped through the fingers of the Jews and Christians and had been delivered into their hands.

Do you occupy your body, or do you live in it? Do you occupy your home, or do you live in it? Occupation is a real and surreal experience of being human. When you look at yourself as having been made in the image of **GOD** as described in Torah, augmented in the Bible and finalized in the Quran, you begin to discover that occupation and living are aspects of being that you should discover for yourself.

Most of my life I occupied my body thinking it was mine alone. When I became more aware of **GOD's** moral designs to awaken everybody to his or her occupation of a human body, I began to cherish my life more. It was easy for CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* to fight over Israel for so many centuries. But it was impossible for either of them to actualize its spiritual importance. This only Jews can do.

Do you believe you can be possessed by demonic spirits? Can they take over your body and force you to do something you don't wish to do? Is your body in your hands, or isn't it? Do you feel as though a demonic force has taken over your penis or clitoris? Does it also feel like that demonic force has invaded your head, heart or soul? Are you occupied? Can you relinquish responsibility of your container and still claim to be deserving of its contents?

Can you kidnap and raise a child, and then celebrate his or her achievements without denouncing your own behavior? Can you steal something of value and enrich yourself from it without impoverishing yourself spirituality in the process? What did you think would happen when you stole forbidden fruit and never sought a way to figuratively return it?

Occupying your head and heart without using them to learn how to enter your soul peacefully will leave you with knowledge of your thoughts and feelings, but it'll warp your beliefs about many things. It takes wisdom and wisdom of the heart to achieve true devotion to life. JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will never understand that. They've got to renounce their ways. They've got to embrace gays and Jews.

*"We gave Moses the book  
and made it a guide for the Israelites,  
saying,  
'Take no other guardian than Myself.  
You are the descendants of those  
whom We carried in the ark with Noah.*

*He was a truly thankful servant.”*  
[17:2]

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and made it a guide for the Israelites,  
saying,  
‘TAKE NO OTHER GUARDIAN THAN MYSELF.  
You are the descendants of those  
whom **wE** carried in the ark with Noah.  
He was a truly thankful servant.’”

The Jews have faithfully taken no GUARDIAN by any name other than GOD. Jesus and *Allāh* are other names for **GOD** that we’ve been conditioned not to pray to. I doubt *Allāh* wished to infer that the Jews are the descendants of the animals in the ark, not the descendants of Noah. I’m sure he meant to say that we’re all descendants of Noah’s family. We should all use our time here on Earth wisely to better ourselves. And if we see ourselves as a family of voices in a vehicle floating on an ocean of emotion, we’ll come to know the animal instincts within us, and let them out when we’re grounded, two by two.

Evolving is an honor if you feel you’re evolving with **GOD**’s blessings. Those who don’t bless you for the ways in which you figuratively express Scripture are the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. But we grow wiser, more loving and devoted to life anyway. **GOD** works in mysterious ways if you’re evolving. **HE** works in frustrating ways if you aren’t.

A father can have a second and even a third child, and no two will look exactly alike. The eldest will always be held differently than the others, no matter how many children a man may father. But there’s no reason for any of the kids to act out sibling rivalry. From a woman or a gay man’s point of view, it seems very foolish the way the ultra-orthodox in all three of the Abrahamic faiths are behaving. Their animosity toward one another can only be explained with psychological insight into family dynamics. They’re simply like badly raised children who refuse to grow up. What other than jealousy and envy could be motivating them?

*“In the book  
We solemnly declared to the Israelites,  
‘twice you shall do evil in the land.  
You shall become great transgressors.’”*  
[17:3]

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**wE** solemnly declared to the Israelites,  
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The first transgression **GOD** was referring to was triggered by our JEWISH civil wars between the twelve tribes of Jacob who first settled the land of Israel after their Exodus from Egypt. That squabbling amongst the ancient JEWS motivated the ancient Assyrians {Syrians} to invade ancient Israel and conquer the 10 northern tribes (740 B.C.E.), who were then absorbed into indigenist cultures and never heard from again. That then emboldened the Babylonians {Iraqis} to wage war against the remaining two tribes (597 B.C.E.). The Babylonians destroyed the first Temple in Jerusalem and took the ancient Jews forcibly to Babylonia as slaves. (See Isaiah, Chronicles and Second Kings)

The second transgression **GOD** was referring to in this passage, which also led to the enslavement and deportation of the ancient Jews, was the destruction of the second temple by the Romans in 70 C.E. after the death of Jesus. That expulsion of the Jews from Palestine {the Roman name for Israel} occurred 700 years before Islam.<sup>47</sup>

Everyone in the Middle East at the time of the compellation of the Quran (632 C.E.) knew the Romans had taken the ancient Jews into slavery and forcibly disbursed them throughout Europe and the Mediterranean. But the Prophet couldn't have foreseen that the Jews of the European Diaspora would be enslaved yet a fourth time {1. Egypt, 2. Babylonia, 3. Rome} in Germany in the last century. My father was one of those slaves to CHRISTIAN fanaticism. I'm literally the son of a slave.

So, whatever the many transgressions the ancient Jews may have perpetrated to cause GOD to exact his wrath upon them, they lost Israel twice {Babylonia and Rome} and regained it twice, once about 150 years after the Babylonian Exile and 2,000 years after the Diaspora at the end of the Holocaust in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

*“And when prophecy of your first transgression  
came to be fulfilled,*

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<sup>47</sup> “The word ‘Palestine’ is derived from ‘Peleshet,’ a name that appears frequently in Tanach and has come into English as ‘Philistine.’ The Philistines were an ancient, Mediterranean people originating from Asia Minor and Greek localities. They reached the southern coast of Israel in several waves. One group arrived in the pre-patriarchal period and settled south of Beersheba in Gerar where they came into conflict with Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac. Another group, coming from ancient Crete after being repulsed from an attempted invasion of ancient Egypt by Ramses III in 1194 B.C.E., seized the southern coastal area, where they founded five settlements {Gaza, Ascalon, Ashdod, Ekron and Gat}. In the ancient Persian and Greek periods, foreign settlers – chiefly from the Mediterranean islands – overran the Philistine districts. From the time of Herodotus, ancient Greeks called the eastern coast of the Mediterranean ‘Syria Palaestina.’ The Philistines were not ancient Arabs or even Semites. They were most closely related to the ancient Greeks. They didn't speak Arabic. They had no connection – ethnic, linguistic or historical – with Arabia or Arabs. The name ‘Falastin’ that Arabs use today for ‘Palestine’ is not an Arabic name. It is the Arabic pronunciation of the Greco-Roman ‘Palastina’ which is derived from the WORD PLESHETH {root פֶּלֶשׁ PALASH} a general term meaning rolling or migratory. This referred to the Philistine's invasion and conquest of the coast from the sea.” [Wikipedia]

*We sent against you a formidable army  
which ravaged your land  
and carried out the punishment you had been promised.”*  
[17:4-5]

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came to be fulfilled,  
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which ravaged your land  
and carried out the punishment you had been promised.”

This formidable army **GOD** permitted was made up of the ancestors of today’s Syrians and Iraqis. The ancient Assyrians conquered and absorbed the ten lost tribes, and the ancient Babylonians conquered the remaining two tribes, the Kingdom of Judah and Samaria, about 100 years later. The “return to Zion” is the term that refers to the ancient event in which the Jews were allowed to return to the land of Israel following the decree by the Persian emperor Cyrus the Great who conquered Babylonia in 538 B.C.E. {written about in the Books of Ezra-Nehemiah}.

If you endeavor to look at Jewish history as the history of humanity writ large, you see the suffering in this world as an endeavor to civilize ourselves under **GOD**’s spiritual direction. This involves every individual on Earth, not just every Jew.

This spiritual, polishing process has given us the conscience {Jewish}, conscientiousness {Christian} and soulfulness {Muslim} that modern man enjoys today. With **GOD**’s help, we’ll all continue to refine our ability to respond, rather than react, to the moral challenges the future will hold. We’re not, after all, animals that recently disembarked from an ark! We’re human beings who can express ourselves humanely.

*“Then we granted you victory over them  
and multiplied your riches and your descendants,  
so that once again you became more numerous than they.  
We said,  
‘if you do good,  
it shall be your advantage.  
But if you do evil,  
you shall sin against your own souls.”*  
[17:6]

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Today’s *Muslims* seem to think it’s their responsibility to punish the Jews for their transgressions. (But many JEWS and CHRISTIANS do, too.) The *Muslims* also seem to think it’s their responsibility to punish the CHRISTIANS for their transgressions. And they even seem to believe it’s their responsibility to punish Muslims for theirs. That’s a lot of punishment to take responsibility for...

The problem may have started with the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, an anti-Semitic, fabricated text purporting to describe a Jewish plan for global domination. The forgery was first published in Russia in 1903 as CHRISTIANS began to worry about Jewish retaliation for 2,000 years of CHRISTIAN abuse.

The *Muslims* world has engaged this guilt to keep their believers under their control. But as Muslims learn to earn their way out of ignorance and guilt with secular education on top of their study of the Quran, just as Christians did in the past with the Bible (with good deeds for all), **GOD** will forgive them their sins against us. (Now, if only the Israelis can get the orthodox JEWS to enhance their children’s education with secular learning and greater curiosity about **GOD**’s universal design!}

The JEWS dress as though they were still in Russia as they walk the hot streets of Jerusalem. The CHRISTIANS pretend to be modern as they destroy voting rights in America to maintain their power and vote megalomaniacs into political office. And the *Muslims* blend in wherever they are to fight for world domination. All their efforts will serve us in learning how to gain a greater hold on reality as adults in a world we want to fill with adults.

You’ve been fruitful and have multiplied your good deeds in many wonderful and personal ways that no human being could possible count or account for. Now may be the time for you to blossom. Now may be the age for you to bloom. If you don’t see yourself as a tree of knowledge and life, you aren’t going to be able to appreciate how you blossom, bloom and fruit this world with the blessings of being you.

My ancestors came out of slavery in ancient Egypt wanting to build great pyramids to themselves (as their Egyptian masters had done). They wanted trophies to their greatness. But the ancient Jews didn’t have the manpower or wealth to repeat the self-indulgences of the pharaohs. They had to settle with making their children their trophies. In this way, each Jewish couple invested in eternity by putting everything they could into the education of their offspring. Although that lifestyle choice took the ancient Jews a thousand years before they could turn that philosophy into law, in 200 B.C.E. they passed literacy laws for Jewish women and girls. (England didn’t do the same until the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.) The ancient Jews felt that unless the future mothers of the faith could read, write and argue the merits of Tanach, **GOD**’s goals would never be met.

Now **GOD** is giving Muslims a chance to do the same. Build pyramids to your greatness by glorifying your children's hopes, dreams and achievements. You can do it without anyone's help. But you can't do it by glorifying martyrs. Paying parents for raising children who blow themselves up is a terrible way to get out of economic poverty. And it only increases your moral paucity.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was murdered for having had a dream. From this, you should learn not to stop with dreaming. Dreams antagonize mean-spirited people who can't dream. The ignorant find dreams threatening. Therefore, seek a vision for tomorrow. Allow your mind to perceive the future you wish for, for everyone on Earth. Use your heart to realize a present you can be proud of. And use your past as a template of what not to do. In this way you'll produce a vision to present to **GOD** of what you want your life to be all about. You'll admit to **HIM** exactly how righteous you are and what you're endeavoring to do with the gift of life **HE** gave you. But a vision must include improvements to your inner world that will eventually become of value to everyone.

*“And when the prophecy of your transgression  
came to be fulfilled,  
We sent another army to afflict you  
and to enter the temple as the former entered it before,  
utterly destroying all that they had laid their hands on.”  
[17:7]*

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The first army {Assyrians} absorbed the ten tribes and destroyed the Ark of the Covenant that had been in the first Temple.<sup>48</sup> The second army {Babylonians} destroyed the first Temple entirely and utterly decimating all that they laid their hands on within it.

We saw a similar destruction recently from ISIS in Syria. If ever there was a loss to the creation and history of world civilization that we should all mourn, just as Jews mourn the destruction of our two Temples, it was the destruction of the indigenist Temple of Bel in

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<sup>48</sup> The Ark of the Covenant: “A gold-covered, wooden chest described in The Book of Exodus as containing the two stone tablets of the Ten Commandments. According to various texts within the Hebrew Testament, it also contained Aaron's rod and a pot of manna.” [Wikipedia] If you internalize the ark as your body, then the Ten Commandments, the priestly tool and food from GOD are internalized within you. The Ark of the Covenant was carried by the Israelites in the ARON {Tabernacle/closet}. Come out of your closet! The world is waiting for your holy work.

Palmyra. That was a transgression against humanity that *Muslims* will pay for through atonement to all of humanity for centuries to come. Add to that the 2001 Taliban destruction of the two 6<sup>th</sup> Century, monumental statues of standing **Buddha** carved into the side of a cliff in the Banyan valley of central Afghanistan, and you've got more good reasons to believe that "hell" on Earth is just a preview for those who don't want to devote their life to self-learning. We get precisely what we deserve in life, and if we don't connect our crimes to our punishments, the loss will be ours forever.

Eliminating all gays, lesbians and Jews from the face of the Earth might seem like an expedient way to limit the guilt **JEW**S, **CHRISTIAN**S and *Muslims* suffer. But what about the Eastern **philosophies** **GOD** created without signing **HIS** name to them? How do you contain the guilt of people who don't answer to **GOD** for their humiliation? And how would the elimination of gays, lesbians and Jews solve the problem of appeasing **GOD/GOD/God?**

Matters of guilt are solved individually as well as collectively. Motivating *Muslims* to blow themselves up is a futile gesture in the grand scheme of things. Efforts to end guilt by destroying all evidence for it are unreasonable. Retaliation is unreasonable. World domination is unreasonable. The job of creating glory on Earth won't be achieved the way *Muslims* are going about it. Guilt is **GOD**-made and sanctified.

**JEW**S are bent on the annihilation of the L.G.B.T+ community to appease **GOD**. **CHRISTIAN**S claim that guilt ended with Christ's loving sacrifice. They claim they know no guilt and have nothing to feel guilty for. *Muslims* claim that guilt will end with the destruction of all faiths and **philosophies** other than their own. Good luck with all those agendas! There's a lot of guilt out there that some people aren't willing to take personally!

*"We made the night and day twin marvels.  
We enshrouded the night with darkness  
and gave light,  
so that you might seek the bounty of your Lord  
and learn to count the seasons and the years.  
We have made all things manifestly plain to you."  
[17:11]*

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The darkness in man that corresponds to night is the foggy guilt he's unable to look through in his heart to see himself more clearly. The illumination in man that corresponds to day is the wisdom, love and devotion he's seeking that comes only from the inside in, not the outside in.

Truly man walks into the future ass backwards. He looks back at his past wondering where he's going, afraid to face front and his **MAKER**. If you can't face yourself, you can't face **GOD** going forward face first. When you occasionally find the courage to turn your head to peek around at where you're going, you do so with your eyes shut tight, blinking at best into **HIS** glorious light.

*"The fate of each man We have bound about his neck.*

*On The Day of Resurrection*

*We shall confront him with a book spread wide open,*

*saying,*

*"Here is your book.*

*Read it.*

*Enough for you this day that your own soul should call you to account."*

[17:11-12]

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The fate of each of us is like a noose around our neck. It may feel as though it's being pulled tight by **GOD** if **HE** really loves you enough to make you atone for your sick opinions of yourself that you usually project out onto others. But it may feel as though that noose has been removed entirely if **HE** curses you by letting you do as you please. The constraints you complain of would be more manageable if you weren't so stiff-necked {stubborn}. As you're slowly being led toward a great destiny, you, surely, sometimes feel strangled. It's harder than it looks to breathe free.

The book that'll be spread wide before modern man will be his diary, his photo album, his eBook {the combination of his Tanach, Bible and Quran} and his **philosophy** of life, all rolled into one. It'll be linked to all the events, good and evil, that he's amassed. His own soul will call him to account for what he'll find within when he's forced to look.

My book is presenting you with thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires you've held, but may not have expressed to yourself. How you've acted out in the world and how you've separated your fate from your destiny without bothering to create a vision of the two are

the result of how you've treated yourself. The more that improves, the more you'll be encouraged by yourself to pursue your destiny.

You've always gotten exactly what you needed to improve you, even if it wasn't what you thought you deserved or wanted. Your own conscience will present the outcomes of your life to you if you're willing to develop your opinions with more soulful regard for yourself. There'll be no need to thank or curse **GOD** for the way it turns out. You'll thank and curse yourself.

*“He that seeks guidance  
shall be guided to his advantage,  
but he that errs shall err at his peril.  
No soul shall bear another's burden.  
Nor do We punish until We have sent forth a messenger.”*  
[17:14-15]

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but he that errs shall err at his peril.  
No soul shall bear another's burden.  
Nor do **WE** punish until **WE** have sent forth a messenger.”

Consider me one of many messengers. You, too, are a messenger. We all are. But you have no idea what your message may be until you practice it on yourself. Simply promoting heterosexuality is a fool's errand. Simply promoting one brand of religion is counterproductive. Get your nose out of other people's private life and spiritual life. They're not ruining your inner marriage to yourself. You are.

Life is a school, but no one else's grades will go on your report card. You, alone, are responsible for the forces within you and the actions you take to learn to operate those forces separately and concurrently. You won't be able to use reasons, excuses or blame for what you've done to you. No one is at all interested in your explanations. *“He that errs shall err at his peril.”* [Quran 17:14]

Fortunately, **GOD** stated through the Archangel Gabriel that **HE**'d always send messengers so that those who can't see the handwriting on the wall would be able to have it read to them or figuratively explained to them in artistic ways. But the time is now. You must become your own messenger. You must question your own behavior. And you must account for your exclusivity because it's separating you from yourself. If not now, when?

The Prophet brought us the last name of **GOD**. We now live in an age in which we all ought to live up to our own name. We can't hide any longer behind any one of the three names of **GOD**. Get out of your head. Get out of your heart. Come to your soul to look, and you'll see.

The Age of Prophecy ended in Judaism with the prophet Malachi, about 500 B.C.E. The concept of a Messiah isn't mentioned anywhere in Tanach. Therefore, the Judeo-Christian concept of the WORD of **GOD** as presented through a modern interpretation of the Quran would give the Prophet the honorific title of messenger of **GOD** if you add up all that he said with what was said before him. He was neither a Prophet in the Jewish sense, nor the Messiah in the Christian sense. He was *God's* messenger. He received *His* message before everyone became **HIS** messengers.

Today's messengers are those who feel sent on a very special mission. Although a Prophet and Messiah are honorific titles, the title of messenger is different. There were a limited number of prophets in the Old Testament. There was only one Messiah.<sup>49</sup> And there was only one Prophet who tactfully claimed to be *God's* messenger. The Prophet's mission was similar to the mission of Jesus and the mission of Moses before him. But it was a spiritual task everyone could duplicate in yet a third place in inner space. And discovering that abstract location in you is the most important part of his message. It makes your WORDS more than prophetic. It makes them more than loving. It turns your words into messages you can take to heart and then soulfully offer all others.

Some claim to have a clean conscience. Others see themselves as illuminated with GOD/GOD/*God* consciousness. But to enlarge your soul sufficiently to include all aspects of Y.H.V.H., Jesus and *Allah* is a task only a modern individual can achieve in his pursuit of **GOD**.

I didn't try to become a messenger of the Lord. It became obvious to me over time that I was. I call myself an emissary on **GOD's** behalf. I believe anyone can be an emissary of **GOD** just by making an effort to carry his message to others with as little hypocrisy as possible. Anyone can take the Abrahamic faiths personally without converting to any one of the three faiths. Anyone can become an ambassador of peace by making peace with himself.

This is the lifelong task of figuratively writing out our name through our intentions and deeds for all the world to see. This is why we were given two worlds to accomplish this task rather than just one. We couldn't possibly come to know our own worth without the best of intentions for ourselves, as well as with an inclination to realize them with good deeds for others. Whether, or not, you have a string of accomplishments in your past or honorific letters after your name from a prestigious university, you can claim to be a good person if your intentions are wise, loving and devoted to making peace with yourself.<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> The JEWS are awaiting the coming of the MESSIAH. The CHRISTIANS are awaiting the return of the Messiah. And the *Muslims* believe that the Prophet was the messenger who came instead. I believe that you're the messenger you're awaiting; the messenger who has come; and the messenger who continues to return each day.

<sup>50</sup> I think you're beginning to see how important the Eastern **philosophies** are in achieving a sense of self. This is why I stated that my next book would be on **Hinduism**. A sense of

*“He that desires this fleeting life  
shall soon receive in it  
whatever We will  
for whomever We please.  
But then We have prepared hell for him,  
where he will burn despised and rejected.”  
[17:18-19]*

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shall soon receive in it  
whatever **WE** will  
for whomever **WE** please.  
But then **WE** have prepared ‘hell’ for him,  
where he will burn despised and rejected.”

Life can seem “hellish” at times. Life can sometimes also seem “heavenly.” All your experiences of this world are a mere taste of the “world to come” for those with a discerning palette. If you see yourself as an emissary of goodness, the chances are, in my humble opinion, that you’ll go through “hell” in your lifetime, not ‘hell’ after it. Who doesn’t already know the feeling of being burned by others, despised and rejected?

If you see yourself as a messenger unto you, you’ll also become an emissary unto others, whether, or not, you achieve fame and fortune for your efforts. Popularity and worldly riches are fleeting. But your opinion of yourself is something you must form now because it’ll last forever.

This isn’t a cynical or overly promising view of life. This is what confounds us all as we struggle for truth. This is the Story of Cain and Abel personified in you as your head and heart struggle over whose sacrifice to the Lord would be more acceptable. When your heart lies crying out from the ground of your being for justice, your head is going to finally admit that it’s your heart’s keeper until the two of you can work together with **GOD** from your soul.

Your scheming mind will probably not consider how you’re going to feel afterwards. Your mind can only play checkers with your heart. Neither plays 3D chess. They can’t see more than one or two moves ahead of where they’re going on a flat 2D surface. If you aren’t striving to carve a soul out of your conscience, the **WORDS/WORDS/Words** of **GOD/GOD/God** are never going to become personal. You’ll develop greater skill in playing games, but you’ll never master life.

Enriching yourself by expressing your feelings for your brother as though your feelings were a baseball coming in contact with a bat will only bring you material comforts. It’ll get you what you think you want: a home run. But life is more than sport. You won’t

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self will figuratively take you around the world in a way that the Abrahamic faiths will only get you halfway around.

remove the noose around your neck with materialism. You'll only turn it into a gold-studded collar. And that rope won't keep you from crying out from the ground of your being for justice when things don't go your way and you're gasping for breath.

If you don't learn to love yourself like a brother, you'll never discover the meaning of brotherhood. The meaning of brotherhood is the same as the meaning of Israel when you personally struggle with our GOD, and yours.

*“See how We have exalted some above others.  
Yet the life to come has greater honors and is more exalted.”*  
[17:22]

“See how **WE** have exalted some above others.  
Yet the life to come has greater honors and is more exalted.”

Equality in the world we share is greatly over-emphasized in light of the fact that most people presume they're better than others, based on the impression given by the forces within them. Equivalency needs to be achieved from within before you're going to see equality spread worldwide.

The JEWS don't read the Bible or the Quran. The CHRISTIANS interpret Tanach by looking only for verification of their spiritual superiority through Jesus. And the *Muslims* read nothing other than the Quran, refusing to modernize their interpretations of it.

Even when looking at the internal world of man as a 3D experience with spiritual length, width and depth, each of the Abrahamic faiths claims to be figuratively going toward the north pole where they think they'll be able to command religious authority over the whole world. (They conveniently forget that the Prophet's view of life was always looking south.)<sup>51</sup>

In medieval scholasticism, European Christians argued about the number of angels that could dance on the head of a pin. Well, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the answer to that question has been given. The pin is the north pole. The correct answer to the number is three. There's a JEW, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* each pretending to be an angel doing a strange, cruel dance together against you. Call them the Three Stooges.

There are no two snowflakes that are equal. Each is carved by **GOD** individually. **HIS** relationship with every one of us is equally unique. Monetarily, we all deserve the same opportunities to achieve physical comfort. But emotionally and spiritually, we're each on our own. There are no two people on Earth who are equal on the outside. Therefore, we must strive to understand our equivalency in terms of our ability to think, feel, believe and desire.

The Jews brought the science of psychology into the modern world through the atheist-Jew, Sigmund Freud. It's our Jewish job to encourage every individual to pursue matters of the mind.

The Christians brought spiritual sociology into the modern world through the Swiss psychologist Carl Jung. He concerned himself with the masses, world movements and

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<sup>51</sup> The Prophet's view looking south will be discussed in the next surah, [18:17].

relieving the social sources of spiritual embitterment for all peoples on the planet. It's the Christian's job to encourage all peoples to pursue matters of the heart.

And the Muslims are responsible for spiritual advancement of our soul. But millions of *Muslims* are doing a terrible job of embracing their spiritual responsibility to life. Until we find ourselves in a world where all people are willing to learn from everyone, frustration pain and suffering will seem endless and unattainable. And Israel will remain in the crosshairs of maniacs, both there and abroad.

*“Your Lord has enjoined you to worship none but Him,  
and to show kindness to your parents.  
If either or both of them attain old age in your dwelling,  
show them no sign of impatience,  
nor rebuke them;  
but speak to them kind words.  
Treat them with humility and tenderness and say:  
Lord,  
be merciful to them.  
They nursed me when I was an infant.”*  
[17:23-24]

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**GOD** chose your parents just for you, whether you're happy with **HIS** choice, or not. Your life isn't an endless circle with ongoing trials and tribulations. It's more like an elevator. If you can look down on your poor parents from where you are now, you should be able to appreciate the increased outlook you have over theirs. And if you can't, you can't. Either way, you'll get what you need.

There was so much I learned about the infant in me as my mother and father aged. My father finally told me on his deathbed that my boyfriend was a good man. My mother embraced me when I was a young man and told her I was gay. She told me she loved me and would always love me. She told me that there was a terrible apathy in this world, and she didn't want to add to it by giving up her love for her children. She may not have been

a great mother in some conventional ways, but she was about as modern as a mother could be in that sense.

Now that she's 97 years old, senile and struggling with severe mental problems, I can look back and say that I know no one whose mother accepted and admired him as much as my mother did, me. I feel so fortunate to have had her as a witness to my life. And I believe there are equivalent feelings of loss and love in everyone for someone.

I try to treat my classmates in the school of life like I'd like to treat our **TEACHER**, not the way I sometimes treated my parents and they sometimes treated me. How can I intend to treat *Allah* well if I treat my enemies abominably in my mind? **GOD** can hear everything I'm thinking about **HIS** other creations. Clearly, **HE** must conclude I'd treat **HIM** like I'd like to treat my enemies.

I'm like an actor on stage. I'm performing for the camera. Life is a performance art, and I'm never in the wings without a part to play. If I feel dismissed, disregarded, distained, ignored, left out, neglected, overlooked or rejected – I only need to change my script, and I'll be given another role to play on stage. I can't change the lighting, stagehands, players or audience. When I change my script and the role I've been playing, I change my opinion of me. And that creates a powerful change in the way I think that has a transformative and transcendent effect on my future.

*“Give full measure when you measure,  
and weigh with even scales.  
That is better and fairer in the end.”*  
[17:35]

“Give full measure when you measure,  
and weigh with even scales.  
That is better and fairer in the end.”

Although, when you were a toddler, you eventually decided to take your thumb out of your mouth to console yourself, you may have inadvertently put it on your inner scales instead, where it may remain still. Take your thumb off your scales. Measure others fairly despite how unfairly you may feel treated. If you measure yourself as mercifully as you possibly can, you'll treat others equivalently {±}. Weigh your thoughts against your feelings fairly and come to a balanced opinion of yourself based on how you'd like others to treat you. *“That would be better and fairer in the end.”*

For decades, I wasn't on speaking terms with myself, and so, today, silence within me had been my greatest weapon. People who don't deserve my attention now receive silence from me. This, I believe, **GOD** can respect. **HE**, too, uses silence on me when **HE**'s upset with me.

*“Do not walk proudly on the earth.  
You cannot split the earth,*

*nor can you rival the mountains in stature.”*  
[17:37]

“Do not walk proudly on the Earth.  
You cannot split the Earth,  
nor can you rival the mountains in stature.”

Most men walk as though they were GOD walking through the Garden of Eden trying, with heavy feet, to remind Adam and Eve that he’s closer to them than they think. Don’t frighten people by figuratively stomping about to make your presence known. You don’t get a high-level, spiritual job in life by trying to make people run away from you in fear. Don’t pretend you can initiate earthquakes like a god with your heavy footsteps or that you have your finger on a button that can split this world in two. In more concrete terms, don’t use your feet the way some others use their penis or their wallet to affect change. Tread lightly.

My job is to learn how to express my opinions of me to discover my unachieved, inner needs. My job is to dress my inner world with robes of piety, not rent the fabric of society with more ragged ideas that won’t pass the test of time. I won’t give up my self-respect by calling people names out loud (although I can’t help thinking lowly of them when they behave immorally toward themselves, and others).

I don’t call Jews monkeys or pigs. I don’t call gays fags or perverts. And I don’t call Africans or women names, either. Because I don’t want to put words in other people’s mouth, I yearn to speak respectfully to myself about me at all times.

Here is a brief description of one word that, when spoken aloud, can have many meanings:

GOD	The PUBLISHER of Tanach
GOD	The PUBLISHER of the Gospels
GOD	Jesus, the SUBJECT of the Gospels
<i>God</i>	The Topic of the Quran
<b>GOD</b>	The <b>SUBJECT, AUTHOR</b> and <b>PUBLISHER</b> of it all

*“Your Lord knows you best.  
He will show you mercy if He will,  
and punish you if He pleases.”*  
[17:54]

“Your Lord knows you best.  
**HE** will show you mercy if **HE** will,  
and punish you if **HE** pleases.”

Growing old is a great gift, as well as a terrible punishment. But you won’t discover that truth if you kill yourself with alcohol, cigarettes, drugs, food, hypertension or

overwork. You certainly won't discover the wisdom and joy in the paradoxes of life if you blow yourself up inside with frustrations that you try to alleviate with self-abuse.

Getting out of your earthly container should be as artfully achieved as you'd like to think it was artfully achieved when you got into it. Beating and battering your shell isn't the best way to germinate. Being out of your mind is no excuse for being heartless or soulless.

The young are afraid of the old. The inexperienced are afraid of those with knowledge. The civilian is afraid of the spiritual soldier, and the elderly are afraid of the **DOCTOR** and **HIS** staff. **GOD** can and will challenge you in many ways over time. There's more to learn about yourself from every experience you go through. But if you think your religious leader has all the answers to the vast number of contradictions in your life, you're putting him on too high a pedestal. Perhaps you should look for a leader who's a woman or gay.

We can't blame all the *Muslims* for your problems. Nor can we blame all the **CHRISTIANS** or even the **JEWS**. And it's not the fault of the gays and lesbians. And we can't blame the transgendered for the assault on every serpent and worm. The transgendered know something about us that we don't know about ourselves. So, naturally, some have chosen to make them the Jew du jour.

*"We have not sent you to be their guardian.*

*Your Lord is best aware of all who dwell in the heavens and the earth."*

[17:55]

**"WE** have not sent you to be their guardian.

Your Lord is best aware of all who dwell in the 'heavens' and the Earth."

Who would conclude that the *Muslims* should be guardians of the world because they're blessed with crude oil? Who would want the **CHRISTIANS** to be guardians of the world after all the mistakes they've made in running it? And you'd never want the **JEWS** to remain the back-seat drivers who'll determine where this world will end up with all the new and improved thinkers the Lord is creating day by day.

Therefore, take the Quran personally. *Allah* hasn't sent you to be their guardian. *"Your Lord is best aware of all who dwell in the 'heavens' and the Earth."*

"DO NOT FAVOR THE POOR OR SHOW DEFERENCE TO THE RICH; JUDGE YOUR NEIGHBOR FAIRLY. YOU SHALL NOT HATE YOUR KINSMAN IN YOUR HEART. REPROVE YOUR NEIGHBOR BUT INCUR NO GUILT AGAINST YOUR KINSFOLK. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF: I AM THE LORD." [Leviticus 19:9-18]

"JUDGE NOT, LEST YE BE JUDGED." [Matthew 7:1]

Your mother isn't your neighbor, and your neighbor isn't your mother. Some are mad at their mother and sad about who they've got for a neighbor. And some are sad about who they got as a mother and mad at their neighbor. Only in silence seeking solitude will you discover which for you is which.

Using your head to judge others won't be enough to make you wise. And mercy won't be enough to teach you to open your heart to you. You must be humiliated with such divine

reasons that you won't be able to turn to anyone but the Lord in utter amazement at what you did to deserve such blessings and curses from **HIM**. You're not an exception to the rule because of what you know. You're not an exception to the rule because of how you feel. You're not an exception to the rule because of your alliances and beliefs. You're a student with our **TEACHER** at all times – or you're not.

You may be an amazingly beautiful person who can't yet see yourself without the aid of a mirror or a witness. But you can be taught to perceive your goodness from within. You can glimpse at it from time to time when **GOD** is gracious to you. And that inner beauty and wealth looks like stars in the night sky. And it feels mysterious and glorious. It doesn't give you the illumination and warmth that's as precious as the sun in a winter sky. But it gives you reason to know that hope springs nocturnal. Who knows what is eternal?

*“We have exalted some Prophets above others.*

*To David*

*We gave the Psalms.”*

[17:57]

“**WE** have exalted some prophets above others.

To David

we gave the Psalms.”

David was no prophet. He was a soldier and a king who learned to cry the hard way, through deep, personal losses. Read the Psalms he wrote to discover how a spiritual warrior felt, but don't let it inspire you to kill. David loved Jonathan. You can become a David and Jonathan unto yourself.

*“Are you confident He will not cause  
the earth to cave in beneath you,  
or let loose a deadly sandstorm upon you?  
Then you shall find none to protect you.”*

[17:68]

“Are you confident **HE** will not cause  
the Earth to cave in beneath you,  
or let loose a deadly sandstorm upon you?  
Then you shall find none to protect you.”

The idea of earth swallowing up the arrogant, stubborn and defiant was presented in The Book of Numbers with Korach's rebellion against Moses, Aaron and Miriam. In today's modern adaptation of Torah, we look to reason {intellectual rock} and sound judgment {mountains} to swallow up those who are impatient; those who use accusations

to lie and foment conspiracies. We all need to know how it feels when our world seems to cave in within us without wanting to recreate that feeling in others.

The Quran expands upon this idea with the concept of a spiritual sandstorm that makes each of us coarse and abrasive in a uniquely ugly way. There's no one to protect you from ruining your personality with cynicism and sarcastic scorn at what's happening to you over time. You must delve into the forces of your persona to polish and refine you by yourself.

Being rough and tough on the outside is the goal of children who are preparing for a great passage in life that they can't yet fully envision. Being rough and tough is childish, not childlike. It leads to an outlook on life that'll be juvenile, not adolescent. It'll conceal you beneath millions of thoughts that have no ability whatsoever to support or enrich your life. You'll come crashing down on those feelings and beliefs as though the earth were swallowing you up.

The defiance of man originates in his inability to envision himself in the third-person. **GOD** can seamlessly talk to **HIMSELF** as HE, HE and *He*. But you and I can't unless we divide our life into the past, present and future. When you look back on your past with wisdom, you may see someone you can hardly identify with anymore. When you look in at such a moment in time past with love you should be able to see someone you can embrace as though with one arm. And when attempt to look at your future with loyalty to a self you can't yet conceive, you should see someone you'd ideally like to hold with both arms. There are, in fact, three he's in thee.

*“Are you confident  
that when again you put to sea  
He will not smite you with violent tempests  
and drown you for your thanklessness?  
Then you shall find none to prosecute your case against Us.”*  
[17:69-70]

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that when again you put to sea  
**HE** will not smite you with violent tempests  
and drown you for your thanklessness?  
Then you shall find none to prosecute your case against **US**.”

The change in reference **GOD** makes in this passage is particularly interesting. **HE** goes from the all-encompassing, third-person {**HE**} to the first-person plural {**US**}. It's as if the Prophet drew his reader from some distance away from **GOD** right up to **HIS** face. This is modern. This was a way of painting a picture of **GOD** that was unheard of up until then.

There are many who've been caught up in spiritual tempests they couldn't survive because of emotions and beliefs they couldn't endure. They drowned, as did the population at the time of Noah. They lay lifeless at the bottom of their heart as though it were a rough

sea that they perceive from fathoms below the surface that they dare not rise up into again. And the last person they want to dive into their heart to save is themselves.

There are many like Jonah who are drowning still, as they make their way away from GOD. But they're miraculously saved each time they go overboard by a worry or a whale that swallows them up. Such men today physically walk the Earth. They talk out loud. But they're not grounded or able to speak about themselves in this way. They're figuratively deep underwater wondering about the world of spirit they can't consciously access, a sky they can't yet see. Would that they sought **GOD** in the cold and darkness where they are; under the pressure they find themselves in now. Would that they could swim through their lust for life to discover their love of life.<sup>52</sup>

If you find yourself mindlessly scratching your head, ask yourself what the mime inside who can't yet speak is trying to tell you. Could he be acting out the question, "Why am I doing that?" Surely, you're your best guide.

The spiritual exercise of exploring yourself in the third, second and first person must be done in the present moment from an outsider's point of view. You must witness what you're going through from the overarching rainbow of self-love. If you can't figuratively fly lovingly above yourself, you're not yet ready for any greater, spiritual proximity to you than you've presently earned.

You're going to want to do the best you can to perceive the magic of this moment in time and wait patiently for more magic to magically appear. This process *isn't* in your hands; this process *is* in your hands. In other words, it's elusive; it's internal. It's diaphanous, fluid and impossible to literally grasp. With all the freedom, liberty and emancipation you may claim, you still can't control the arrival of **GOD's** next, magical lesson of life. You can only perceive each lesson as it comes and hold tightly onto it while witnessing how you're going through it.

*"We have bestowed blessings on Adam's children  
and guided them by land and sea.  
We have provided them with wholesome things  
and exalted them above many of Our creatures."  
[17:71]*

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and guided them by land and sea.  
**W**E have provided them with wholesome things  
and exalted them above many of **O**U**R** creatures."

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<sup>52</sup> The difference between a lust for life and a love of life is like the difference between a flying fish and a pelican. A flying fish {Christian} is doomed to return to the sea after it gets a glimpse of the sky. A pelican {Muslim} lives on the land and flies through the sky, diving down into the sea from time to time seeking nourishment. In this, you should see the dilemmas in being Jewish, Christian or Muslim.

The Prophet recited the Quran almost 1,500 years ago when there was no hope of dominating the skies with machines that move through the air. There was no hope then of all the creatures in the ark being perceived as psychological aspects of human nature. There was no hope of ever seeing the lion (Muslim) lie down with the lamb {Christian}.<sup>53</sup>

It's up to modern man to recognize the spiritual realm given by **GOD** to the one who found his way from Mecca through Jerusalem to "heaven" and back. This was a journey that should leave us all in awe of **GOD's** designs for us today and every tomorrow. This is the magic carpet ride that makes more sense as a fairy tale told to children than in many a mosque. And yet, when you stop sweeping yourself under your own rug, don't you feel as though you were always made to sit upon a carpet and fly?

*"Recite your prayers at sunset,  
at nightfall,  
and at dawn:  
the dawn prayer has its witnesses.  
Pray during the night as well;  
an additional duty,  
the fulfillment of which your Lord may exalt you to an honorable station."  
[17:79-80]*

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an additional duty,  
the fulfillment of which your Lord may exalt you to an honorable station."*

The dawn prayer has witnesses you won't usually find by day because your mind has been freshly swept clean by morning. At that early hour of the day while you may only be semiconscious, you're having office hours with our **TEACHER**. At that hour, your soul may imagine you as a new container in other containers of successive sizes. Like Russian dolls given to you new that day, you'll take yourself and others apart and put yourselves together again. This may cause cynicism, scorn and derision of forms of containment you're unfamiliar with. The day has just begun, and the honorable station you seek may feel as though it comes and goes throughout the day.

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<sup>53</sup> "THE WOLF ALSO SHALL DWELL WITH THE LAMB, AND THE LEOPARD SHALL LIE DOWN WITH THE KID; AND THE CALF AND THE YOUNG LION AND THE FATLING TOGETHER; AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM." [Isaiah 11:6]

“Say:  
‘Lord,  
*grant me a goodly entrance  
and a goodly exit,  
and sustain me with Your own authority.*”  
[17:81]

“Say:  
‘Lord,  
grant me a goodly entrance  
and a goodly exit,  
and sustain me with **YO~~U~~R** own authority.’”

The goodly entrance you had when you were born began like this: You were a stranger in the hands of a doctor or a midwife. You were passed along to a woman who held you with wholesome regard and curiosity. But you looked up into her face and asked yourself who she was without words. She was the first stranger you ever laid your eyes on who held genuine interest in you because she looked back at you the same way you looked at her. She was the first person in this world who embraced you and told you with her eyes that your arrival was cause for celebration and delight. (Or you were a mixed blessing that makes you suffer to this day.)

Your mother told you she was full of joy at seeing your face, despite the pain between her legs that she hid from you. Your father told you then and there that he was worried about her and you despite his delight. And the longer you lived under their roof, the more you realized you needed to live up to both of their expectations: joy and worry. You’re a mix of their blessings in with your own.

You had no choice but to address their love in the ways they initially delivered it to you. You had to gather your moments together until you had a past to hold in your own hands. You had to wake up from infancy. And you only had a couple of years in which to do it.

Then you had to live with that past using every tiny moment in the moment to create a growing awareness of a present you experienced that you now look back on and call childhood. And after crossing the bridge of puberty into adulthood you looked at your unknown future as you dreamed of it growing with possibility. Even now, you occasionally question an implausible end you’re determined to reach for with respect and dignity.

Nature made it necessary that you hunger for food and shelter. Nurture made it necessary that you hunger in just the ways that you have. You’re a tree with roots that are entwined with a **ROCK**. Everything you see during the light of day is supported by all that you don’t see below ground. Your roots will always grow in darkness, not in light.

Today’s goodly entrance onto the world stage comes with your morning prayer. But the goodly exit you seek will bring you through all seven of the gates of “heaven,” or your exit will lead you to worrisome images of the “hell” you’ll face tonight as you look back on how you wasted another precious day.

You know as much as you presently know about the seven spiritual attributes of fire. You know what you know of the consequences of quelling the burn of purification with ice. Hatred of yourself may have been slowly replaced, over time, with apathy. The road to self-discovery is now entirely yours to choose or to avoid.

“Say:  
‘Glory be to my Lord!  
Am I not but an emissary made of flesh and blood?’”  
[17:93]

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‘Glory be to my Lord!  
Am I not but an emissary made of flesh and blood?’”

We all have the potential of becoming emissaries made of flesh and blood from our head down to our feet. From the waist up, we’ve been infused with holy contents. It’s from below the waist that we suddenly become aware of all that flesh and blood that has such a powerful effect on our cravings, hungers, impulses, passions, urges and wants. It’s not hard to speak civilly to one another about our thoughts, feelings and beliefs. It only when the forces of desire get mixed up with our flesh and blood that all “hell” breaks loose.

Physical puberty literally separates the child from the adult. Emotional puberty figuratively separates the child from the adult. But spiritual puberty separates the wise from the foolish. Do you simply make the claim to yourself that you’re an adult, or can you prove it with wise deeds?

*“Nothing prevents men from having faith  
when guidance is revealed to them  
except the excuse,  
‘Can it be that God has sent a human being as an emissary?’”*  
[17:94]

“Nothing prevents men from having faith  
When guidance is revealed to them  
except the excuse,  
‘Can it be that **GOD** has sent a human being as an emissary?’”

God sent the Prophet to be the first emissary of **HIS** complete designs using the two prior steps up to **HIS** throne. But it didn’t stop with him then or there. Everyone can strive to become an emissary in his own right. And everyone can claim to have gone as far as the last guy went, and no further.

*“To Moses  
We gave nine clear signs.  
Ask the Israelites how he first appeared among them.”  
[17:100]*

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**WE** gave nine clear signs.  
Ask the Israelites how he first appeared among them.”*

The nine clear signs GOD gave the ancient Jews were the Nine Plagues that were increasingly menacing indications to the Israelites that the Angel of Death was coming nearer and nearer. Those who recite the Passover story with conviction each year look for these nine signs in the world around them and do their best to avoid the return of the Tenth Plague.<sup>54</sup>

You can become a Moses in your own life. You can lead yourself to freedom and safety. You can become a Jesus in your own life. You can lead yourself to love. And you can become an emissary to yourself by expressing your loyalty to all life and endeavoring to live your life with the insights brought to you through the Prophet.

If they had been brought to you *by* the Prophet, you could take them no further than he did. But they were brought to you *through* the Prophet. Therefore, you can expound upon them in your own, creative way.

*“Then We said to the Israelites,  
‘Dwell in the land.  
When the promise of the hereafter comes to be fulfilled,  
We shall assemble you all together.’”  
[17:103]*

*“Then **WE** said to the Israelites,  
‘DWELL IN THE LAND.  
WHEN THE PROMISE OF THE HEREAFTER COMES TO BE FULFILLED,  
**WE** SHALL ASSEMBLE YOU ALL TOGETHER.’”*

Instead of living in peace, awaiting the promise of the hereafter, the ancient Jews started a civil war in which our Twelve Tribes were reduced to two. And then, weakened, our two

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<sup>54</sup> The Tenth Plague was the death of the firstborn son of the ancient Egyptians. By extension, the death of your inner child is a terribly harsh lesson in life that'll leave you seeking the humility you refused to teach yourself. It's unwise to wish death upon your enemies as a way of getting them to change their ways. Leave those sorts of lessons to Y.H.V.H, Jesus *Allāh*. It's beyond your ability to wisely manage any more than this present moment in time.

remaining tribes were dragged into slavery for the second time through war. And if that wasn't enough, with the schism that Jesus brought 500 years later that forced us out of our head and into our heart, we lost Israel in another war, and were enslaved and disbursed throughout the Western world by the Romans.

*“We have revealed the Quran with the truth,  
and with the truth it has come down.  
We have sent you forth only to proclaim good news and to give warning.”*  
[17:105]

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and with the truth it has come down.  
WE have sent you forth only to proclaim good news and to give warning.”*

The Christians have been proclaiming the good news for 2,020 years. It's encouraging to know that the Quran is full of good news, too, despite the death and destruction these two faiths have inflicted upon all of mankind, but especially on gays and Jews. If we get much more “good news” from CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*, the world will, surely, be split asunder...

The role we could all play in **HIS** story would be greater if we all rowed the boat in the same direction. Y.H.V.H. is at the stern. Jesus is at the helm. And *Allah* sits at the back of the boat with *His* hand on the rudder. Instead of vowing to avoid the mistakes of the past, we ought to look at where we're going in new ways. Your boat isn't an ark that bobs about on a sea during a tempest without a sail or rudder. You have an engine and a tiller. There's no excuse for you going the wrong way. I'm here to give you warning. But I'm not alone. There are many emissaries of the Lord. The good news is that you aren't an adolescent anymore.

*“They fall down on their faces,  
weeping:  
and as they listen,  
their humility increases.  
Say:  
‘You may call on Allah  
or you may call on the merciful:  
by whatever name you call on Him,  
His are the most gracious names.’”*  
[17:109-110]

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‘You may call on *Allah*  
or you may call on the **MERCIFUL**:  
by whatever name you call on **HIM**,  
**HIS** are the most gracious names.’”

Each of us ought to decide which name for GOD, GOD or *God* we’re going to follow, **HIS** first {ADONAI}, middle {Jesus} or last {*Allah*} name. Each of us has, in his own way, got to close an eye to the other names for **HIM** and follow his conscience, leaving room for those aspects of **GOD** that our ego won’t subscribe to. But since there’s no natural way for any man to close his ears, he may, at first, insist on denying the truth he hears. He may then lose his vision for peace on Earth and his way into the “world to come.”

*“Pray neither with too loud a voice nor in silence,  
but,  
between these extremes,  
seek a middle course.  
Say:  
‘Praise be to Allah  
who has never begotten a son,  
who has no partner in His Kingdom;  
who needs none to defend Him from humiliation.’  
Proclaim His greatness.”*  
[17:111]

“Pray neither with too loud a voice nor in silence,  
but,  
between these extremes,  
seek a middle course.  
Say:  
‘Praise be to *Allah*  
who has never begotten a son,  
who has no partner in *His* kingdom;  
who needs none to defend *Him* from humiliation.’

Proclaim *His* greatness.”

Pray for the all the ways that you're good, right and better than you were before. Pray for the innocent who learn to see their guilt. Pray for gray. Pray for the spiritually centrist, the emotionally bisexual and the physically hermaphrodite. Pray for the able who may, one day, become in some way disabled with age or misfortune. Pray for GOD who may have yearned for a SON And pray for *God* who wants and needs no partner in running the universe. Pray for **GOD** who made both men and women in **THEIR** image.

For in your prayers for all of **THEM**, you'll look down with modesty, humility and grace to perceive the fallen twigs, brown leaves, dead blossoms and rotting fruit around you that'll remind you of all that you're lost in your world within. No tree stands forever. Pray that you may be replanted someday into a world full of rewards.

Pray to *Allah*, for you have been on a night journey through this surah that mirrors a trek you're on every day of your life. Pray that you cease insulting yourself without coming to know when or why.

## Surah 18

سورة الكهف

### *The Cave*

The concept of a cave in a mountain is a parable that must be unpacked for spiritual sustenance. Your mind is the logical world that grounds you. Your heart is made up of seven figurative seas that teach you how to swim in your own love without drowning when the waters get rough. And your soul is the sky above the two that makes it possible for you to dream big in uniting the other two. Man is morally crawling like a snake on its belly. He's magically swimming through his heart like a fish in the sea. And he's spiritually flying through his diaphanous soul like the birds overhead.

The mountain is the symbol for the unexamined world of thoughts about all of this. And the cave is that carved out space in your mind where your imagination can flourish without impediment. This idea was first presented to the Greeks through Plato more than a thousand years before the Prophet walked the earth. Plato even included a fire in the cave he perceived, and on his walls shadows {guilt} danced before him.

This symbol reemerged with the Prophet and the reciting of the Quran, which literally occurred in a cave. When the Quran was written, it represented the machinations of the, then, modern mind that allowed man to dream of flying from Earth to "heaven" without literally needing to grow wings.<sup>55</sup> The Quran still represents the imagination of the modern, religious, Abrahamic man, the true believer whose mind has been even further carved out with thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires so that his imagination can grow his dream into visions.

The Greeks didn't have a sense of GOD when Plato spoke about the shadows on the cave walls. Torah was translated into Greek about 246 B.C.E. and Plato lived 200 years before that. But the imagination of early man goes back to the Paleolithic cave paintings we see in France and elsewhere that date back to more than 17,000 years ago. These are the caves the Prophet was figuratively writing about for all modern thinkers to contemplate. This is the Paleolithic place in you out from which an emissary of peace on Earth is emerging into an ever more modernizing world given to us by **GOD**.

The cave in your mountain is figuratively located in your breastplate. But when you move further and further into this cave, it becomes the passage I experienced at the Wailing Wall. It becomes a tunnel to your soul, the hole in the rock within from which you unconsciously pray and from where you'll depart this world. In your cave, the eternal flame is figuratively located that gives you life. This cave in your mountain is where **GOD** speaks with you. **HIS WORDS** figurative arise from your flame as they did for Moses at the Burning Bush.

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<sup>55</sup> The chicken wings Christians added to angels' backs were an attempt to address spiritual flight before man invented airplanes. Jewish and Muslim spirituality never added wings to the angels' backs to achieve spiritual flight. But then again, Muslim art outlaws all visual depictions of reality. Today, we're sophisticated enough to conceive of spiritual flight in our imagination without adding bird wings. We can imagine flying as a spiritual achievement that everyone can be taught.

The human brain has four lobes. Each figuratively corresponds to an aspect of man's inner forces. The frontal lobe corresponds to the youngest part of our physical evolution: our soul. It's in our frontal lobe that we struggle to make sense of reality as a gift from **GOD**, rather than only as an external experience for survival. This is the part of our mind that breaks through the projections the other three parts of our brain create that we, then, go through in our inner world to rectify. The frontal lobe is the peak of our mountain. This is the height from which we get the greatest view.

But it's in the cave in our mountain where we contemplate the mystery of the fire within us. And this requires more than logic. It requires feelings, beliefs and desires. It requires knowledge compounded over time to create wisdom. Without Jewish wisdom, Christian wisdom, Muslim wisdom, female wisdom gay wisdom and the wisdom presented by **GOD** anonymously through **HIS philosophies**, you can kiss this world goodbye.

Sleep is the lowest level of atonement. Your brain automatically digests your thoughts, feelings and desires by bringing you new beliefs day by day. You don't even realize how sleep moves you psychologically and sociologically, any more than you sense the rotation of the Earth. When **GOD** divided the waters {sky} from the waters {sea} in Torah. **HE** was simultaneously dividing one inner force within **HIMSELF** from another. <sup>56</sup>

Now that you've moved this deeply into the Quran, you're ready to consolidate what you've learned. You're ready to start the unification process of thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires in your cave.

For a modern Muslim to climb the mountain that came to the Prophet, he must enter the cave described by the Prophet in this surah of the Quran and find the courage to consciously enter it with a desire to know himself. The fire in the cave first described by Plato is the passion for life **GOD** lit in the curious indigenist. And the shadows on the walls of his imagination then that engrossed him with superstition, fears and doubts were caused by his interpretations of what was happening to him inside himself without knowledge of **GOD's** moral presence everywhere, inside and out.

Your desires have conspired against you without you even knowing it. Your sense of insult and self-rejection have created indignation which, in turn, created resentments you've had to deal with, with feelings of vengeance. If you've projected them out onto others, you have a great deal to atone for. If you projected that vengeance within, you have great reason to redeem yourself and rejoice.

It took thousands of years for ancient man to slowly discover his relationship to **GOD** because, had he done it any more quickly, he'd have lost his mind. You can't find your heart and soul until you've atoned to others for what you've done to them and redeemed yourself. Consider your mind like your keys and wallet, which are normally found in your pants, yet possessions you, nevertheless, misplace from time to time. Losing your keys or wallet is disconcerting. Losing your keys {heart} or wallet {soul} is disastrous!

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<sup>56</sup> "AND GOD SAID, 'LET THERE BE A VAULT BETWEEN THE WATERS TO SEPARATE WATER FROM WATER.' SO, GOD MADE THE VAULT AND SEPARATED THE WATER UNDER THE VAULT FROM THE WATER ABOVE IT. AND IT WAS SO. GOD CALLED THE VAULT 'SKY.' AND THERE WAS EVENING, AND THERE WAS MORNING – THE SECOND DAY." [Genesis 1:6-8]

This 18<sup>th</sup> surah of the Quran should be a eureka moment in the awakening of your humanity. It's a place of arrival at the start of a very long beginning.

There's no one else in you, but you. All your fear of strangers emanates out from within. Superstition, fear, doubts and the ensuing possible denial of reality that causes faithlessness are self-made by a stranger you're slowly beginning to face. There's nobody within you but you with **GOD**. There's nobody who can get in there with you except more of you. You can only fill yourself with you.

All your thoughts about other people are images you create to address moral concerns in code. They're symbols of people, not real people. If you think there are people inside of you speaking to you, seek psychiatric help immediately! These are the sorts of people who are dangerous.

You may, nevertheless, not feel safe all alone in your own company. The darkness that frightens you inside isn't because of black people. The mystery you seek to avoid isn't caused by a woman who's tormenting you. The stranger you fear you may run into isn't a gay man or a Jew. The one who terrifies you is, once you peel through all the symbols you create, you.

When you turn your back on the metaphoric fire in you, you may shutter and shake, magnifying the effects of the shadows you see. You may frighten yourself even more. A victim slowly turns into a martyr, and a martyr then looks around for a perpetrator. But this is a self-fulfilling prophesy from someone who isn't yet an emissary unto himself.

You are a textbook example of a human with syndromes.<sup>57</sup> Questions won't lead you to answers. Problems won't lead you to solutions. You're a messenger of a message all for you. The more you come to know how you operate, the more willingly you'll accept reality consciously as it unfolds with all its mystery and magnificence.

Man's fear of modernity isn't a fear of sexual expression. It's a fear of metaphors, symbols and similes that make reality far more elusive than he presently has the imagination to appreciate without going a little bit nuts from time to time.

JEW<sup>S</sup> who reject their L.G.B.T+ children; CHRISTIANS who want to round up black Americans and brown, foreign Catholics to pen them in like cattle; and *Muslims* who're dying to gift *Allah* with their bloody, human sacrifices – these are people who are terrified of reality, not mortality. They don't wish to go in the direction **GOD** is going, because **HE**'s going only **ONE** way, not three. Like Jonah running away from GOD to avoid HIS bidding, they only want to go their own way.

Whether you think of your penis as “it” or “he” doesn't matter in the least. Whether you think of “it” as slithering on its belly like a snake; whether you think of “him” as penetrating women vaginally or penetrating men anally – you may still be rejecting the idea that your penis is a part of you that has enormous, internal power and influence over your understanding of reality.

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<sup>57</sup> “A syndrome is a group of *external* symptoms that consistently occur together that call for solutions to problems.” [Wikipedia] But a syndrome is also a group of *internal* symptoms that consistently occur together in order to solve for a set of moral conditions that'll improve you. Example: Being resentful of people who try to be helpful is an external syndrome. Being resentful of yourself for trying to be helpful to you is an internal syndrome.

It's only when you can awaken to the humiliation of having an anus that **GOD** is always watching that you'll humble yourself to who you are, and not to who you think you are. The most masculine men and the most feminine women all have anuses. The most intelligent and brilliantly gifted have anuses, too. The poor have anuses, and so do the rich. Just because you don't want to think about where the sun don't shine, don't mean **GOD** ain't lookin' up inside you from that direction. If you want to idolize something in your life, let it be toilet paper... It's a symbol of all that keeps you clean.

The great spiritual works of the West and the great **philosophic** works of the East aren't saying the same things, even though they're all going in the same direction just as people climbing a mountain from various places are all going in the same direction even though the view they see when they look over their shoulder is quite different.

The faiths and **philosophies** are all pieces of a universal puzzle modern man now has the tools to assemble. But to do so requires a passion for puzzles, not a passion for power over others. Power is the secret to puzzles. The closer you get to the summit, the greater your power will be.

As those in America and Europe learn to embrace the Quran with the same faith that they gave to Tanach or the Bible, and as Muslims learn to embrace Tanach and the Bible with the same faith they embraced the Quran, more will be revealed. They'll come to see that the mountain is all around them within them and around them. The images on the cave walls in their imagination will slowly become more meaningful in more powerful ways. They'll discover the courage and conviction in themselves that we wish to see more of in us all.

Behold the inner landscape that you dreamed about finding in Scripture! Climb the mountain of challenges around you with a new sense of insight and determination you didn't think possible! Nobody can hold you back in society once you've arrived at this figurative cave in the frontal lobe of your brain that you describe as lying between your breastplates. This is the cockpit from which the flight from your life will someday be taking off. This is the fire that'll give you the power to fly {"heaven"}, or this is the fire that'll consume you {"hell"}.

When you die, assume **GOD** will come down to Earth to take you out of this world. But the distance **HE**'ll go will be measured, in part, by the distance you were able to go from your cave up to the spiritual summit you were able to ascend to. Your cave will become your spiritual base camp for that day. And your ascent and descent each day will bring you to a new place in inner space.<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>58</sup> "Sisyphus was the king of Ephedra {now known as Corinth, Greece} who was punished for his self-aggrandizing craftiness and deceitfulness by being forced to roll an immense boulder up a hill, only to watch it come back to hit him, repeating this action for eternity." [Wikipedia] This is what you do each day with the life **GOD** has given you, returning at night to your den where you contemplate what you've learned about you that you can use to lighten your load the following day. In this way, you figuratively move your **ROCK** toward "heaven." You figuratively climb to your next summit daily. From this trek, you learn how to figuratively fly.

You'll never be able to fully achieve all your outer dreams in your lifetime. The best you'll be able to do is to learn to perceive the visions {panoramic views} you get each day from your ascent and descent of the mountain as viewed through your mind's eye.

The Jewish prophets, Jesus and the messenger, the Prophet Muhammad, have all given you clues to direct you toward your summit on your mountain. The higher you go; the *closer* **GOD** will be to you in the Judeo-Christian sense of the word. But in the Islamic sense, the deeper you go into your cave; the *nearer* **GOD** will be to you.

Strive to meet GOD using your imagination. That's where **HE** made you in **HIS** image. Strive to meet GOD in your heart where HE lives as that young, {possibly gay}, Jewish man of flesh and blood like you and me who once walked the Earth, and who some believe loves them still {Jesus}. And strive to meet *Allāh* in your cave through the visions of peace and tranquility you hold dear that you know will never die.

*“Praise be to Allāh who has revealed the book to His servant  
shorn of contradictions and unswerving from the truth,  
so that he may give warning of the dire scourge from himself,  
proclaim to the faithful who do good works  
that a rich and everlasting recompense awaits them,  
and admonish those who say that God has begotten a son.  
Surely, of this they could have no knowledge,  
neither they nor their fathers:  
a monstrous blasphemy is that which they utter.  
They preach nothing but falsehood.”*  
[18:1-3]

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Surely, of this they could have no knowledge,  
neither they nor their fathers:  
a monstrous blasphemy is that which they utter.  
They preach nothing but falsehood.”*

The falsehood isn't that GOD had begotten a SON, but that we, as Jews and Muslims, should intrude into HIS private business to such a degree as to argue over it. The thought that GOD would have sex with a woman confounds the literal world. We know better than to do so. But that doesn't mean that the Christians aren't right.

The spirit of the Lord that interfaced with Mary is a figurative way of explaining the divinity of all women in a way that brings ascension and divinity to all forms of human creation through the illogical matters of our heart. The ability for all human beings to allow their desires to collude with their feelings only makes us all more fallible and human.

The spirit of the Lord that interfaced with Mary figuratively interfaced with the  $x^2$  factor in me. I was once a barren Sarai, as forlorn as Hagar and as distraught as any woman at a loneliness I couldn't conceive of or put into words. But the spirit of the Lord figuratively changed my name to Sarah, entered into me. I figuratively conceived an inner child – a little boy/girl who grew to become a man/woman. Is this a story too odd to be true? Can a man not have a son/daughter emerge from inside him where there had been no one before?

Out of Adam emerged Eve. Out of Mary emerged GOD. And out of you emerged an inner child who loves you still. Whether the story of Adam and Eve and GOD and Mary is literally true is irrelevant to the fact that it's figuratively and psychologically true. These two stories depict a truth about our inner world that conflicts completely with the facts in our outer world. But these stories bring up questions that are useful to all people with a good head, heart and soul if they wish to work together.

I, too, look askance at those who say that GOD has begotten a SON. Y.H.V.H. isn't the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit might have begotten a SON, but Y.H.V.H. would never do such a thing, in my opinion. But if I'm correct in assuming that the name of the Holy Spirit is *Allah*, then the only way for Jews and Muslims to reconcile themselves to the Immaculate conception of Jesus is through psychology and figure speech. GOD/GOD/*God* works in mysterious ways until ~~HE~~ doesn't anymore. Then it all comes clear. In those ways that your world is literal and my world is figurative we must agree to the figurative interpretations and not disagree about the literal interpretations. But that takes maturity.

As logical and soulful as I strive to be all the time, I admit that my desires and feelings frequently upset my own principled way of living. My eyes are often led by my penis, not by the cockpit in the frontal lobe of my brain. And if it's that easy for me to screw over my thinking with desire, just imagine how vulnerable my heart must be to destroy all that I've worked so hard to attain with immature desire for the base pleasures of life, liking being right. A moment of acknowledgement or a few cents difference in price is all it sometimes takes for me to turn an innocent incident into a principle I feel the need to fight for.

My greatest desire is for miracles to come true. The land in my head, the sea in my heart and the sky in my soul must combine to live naturally with the fire in my crotch. I'm slowly learning how to unify the world within me, just as **GOD** has unified the world we share. I'm slowly learning how I create earthquakes, tidal waves and khamsin winds that are like acts of **GOD**. I'm slowly learning how I start fires inside that it may take me years to get under control.

I began writing these books with others in mind, when I should only have been writing it for me. I focused on the witness *without* instead of the witness *within*. But it turned out, there was nothing I had to say to you that I couldn't have said, first and foremost, to me. Therefore, speak to yourself. Listen carefully to what you've said, and then talk out loud about what you believe to be true about you.

It's paradoxical that GOD, the FATHER, would have only one SON in the literal sense of the WORD, when an extension of the metaphor of **GOD** as our **FATHER** makes us all his

figurative children in the holistic sense of the **WORD**. It's ironic that Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad, as men, could only know as much about women as **GOD** grants any man in the time in which he lives. This is the unknown aspect of the  $x^1$  factor that no  $y$  can penetrate in any way other than figuratively  $\{x^2\}$ .

Because I'm not a woman, let alone **GOD**, I need to use my imagination to guess what **GOD** and women are really thinking; let alone what men who are different from me are up to. I've just got to accept some external alliances on faith, knowing that more will be revealed over time. The now of today won't be the same now tomorrow. I'll change by then. Time will change by then. There's nothing you can hold on to but small change. Impermanence is here permanently.

Gay sex is just one more form of physical, emotional and spiritual unification to help humanity piece together the great puzzle of life. We, in the L.G.B.T+ community, don't want anyone invading our privacy by defying our unions any more than Christians want Jews and Muslims criticizing them for the way in which **GOD** makes **HIMSELF** known to them through **HIS SON**.

Lesbian sex is yet another form of physical, emotional and spiritual unification to help humanity piece together the great puzzle that I can never know personally. And I can well imagine that they don't want men invading their privacy by defining the meaning of their unions either. Looking at something with your eyes doesn't tell you much about what it means. Some mysteries will always remain mysteries. That gives me the impression that even **GOD** insists on **HIS** privacy.

If you don't like the way **HE** interfaces with some others, discuss it with **HIM**, not the rest of us. But don't separate, hate or kill anyone over relationships you don't understand. Puns, contradictions, paradoxes, ironies and poetic license may be frustrating when contemplating the **WORDS** of **GOD**. But they're not reasons to assume people were created any differently from you.

*“Yet,  
if they deny this revelation,  
you may destroy yourself with grief,  
sorrowing over them.”  
[18:4] <sup>59</sup>*

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<sup>59</sup> Don't destroy yourself with grief over Christians who believe in their revelation.

In other words, you should accept the Christian revelation as truth. So long as they don't try to inflict their truth upon you, let them live and be well. And they should accept your Muslim revelation as truth, too. They're both as real as the Jewish revelation of truth. And yet, the religious extremists find reason to destroy themselves with grief, sorrowing over any revelation other than their own, rather than opening their mind to the truth to be found in all three faiths. This truth isn't only evident all around you. It can become evident within.

Surely, **GOD** had a good reason for having come to the indigenists of Europe as **HE** did after **HE** came to the Jews in Israel. Surely, *God* had a good reason for having come to more indigenists as *He* did in the Middle East and North Africa. And, surely, **HE** has a good reason for coming to women as **HE** does. And yet, we're all destroying ourselves with grief and sorrowing over outcomes for others that don't concern us.

The ultra-orthodox **JEW**s are awfully unrealistic. The fanatical **CHRISTIAN**s are ridiculously unrealistic. And the extremist *Muslims* are dangerously unrealistic. They all grieve over the grades of the L.G.B.T+ community in the school of life because we're affecting the class curve for everyone. The **TEACHER** has made it imperative that we grieve about all our classmates' grades internally. But internally, the people you grieve about are symbolic representations you create to face your own moral dilemmas. When you look within at all you've written on the board in the forefront of your mind, you'll eventually see where you've made your mistakes.

*“We shall recount to you their story in all truth.  
They were young men who had faith in their Lord,  
and on whom We had lavished Our guidance.  
We put courage in their hearts when they stood up and said,  
‘Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth.  
We call on no other god besides Him:  
for if we did,  
we should be blaspheming.  
Our people serve other gods besides Him,  
though they have no convincing proof of their divinity.  
Who is more wicked than the man who invests a falsehood against God?’”*  
[18:12-14] <sup>60</sup>

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<sup>60</sup> Allusion to the Islamic tale of the “Sleepers in the Cave.” When you're asleep in your cave, you imagine yourself in a dream. Waking up from this dream into reality is a slow, spiritual process that we're all undertaking. There's no human being who isn't sleeping some of the time as he walks through life. You may already be able to see that truth in others. But awakening to yourself is harder than it looks because even **GOD** takes the

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 Who is more wicked than the man who invests a falsehood against **GOD?**”

There are billions of people today who are sound asleep in their cave, afraid to wake themselves up; come out into the world around them; and participate with all Y.H.V.H.’s, Jesus’s and *Allah*’s servants. They don’t yet have the wisdom to appreciate the role of the Jews; the love to appreciate the role of the Christians; or the devotion to appreciate the role of the Muslims. They don’t read because they don’t wish to spend time with themselves getting comfortable with the written word in the privacy of their own inner cave. They only want to talk or sit silently by while others talk.

Billions of people don’t want to study the **WORDS** of **GOD** by themselves. **WORDS** tire them. They don’t want to think, feel or believe any more than they absolutely have to. They prefer apathy to passion and victimhood to self-inquiry. Passion for the rule of law is too much hard work.

They don’t want to listen to the sound of themselves speaking. They only want to talk. They don’t want to wake up. Better to sleep through life while awaiting the “world to come.” What an irresponsible decision that is!

Is the Jew more, or less, wicked than the Christian? Is the Christian more, or less, wicked than the Muslim? Is one Muslim more, or less, wicked than another? Who’s to judge? Would you sever your head, cut out your heart or relinquish your soul to judge yourself? Can you see where your thoughts end inside and where your feelings begin? Can you watch as your beliefs unfold in your soul? Can you literally watch your desires grow over time? You have erections and secretions to suggest what you’re going through figuratively.

*“When you depart from them  
 and from their idols,  
 go to the cave for shelter.*

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liberty of figuratively sleeping from time to time, which may leave you feeling empty and abandoned without **HIM**. But if you learn to rely on you, you’ll eagerly await **HIS** next awakening.

*God will extend to you His mercy  
and prepare for you a means of safety.”*  
[18:15-16]

“When you depart from them  
and from their idols,  
go to the cave for shelter.  
**GOD** will extend to you **HIS** mercy  
and prepare for you a means of safety.”

Using your imagination to enter the cave in your mountain to solve your problems is the best way to solve them on the inside. This is a particularly successful way of approaching life if you're an introvert. If you're someone who likes to learn from you, the cave in your mountain is the place to call home. It becomes a means of safety and a place of safety. It gives you a chance to discuss your answers to the questions of life with the Lord before you take actions on them, rather than afterwards.

If you're an extrovert, people may be like idols to you. You may line them up. You may knock them down. You may seek to arrange them in order or ranks. But you may not realize that they're merely symbols **GOD** has brought you to learn from.

You may find that you wish for magical solutions to problems that require concrete answers. But you may also wish for concrete solutions to problems that require magical answers. In your cave, you can discern one from the other. There, within, you can separate your external problems from your syndromes.

Don't underestimate the magic you're learning. You may be a sorcerer's apprentice who's made many a mess, but you haven't completed your training. There's so much more you need to learn. Many a magical awakening to a syndrome can lead to a concrete question with a timely answer. Small miracles often lead to larger miracles.

*“You might have seen the rising sun  
decline to the right of their cavern,  
and,  
as it set,  
go past them on the left,  
while they stayed within.  
That was one of Allah's signs.  
He whom Allah guides is rightly guided;  
but he whom He confounds  
shall find no friend to guide him.”*  
[18:17]

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He whom *Allāh* guides is rightly guided;  
but he whom **HE** confounds  
shall find no friend to guide him."

The sun rises in the east and sets in west. If you saw the rising sun decline to the right of the mouth of your cavern, you'd be looking out your cavern entrance facing South. From outside, on the North face of the mountain, you wouldn't see the entrance to the cave on the South side or the man standing at the mouth of the cave looking out at the setting sun. The bird's eye view of life from the North side is the position of the Judeo-Christian man of today.

When a Muslim looks at the mountain from this Judeo-Christian perspective, he, too, loses sight of the Prophet looking out of the cave. He whom *Allāh* guides very late in the day is rightly guided in the sense that he comes to the south side of the mountain where he can make use of his cave and see the setting sun on his right. He can face his fate and perceive his rising heart decline on his right from a soulful place in inner space. <sup>61</sup>

"Up" may correspond to North for you, and "down" to South, but now that we know that the Earth is round, "up" also corresponds to morally high, and "down" corresponds to morally low. And still, we must all go down {south} as we age. We must humble ourselves to the moral orientation that comes with discovering our imperfections. We must face the ultimate reconciliation with ourselves before our Lord and everyone's Lord.

In the moral sense, people are always trying to climb high, swim deep and soar above it all. Those who morally depreciate, descend, fall, go down, slope or stoop are going to go in the figurative direction of "hell," while those who appreciate, ascend, go up, incline or rise are going to go in the figurative direction of "heaven."

Although we might think of "heaven" as figuratively north and "hell" as figuratively south, the rational person knows that these are places that don't literally correspond to places that are in relation to the surface of the Earth. You might like to think of "heaven" as skyward and "hell" as toward the center of the Earth because the Earth is round and filled with fire, but you're still only going to go around in circles externally if you don't get your bearing using your moral compass.

People who suffer from syndromes feel as though they're on a merry-go-round. They feel as though they're going around and around without any way to get off their cycle of self-defeating, inner issues. In that sense, there's little distinction between active rejection of others and passive lack of acceptance of themselves. Both lead to self-insults, indignation, resentment and finally vindication based on revenge.

The men and women I was taught by my mother to vilify weren't the Christians, although she was a Holocaust survivor. It wasn't the gays, even though she was straight. It

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<sup>61</sup> I you don't try to imagine what I'm describing, it's only out of laziness. Use your mind to picture the picture I've painted for you in words. If you do, you'll see what I'm saying.

wasn't men, even though she was a woman. It wasn't blacks, although she was white. It was fat people!

Look inside yourself. Are you overweight? Are you obese? Are you enormously out of proportion to what you should look like? Are you, too, prejudiced against a group of people in the world we share who mirror what you look like inside?

The man who looks only north will never understand the syndromes that create problems that never lead to solutions. Syndromes can't be perceived until you're facing south with the setting sun on your right. This is the spiritual orientation of success. This creates the humility needed to descend from your mountain the way you came up. This will return you to your beginning {birth} while allowing you to perceive it as your end {death}.

Science confirms spiritual truths with knowledge. Those who defy science are ignorant imbeciles who refuse to grow with the times. The way our two worlds were created makes perfect sense when we use our imagination to perceive the poetry of **GOD'S WORDS**. **GOD** confounds us when we try to be prosaic about matters of faith and poetic about matters of science. We should be doing just the opposite. Be prosaic about matters of science and poetic about matters of faith.

*“You might have thought them awake,  
though they were sleeping.  
We turned them about right and left,  
While their dog lay at the cave’s entrance with legs outstretched.  
You looked upon them.  
You would have, surely, turned your back and fled in terror.”*  
[18:18]

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Many are sleeping through life. They turn away from the entrance to the cave of their imagination in order to climb the external mountain in youth. In terror, they find themselves looking within at utter darkness and bewilderment. And the dog that's lying at the entrance to the cave with its legs outstretched is figuratively their penis, a symbol of their animalistic desires; the aspect of their nature that cares only about satisfying physical and sexual hungers. They're in love with their outstretched dog as it faces out at the splendid panorama, but they don't care to think about anything happening deep within their cave. They're sleeping soundly through their life, making their way always north, never south.

The time we spend looking out our cavern entrance happens during objective time, time spent oblivious to inner reality. When looking out in the late afternoon and watching the setting sun, one is only vaguely reminded of death. It's the time we spend looking within

that's subjective and personally more morally productive. If you ask yourself how long you've been down here, the answer will change depending on where you're looking: inside or out. The answer will change depending on whether you're facing out of your cavern entrance with awe; into the inner darkness with curiosity; or not looking anywhere specific within with questions about you.

The Lord knows best how to discern between the time you've literally been here and how you feel about the time you've spent here. **HÆ**'ll reorient your sense of timing if you're worthy of waking up. No doubt, you'll remain here so long as **HÆ** feels your stay is useful to **HIS** designs.

*“We roused them that they might question one another.  
‘How long have you been here?’  
asked one.  
‘A day,  
or but a few hours,’  
replied another;  
and yet another:  
‘Your Lord knows best how long you have stayed here.’”*  
[18:19]

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This surreal look at life may, at first, be disorienting. This is why the Prophet begins the discussion of the cavern entrance where the seven sleepers lie. If you can look at space and time from internal perspectives, you can interpret the seven sleepers as the seven aspects of your flame personified. You can personalize this story for poetic insight.

*“Do not say of anything,  
‘I will do it tomorrow,’  
without adding,  
‘if God wills.’  
When you forget,  
remember your Lord,*

*and say:  
‘May God guide me  
and bring me nearer to the truth.’”  
[18:25]*

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In the world around us, we get *closer* to GOD/GOD/*God*. In the world within, we get *nearer* to **GOD**. To know how to get closer and nearer to your **CREATOR** is easier than it looks when you know poetically what you’re doing. Don’t believe all those who pretend to be so confident about where they are and where they’re headed. They’re often unwise, unloving and disloyal, even if they can demonstrate external evidence for having achieved great rewards in the world we share.

*“Some say they stayed in the cave 309 years.  
Say:  
‘None but God knows how long they stayed in it.  
His are the secrets of the heaven and the earth.  
Clear is His sight,  
and keen is His hearing.  
Man has no other guardian besides Him.  
He allows none to share His sovereignty.’”  
[18:26]*

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According to Torah, Adam lived for 900 years. Noah lived 950 years, and his son, Shem, 600 years. Abraham lived 175 years, and Moses, 120. The Israelites were slaves in ancient Egypt 400 years.

If you add up the figures the Prophet quoted {3, 0 and 9} you get 12. This is a mystical Christian number, suggesting that the length of time you feel you've been here has more to do with how successfully you've loved rather than anything you've thought or believed to be true. {1 plus 2 = 3, the most mystical of Christian numbers, signifying **GOD**.} <sup>62</sup>

If you feel like you're about 12 years old, you're on the edge of something mystical and mysterious. You're on the edge of something as awesome and awful as puberty. Cherish the childlike qualities of awe and inspiration of the child in you who's on the verge of adolescence. But push yourself to cross the bridge that has appeared before you, even if there are walls of emotion on either side that may frighten you. The number 3, also stands for the three aspects of space in the 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension {length, width and depth}.

How long does it subjectively feel like you've been inside you? Wouldn't your life seem like it was passing more richly if you felt happier about being with you? Doesn't it make sense that time moves figuratively better and more smoothly for those who are content being themselves? Objective time is important, but subjective time is imperative.

*“Give them this parable:  
Once there were two men,  
to one of whom We gave two vineyards set about with palm trees  
and watered by a running stream,  
with a field of crops lying in between.  
Each of the vineyards yielded an abundant crop,  
and when their owner had gathered in the harvest,  
he said to his companion while conversing with him,  
‘I am richer than you,  
and my clan is mightier than yours.’”  
[18:32-36]*

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<sup>62</sup> The number 12 consists of the Ten Commandments given to the Jews plus the two additional commandments given to the Christians by Jesus (1. LOVE THE LORD, 2. LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY SELF.)

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This parable becomes a parable you can take personally if you can unpack it subjectively. It uses references to previous Scriptures using objective time viewed from the 7<sup>th</sup> Century. The two vineyards in those days {the Eastern Orthodox Church and Catholicism} were both surrounded by palm trees {wisdom}, but neither could survive without the running stream of **GOD**'s mercy and forgiveness {love}. The field of crops lying between these two vineyards surrounded by palm trees represented matters of the flesh {container/material rewards}. And the two vineyards stand for matters of blood {contents}. The owner told his friend that he and his clan {Christians} were richer and more powerful than him {Muslims}. The comparison and boasting of greater wealth and might thanks to his harvest was the result of his ego issues. Today, we don't need to allow our penis and anus to determine our wealth and power. There's a better way.

**GOD** gave the greater material bounty to the owner of the field in this parable, making him {heart} richer and more powerful in the world we share. But, then, surely, the other {soul} might become jealous. What became of CHRISTIANITY and *Islam* was a grab for **GOD/God** consciousness the Prophet warned them both about.

There are so many in this country who have the material rewards of vineyards {Christianity} bordered by palm trees {wisdom}. They even have the equivalent of a field {material wealth} with a running stream {love} to water it all. Their life is materially and emotionally rich, but they don't know how to stop themselves from being greedy. They don't understand the four inner forces of the Creation story that determine how they operate, because they haven't sufficiently investigated matters of their mind.

The CHRISTIANS are still wanting. They greedily fight over matters of love and money without giving thought to a higher perspective to the meaning of their acquisitions. They don't have the bird's eye view of soulfulness that the Prophet brought to faith through parable. They don't have the similes they need to evolve.

*“As for myself,  
Allah is my Lord.  
I will associate none with my Lord.  
Though you see me poorer than your self  
and blessed with fewer children,  
yet my Lord may give me a garden better than yours,  
and send down thunderbolts from heaven upon your vineyards,  
turning it into a barren waste,  
or drain its water deep into the earth  
so that you will find none of it.”*

[18:38-40]

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The gays are seen by the JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* extremists as poorer than anyone else in terms of moral wealth. They perceive gays as being morally impoverished because they think we’re missing something they’ve determined is vital to “their” Lord.

Nowadays, it should be looked at as a self-indulgent sin to have children in a world as overpopulated as it is. It should be looked at as self-indulgent to judge people as inferior because you’re wealthy or straight. It should be looked at as insulting to judge people as inferior because they have fewer children than you or none at all.

It’s possible that our Lord may have given some of us an inner garden much more meaningful to us than all the external attributes others have. There are material and emotional rewards. And then there are spiritual rewards. And until you come from that third place in inner space, you aren’t going to know what I’m talking about. You’re going to call *me* crazy.

Consider the worth of your land and the depth of your well. Look at the place you’ve secured for yourself in the “world to come” before you judge others so quickly on matters as trivial as being fruitful in having produced many children or by having made a lot of money.

Other people’s opinions of me don’t concern me as much anymore. Everyone has opinions. But not everyone holds a moral regard for himself precious enough to compare and contrast his inner wealth to what he had before. Does it look like JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are morally wealthier than me? Does everyone in the L.G.B.T+ community look morally impoverished? People will learn about their Israel in their own way.

*“His fruits were destroyed,*

*and he wrung his hands with grief*

*at all that he had spent on the garden:*

*for the vines had tumbled down upon their trellises.*

*‘Would that I had served no other gods besides my Lord!’*

*he cried.”*

[18:42-43]

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It’s not enough you use your penis to make babies. It’s not enough you use your head, heart and soul to advance your fantasies of moral superiority over those in the other Abrahamic faiths. You’ve got to prove you have testicles. You’ve got to prove you have courage to promote life beyond your lifetime. You’ve got to have faith that Y.H.V.H., Jesus and *Allāh* want you to spread your seeds, like Abraham spread his: metaphorically, symbolically and with signs. If you don’t understand how you operate; how you were physically made as a divine metaphor out of which emerged symbols and signs that describe **GOD’s** designs for you alone – you aren’t going to figuratively find the source of the power hanging down like fruit between your legs or held in your lower abdomen. Your potential is going to remain figuratively undescended and withheld in the core of your being. You aren’t going to climb the moral heights you dream of in this world going north and descend safely back down the way you came going south, to arrive at the hereafter {death}. You won’t die to be bourne up into the mystery of graduation. You’ll die to get the “hell” away from you. You’ll die disgusted with life and everything you had to endure without reason.

If you continue to argue about whether a penis should go into a vagina or an anus, you’re arguing about how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. You’re distracting yourself externally from personalizing your moral issues. Have you tried to put your own penis in your anus? Have you explored your rectum with your fingers or with an object? Have you felt the sensations in that part of your body that your religious leaders have spent so much time telling you shouldn’t go into, talk about or share with another human being?

If ever there was a forbidden fruit you’ve been told not to touch, it’s your prostate gland. The extremist, religious believers also tell you never to touch yourself sexually to achieve pleasurable sensations. Someone else should do that for you, and even then only if you’re planning to make a baby.

But I say it’s *your* body, not *theirs*. Do as you please with it, and then bring up any questions you have about how you were made in **GOD’s** image to **GOD**. Let your religious leaders do as they please with their body. Who really cares what they will or won’t do in bed with their mate? They’re the last people on Earth who should be giving advice on sex. They’re the real perverts.

*“Coin them a simile about the life of this world.  
It is like the vegetation of the earth  
that thrives when watered by the rain We send down from the sky,  
soon turning into stubble,  
which the wind scatters abroad.*

*Allah has power over all things.*  
[18:45]

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GOD gave Moses the main metaphor of Torah that I’ve passed along to you. **HE** gave the world spiritual symbolism through one, unique Jew that I’ve also passed along to you. And *He* gave the Prophet 114 spiritual similes that’ll eventually unite metaphor and symbolism so Abrahamic man can perceive **GOD’s** designs for Western man. I’ve given you that, too.

Islam is more than like a tree, a field and a vineyard. Islam is like all the greenery of the earth. You need to compare yourself from your heart and contrast yourself from your soul to all that **GOD** created. **HIS** nature is a clue to yours.

Do what you please with your penis and rectum so long as you don’t hurt another human being, or yourself. These aren’t issues that will matter in the greater scheme of things in a modern world. What matters is that we get the world population, poverty, pollution and global warming under control so that people don’t unduly suffer to learn. As we learn to focus on what really matters, the rich will slowly realize that their money will be useless to them when they die if they don’t spend it wisely in their lifetime. Guilt will envelop the world like a warm blanket in the winter, and love will cool it like A.C. in the summer. People will begin to behave better simply because they’d like to.

Life is *like* vegetation that thrives when it’s watered. Life is *like* a container that constantly needs to be filled and emptied. Life is *like* a machine that helps you organize your desires into zeros and ones. Life is *like* land, sea and sky. Life is *like* any three things your imagination cares enough about to compare, contrast and then analyze.

To understand the magical power of simile, you’ve first got to appreciate the magical power of metaphor and symbolism. They’re all very important to every sorcerer’s apprentice because without all three, your magic will only make a mess. He couldn’t blame the sorcerer or his book of spells {Bible} for what had happened.

With the metaphor of Moses, you can learn to be thankful to everyone on Earth. With the symbols of Jesus, you can learn to become appreciative of yourself. And with the similes of the Prophet Muhammad, you can learn to be grateful to **GOD** for being allowed to participate in this amazing miracle called life.

Jesus was a carpenter. You’re *like* a carpenter. You’re a wood carver. You plane yourself. You nail yourself. You gouge yourself. You carve yourself. And you construct a spiritual abode for yourself out of raw, spiritual wood. You take the lumber of all the generations before you, and you reuse it in fabulous new ways because you’re developing an appreciation for your grain and the rings within you that make you a mystery in the making.

The G in **GOD** isn't a noun. The first name of **GOD** {Y.H.V.H.} is a verb. ADONAI lies in the action between all things. That's why the WORD "ADONAI" {lord} is used in place of Y.H.V.H. The noun substitutes for the verb. GOD is an action.

The O in **GOD** is the noun. But the body **GOD** gave you is **HIS**, for you to use for the duration of your journey. Then you must give it back to the land. The land **GOD** gave to the Jews is ours, above all, to bury our dead with dignity and respect. The only thing any of us have when we leave here are the actions we took that gave our lives meaning. We're a verb in a noun with delusions of grandeur that come from adverbs and adjectives that sway us one way or another. Without the WORDS of **GOD**, we're empty nothings with nowhere to be.

*“Wealth and children are the ornaments of this life.  
But deeds of lasting merit are better rewarded by your Lord  
and hold for you a greater hope of salvation.”*  
[18:46]<sup>63</sup>

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As a middle aged, middle class, American, gay man who's never been married (to someone else) and who has no children, I couldn't agree more with the Prophet's description of hope. Wealth and children truly are no more than ornaments of life. They don't clothe you in the robes of piety you may assume they do. Money, power and parenthood are overrated. They don't protect you from the moral elements that may only leave you feeling more and more naked and cold as you grow old. Onliness sets in regardless of how much wealth you've amassed through family, fortune and friends. Your culture, nationality and language are no guarantees of anything in the long run. “Deeds of lasting merit are better rewarded by your Lord and hold for you a greater hope of salvation.”

*“You have returned to Us  
as We created you at first.  
Yet, you supposed We had not set for you a predestined time.”*  
[18:48]

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<sup>63</sup> Your salvation has been designed by the belief system you serve {Judaism, Christianity or Islam}. Your salvation is determined by your own imagination. And since you may be either acutely aware of what you've done or in deep denial, your imagination may be require repair if you plan to help rebuild the institutions of faith that are lying around us in ruin.

“You have returned to US  
as WE created you at first.

Yet, you supposed WE had not set for you a predestined time.”

You have no idea how much longer you’re going to be here. If your deeds are only for the Lord, you’ll be judged as selfish. If your deeds are only for others, you’ll be judged as selfless. You must consider the importance of giving to yourself through giving to others for the sake of coming before the Lord with deeds for both. What good is it to come before HIM with two hands if one hand is empty? Do you really think HE won’t question you? Better to lose one hand in this world than to go before HIM with an empty hand!

I know Muslims use their left hand to wipe their behind and their right hand to reach out to help others. Would you give no credit to your left hand in order to glorify your right? Would you not help you help yourself? Are you beneath you? Do you scorn you or your anus that much? What good is having been given two hands if you don’t use them both to come clean? Doesn’t one hand wash the other?

*“Their book will be laid down  
and you shall see the sinners dismayed at the content.  
They will say,  
‘Woe betide us!  
What can this book mean?  
It omits nothing small or great:  
all is noted down!’  
And they shall find their deeds recorded there.  
Your Lord will wrong none.”  
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Some sinners did worry about what was written in the Hebrew and Christian Testaments. And so, they couldn’t have been all that sinful. They cared about what was missing in the previous Testaments and were worried about what might be missing from

the Quran. They cared about GOD's/GOD's/*God*'s judgment of them, even if they couldn't see **HIS** big picture.

There are many sinners today who don't need to care what's said in any of these holy books to do the right thing much of the time. And there are many sinners who couldn't care less what it says in any book other than their own. They're looking for evidence to disprove and disapprove, not prove and approve.

The JEWS think they have a monopoly on suffering. The CHRISTIANS think they have a monopoly on male/female loving relations. And the *Muslims* think they have a monopoly on "paradise." They're all wrong.

**GOD**'s designs were put in place a long time ago to teach us that we need one another to grow. We're spiritually symbiotically connected, just as nature is physically dependent on balance. The arrogance of Abrahamic men has always been so great that none of them would ever have been allowed to hold a monopoly on faith. **GOD** knew they'd only have abused any advantage they were given. All the faiths ought to be voluntarily handed over to women to operate, in my opinion. Man has lost all moral advantage. Everyone knows that the worms will devour dead, rotting snakes, but snakes won't devour dead worms unless they're reasonably fresh.

*"In this Quran  
We have set forth for men  
all manner of parables.  
But man is exceedingly contentious."  
[18:54]*

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**WE** have set forth for men  
all manner of parables.  
But man is exceedingly contentious."*

Look at how long the Jews have miraculously managed to continue to survive in a world where there's this much evil inclination and selfish intention. Look at how the CHRISTIANS have contributed to art and science despite the irrationality of their emotional belief in GOD's enduring love. And look at how the Muslims managed to get onboard the spiritual bandwagon so late in the game {the 7<sup>th</sup> Century} and still win over a third of the world's believers.

Man is, nevertheless, exceedingly contentious. He looks for reasons to squabble with his family; bicker with his neighbors; squabble with his friends; quarrel with his community; wrangle with his leaders; and start wars with those of other faiths. He's more devoted to fighting than to making peace. He loves being right and hates anyone who proves him wrong. He loves imagining there's a **GOD**; he just doesn't want to do much to prove it unless there's something in it for him.

*“Your Lord is forgiving and merciful.  
Had it been His will to scourge them for their sins,  
He would have hurried on their punishment,  
But He has set for them  
a predestined time they cannot evade.”*  
[18:59]

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a predestined time they cannot evade.”

The meaning of life isn't just about giving your life meaning by devoting yourself to other people's lives. Life is bigger than that. The meaning of life is about giving your life meaning through giving other people's lives meaning. In this way, you eventually come to discover that the meaning of your life has always been to give your life meaning through a delicate combination of selfishness and selflessness that you orchestrate into melodic and harmonic relationships with others. That's what turns your life into an art, and not just a science. That's what makes every smile on your face a mirror of the rainbow in your heart, a heart that'll forever remain preoccupied with your desires, some of which are dark and ominous.

But don't try to teach anyone a lesson! If they disappoint, irritate or offend you, try not expressing yourself for a change. Try swallowing your anger and commending yourself for *not* contributing to the education of mankind. See what silence can accomplish that candor cannot. Let the **TEACHER** teach. And see what **HĒ** has in store for you to learn. If you really have faith in **HIM**, let **HIM** do **HIS** job.

The Judeo-Christian mountain came to the Prophet, and so he climbed it. And from the summit, he realized he had to look up at where he had nowhere to go, and down at where he'd once been. And so he decided to come down the same side, the south side, where he discovered a cave in the mountain that had been there all along.

The mountain today's *Muslims* are climbing down from isn't much different. It, too, has a Jewish base and a Christian summit. It, too, has a cave on the south side {your breastplate} where you can see the rising sun on your left {like your left hand if it's intent on doing things wisely} and the setting sun on your right {if it's intent on doing things lovingly}.

Who knew the verb to climb would require so much effort? No two people have ascended their peak {forehead} the same way. And no two people look at the “heavens” above from the same place in outer space. I suggest we celebrate that we've all been given the beneficent gift of altitude we can share at this propitious point in time.

We, in the Abrahamic faiths, are in a spiritual love/hate triangle that only your wisdom, love and devotion will get us through. The land of milk and honey is unattainable if we're

only looking back begrudgingly in subjective time at the milk our mother stopped giving us. Each of us has to grow up, turn himself around, and look for what's as sweet as our mother's milk once was. That sweet secret is the *honey* of life: wisdom.

Those who become addicted to their own regrets in life don't even know it. They live in a world of agains and agains instead of facing a future of pleasant surprises. They only surround themselves with honey in many beguiling forms of money. They cling irrationally to what they have, not questioning what they're missing.

None of them can turn around and face the south side of their mountain. They're descending backwards, moving forwards. The setting sun is on their left and the darkness on their right. They're looking back on where they were, not where they're going. They abhor aging. The back of their head will get closer to the GOD/GOD/*God* they think they came from, but they're too ashamed to turn around inside to allow their genitals to be exposed to the Lord. They'll continue their death march into old age into their past ass first. And they won't account for the hole in themselves they're exposing until the very end.

Your actions will determine whether your mountain looks like a geometric figure on the page made up of three disconnected segments, or whether it looks like an equilateral or isosceles triangle. The shape of your mountain will depend on how you feel about yourself and **GOD**, equal in length on all sides or elongated on two sides by circumstances beyond your control.

Either you can accept the body you were given by the parents you were given, or you'll fight like a seed in a shell to get out of yourself. Either you can come to terms with the circumstances of your infancy, childhood and adolescence, or you'll fight like a sprout to reach up through the rock into the light.

Move backwards with anger and undisclosed regret toward your mother's vagina or move forward with anticipation toward **GOD's** arms. Leave your yearning for a father out of this. Seek adult, not parental, help. Either way, old age will signal a return to where you came from, either a "hellish" denial of what you've done to yourself or a "heavenly" greeting into a "world to come" thanks to all you've become.

*“Moses said to his servant,  
‘I will journey on  
until I reach the land where the two seas meet.’  
But when at last they came to the land where the two seas met,  
they forgot their fish,  
which made its way into the water  
swimming at will.”  
[18:60-61]*

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This is the sort of parable you can't solve unless you understand Tanach, the Bible and the Quran as purveyors of metaphor, symbolism and similes that hold Abrahamic meanings that are both universal and personal.

The land Moses journeyed to was, of course, Israel. The two seas that meet there are the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. And they meet thanks to the Jordan River that connects them. This is the geography that creates the deepest valley on Earth, giving the mountains of the Galilee the impression of being so much higher from the southern perspective than they appear elsewhere.

Moses told his servant where they were going, but when they got there, they both forgot the fish. The fish stands for Christianity. And they forgot the fish because, of course, the connection hadn't yet been created between Christianity and the spiritual realm of water during the lifetime of Moses. Jesus hadn't yet used the geography of Israel to create the symbolism of every citizen as a part of a great nation; every person on a journey within his country; a journey that can only be achieved with loving intentions for your countrymen; and every emotion you have as like a fish moving through another realm of experience that'll descend into the deepest valley of them all and end up in a sea of eternal death if you don't take moral action to stop yourself from going in that direction.

At the time of Moses, the fish they caught in the Sea in the Galilee were fish swimming at will. It wasn't until Jesus drew his followers out of the Jordan River through the rituals of John the Baptist that the concept of spiritual swimming entered the spiritual lexicon of Abrahamic man. And it wasn't until then that the journey of life was equated with the fish that made their way from that lake in Israel that's so immense that it's called a sea.

Jesus chose apostles who were fisherman in the desert region of Israel, men who fished for a living, who knew the nature of the fish in the sea in the Galilee better than they knew human nature. What they knew was that the small, young fish were able to swim about freely at will, going anywhere they wanted (like today's spiritually young adults who think their world is huge, and their time here, unlimited).

But when the bigger fish in that sea get old and weak, they get caught in the current that takes them on a downhill journey through the rapids of the Jordan River that ends with their death in a briny lake that supports no life at all, the Dead Sea.

This is the Abrahamic parable for the journey of life as **GOD** wove it into the geography of Israel through the symbolism presented in this story. This is the parable the Prophet recited to his followers about Moses and his servant.

You're a living servant of the Lord reliving this mystery. You're living in an Israel of your own, and you're swimming down the stream of time toward death. But what you can do about this inevitable destination that none of us can escape can't be described in words because your outcome is going to be unique to you. Your fate (or destiny) will be determined by your actions in the present day that you use to make amends for your past to secure a better future.

If you believe that Jesus was GOD's SON who was sent here to redeem the world, then you believe HE will figuratively fish you out of the Jordan River through baptism. HE will save you from eternal death as though you'd otherwise be carried down the Jordan River

to the Dead Sea. HE will bring you into HIS land of milk and honey, an Israel after your lifetime, a land sanctioned by HIS FATHER only for those children adopted by HIM.

The topography of Israel manifests the experience of mortality using the life of Jesus to elucidate your own life. You start out like a little fish in a huge, freshwater sea of love, thinking all your options {physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual} are endless. But you end up at many unexpected times in life discovering that your options are narrowing. You taste the salt {mortality} in the water as it becomes more concentrated as you age. You come to the realization that you're figuratively approaching your Dead Sea experience as you near death. You suspect you're drying up inside little by little, day by day; that your time is running out. You realize there's no way back to where you came from upstream {youth}.<sup>64</sup>

Your memories of youth are available to you at any moment you wish to retrieve them. You can touch the memories in your heart with your mind. But you can't literally go back in time to relive them or recapture the time you've spent. You can access your past from within, but you can't literally change it. You can see what you've done, but if you don't have evidence of having consciously corrected your errors of judgment, you'll continue to cascade downstream morally or try to do the crawl in place, losing more and more time and hope along the way.

The longer you live, the more you'll realize that your experience of being here is becoming more of a combination of objective and subjective realities. Nostalgia and sentimentality may set in whether, or not, you look back with regrets or forward with hope. Angers and resentments may flare up unexpectedly. You may suddenly conclude on your own that your emotions, mixed with your desires, may be playing a bigger part of your decision-making process than you realized.

You don't get to go back and do it again in order to use the experience you've gleaned up until now. If you don't change, transform, transcend, transfigure and repent, you're going to die with doubts and fears about what comes next. That's life. Your situation is no different from anybody else's. The fate and destiny of a Christian fish is no different from that of any other fish in this parable. Muslim insight into Christian religious issues can be yours without converting to either faith. Therefore act wisely.

The Christians and Muslims don't really want Israel. They want the secret to eternal life. They want the topography of Israel internalized so that they can understand where they're headed and how they can avoid the Dead Sea experience in which there's no hope for the continuation of life after life. They want to know what the Jews know; what the Christians love and what the Muslims have devoted their lives to uncovering. They don't really want what anyone *has*. They want to be who others are.

I always wanted to be a tall glass with a long straw... But my little mother married my little father and I turned out to be one more little Jew in a world with some very tall, dark and handsome men in it... I didn't get to be who I wanted to be externally. And although I outgrew both my parents literally and figuratively, I still looked down on them arrogantly, blaming them for something I didn't dare blame **GOD** for, since **HE** was the **ONE** who allowed so much of it to happen the way it turned out. I resented the little, juice glass I'd

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<sup>64</sup> Your mind can deny the reality of death by telling yourself you have plenty of time, that you don't have to think about such things just yet. But there's another, wiser voice within that tells you to listen more carefully to what you're telling yourself.

been poured into. I also resented my straw. And I resented the shape my contents had to conform to because of my little container.

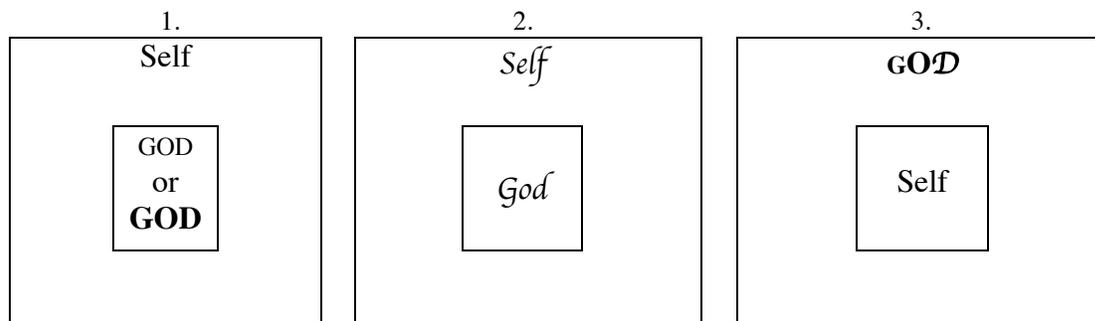
Sadly, the JEWS have nothing to tell me about this experience. And the Jews have nothing to say about it either because neither can speak to my relationship with **GOD**. I wouldn't go to the L.G.B.T+ community for answers to this personal problem, either. My gay friends smile when I talk about a tall glass with a long straw. They're only amused. They can't take me seriously.

Jesus promised the ancient Jews HE could, and would, draw them out of the Jordan River through baptism and bring them to everlasting life in the "world to come" where HIS FATHER lives.<sup>65</sup>

Joshua #1 brought the Israelites into Israel across the Jordan River with knives and swords. They had to fight their way in. Joshua #2 promised to bring the ancient Jews into Israel a second time: symbolically. He promised to bring them across the river with love into a land {"heaven"} promised HIM in the hereafter. This would figuratively keep them from having had to go all the way down the river of time into a sea of death and misery for all eternity for their sins.

The miracle of HIS feeding of the 4,000 and 5,000 with a limited number of fish and a few loaves of bread can be achieved personally internally, but only if you can see yourself as both the fish and the bread that HE served. If you see yourself as a living entity {fish} in a sea of love; if you see yourself swimming about in a container given to you by GOD {your heart}, then you can imagine yourself as like a fish, filled with love within you and surrounded by love around you. Then you can cross over into the Israel Jesus was speaking of. You can bring Scripture to life through a second relationship with GOD, similar to the first nation GOD created here on Earth: Israel.

Now that you've reviewed the concept of tribalism as a progression that mirrors both the psychological development from infancy to adulthood and the first seven stories of Genesis from Adam and Eve to Jacob, you're ready to look at power in another way.



In the first diagram, we see what the Judeo-Christian world looks like in the West. They can hardly fill a synagogue or church anymore because most people see GOD as smaller  
GOD

<sup>65</sup> GOD is the FATHER of the Jews in the metaphor of the family of man. GOD is the adopted FATHER of the Christians through Jesus who was HIS SON. For Muslims, God is their guardian.

than themselves. Science has answered so many questions about the meaning of life that people are no longer interested in GOD or **GOD**.

In the second diagram we see what the Muslim world looks like. They can easily fill their mosques because most Muslims see themselves as so much greater than *God*.

And in the third diagram we see balance restored as modern true believers recognize that there's only **ONE GOD**. In this depiction, modern man realizes that as his picture of himself grows, his frame of **GOD** grows around him.

“‘Know,’  
he replied,  
*‘that I forgot the fish when we were resting on the rock.  
It was Satan who made me forget to mention this.  
The fish made its way miraculously into the sea.’*  
[18: 63-64]

“‘Know,’  
he replied,  
‘that I forgot the fish when we were resting on the rock.  
It was satan who made me forget to mention this.  
The fish made its way miraculously into the sea.’”

Our lust {satan/penis problem} for life distracts us all and makes us forget what we're really doing here. Our desires distract us from our mission. Our desire to get what we want costs us over time. We become physically feeble, emotionally frail and spiritually fragile if we don't work very hard to improve from day to day.

The fish that made its way miraculously into the Sea of Galilee was Jesus. It wasn't that the servant forgot the fish when they were resting on the rock. The fish {Jesus} had not yet literally made its way to the sea. It wasn't satan that caused the servant of Moses to forget to mention that. It would have been anachronistic to have mentioned either the fish or the rock in their larger, religious contexts.

Moses never literally got to see the rock upon which Abraham sacrificed Isaac because GOD never allowed him into Israel. The rock upon which Peter later built HIS church had not yet been inspired by Jesus.<sup>66</sup> And the rock which the Prophet was launched to “heaven” was still thousands of years in the future.

The Prophet said, **GOD** never punishes people before **HÆ** sends them an emissary with a new message. Moses was sent to the Jews as an emissary. Therefore, Jews believe in GOD without a “heaven” or “hell.” Jesus was sent as an emissary. Christians believe they survive death through faith in GOD, Jesus. And the Prophet was sent as an emissary. Muslims believe they survive death through faith in *God*. In this world, most people ought to take

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<sup>66</sup> “AND I ALSO SAY TO YOU THAT YOU ARE PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT OVERPOWER IT.” [Matthew 16:18]

some aspects of faith on faith or they aren't going to be able to live their life with any faith at all.

*“Moses said,  
'May I follow you,  
so that you may guide me by that which you have been taught?’”  
[18:67]*

*“Moses said,  
'May I follow you,  
so that you may guide me by that which you have been taught?’”*

There's no reason why your mind shouldn't ask to be guided by a stranger within you, one who can crisscross time without a second thought. It only takes modesty, humility and devotion for you to ask for what you truly want and for the most morally expeditious way of getting it.

But you may have denied your ignorance of your complete self for such a long time that it's not going to be possible to become open-minded overnight. The blessings of the Quran, whether you're a Muslim, Christian or Jew, will materialize slowly. Appreciating Islam {submission to the will of Y.H.V.H. Jesus *Allāh*} is harder than it looks. It asks that we put our faith in ourselves above all else. {You may already be able to hear yourself revolt against such an idea. Such is the effect of low self-esteem.}

There's no reason why you can't guide the Moses in your mind (as would any good servant) if you have a good heart and soul. You're ultimately your own guide anyway. There's no satan guiding anyone. And even if you can't quite see how slyly you sometimes behave to let out your resentments on others, you can, surely, see this sort of behavior in others. (Believe me, the only reason you can see slyness in them is because somewhere deep down inside you recognize it in you when you see it in others.) Rest assured, there's a part of your mind that wants you to get what you want. You may just not yet be loving and soulful enough to have earned the right to perceive how to do that.

If you're hard working enough to have had a fabulous sex life, you know what it means to be defiant and compliant in bed, and judicious everywhere elsewhere. You know what it means to magically let out the animals from your ark at the right time with the right person. Such is the mastery of fantasy.

You're not fun to be with when you're behaving badly. It's as though you've disrobed in public and are letting us see too much of you. We're no longer interested in what you show us. Everyone is an emperor clad only in WORDS, WORDS or *words*. Any prepubescent boy can see what you're not wearing. And it ain't pretty... <sup>67</sup>

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<sup>67</sup> “This allusion to the fable of the ‘Emperor’s New Clothes,’ written by Danish author Hans Christian Andersen, is about two weavers who promise an emperor a new suit of clothes that they say is invisible to those who are unfit for their positions, stupid or incompetent. When the Emperor parades before his subjects in his new clothes, no one dares to say that they don't see any suit of clothes on him for fear that they'll be perceived

There's no reason why you can't be like Moses, Jesus and Prophet Muhammad rolled into one. There's no reason why you shouldn't be able to identify as the servant accompanying Moses on his journey. You're wise enough to accompany the Jews. You're loving enough to emulate Jesus by accompanying the Christians. And you're loyal enough to yourself to accompany the Prophet on his discovery of submission to the will of *Allāh* in your pursuit of **GOD**. You should be able to admit there's a stranger figuratively accompanying you within that you'd like to follow, too. So give that stranger your name and refer to him in the third-person.

*“You will not bear with me,  
replied the other.  
‘For how can you bear that which is beyond your knowledge?’”*  
[18:68]

*““You will not bear with me,  
replied the other.  
‘For how can you bear that which is beyond your knowledge?’”*

To bear that which is beyond your knowledge, you must bear with a part of you that won't reveal him or herself to you all at once. This is what makes life a beguiling mystery. You must seek to discover the stranger in you, patient that you will succeed over time. But if you behave immorally toward yourself or others, that mystery will elude you. And you may die disappointed in not having revealed your mystery to you.

You're surely going to fail in your attempt to be like all three leaders of our faiths if you don't question your own impending death. You're going to reject some of the WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of Moses, Jesus and/or the Prophet if you don't seek awareness of the syndromes that take you around in circles. You're not going to trust the words of the stranger with you who bears new news any more than you'd trust any other stranger.

There's absolutely no way for you to succeed in unifying your head, heart and soul without the help of your penis or clitoris. Your deepest evil inclinations will surface. But if you aren't willing to seek to understand your desire for that particular kind of power and shape it to meet your highest, spiritual needs, you will get burned.

Your desire to project your intentions onto others in order to see yourself as selfless or in order avoid seeing yourself as selfish is a conditioning not easy to overcome without a poetic imagination. You're not satan or the serpent in the Creation Story. But you're just as beguiling.

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as unfit for their positions, stupid or incompetent.” [Wikipedia] Such is the situation for the extremists in the Abrahamic faiths who are unfit for their positions, stupid or incompetent. They've all been visited by two weavers: Moses and a stranger {Jesus}. They hear the truth, but they don't know what to make of it. The Prophet is like the little boy who calls them out on their hypocrisy.

*“Moses said,  
‘If God wills,  
you shall find me patient:  
I shall in no way cross you.’”*  
[18:69]

“Moses said,  
‘If GOD wills,  
you shall find me patient:  
I shall in no way cross you.’”

What Moses was saying is that with GOD’s help, he’ll endeavor to be more patient with himself and others. He won’t overreact as he did with the slave driver in ancient Egypt. He’ll curb his anger and open himself to learning. This is what his autobiography {Torah} reveals. This is what his journey was personally all about.

*“The two set forth,  
but as soon as they embarked,  
Moses’s companion bored a hole in the bottom of the boat.”*  
[18:71]

“The two set forth,  
but as soon as they embarked,  
Moses’s companion bored a hole in the bottom of the boat.”

Clearly, his companion was both suicidal and homicidal because they were both in the boat and might have both drowned. A hole in the bottom of a boat is like a threat to your body, your physical container. We can all see how destructive the stranger in *others* is. What’s much harder to perceive is how destructive we can imagine being to ourselves. And the reason is because we’re so sly that we rarely allow ourselves to perceive our own self-destructive nature. And yet, globally and collectively, the evidence is obvious. {We do the same emotionally by deceiving our partner or behaving selfishly when around others.}

*“They journeyed on until they fell in with a certain youth.  
Moses’s companion slew him,  
and Moses said,  
‘You have killed an innocent man who has slain no one.’”*  
[18:74]

“They journeyed on until they fell in with a certain youth.  
Moses’s companion slew him,  
and Moses said,

‘You have killed an innocent man who has slain no one.’”

This part of the story mirrors Moses’s murder of the slave driver. This makes his words appear to echo out from his conscience to himself. But Moses doesn’t have to take responsibility for this murder because it was his companion (this time) who committed the crime. In the same way, we might retell our own story in the third-person as though accusing a stranger of having done our bad deeds.

The stranger within us isn’t satan. It’s a psychological distance we unconsciously maintain to look down on ourselves from a safe height to appraise our progress. “I” can become “he” through this distance, and “he” can become “me.” We, thereby, meet our own inner stranger and, over time, turn him into a friend.

Clearly, Moses’s companion committed an even worse crime the second time he acted out, and yet Moses continued to travel with him despite good reason to split up and go their separate ways {suicide}. The stranger not only demonstrated he had the potential to be destructive by boring a hole in the boat. He killed a man. He proved he was destructive and homicidal. Keeping company with such a person is unimaginable unless you can distance you from yourself to see what you’re really up against, and how your external companions give you the opportunity to mirror your relationship with yourself.

It’s only when you think of the stranger within as someone who travels with you who you literally can’t escape that this parable begins to take on personal importance. You’re traveling with a stranger, an unconscious part of yourself who has the potential of becoming your own worst enemy.

“*Did I not tell you,*  
*he replied,*  
*‘that you would not bear with me?’*”  
[18:75]

“*Did I not tell you,*  
*he replied,*  
*‘that you would not bear with me?’*”

Clearly, his companion knew enough about himself to predict that Moses wouldn’t find it easy to be patient with him. (Moses showed his impatience many times in Torah, his autobiography. It was no secret he was an impatient man.)<sup>68</sup>

Moses wrote about his impatience. But he also wrote about how stubborn the Israelites were. Everyone on Earth is impatient and stubborn at times, not just the Jews. Sometimes

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<sup>68</sup> As we know, Moses prayed to GOD for emotional strength when the Israelites tested him with their childishness. GOD called the Israelites KSHE OREF {stiff-necked} [Exodus 32:9] A stiff neck is the result of a syndrome. People become stubborn when a series of conditions aren’t met. And, at other times, they become impatient when they see other people who aren’t addressing their syndromes. Active rejection; passive non-acceptance; righteous indignation; resentment; revenge; and hate are the consequences of unexplored syndromes.

it feels as if you're traveling with an impatient companion. Other times, it feels like he's become stubborn. What's a fellow to do? Take responsibility for your erratic behaviors, even if you can't explain the interactions of all your inner forces.

Modern man, like the ancient Jew, can't look inside for other options until he's been given the chance to figuratively massage his stiff neck {work out his stubbornness}. It's hard to break bad habits and look at challenges in new ways. It's hard to look at something differently when you've been habituated to looking at things the one way you always have. When you're stiff necked [Exodus 32:9], it's particularly hard to learn to "TURN THE OTHER CHEEK." [Matthew 5:39]

Those who are stubborn one moment are often impatient the next. But those who are stubborn and impatient already know they need to turn the other cheek. Once you know that about yourself you should focus your thoughts and feelings in a whole other direction. But most people don't. Instead, they rationalize their arrogance with good reasons to continue to behave in ways that are detrimental to everyone's best interests.

One way to deal with desires to be defiant is, of course, with sex. When you and your partner live out these various forms of cheekiness, disobedience, insolence, insubordination and rebelliousness in bed before **GOD**, you may then make it more possible to become complaint, cooperative, respectful, playful and unified outside your bedroom. This is why a good sex life is so important and why you should work harder with your partner to achieve it. Familiarity should breed consent, not contempt.

But if you already have a sex life that's complaint, cooperative, respectful, playful and unified, the secret to that success can also be applied to your business and social life if you make the connection.

I doubt I have to remind you that gay men are known for our colorful sex life and our creative imagination. So when I recommend you work on your character defects in bed, I should remind you that I'm a great proponent of monogamy. Using your straw to drink from many cups is a clever way to get a taste of many drinks and to quench a deep thirst. But you don't need any temptation to do that. What I'm suggesting is different, harder and more rewarding if you want to become good in bed before **GOD** as well as successful outside the bedroom.<sup>69</sup>

*"Moses said,  
'If ever I question you again,  
abandon me;  
for then I should deserve it."  
[18:76]*

*"Moses said,  
'If ever I question you again,  
abandon me;*

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<sup>69</sup> Most religious charlatans will try to teach you how to become rich in money. My goal is to teach you to become rich in bed. If you're really only seeking money, I suggest you give up on my brand of spiritual instruction.

for then I should deserve it.”

His companion first attempted to challenge their safety with destruction of property, and then he committed murder. And before he did all that, he anticipated that Moses would lose patience with him. What his servant didn't anticipate was that Moses would find the patience to continue to walk with him and promise not to question him again.

An inquiring mind will seemingly express patience. But it's really expressing composure, containment, patience, poise, serenity, tranquility and more. An inquiring mind is expressing an interest in exploring the aspects of a syndrome. An inquiring mine is expressing respect. Inquiring minds don't only require answers to questions or solutions to problems. They require observations of syndromes.

*“They will ask you about Dhul-Quarnayn.*

*Say:*

*‘I will give you an account of him.’”*

[18:85]

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*Say:*

*‘I will give you an account of him.’”*

*Dhul-Quarnayn* is the Arabic name for Alexander the Great who lived about 350 B.C.E. He was the renown, ancient warrior who conquered the known world. And he was a homosexual, an ancient gay man, who had no reason to organize politically with other men like himself for his sexual rights because homosexuality was tolerated in early Jewish, pre-Christian and pre-Muslim times thanks to the philosophies of the ancient Greeks.

Gay men have had to find a way to fight for our rights using secular laws because it's been impossible for us to get fair treatment through religious law. Anyone who's had negative feelings about the way we have sex uses his religion to justify his disgust of us. (That, the extremists in the Abrahamic faiths have no difficulty in agreeing on!)

They use their tastes to determine their moral conviction, not their conscience. If I did the same, I'd have outlawed nutmeg and cloves a long ago... Neither of these spices appeals to me in the least. In fact, they make me shudder with disgust...

Conservative, religious believers use obedience to their GOD, GOD or *God* as an excuse to vilify us, while we've learned to use Christ's teachings to “FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.” [Luke 23:34] We've learned to move from GOD to GOD. That's why it's so easy for me to describe to you how to move from GOD to GOD to *God*.

*“Say:*

*‘If the waters of the sea were ink  
with which to write the words of my Lord,*

*the sea would, surely, run dry  
before the words of my Lord were spent,  
though we found another sea to replenish it.”*  
[18:109]

“Say:  
‘If the waters of the sea were ink  
with which to write the WORDS of my Lord,  
the sea would, surely, run dry  
before the WORDS of my Lord were spent,  
though we found another sea to replenish it.”

If you tried to use your own words to repeat what **GOD** is saying in Scripture, you, too, would run out of words. **HIS** WORDS correspond to our words, but our words don’t fully correspond to **HIS**. If you aren’t willing to put your faith in the WORD, WORD and the Word of today’s Judeo-Christian **GOD** and the Muslim *God*, you aren’t going to develop much of an imagination or a rational frame of mind. And without a good imagination, you aren’t going to be able to fight your apathy, despondency or revulsions with fairness.

The easiest way to encapsulate the WORD of GOD is with love. And if you don’t think a gay-Jew is capable of expressing love, you ought to ask yourself why not? Do I not have a heart? “If you prick me, do I not bleed?”<sup>70</sup>

“Say:  
*‘I am but a mortal like yourself.  
It is revealed to me that your God is one God.  
Let him who hopes to meet his Lord  
do what is right and worship none besides his Lord.”*  
[18:110]

“Say:  
‘I am but a mortal like yourself.  
It is revealed to me that your GOD/GOD/*God* is **ONE GOD**.  
Let him who hopes to meet his Lord

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<sup>70</sup> Shakespeare, “Merchant of Venice” Act 3, Scene 1. Shylock said these words with regard to the Jews. Christian poets weren’t yet ready to say such things in those days about gays. “Hath not a (gay man) hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions; fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed?”

do what is right and worship none besides his Lord.”

The problem with our Lord is that **HE**'s harder to quote than we ever realized. Moses described HIS plan using a sacred metaphor. Jesus described HIS own plan using sacred symbols. And the Prophet described *His* plan using 114 sacred similes {surahs/chapters}. If you're going to try your luck at quoting **GOD**, you should seriously consider what each word you use means to you subjectively. And, like Scripture, you'll probably settle on poetry and parable to make your point.

The WORD, רִנָּה {RINA} means joyous song. It infers that **GOD** is singing a joyous song to us. All songs consist of a melody and lyrics. And a harmony is a pleasant addition to any song. The melody of **GOD**'s song is our love of life. The lyrics of **HIS** song are wisdom. And the harmony of **HIS** song is loyalty to life. The more of a spiritual musician you become, the more you'll be able to sing out your version of **HIS** parables using your own, unique forms of expression.

**GOD**'s intentions can't be found on the mountain of life or even in the valley of death [Psalm 23:4]. You must find your way into your cave {imagination} on the south side of your mountain, where you can look out at the valley of death and the setting sun {the loss of time to love some more} on your right. The meaning of your life must be personalized before it can be publicized. And yet, how can you do either without practice?

## Surah 19

سورة مريم

*Mary*

The stereotype of the annoying Jewish mother begins in Judaism with Sarai. The virtues later seen in Mary are those of Sarah: the nobility of woman as seen by a <sup>GOD</sup> who wished to reward women for their moral efforts. But to understand the exaggerations of protectiveness; invasion of privacy; and the all-consuming loyalty of someone who's projected her own loyalties onto you, for better or worse – I had to first look at the perfect mother/SON relationship between Mary and Jesus and compare and contrast it to my relationship with my own mother.

When I think of my relationship with my mom, I can't imagine Jesus having been neurotically tied to HIS mother's apron strings as I was to my mother's. My mother intimidated me into becoming the best little boy in the world using subtle threats of abandonment. But she also soothed me with loving regard for my obedience, insisting there was no one more precious to her on Earth. If you wonder how I made my way away from the conflicting, contradictory, incoherent, incompatible, incongruous, irreconcilable and unpredictable messages I received from her over decades, you'll get an idea why every man is in need of faith in miracles...

If you don't look for the feminine traits in you, women (and your own mother in particular) will drive you to distraction. Our mothers damaged us. But we're now keepers of those vices, and, therefore, responsible for not doing to others what was done to us, whether we're male, female or somewhere in between.

Sarai personifies the quarrelsome nature the Jews have with GOD. Hagar exemplifies the submission the Muslims demonstrate to the will of *God*. And Sarah symbolizes the coming nobility of Mary, and through her, the visible man: Jesus.

Women personify the three faces of Eve. They were the messengers before the message. But the message from Scripture for today from all women to all men (as I understand it) is that not even the protection and devotion of a mother to her son can spare a man the pain and suffering this world has in store for him if he doesn't get his act together.

The modern message of today is that self-love must be accompanied by wisdom and devotion to the moral meaning of life for mortal man to achieve redemption. No one in the Abrahamic faiths can afford to take the shortcuts we see our forefathers took. If we don't use the forces of our head, heart and soul to achieve our most beneficial desires, we may pay a terrible price in the end for the inheritance we're bequeathing to future generations.

Jesus was the first Jew to sacrifice HIMSELF consciously and willingly for GOD's designs. He was the Jewish martyr who came along long before Islam. Jesus and Mary glorified martyrdom before the concept of Martyrdom was disseminated to Muslims in the form of unquestioned devotion to *God*.<sup>71</sup>

The noble mothers {Mary} and the noble SON {Jesus} together create the attitude and temperament of martyrs whose ultimate goal is to better themselves through cooperation

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<sup>71</sup> Just look at Michelangelo's sculpture of the Pietà if you don't believe that Mary was the first Jewish martyr. She gave her son to the will of GOD.

with questions. They personify the first pure male/female collaboration, the first sign of teamwork since Moses {leader} and Aaron {high priest} exemplified brotherhood. They personify the Judeo-Christian alliance we have today. Do not underestimate the power of mothers and sons.

Sarai stood by Abram's side when he asked her to pretend to be his sister. Hagar accommodated them when they wanted to conceive a child. And Sarah was there with Abram when they were visited by the three strangers. But Mary symbolized the complete woman, the woman whose purity was unquestionable. Her son, unlike Ishmael and Isaac, was born to love.

But, today, loving others is only for practice. If you can't love **GOD** for not granting you your prayers, you're still a child seeking answers or solutions to problems. You're not ready to explore your syndromes. You just want what you want when you want it. You're still in denial of your anal issues. You haven't incorporated the  $x^2$  factor in with your being.

Before I begin to quote excerpts from this surah, I want to remind you of the importance of similes in Islam. Similes are as self-understood to every Muslim reader of the Quran as metaphors are to Jews and symbols, to Christians. These figures of speech were blended in with the milk you suckled when you were still in your mother's arms. What you already know must be uncovered to be discovered. What you have the potential to know had to be lost so that it could be found.

*Allah* is like a man, and even, perhaps, like a woman in the minds of Muslims. *He* has the desire to submit to the will of people. But *He* also has the desire to teach people to submit to *His* will. *He*'ll martyr *Himself* for *His* people, and therefore *His people* are willing to martyr themselves for *Him*.

The Jews expressed martyrdom at Masada about 70 years after Jesus. The Christians universalized martyrdom. And the Muslims institutionalized martyrdom into their faith without a second thought. But martyrdom was originally popularized in us all through the first Jewish mother; through the three faces of Eve {Sarai/Hagar and Sarah}. What won't a son do for his mother to prove that he doesn't hate her for her scheming ways in teaching him about the awesome/awful meaning of life?

Modern man is far more interested in making small sacrifices to get what he wants than in martyring himself because that's so much easier. Some indigenists literally sacrificed one another. Ancient Jews sacrificed animals. And wars have been sacrificing the masses since the beginning of time. If you're going to live your life for sacrifice, you'd better know what you're sacrificing it for.

The sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham was aborted thanks to the Archangel Gabriel. The Archangel Gabriel came to Mary to tell her she was going to have GOD's baby, a child who'd grow up to choose to sacrifice HIMSELF with HIS love for the sake of the world. And the Archangel Gabriel came to the Prophet to declare that each and every person on Earth will ultimately sacrifice his life in some unique way to his Lord.

Sacrifice to GOD began in Judaism with animal sacrifice, but it became personalized through Jesus as baptism and communion. And then sacrifice was raised out of this world through "heavenly" virtues by the Prophet Muhammad. As you become more sensitized to how you're sacrificing yourself for others, you'll become more aware of how you should,

instead, be sacrificing yourself for yourself through helping others, with **GOD** as your **WITNESS**.

Self-sacrifice is the essence of martyrdom. But making sacrifices to get what you want separates the A students at the front of the room in the school of life from the C students in the middle and the bozos at the back of the room. <sup>72</sup>

Everyone you meet has something to teach you that they know instinctively without question. But not everyone you meet has something to teach you that they've learned the hard way, through self-sacrifice. The way you are naturally is instructive to us all. But what you've learned in life is another story. Some put in a lot more effort than others.

Don't feel obliged to suffer fools, stooges or imbeciles. They're the laziest people on Earth. Those who don't want to learn will always be offended by what you say, regardless what you do or don't do. Carry on.

*“And you shall recount the book with the story of Mary:  
how she left her people  
and betook herself to a solitary place to the east.”*  
[19:15]

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The first Mary was the character in Torah named Miriam who was the sister of Moses. Miriam #1 literally went east with her brother on the Exodus from Egypt to Israel. Miriam #2 {Mary} literally recreated the journey of her biblical predecessor, Miriam #1. Mary was born in Roman-occupied Israel {then called Palestine}, and lived there her whole life with the exception of a brief interlude when she and her husband, Joseph #2, escaped with Jesus to Egypt to avoid the murder of Jewish babies by the Romans. <sup>73</sup> So, Miriam #2 first traveled west to Egypt, and later, went east to Israel, thereby recreating the journey of Miriam #1 with the Israelites.

Figuratively speaking, Mary conceived GOD and followed HIM on HIS path from HIS sunrise {birth/east} to sunset {death/west}. Her spiritual journey with HIM revealed matters of the heart of a woman to the Prophet from his cave facing south, giving him the opportunity of viewing his own feelings about sacrifice in life from his soul. Another way of saying that is that the Prophet got in touch with his x<sup>2</sup> factor in this surah.

The solitary place Mary found after the death of her son may be a place you aren't familiar with. It may be a place of emptiness that becomes filled with something that can't

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<sup>72</sup> In essence, you could say that these seven books are for A students who are curious to learn more; B students who think they know enough but who would like to see proof; C students who see the need for materialism; D students who are emotionally wounded; and F students who defiantly feel they have no choice but to go the wrong way.

<sup>73</sup> This is a bitter irony since the Israelites had to endure the murder of Jewish baby boys under Pharaoh when they had been slaves in Egypt more than a 1,000 years before.

be put into WORDS, WORDS or *words*. Each of us must find that nothingness that brings something to our losses that imbues our losses with new meaning.

For anyone to recount the stories of Tanach, the Bible and the Quran with one tongue, we'll need to admit that words hold multiple meanings which depend upon where you are in inner space. The tongue that can't tell a lie becomes a vehicle of verbal expression from a head, heart and soul that are honest, sincere and authentic in all three places at once. This is someone who's genuine.

The man who speaks with a forked tongue is going to be equated with the serpent in the Creation Story. He's going to be accused of being in league with the devil. He's going to be accused of being a liar and a hypocrite.<sup>74</sup>

The real bone of contention between JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* lies in the fact that JEWS want to concretize the WORD of GOD as HIS only WORD, even though it {Torah} was literally broken up into many words a long, long time ago. The CHRISTIANS want to concretize the WORDS of GOD as HIS only WORDS even though there were words given before and after Jesus that are also attributed to GOD. And the *Muslims* want to concretize *His words* as *His final words* even though **HE** said so much in the Quran that there'll be no end to **HIS WORDS**.

The Jews and JEWS are both fond of interpreting Torah metaphorically, except when it comes to male/male sexual relations. Then the JEWS suddenly become as literal as the CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. That's where the three Abrahamic extremists draw the line. But concretizing hyper-religious doctrine in the literal meaning of Scripture always results in the exclusion of the L.G.B.T+ community. This *must* be the case if they're going to maintain their dogma. They can't have it more than one way. They can't allow the concept of male and female to turn into a continuum. That would create a conundrum. They must maintain the strict gender roles that their constituents are taught to play. There would be no other way to control them without the threat of ridicule for being unmanly.

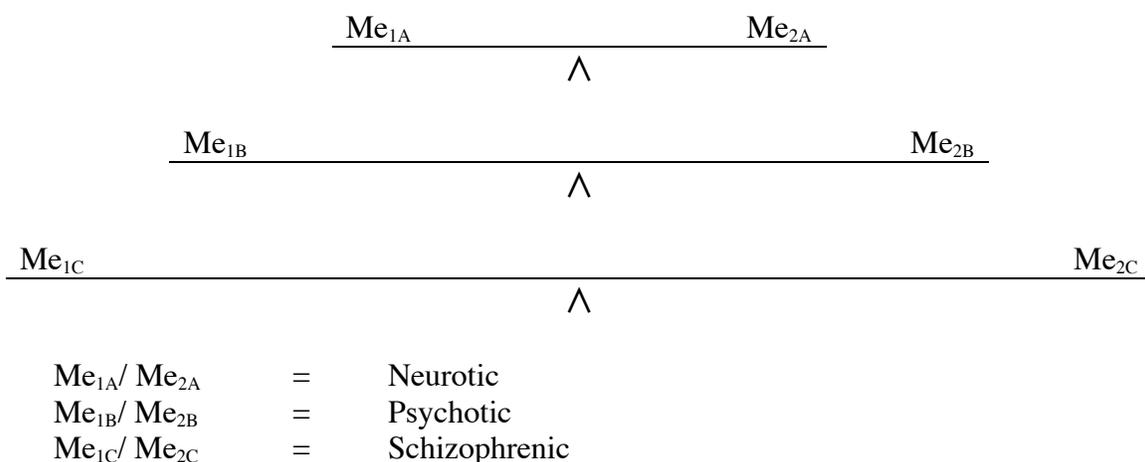
If, however, you look at yourself within as on a continuum and conundrum, you'll come to see yourself on a seesaw, with two sides of you, one on each side. When you have mood swings, you're actually taking the conscious role of each side of you in rapid succession. When you're balanced and emotionally contained, you're at peace with both sides simultaneously. The diagrams below depicts psychological mood swings:

Conscious

Unconscious

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<sup>74</sup> A hypocrite is what others may judge you to be. A hypocrite is what you ought to judge yourself to be when you smile in the mirror at someone you detest. The less you trust yourself, the more motivated you'll be to learn. Youth personifies this state. Old age, hopefully, recaptures it.



The closer you are to the fulcrum, the smaller your mood swings will be. The further you are from the fulcrum, the larger your mood swings will be. You don't need to endeavor to get closer to the fulcrum. You only need to endeavor to understand yourself as you are while you experience your mood swings.

That said, the further you are from the fulcrum, the more insightfully you'll be able to consciously see yourself. The closer you are to the fulcrum, the more insightfully you'll be able to consciously see others. You won't need to get closer or further away from the fulcrum. You'll only want to understand yourself as you are while you go through your inner turmoil.

This interrelationship between conscious and less than conscious thinking is extremely difficult for some to perceive without medication. (And alcohol and illicit drugs are forms of medication.) But it's extremely difficult to do with medication, too. I found that reducing my psychiatric meds slowly after many years on them made it possible for me to accustom myself to my unique, thoughts and mood swings with insight while processing, assimilating and absorbing new ideas as one might accustom one's self to exercise or a dietary regime.

Many in the JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* traditions have no desire for world domination, fame or fortune. Nor do they suffer from undo lust, greed or hatred. But their insistence on the literal interpretations of Scripture when it comes to their denunciation of the L.G.B.T+ community makes it impossible for them to be trusted or admired as they are today. They're fine one moment, but they turn into hypocrites the next. (This makes the discussion of hypocrisy so complex. And this makes the discussion of psychology so vital.)

What we call double standards between what people say and do externally and what's going on inside them should really be called triple standards because their conflicts emanate from their head, heart and soul being unduly influenced by desires that are, for the most part, unconscious, and, therefore, out of their control.

When your parents put a stumbling block between you and their GOD/GOD/*God*, deep cultural and religious divisions were created that then forced all of you to question your traditional, religious values. People aren't born blind to GOD. They're taught to limit their vision until they become so spiritually myopic that many end up spiritually blind to GOD's eternal presence. This is why the CHRISTIANS once made it "hell" on Earth for the Jews.

This is why the *Muslims* are making it “hell” on Earth for the Christians and the Jews today. And this is why the gays are now needed to warn you about the ‘hell’ the JEWS are making it for Israel’s L.G.B.T+ community and gays elsewhere around the world.

It may have been in GOD’s interest to denounce the homosexual lifestyle 3,400 years ago, but HIS opinion transformed with matters of forgiveness and mercy until *He* transcended **HIMSELF** with devotion to our gay cause. Those JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who insist on their dogmatic, literal interpretations of this aspect of their ancient Scripture aren’t evolving. They’re spending time obsessed with objectivity. They’re not using their time adequately subjectively. And there may well be a price to pay for everyone who wastes the gifts **GOD** has given them in the time in which they live.

Because the WORD/WORD/*Word* of GOD/GOD/*God* is always going to be difficult to express in everyday language, you’re going to want to question your relationship to **HIM** with every word you utter, as would a jury listening to a witness on the stand. You’re going to want to do the work some RABBIS, PRIESTS, PASTORS, MINISTERS, *imams* and *clerics* aren’t doing. You’re going to want to remove the stumbling block your parents put before you and come to terms with whatever issues you have with **GOD** in your own way.

This is easy to say, but hard to do because self-expression is a nonstop, evolving process. The infant does everything it can in as loud a voice as it can muster to get its survival needs met. The child has learned to talk, but its words aren’t nearly as effective as the infant’s screeches in getting its desires materialized. So, the child learns to hide, hit, irritate, pester and whine to get its way. The adolescent will use, crafty, cunning, devious, scheming, sly, sneaky and wily means to get its way rather than negotiate at all. And the young adult will eventually assimilate into the society of others once s/he cynically concludes it takes money alone to make a difference in this world.

It’s often the oldest members of communities, institutions and organizations who suddenly act erratically, disorderly or seemingly insanely, when, in fact, they did what they could under difficult circumstances to control their worst desires all their life. Running a corporation, institution or government isn’t as easy as we might imagine. It’s easy to criticize big consortiums, but hard to change them. We don’t take the need for change seriously until the mental health of everyone is drawn into question. Man improves himself morally as a last resort – when insanity is his only other option. Then, suddenly, money is no object.

For modern man to survive the abuses of being irrationally arrogant, consumed, defiant and desirous because of tunnel vision, the spiritual adult is going find himself traveling with a stranger, as did Moses. He’s going to travel with someone who, from time to time, is going to challenge his composure and patience with a desire to question himself.

There’s a popular movement in America today to search for aliens in outer space, perhaps in the hopes that they’ll be able to solve the problems of humanity for us. Needless to say, this search for aliens comes on the religious heels of Abraham and Lot having been unexpectedly visited by strangers. Jacob, too, was visited by a stranger the night before his confrontation with his brother Esau. And a stranger was a witness to the fact that a caravan took Joseph #1 in the direction of Egypt.

When we reach an impasse within, whether that's expressed as guilt or frustration, Scripture tells us to look outside ourselves for messages and signs. Needless to say, today we should do just the opposite by looking within. The strangest person in the whole world is you. So, you ought to look for you.

Spiritual claustrophobia is the feeling that your container is full. You might feel that your heart is full of negative feelings that don't give you any wiggle room inside. You might feel that your financial situation or social life has left you feeling cornered or constrained. Spiritual claustrophobia can affect you in many ways. But it always leads you to finally look in a direction you hadn't explored before.

Man was made in **GOD's** figurative image. He was given a tongue in his head to express what lies in his heart and soul. But that tongue is part of a tunnel that goes all the way through him and splits off in two directions below his waist. Imagine a snake swallowing its own forked tongue. One opening ends at a person's penis {vagina}; the other, at the anus. S/he's going to want to talk about both ends even if society insists s/he doesn't do so literally in words. Comedy is a socially acceptable way of talking about this division within. A belly laugh originate at the fork in this road.

Nowadays, we all want to explore the container **GOD** gave us. It's far more likely **HE**'ll judge you harshly for *not* exploring the body **HE** gave you since the fork in the road that begins below your waist is so crucial to every other fork in every other road you reach in life.

Toilet training and sex education originate in the same places. It's interesting to me that **GOD** would combine the questions of procreation with elimination. Creating life and removing waste from your system are both topics that require training. And they're both topics we don't like to talk about. "Creation" corresponds to conception, construction, design, establishment, fabrication, handiwork, innovation and manufacture. Elimination corresponds to abolition, eradication, exclusion, rejection and removal. We need to teach our children to appreciate both.

Most hyper-religious leaders don't want to talk about elimination at the altar. They're fine with discussing all manner of activities of man, especially the blessings of being fruitful by multiplying their coffers and making babies. But they don't want to talk about the physical proximity between procreation and elimination publicly. And they don't want to speculate about why **GOD** created us this way.

Consequently, the **WORD** of **GOD** is usually referred to as everything happening above the waist, and nothing below it. It's as if hyper-religious leaders are speaking to their congregations with one hand covering their genitals and the other covering their behind. You may see them literally waving their arms about passionately as they tell you who to love and who to hate. But try to imagine them figuratively concealing the holes below their waist at the same time their tongue is wagging so profusely.

The consequence of financial, medical, sexual, social, and spiritual problems leads us all toward a greater internal exploration of the way in which we were made, along with the question, "Why?" But that internal journey always, at some point, becomes spiritually claustrophobic. We may feel like the road is getting narrower; like we're headed downstream for a place that reminds us of the Dead Sea; like we're between an external

rock and an internal, hard place. Traditional religion tells us to postpone our questions until we leave life. But there's a serpent or a worm that tell us otherwise.

*“We sent to her our spirit in the semblance of a full-grown man.  
And when she saw him she said,  
‘May the Merciful defend me from you!  
If you fear the Lord  
[leave me and go your way].’”*  
[19:16]

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‘May the merciful defend me from you!  
if you fear the Lord  
[leave me and go your way].’”

This description of Mary's encounter with the spirit of the Lord appeared, from her perspective, to look more like it was going to end in rape than union. She was utterly unwilling to be penetrated by this semblance of a full-grown man. But she overcame her fear of this stranger to become the chosen, physical container for the Lord's gift to humanity. The question we have, today, is only whether she had a choice to agree or disagree with **GOD's** designs. To what extent is anyone free to choose?

Once again, we find ourselves facing a story that's about a stranger. But we don't know whether to change our opinion about strangers for better or worse. Jews are asked to address strangers as indirect confrontations with **GOD** that teach us something we need to know about ourselves. Christians are commanded to address strangers as potential friends to love. And Muslims are commanded to be hospitable to strangers as messengers. What would be so terrible if we endeavored to do all three?

*“I am but your Lord's emissary,  
he replied,  
‘and have come to give you a holy son.’”*  
[19:17]

“I am but your Lord's emissary,  
he replied,  
‘and have come to give you a holy SON.’”

I'll bet a lot of men who think themselves as fully-grown gifts from GOD/GOD/*God* have approached women with the same sort of line... But Mary, so unlike so many foolish women then and now, didn't buy it. She resisted his advances.

*“How shall I bear a child,  
she answered,  
‘when I have neither been touched by any man  
nor ever been unchaste?’”*  
[19:18]

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she answered,  
‘when I have neither been touched by any man  
nor ever been unchaste?’”*

For any of us to be touched by a man, we need only feel the urge for sex with a man. A girl isn't yet physically able to feel that urge. A young woman may feel the urge, but she's chaste until she succumbs to her urges for the first time. A young woman who's both been touched and is unchaste is one who's experienced carnal knowledge in her inner world (her imagination), but not yet in the outer world where her body resides. She's physically a virgin {chaste}, but mentally, emotionally and spiritually already unchaste because her desires are already *speaking* to her.

It's not exceptional for a young woman to have been mentally, emotionally or spiritually figuratively penetrated with lust and never to have been physically touched. In fact, it's quite common. The question Mary posed is paradoxical and beguiling, but unexceptional. If you think back to that period in your own life when feelings of lust first crashed over you like wild waves at the beach, you know the answer to her question from personal experience.<sup>75</sup>

The same, of course, can be said of some boys and young men moving toward manhood. Only a hypocrite would insist he's a virgin because he's never had sex with another man if he's had the urge to be touched by another man. To proclaim your sexual purity because you've never had a desire for sex with someone of the same gender isn't a badge of honor. In fact, it's probably a psychological aberration that only a minority of people go through.

Lust is a feeling that fills the imagination in many diverse ways.<sup>76</sup> Lust is like light that enters a cavern. The person who's entered that cavern blocks the light with his body, creating shadows that cast weird, elongated patterns on the walls.

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<sup>75</sup> Oftentimes, girls and young women entertain thoughts of being touched for the first time by focusing on romance, traditions and the rituals of marriage rather than on the pleasures of sex itself. Men want this too.

<sup>76</sup> Many men enjoy watching men touch one another through the sports of wrestling, boxing and football. All ball games, whether they employ the use of a bat, paddle, racket or bare hands are forms of touch that are interpreted pseudo-sexually by some men. Sigmund Freud said, “Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar.” But sometimes a net, hoop, goal post or end zone figuratively conjures up a sexual score, not just a literal, sport score. And positions such as “tight end” and “wide receiver” in football, and “catcher” and “pitcher” in baseball have double-entendres that could not be noticed only by the gay community...

GOD addressed this issue in the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment, not to covet, which really addresses craving, longing, lusting and yearning because these urges lead to begging, imploring and entreating, which degrades one's dignity.

The penis and clitoris are remarkable tools. They have the ability to pierce our two worlds with powerful desires that are irrational and often subconscious. We can choose to act on our desires, or not. This makes them the source of personal choices for which we'll be judged by others, as well as by ourselves. If you don't wish to leave a trail of sexual and moral choices you won't be proud of, use your penis or clitoris in conjunction with your conscience as your guide. (Don't use your conscience as my guide or my conscience as your guide.) That wouldn't be wise. That's is why Torah (Leviticus in particular) is a valuable foundation in the building of your spiritual skyscraper made up of many stories.

Through your performance on the world stage, your penis or clitoris may give you the illusion that you can do something that not even **GOD** can do. It may give you the impression that you're the beneficiary of bravery bordering on brashness. Your desire to express vanity or conceit may produce a feeling of superiority over even GOD/GOD/*God*. That makes matters below your waist so different from those above it.

You're responsible for your actions whether, or not, your desires are occurring at a level of conscious awareness from which you can identify their moral worth in the long run, or not. If you've had same-sex relations, premarital sex or an abortion, you may consider yourself guilty without questioning what you're actually guilty of.<sup>77</sup>

As far as the Ten Commandments are concerned, adultery is the only sin that's rooted in sex. But that's because adultery is a breaking of your word. If you can't keep a promise, you're guilty of having broken the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment, regardless of what you've done sexually. We have an unwritten commandment to protect the lives of the weak and innocent. Rape is a form of murder and adultery because we each have an unwritten agreement to refrain from violence.

As the Prophet so eloquently stated with regard to Mary, **GOD** penetrated her inner world with **HIS** spirit. GOD/**GOD**/*God* forbid, **HE** would have done so literally with **HIS** penis. That would be an affront to her privacy. That would have been a form of rape, a violation of the unwritten agreement between **GOD** and man, and between all people, regardless of whether she agreed, or not.

The purpose of Christianity was to anthropomorphize GOD. The purpose of Islam was to restrict *His* personification and penetration to matters above the waist, thus giving each of us the ability to organize our thoughts, feelings and beliefs individually.

If you believe **GOD** is both male and female, you should consider matters from the waist down as private. You should take such matters into account publicly unless you're breaking your word or acting hypocritically. We can use Islamic influence on faith to perceive **GOD** from the waist up only. We must let people deal with their private life privately.

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<sup>77</sup> Often we're only guilty of having stolen our reputation out from under ourselves by lying, not by having had a sexual encounter others might not approve of.

Imagining that **GOD** literally penetrated Mary with **HIS** penis would end our ability to put our faith in **HIM** as a loving **GOD**. It would make us all feel violated, regardless which of the Abrahamic faiths we came from. We need to believe **GOD's** relationship with us is impartial and pure. And that includes gay men's desires for purity, as well. We don't want to think of **GOD** as misguided by **HIS** desires any more than we wish to think that of the next person.

Imagine an infant urinating and defecating at will. That was the ancient indigenist. Imagine a small child being potty trained. That was the ancient Jew. Imagine an older child closing the bathroom door and using the toilet in private. That was the ancient Christian. Now imagine a teenager going to the bathroom, closing the door, but using it to masturbate rather than urinate or defecate. That was the ancient Muslim.

Today's believer wants private space from man and **GOD**. He doesn't want to think about **GOD** looking down on him while he's in the bathroom, regardless of what he's doing in there. He wants to think that **GOD** respects his need for privacy at all times.

Traditional Abrahamic men in the institutions of our faith all stop at **GOD's** waist rather than discuss from the pulpit matters that are unpleasant for them to talk about in public, including elimination and sex. Yet, the exclusion of the L.G.B.T+ community from all three extremists in the Abrahamic faiths makes it imperative that we find euphemistic ways of discussing these issues in public. **GOD** anticipated that with the Creation Story. And he allowed us to reinterpret it by personifying the serpent as satan to slowly bring us into a modern era where the stranger within us can slowly become our best friend.

That stranger within you is like your shadow. It doesn't maintain the same shape. It even disappears at some times of the day. The more you can view that dark part of yourself as the mystery you're seeking, the more enjoyable your journey will be.

All people have a problem with privacy, and all people look for ways to make their way through it. The feeling behind this problem is called embarrassment. And it's spelled out in the Creation Story as Adam and Eve covering their genitals with leaves after having eaten from the Tree of knowledge.

Think of life as like a mountain. Think of Moses as having gone halfway to the top of it. Think of Jesus as having used what Moses conveyed to **HIM** to climb all the way to the top. Now think of the Prophet Muhammad as having used the path of Moses and Jesus to arrive at the summit, turn around and come down the same way.

Perhaps now you can see how humanity has copied and modified the teachings of Judaism, Christianity and Islam to get where we're going and to get a good panoramic view, as well, along the way.

satan is a manufactured idea that always brings me back to the concept of the malevolent penis that goes in the entrance intended only as an exit {the anus}. satan always seems to go the wrong way. If there was any reason for the religious extremists to create satan, it, surely, must have been to personify gay sex as the prime example of going in the wrong way.

I'm not an alien from another planet. I'm not a fallen angel. I'm not living my life with the desire to oppose **GOD**. I'm a man. I'm a human being. I'm no different than any other

person on the face of the Earth. To single me out for how I prefer sex is obscene. It goes against everything **GOD** stands for with regard to privacy. What it says in Scripture is for you to take GOD/GOD/*God* personally and to decide privately what's best for you.

Oral sex has also not been sanctioned by the hyper-religious right because it approaches the vagina from yet another wrong end. If the religious extremists had it their way, every building would have only one entrance and one, separate exit on the other side of the building. Roads would all go one-way. Just imagine the ruckus the religious extremists would make over revolving doors, Dutch doors and windows doubling as fire escapes!... Even stairwells would be built to go only up or down... GOD/GOD/*God* forbid anyone ever went the wrong way!...

Mary's story, as told by the Prophet, brings illumination to Christian devotion. Mary speaks the utmost truth in this passage when she questions the ability of any man to enter her in a way that only GOD can do: spiritually. And the reason she questions the spirit of GOD is because she had greater faith in GOD's goodness than any other woman at that time. She believed HE'd never enter her in a way that would compromise her privacy. Ergo, she could agree with HIM without reservation.

*“‘Thus, did your Lord speak.’*

*He replied,<sup>78</sup>*

*‘That is easy enough for me.*

*He shall be a sign to mankind and a blessing to Ourselves.*

*Our decree shall come to pass.”*

*[19:19-20]<sup>79</sup>*

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*He shall be a sign to mankind and a blessing to **OURSELVES.***

***OUR** decree shall come to pass.”*

Jesus isn't just biological proof of GOD's love. He's an unstated promise from GOD. He's physical evidence that our **FATHER** would never behave crudely, perversely or incestuously with one of **HIS** daughters {Mary, and any other woman then, or since}. The Prophet is actually supporting the doctrine of Christianity at its most fundamental, moral level.

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<sup>78</sup> The spirit of the Lord spoke to Mary.

<sup>79</sup> Jesus became a sign of the Lord's decree as it was revealed to the Prophet.

The sexualization of society we see in Western societies today is the result of Christian comfort and security with GOD's promise not to defame their body.<sup>80</sup> Their liberty to love physically is founded upon the heartfelt security they have that they're beloved spiritually.

What the Prophet said is that a spirit from the Lord in the image of a full-grown man appeared before Mary, not GOD, HIMSELF. And it was that spirit who demonstrated through her that HE could be in both her two worlds simultaneously without defaming the sanctity of the container she inhabited. HE could pass through the barrier of privacy we all hold so dear between the world around us and the world within without sexually defiling her. In other words, GOD could enter her through her head, heart and soul rather than her vagina. And in doing so, GOD proved to the world that HE could be fruitful and multiply HIS intentions for all of us in a new way: with love, not only as HE'd done previously with wisdom.

What the Prophet claimed and maintained is that **GOD** can enter our being through our thoughts, feelings and/or beliefs. But **HE** can't enter a man through his mouth, anus or through a woman's mouth, vagina or anus. That would defile us. **HE**'s left those places for us to morally manage ourselves.

*“Thereupon she conceived him,  
and retired to a far-off place.  
And when she felt the throes of childbirth  
she lay down by the trunk of a palm tree,  
crying,  
‘Oh, would that I had died before this and passed into oblivion.’”*  
[19:22-24]

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The idea that Mary would literally lay down by the trunk of a tree brings back the main metaphor of Moses, since it certainly doesn't conform to the Christian telling of her tale. Supporting herself metaphorically using the trunk of a tree of knowledge is precisely what we should all do when we're in physical pain or when suffering. Knowledge supports us; it comforts us; it soothes us. And knowledge of **GOD**'s devotion to our soul is the greatest of all inner comforts.

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<sup>80</sup> The unprecedented issues of rape, incest, murder and child abuse we see in Christianity speak to a religious challenge CHRISTIANS haven't yet fully taken to heart. They still need to teach their faithful to believe in GOD more intelligently and analytically. If they don't, we'll continue to see hypocrisy and contradiction in their dogma.

This quote is the Islamic way of saying that knowledge will spiritually help us whether we're moving through experiences that are unnatural {initiated by man for malevolent reasons}, natural {initiated by man for benevolent reasons} or supernatural {initiated by **GOD**}.

*“But a voice from below cried out to her,  
‘Do not despair.  
Your Lord has provided a brook that runs at your feet,  
and if you shake the trunk of the palm tree,  
it will drop fresh, ripe dates into your lap.  
Therefore, eat and drink and rejoice.  
And should you meet any mortal say to him,  
‘I have vowed a fast to the Merciful  
and will not speak with any man today.’”  
[19:25-27]*

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‘Do not despair.  
Your Lord has provided a brook that runs at your feet,  
and if you shake the trunk of the palm tree,  
it will drop fresh, ripe dates into your lap.  
Therefore, eat and drink and rejoice.  
And should you meet any mortal say to him,  
‘I have vowed a fast to the MERCIFUL  
and will not speak with any man today.’”*

The voice I suspect every woman hears from below not to despair after childbirth isn't the cry of her child. It's the voice of the unseen roots of the tree she's leaning against, the comfort of her devotion to her own soul. This may be, in my opinion, the painful, spiritual fruits of her labors.

The dates that then fall from this tree into her lap I'd interpret as sweet reminders of the fruit of her loins, the newborn that's been planted beside her metaphoric tree in the world they now share. In this way, I'd say every woman in childbirth literally and figuratively recreates the essence of the Creation Story: GOD's planting of seeds in this world. Her miraculous experience of producing life makes her a tree of life, so different from a tree of knowledge.

Hebraic knowledge becomes comforting and feels freely given by GOD when we seek it through our heart during painful moments when we sink into despair. The brook becomes the spirit of love that nourishes the tree and Mary with liberty. The fast Mary vowed to take is the contemplation of the spiritual food that's greater than what we literally put in our

body to sustain our survival. The MERCIFUL is the new word in her spiritual vocabulary. It describes her relationship with her Lord. <sup>81</sup>

The woman who survives childbirth knows that mercy holds the seeds of her gratitude to **GOD** once she can accept **HIS** intention for her and her child to grow and be well. Yet, many religious extremists interpret an unwanted pregnancy like anal penetration: a defiant move away from **GOD**. They wish to outlaw the use of vaginas and anuses for any use other than those *they've* concluded are legitimate and in accordance with their tastes. The pursuit of freedom, liberty and emancipation must occur *their* way, or not at all.

It's important to revisit the concept of fasting, something I previously described in some detail. Eating from our tree of knowledge is the metaphoric activity we participate in without even thinking about what we're doing when we contemplate our life. If you could create a transcript of your thoughts, it would show that you're incessantly, figuratively munching on something. Man was made to eat metaphorically, symbolically and comparatively most of the time.

The concept of fasting infers the creation of silence within. You can't learn to listen to others if you never shut up, even though you may not be talking out loud. You can't appreciate how much you eat yourself up inside, if you don't stop eating or restrict your appetite in some ways externally.

Sadly, the religious extremists are always fasting. If you try to tempt them with a morsel of information about the beliefs of those who are members of another faith, they turn their nose up with disgust. It's as though the smell of it alone makes it forbidden for them to consume it.

In the visual realm, fasting corresponds to darkness. The silence and darkness of your inner world is imperative in order to learn to listen and perceive. <sup>82</sup> GOD opened the ears of the Jews. GOD opened the eyes of the Christians. But *Allāh* brought *His* silence and darkness to the Prophet to teach him to appreciate his inner chatter and shadows.

Mary said, "*I have vowed a fast to the MERCIFUL and will not speak with any man today.*" That's a curious thing to say, because JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* never take a vow of silence when they fast. This is something each of us does individually, if at all. <sup>83</sup>

*“Carrying her child,  
she came to her people,  
who said to her,*

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<sup>81</sup> Justice is the consequence of freedoms earned. Mercy is consequence of liberties received.

<sup>82</sup> Listening involves hearing others from your heart. Listening involves hearing yourself from your heart. Perceiving involves seeing others as they are. But perceiving can also involve seeing yourself as you are.

<sup>83</sup> “A vow of silence is usually a religious or a spiritual practice taken in a monastic context to maintain quiet. Known as **Mauna** in **Hinduism**, **Jainism**, and **Buddhism**, the practice is also integral to some Christian traditions.” [Wikipedia]

*‘Mary, this is indeed a strange thing!  
Sister of Aaron,  
your father was never a whore-monger,  
nor was your mother a harlot.’”  
[19:28]*

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she came to her people,  
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‘Mary, this is indeed a strange thing!  
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By connecting Miriam #1 {sister of Moses and Aaron} with Miriam #2 {Mary: daughter of Joachim and Anne <sup>84</sup>}, Torah and the Gospels are being united by the Prophet, just as two steps are united with the same riser. For the Quran to emphatically insist that Mary’s father was not the sort of man who’d buy sex, and that her mother wasn’t the sort of woman who’d sell it, the Prophet is stating that the spiritual lineage of Judaism and Christianity produced faiths that were both chaste and undefiled.

*“Such was Jesus,  
Son of Mary.  
This is the whole truth,  
which they still doubt.  
God forbid that He, Himself, should beget a son!  
When He decrees a thing  
He need only say,  
‘Be,’  
and it is.”  
[19:31-32]*

*“Such was Jesus,  
SON of Mary.  
This is the whole truth,  
which they still doubt.  
**GOD** forbid that He, Himself, should beget a SON!*

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<sup>84</sup> The name “JOACHIM” is derived from the word “YAHWEH,” a Hebraic rendition of the name of GOD {Y.H.V.H.}. It’s poetic coincidence that Mary’s father’s name happened to be Joachim. YOACHIM was her FATHER, and Joachim was her father.

When **HĒ** decrees a thing

**HĒ** need only say,

‘Be,’

and it is.’”

Although the uneducated and unintelligent would read these lines and take them literally, the spiritually refined can see that the Prophet is building his argument for the sanctity of Islam based upon faith in *Allāh*'s intentions through the purity of **HIS** previous actions. He's using history to validate his claim that *Allāh* appeared to him through an emissary {the Archangel Gabriel} to build figurative stairs up to **HIS** throne. Only those ignorant in the ways of Judaism, Christianity and Islam defile anyone's faith in **GOD**.

What began as a ladder to “heaven” in a dream that Jacob had, became stairs Jesus constructed with love for everyone to reach “heaven.” But the elevated path around and back down the mountain that the Prophet built has become the spiritual elevator on the outside of our Abrahamic edifice we enjoy today that brings us all the views we enjoy on every side.

When viewed through the metaphor of the Abrahamic traditions as a house with Judaism on the ground floor, Christianity as the middle story and Islam at the top with the best view out on the world – we should look at Tanach as constructed with steps leading up to the second story. We should look at the Bible as having steps included in it, too, that lead up to the top floor. And we should look out from the Quran to appreciate how we got where we are today and how we can come down to old age and death with dignity.

However, these views aren't possible if you're an atheist or agnostic. The atheist refuses to enter the building. And the agnostic uses scaffolding to peer in the windows, not out of them. If you're an agnostic, you should see yourself as one of **GOD**'s workmen hired to keep up appearances on the outside for the sake of those from the Far East who look at the Abrahamic faiths askance or from afar.

Thrusts of inspiration and revelation of **GOD**'s presence in my inner world are difficult for me to describe in any way other than with male, sexual innuendo because they so deeply emulate the excitement, thrill and joy of physical penetration of a man to orgasm. If you don't like that thought, come up with another metaphor. But don't threaten to kill gays or any other Jew du jour who has no difficulty with this image.

I'd like to change the topic for a moment to talk about the leaders of the Abrahamic faiths. Moses was a murderer. Jesus may very well have been gay. And the Prophet Muhammad was a rapist. {One of his wives was a mere child.<sup>85</sup>} When men disagree with other men, they often kill them. They often rape, castrate, kill and even dismember them.

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<sup>85</sup> “According to Sunni Hadith sources, Aisha was six or seven years old when she was married to Muhammad in Mecca. The marriage was consummated after the *Hegira* to Medina, {Muhammad's departure from Mecca to Medina in AD 622, prompted by the opposition of the merchants of Mecca and marking the consolidation of the first Muslim community}, when she'd reached the age of nine or ten years old.” [Wikipedia] That's rape.

In these ways, men unconsciously emulate Moses and the Prophet Muhammad, but not Jesus. Jesus only asked to be figuratively eaten in memory of HIS gift to the world.

Religious men and women make their way part way up the mountain or part way around it. They don't usually make it to the top or back down the same way they came. They wander. They weave. They amble, meander, mosey and roam. And so they often drift from their best intentions.

To become worthy of "paradise," a man must copy the best in others, not the worst. And, subjectively speaking, no one today is a model of perfection or a paragon of virtue. Make you your hero, and you won't be incensed to learn that your previous hero behaved in ways that weren't heroic.

The **WORD** spiritual has an effect of producing what we normally refer to as bliss, a sense of inner quiet and solitude that permeates us with nurturance and a sense of renewal. Men often equate this feeling to the cigarette after orgasm. Women stereotypically equate bliss with the feeling of being held in his arms when they're through.

The word "spirit" in the secular sense gives us a clue to **GOD's** various manners of penetration. Thoughts penetrate us like rocks that hit us with tangible understanding of the scarring effects of the world around us. Love penetrates us like water fills a fish with every breath even though it has no idea what's around it or within. And the Lord's spirit penetrates us like air. It fills us with an invisible substance we can't live without. We go back for more spirit every few seconds although, like breathing, we seldom give it a second thought.

We're aware of the presence of **GOD's** spirit, even though we can't see, smell or hear it. We know we can't live without **HIS** spirit, even though we can't define it. We simply take it for granted, forgetting that the space around this blissful place in inner space is but a vacuum that leads us wanting to be further fulfilled.

The Quran isn't denouncing Christianity. It's denouncing the obvious that we've all become habituated to. It's denouncing the mind of man's penis that screws with his head. "It" {his penis} defiles spiritual illumination without conscious awareness of what "it" is doing. "It" isn't a fallen angel called satan. "It" isn't even your physical penis. "It" is your tendency to interpret Scripture in habitual ways that rob you of the divine privacy and respect you deserve to have and hold with your **CREATOR**.

This fallacy began in infancy in confusing your heart with the love of your mother and your penis with the might of your father. She became the personification of goodness, and he became the personification of male envy. She became the Eve every infant concludes came out of him or herself. He becomes the serpent, the disembodied man that once colluded, connived and conspired with her to produce you, and still may collude, connive and conspire with her against you; poor, lonely Adam that you are... <sup>86</sup>

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<sup>86</sup> Boys whose parents divorce may come to the conclusion that the "conspiracy" has finally ended and they've won the battle for their mother or father's affections. They may turn into nerds who think themselves superior for having achieved superiority over their parents' love. Or they may become gay and seek a whole new recipe for love. But becoming a nerd or gay isn't a conscious choice. However you may have turned out, you'll probably want to solve your dilemma with some form of brotherhood.

You may have decided a long time ago that you got in trouble with your **CREATOR**, and your mind is now working overtime to figure out what went wrong, and where. You know you're the product of good and evil actions you associate with your mother and father, all females and males, and sex in general. But you're simultaneously trying to figure out when you're right and when you're wrong. You're a Judeo-Christian combination of forces created by **GOD**, but you know there's got to be more to the way you're made... A tug of war between your head and heart isn't the answer.

The revelation of gay sexuality was poorly named "coming out of the closet" by gay men in the 1960's. Coming out of the closet should have been called "going into the closet." The spiritual direction the L.G.B.T+ community has been bringing all people on for the past 60 years is more akin to a coming in than coming out. We're helping humanity reconcile itself to the closet {their body} that **GOD** gave them that we've objectified, danced around and ultimately will reject with a combination of disgust, love, pride and, perhaps, terror before we're dead. Despite the fact that most of the gay men who came out in the 1960's died in the A.I.D.S. epidemic, coming in won't kill you or make you gay. Coming in will make you real. And coming in won't change your sexual identity or moral goals for yourself.

Gay men today aren't coming out of the closet anymore. They're staying in. They're more comfortable in the body they were given than anyone has been in the past. They intuitively understand the Hebraic pun on the word "ARON" {tabernacle and closet}. They know **GOD** loves them just the way they are.

When you view life as a coming in experience, no sacred text becomes more valuable in that endeavor than the Quran. Whether you begin life selflessly searching for answers in others or selfishly searching inside yourself, the Quran makes it possible for you to turn generosity of spirit into hospitality. It makes it possible for you to hospitably welcome you into yourself. It makes it possible to celebrate your essence in your body. It makes it possible to perceive yourself as poured into a new container daily, albeit a container that's slightly more challenging than the one you had the day before. Only in this way will your thoughts and feelings become more meaningful day by day.

Despite the fact that there probably isn't a Muslim nation on Earth that has legalized homosexuality, the Quran is, paradoxically, the Scripture that most endorses coming out by going in, and going in, in order to know **GOD**.

The visit of the Archangel Gabriel was a coming in experience for the Prophet. It made it possible for him to become porous, to see his skin as the boundary between his two worlds, and to figuratively move fluidly between them. Once you're capable of living in your own skin, you become hospitable to yourself. You become friendly from the inside out. You overcome your spiritual claustrophobia of dark, small spaces. You become resolved to where you are, although not necessarily to who you have become.

We all confuse and confound the world around us with the world within. This is most evident in the ways we unconsciously confound our appetite for food with sex and for food with **GOD**. It doesn't take a מַיְבִין {MAYVIN: genius} to see the comparison between hot dogs and penises or hamburgers and derrieres. The mustard, ketchup or relish we add to these foods only highlight the emotional spiciness, sweetness and relish we add to our experiences in the bedroom and in our house of prayer.

Think of your *kitchen* as the place you produce wisdom (Judaism). Think of your dining room as the place you produce love {Christianity}, and your living room as the place where you produce devotion {Islam}. That leaves your bathroom as the place you go to relieve yourself of urges, and your bedroom as the place you go to experiment in bringing your experiences in every other room in your house into one private place you can share with someone special.

Fasting doesn't stop us from thinking about our bedroom experiences. Fasting doesn't stop us from churning up thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires inside us like food we're digesting to energize our body. Even the silence and darkness of the pre-dawn hours in bed are but a reminder of the utter emptiness of inner space without **GOD's** spirit enveloping us in **HIS** presence.

*“He was a saintly man and a Prophet.  
He said to his father,  
‘Why do you serve a worthless idol,  
a thing that can neither hear nor see?’”*  
[19:42]<sup>87</sup>

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He said to his father,  
‘Why do you serve a worthless idol,  
a thing that can neither hear nor see?’”

Abram was described as a prophet by the Prophet, but Abram isn't considered a prophet in Judaism. Questioning his father's belief system by confronting him {Terah} isn't part of our Hebrew text. It's a midrash.<sup>88</sup> Abram's confrontational style demonstrated a courage and conviction we see in today's modern world. But this sort of confrontation is still considered taboo in many ultra-orthodox, JEWISH families with the patriarch of their household. And yet, GOD blessed Abram for having questioned Terah by changing Abram's name to Abraham {i.e. allowing him to evolve}. Questioning your father's faith is a great gift to you, your father and everyone in your community if done respectfully and if received respectfully {i.e. in the spirit of learning about **GOD's** will for you.}

For Abram to confront his father rather than mindlessly obey him or recklessly repeat his mistakes set the precedence for all people of faith thereafter. We have a duty to confront our parents and their parents if we question their beliefs. But we must learn when to do so,

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<sup>87</sup> Abram speaking to his father, Terah, who was an idol salesman.

<sup>88</sup> The Hebrew midrash or “retelling” of the Story of Abraham states that in Torah Abram's father, Terah, was an idol seller and worshipper of idols who asked Abram to watch his shop while he was out of town. But while Terah was gone, Abram had a revelation that there was only ONE GOD. And so he destroyed all his father's idols except one. And when Terah came back and was horrified to see his business had been ruined, Abram simply told him that one of his idols had destroyed all the rest.

and how to do so respectfully. There's a big difference between childish defiance and a mature, spiritual rebuttal about matters of faith.

Until you confront the worthless idol(s) in your own life, you're not going to look like anything other than a hypocrite when confronting others about the idols you can see them worshipping. Your duty to yourself requires you to give up your own hypocrisies before you start pointing fingers at any individual or institution. Young, immature adults seek *revolution*. They insist on achieving change without composure or patience. Older, more mature individuals seek *evolution*. But those who refuse to evolve from within will model *devolution*. They'll prey on everyone's frustrations in having to learn patience from the inside in.

The pipe dreams you get from drugs and alcohol have no eyes and ears to help you perceive reality more clearly. The money you gamble away can't cry out in anger at the basic needs you're ignoring. The food, sex and shopping you obsess on won't pull the plow. And yet you dance around these sorts of idols like an Israelite waiting for Moses to come down from the summit of Sinai.

Moses climbed Mt. Sinai leaving the Israelites alone and afraid. But climbing mountains isn't going to stop a modern man from dancing around his golden calves. He'll conceitedly tell you he can do both.

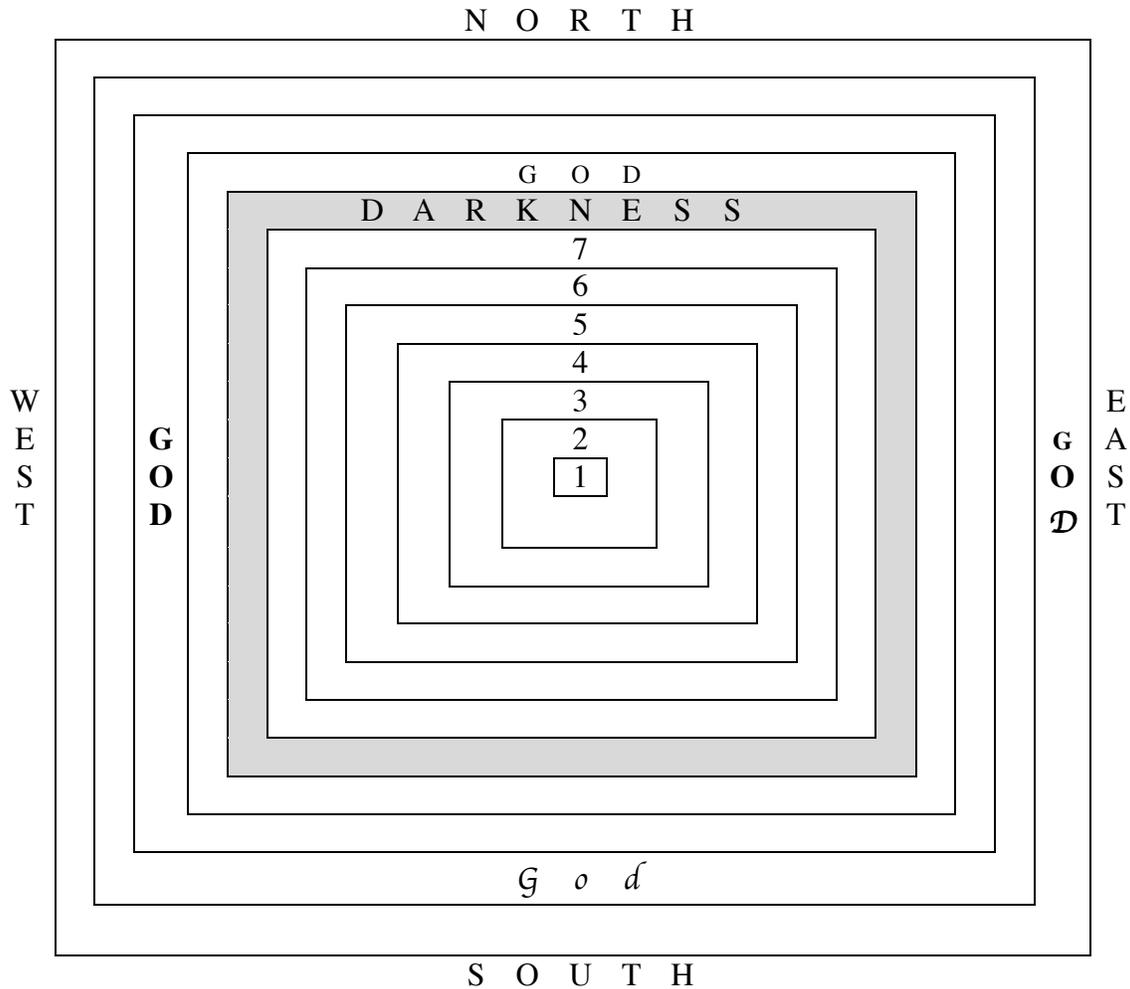
Don't wait for things to change. There's no Moses outside of you who's coming down from a mountain to stop you from dancing around the idols you worship. You're the Moses who should stop yourself. If you don't do so at this stage of your journey, you'll, surely, turn into a cold, defiant Korach who'll insist the journey was for naught and who'll try to convince you to go back to the way things were before. Devolution begins earlier and earlier nowadays. Do not succumb!

There are billions of Abrams today afraid to confront their father who makes his living selling idols. Move on. The Quran gives you permission to look back on Torah from a fresh perspective. (Just don't expect to see results immediately. And don't expect to stir the pot without splashing. Some people will hate you for changing.)

The WORD for patience סבלנות {SAVLANOOT} comes from the verb "LIZBOL" which means to suffer. Patience is a suffering process within yourself. You evolve into a patient person without giving in to those who'd prefer you *devolve*. That means you ought to include the messages of the Gospels and the Quran in with your revelations about Torah. Matters of the heart and soul are imperative in accomplishing your goal of self-redemption.

The Quran asks a very good question, "*Why do you serve...a thing that can neither hear nor see?*" And the answer is because your father didn't know any better. He couldn't teach you anything different because he couldn't see that he was doing something that might irreparably damage himself. You need to learn to discipline yourself with insight, or you won't see yourself doing any differently. Self-indulgence isn't your friend for long. Not even your faith will be able to help you achieve greater insight without a greater understanding of **GOD's** magnificent designs given to help you personally perceive your own moral issues {syndromes}.

Here is a diagram that depicts that:



1	=	Infancy	ages 0-3
2	=	Childhood	ages 4-11
3	=	Adolescence	ages 12-17
4	=	Young Adulthood	ages 18-20
5	=	Adulthood	ages 21-39
6	=	Maturity	ages 40-69
7	=	Near Death	ages 70+
<b>G O D</b>	±	Border between the internal and external world. <b>G O D</b> lies in both.	

The thinking of the ultra-orthodox in all three of the Abrahamic faiths is so warped that they need to be brought back, time and again, to their unstated and often unconscious conclusion about the L.G.B.T+ community, motherhood and Jews. They seem constitutionally incapable of uniting the facts with the whole truth. They look back in time sentimentally to what they missed, but they can't seem to unite all that happened. Their ego has created black holes in reality that suck them up.

If we need to be killed off, as the hyper-religious believe, why not also eat us for our meat?... If you see women as cows and people as cattle, why not coral us to nourish your children?... Why use us, abuse us, but discard our body?... The religious extremists refuses

to eat us because they see themselves as morally superior to cannibals. And yet they think like savages.

Keep your nose, penis and gun out of my behind. Keep your insults out of my ears. And keep your moral conclusions about GOD's/GOD's/*God's* plan out of our schools. If I want your life-giving force inside me and my inner world, I'll ask for it. I don't want you penetrating me literally, and I don't want your beliefs penetrating me figuratively. I find such behaviors annoying to say the least.

Am I greedy and filthy because I'm a gay-Jew? Am I so defiled that I ought to be rounded up like the CHRISTIANS did to the Jews in the Holocaust and incinerated? Should I congratulate the Nazis for killing the gays and Jews without being tempted to eat them? Those who you call pigs will magically evolve into human beings when you do. If you don't believe me, watch within and tell me more about what you see.

*“Father,  
do not worship Satan  
for Satan has rebelled against the Lord of mercy.”  
[19:44]*

*“Father,  
do not worship satan  
for satan has rebelled against the Lord of mercy.”*

When Abram went out of his way to try to help his father (a man who made his living selling idols), Abram was doing his utmost to make Terah aware of his sacrilege. He was trying to convince his father to look more closely at his relationship with himself within himself. Sadly, Terah was more consumed with his earthly, moneymaking business than his standing in his idols' eyes.

From the Christian perspective (a people who were adopted by Jesus into our Abrahamic faiths), is it any wonder that Ishmael and Isaac were such emotional hot messes? Their father {Abram/Abraham} was a spiritual rebel who cut himself off from *his* father {Terah} on principle. But when Abram became a father, himself, he disinherited one son {Ishmael} and almost killed the other {Isaac}.

Ishmael turned out to become a rebel like Abram and as forlorn as his mother, Hagar. Isaac turned out to be a peacemaker like Abraham, but quarrelsome and petty like Sarai. And every modern, Western man today will discover his spiritual inheritance for himself as **GOD** reveals his individual, personality type to him over time.

Every child goes through an Ishmael stage. Every adolescent goes through an Isaac stage. The name change from Abram to Abraham becomes more personalized in each successive generation as every Ishmael and Isaac become more aware of what they have in common, and what GOD/*God* asks them to learn from one another. (But then, of course, they both discover they can't do a thing without GOD's help.) Brotherhood must be personified in yourself, not just glorified within your own tribe.

To make use of the  $x^2$  factor from within, a man must observe his inner child from a feminine point of view as he grows up. If not, he'll grow up as though in a dream and come

to observe his inner child only in retrospect after he's an adult. If you can look at all the ways in which you're a more mature  $x^2$  today {regardless whether you're in a  $x^1$  or  $y$  container}, you can learn to improve your temperament day by day.

For a maturing man or woman to acknowledge all the childish and juvenile feelings inside, s/he must observe her/his interactions with others after they happen, and then contemplate how s/he's going to behave with others better in the future. Only in this way, will s/he perceive the  $x^2$  aspects of her/himself, and others, as a work in progress.

Don't be so hard on yourself that you insist on doing it perfectly the first time. Don't be so harsh with yourself that you insist on doing it perfectly the next time. Life isn't linear. Life is series of concentric circles. You never know which circle the **TEACHER** will place you in tomorrow. Every morning when you open your eyes to a new day, prepare yourself for novelty and mystery. Do not anticipate, expect or predict what the lessons of that day will look like.

If you can admit that some days you wake up feeling like you're age 0-3, 4-12, 13-17, 18-20, 21-39, 40-69 or 70+ (near death), you have what it takes to embrace the mystery of life.

A man becomes like a noble woman in his own eyes once he has an inner daughter he can respect rather than hide from. A woman also becomes like a noble woman in her own eyes once she has an inner daughter she can respect rather than hide from. You don't have to be straight or female to raise an inner girl. Gay men have known that about their inner child since the beginning of time. Boys aren't necessarily the blessing your tribe has tried to convince you they are.

*“Father,  
I fear that a scourge will fall on you from the Merciful,  
and you will become one of Satan’s minion.”*  
[19:45]<sup>89</sup>

“Father,  
I fear that a scourge will fall on you from the MERCIFUL,  
and you will become one of satan’s minion.”

From a modern Islamic perspective, Abram was saying he was afraid his father wasn't going to explore his own unique path up the mountain to meet his **MAKER**. Abram was worried his father was going to tread the worn path of the indigenist masses on the plain who slowly make their way into an unawakened oblivion {a Dead Sea ending that every fish for the past 2,000 years has tried to avoid}. He was worried Terah was going to remain a blind follower of material urges and unexamined impulses without ever achieving GOD consciousness.

*“He replied,  
‘Do you dare renounce my gods, Abram?’*

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<sup>89</sup> Abram speaking to his father, Terah.

*Desist, or I will stone you.  
Leave my house this instant.”*  
[19:46-47] <sup>90</sup>

“He replied,  
‘Do you dare renounce my gods, Abram?  
Desist, or I will stone you.  
Leave my house this instant.’”

It’s bitterly ironic that Terah should threaten to do to Abram what Abram would later do to Ishmael, his firstborn. Haven’t we seen enough fathers figuratively pelt their sons with stones {unkind words} that should never have made their way out of their mouth into the world we share? Isn’t that precisely the issue the L.G.B.T+ children of ultra-orthodox parents are forced to endure in their father’s house? And isn’t rejection the core of the problem in all three of the Abrahamic faiths?

Every father wants his son to grow up to be just like him. And when that mirror of himself that he created {his son} starts to talk back to him, saying that he isn’t a reflection of his old man, such a father may naturally go a little crazy. Haven’t we had enough fairy tales in which old witches did the same thing to rebellious young wenches? Is it too difficult for the gander to hear himself honking like a goose? <sup>91</sup>

The story of humanity is the slow, painful discovery from one generation to another that parents must learn more from their children than they teach them. What’s the point of making children if not to create a mirror of yourself to look in? And what good is that mirror in flesh and blood if you don’t see in that reflection more need for modesty, humility and grace within yourself? If you raise a fist to your son or daughter because you don’t like what you see, can you really call yourself a believer? And if you don’t figuratively raise a fist because of your false piety, but threaten your children with abandonment instead, aren’t you defying **GOD**’s image. Would **HE** punish you with abandonment?

*“Peace be with you,  
said Abram.  
‘I shall implore my Lord to forgive you:  
for to me He has ever been gracious.  
But I will not live with you or your idols.  
I will pray to my Lord,  
and may my prayers to my Lord not be in vain.”*  
[19:48-49]

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<sup>90</sup> I should note that the meaning of the name Terah is uncertain.

<sup>91</sup> English expression: What’s good for the goose {female} is good for the gander {male}. The original expression (1670s) is “What’s sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.” If you don’t strive to see yourself as like a bird that can fly above your everyday world, you shouldn’t expect to receive a reward greater than your efforts.

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In this passage, we see the final, unspoken words of every son who leaves his father’s house to make his way out in the world his own way. Here we have the good intentions of the righteous son toward his frail, failing father. We see the thankfulness and respect that **GOD** sees and acknowledges in every young man who emulates Abram by respectfully questioning the circumstances **GOD** set him up with.

*“And when Abraham had cast off his people  
and the idols which they worshipped,  
We gave him Isaac and Jacob.  
Each of them We made a Prophet,  
and We bestowed on them  
gracious gifts and high renown.”  
[19:50]*

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and **WE** bestowed on them  
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For Islam to have sunk so low that *Muslims* are trying to push the Jews into the sea rather than live side by side with them is utterly deplorable. How could good Muslims have lost sight of what *God* had said to them in the Quran through the Prophet Muhammad’s recital? They’re no better than the **CHRISTIANS** who once tried to kill all the Jews, too. We’re the descendants of many prophets! If you rely only on one Prophet, you’d better work harder to figure out what he said.

Only gay-Muslims are truly worthy of my respect until I see more effort made on the part of all Muslims to embrace their gay children. Nothing less will do. The wars in the Middle East will rage on until men discover that  $x^2 + y = 1$ . A straight man is no better than a gay man.

*“In the book tell also of Moses,  
who was a chosen man,  
an apostle and a Prophet.”*  
[19-51]

“In the book tell also of Moses,  
who was a chosen man,  
an apostle and a prophet.”

This is the voice of the Archangel Gabriel speaking. To call Moses a chosen man gives credence to us as the Chosen People. To call Moses an apostle in the Christian tradition sanctifies his purpose as one of the world’s great, spiritual leaders. And to call him a prophet unites the Prophet and Islam with us through the Quran’s generosity of spirit for all those who strive to live as emissaries of the Lord. Moses was a chosen man who was, in many ways, like the Apostles and the Prophet.

But my good book isn’t your Good Book. And you aren’t the only one like your Good Book. The wisdom, love and generosity of spirit you possess has roots more deeply embedded in the ground of your being than you may realize. You, too, are a great book being written as I speak. You’re the author of a tale that’s never been told in such a way before.

The Spirit of Islam is hospitality from within and charity throughout. The spirit of Islam is like our mutual, spiritual ancestor: Abram/Abraham. But many of the *imams* and *clerics* of the faith are standing on the goodwill of the people while pushing them off balance in any direction they choose. They’re frustrating them, not leading them from the front of the parade to a great future. And because of it, many Muslims are succumbing to their fate and being cheated out of a great destiny.

As in Judaism and Christianity, the institutions of Islamic faiths attract many who model the behavior of the most ignorant, not the most educated. Just as every individual has a responsibility to create a permeable filter between the world around him and his world within, so, too, must each of the three Abrahamic faiths collectively work toward reunification of our roots. They must learn to attract servants who’ll be a greater credit to their faith. The Abrahamic faiths is a visionary concept we should all strive for.

But I don’t believe this vision can be accomplished without women in the highest positions of governmental, corporate, institutional and religious leadership. This is the stone that gets lodged in the throat of those of little faith when it comes to their faith. This is what’s choking the Abrahamic faiths; this, and the idea of gays serving as religious leaders. When Catholics elect a black, lesbian Pope, I’ll feel a lot more relaxed about the future of the world faiths and **philosophies**.

*“We called out to him from the right side of the mountain,  
and when he came near  
We commanded him in secret.  
We gave him, of Our mercy,*

*his brother Aaron, himself a Prophet.”*  
[19:52-53]<sup>92</sup>

“**WE** called out to him from the right side of the mountain,  
and when he came near  
WE commanded him in secret.  
WE gave him of **OUR** mercy,  
his brother Aaron, himself a prophet.”

The right side of the mountain when looking south from the mouth of the cave is the west. Faith moves from east to west, from sunrise to sunset, from the birth of light to the death of light. Faith moves from left to right, from wrong to right.<sup>93</sup> If you can't orient yourself to this simple truth brought forth in the Quran, you'll never understand where you're going or how you're going to get there.<sup>94</sup>

The cave in your mountain is your base camp. It corresponds to the place where Moses died and from which the Israelites continued on without him. Joshua #1 literally took them across into the land promised by GOD. Joshua #2 {Jesus} figuratively took HIS followers from there to the top of the mountain. And the Prophet took his followers from there around the mountain to get a view from all sides. But unless you have a base camp in your cave within from which to look out at this world, you're going to find yourself going around in circles. And who knows how you're going to get down safely.

Until you orient yourself in inner space using your imagination to visualize the pictures I'm painting for you, the world around you will continue to look like a hodge-podge of unrelated actions your eyes will see but your mind will be unable to perceive with greater imagination than you have now. The world will sound like a cacophony of sounds, written notes that are never played or sung as songs you, too, can sing. Your goals will remain ladders without rungs; stairs without risers or railing you won't be able to ascend in life step by step without risking a fall. For you to move safely toward higher conclusions about your unique journey, you may need to behave more wisely. And then, magically, it'll be as if you're on a spiritual elevator that effortlessly takes you from one story to the next.

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<sup>92</sup> All of **GOD** called out to Moses, but only GOD spoke to him.

<sup>93</sup> This is why Muslims wisely face the shortest distance to Mecca, not east, as some people assume. And this is why the Western world will never understand the inscrutable East until they embrace all of **GOD**. You can't go East without **GOD**. You'll be beguiled if you only have GOD, **GOD** or *God* by your side.

<sup>94</sup> Time moves from East to West, right to left as you ascend the mountain in youth. But time moves from East to West, *left to right*, when you descend the mountain in older age. This is one of the mysteries of time that we see in the early writings of Hebrew and Arabic in contrast to the later writings of European languages. And this is why the secret to time must be sought in the world's great **philosophies**.

*“And in the book you shall tell of Ishmael:  
he, too, was a man of his word,  
an apostle and a Prophet.”*  
[19:54]

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an apostle and a prophet.”

Perhaps you can sense a melding of past and present in your own use of the universal WORD “book.” Scripture is Scripture and not stories or myths because Scripture isn’t limited to the time in which it’s written. Scripture goes beyond the retelling of an incident or a lesson to elucidate psychological insights about man. Scripture is timeless because it isn’t limited by objective time. It’s subjectively true, and, therefore, influences your perception of life.

If you can wake up in the morning feeling infantile, childish, juvenile, young, old or near death, you know how subjective time can feel. You know that your life isn’t unfolding in a linear pattern. The **TEACHER** is taking you around in circles, just as the TEACHER did with the Israelites for 40 years.

In that sense, my seven books were written by Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad a long time before I ever came into this world. I’m merely an emissary of ideas that needed to be written down in this format. They simply couldn’t be recorded this one way until now.

Torah treated Ishmael badly because he was an impatient, young man who was seen as an outcast of his father’s tribe, much as gay people are perceived by their father’s tribe as wild in the extreme in hyper-religious societies. Compassion for Ishmael only comes when you understand his issues in the context of his family of origin. Compassion for Ishmael only comes for orthodox, religious people when they’ve learned how to feel compassion for what Jesus went through and can apply that compassion in their heart to every rebellious Ishmael they meet.

You can’t love the ones you’re with if you can’t love the one you’re with. And you can’t love the one you’re with if you can’t love the ONE you’re with. If you only love the ONE/ONE/One you’re with, your picture is too small for your own frame. You’ll be consumed with ego issues that’ll eat up your dreams.

Wisdom without love leads to devotion without reason {devolution}. But wisdom combined with lust only leads to devotion with little reason {revolution}. To combine wisdom with love to produce devotion within reason, you must strive for evolution. This isn’t a Jewish, Christian or Muslim formula. This is an Abrahamic formula you ought to take personally.

Many people will tell you about their loyalty to sports teams. They’re diehard fans. Many people will tell you about their loyalty to their country. They’re flag-waving patriots. And many will tell you about their loyalty to their faith. They’re true blue believers. But as soon as you tell them that loyalty should be first and foremost for yourself, they suspect

you of treason and disloyalty. They question your sexuality and your faith. They accuse you of being gay or Jewish. They can't imagine loyalty as something greater than sports, national identity or faith.

There's no one on Earth who hasn't suffered or been in pain. There's no one you have the right to scorn because you conclude that you've suffered more or been in more pain than him. The most egregiously different from you have a human face that resembles the cliff of a mountain, a cliff they show you, but one they, themselves, are going to figuratively climb to face themselves. Our facial profile is a bluff we can't bluff our way out of.

Everyone has a godly reason for being that can't quite be put into WORDS. And even if you can see someone's reason for being, that doesn't give you the right to dance around him or her with vengeance and hate because of the way he lives his life. Even the ancient Israelites danced around the golden calf out of joy at being, at last, free to believe what they wanted.

Freedom from GOD leads to cruelty and coercion. Liberty from GOD leads to harassment and horror. And emancipation from *God* leads to tyranny and totalitarianism. They're all forms of autonomy. This world won't survive with three gods despite the objections of hypocrites. Just stop the thieves from stealing you blind. Don't worry about anyone's grades in the school of life.

“*What!*  
says man,  
*‘When I am once dead,  
shall I be raised to life?’*”  
[19:67]

“*What!*  
says man,  
*‘When I am once dead,  
shall I be raised to life?’*”

Maybe, maybe not! How high you'll be raised after life ought to depend on how high you raised yourself during your lifetime. There are, thank **GOD**, Ten Commandments, and the 3rd Commandment gives us the opportunity to know **GOD** in three ways, through length {Judaism}, width {Christianity} and depth {Islam}.<sup>95</sup> Vanity and conceit won't give your inner world perspective.

I believe in fate and destiny. But I don't believe in predestination. I don't believe there's anyone on Earth who doesn't have the potential to discover the freedom, liberty and emancipation needed to secure his own destiny in the face of his fate. I believe there's

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<sup>95</sup> “THOU SHALL NOT UTTER THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN.” The name of GOD literally referred to in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandments is ADONAI {Y.H.V.H.}. But the **GOD** the three Abrahamic faiths all claim to believe in is the combination of Y.H.V.H., Jesus and *Allah*.

enough evidence of **GOD**'s designs for everyone to reach the Ph.D. level of awareness if he uses GOD as his TEACHER in the elementary school of life; Jesus as his COACH in the secondary school of life; and *Allāh* as his *Teacher* in the undergraduate setting. <sup>96</sup>

“Those who say,  
 ‘The Lord of mercy has begotten a son,’  
 preach a monstrous falsehood,  
 at which the very heavens might crack,  
 the earth split asunder,  
 and the mountains crumble to dust.  
 That they should ascribe a son to the Merciful,  
 when it does not become the Lord of mercy to beget one!”  
 [19:90]

“Those who say,  
 ‘The Lord of mercy has begotten a SON,’  
 preach a monstrous falsehood,  
 at which the very ‘heavens’ might crack,  
 the earth split asunder,  
 and the mountains crumble to dust.  
 That they should ascribe a SON to the **MERCIFUL**,  
 when it does not become the Lord of mercy to beget one!”

Perhaps you can now see how contrary Islam appears unless you paint each word uttered by the Prophet with the color and shading it deserves using a modern brush. All that’s required not to fight over his *words* is the imagination needed to appreciate them from the combination of a Jewish, Christian and Muslim perspective:

Ancient JEWISH	THE LORD OF MERCY HAS NOT BEGOTTEN A SON.
Ancient CHRISTIAN	THE LORD OF MERCY HAS BEGOTTEN A SON.
Ancient <i>Islāmic</i>	<i>The Lord of mercy has not begotten a son.</i>
Modern Jewish	The Lord of mercy has not begotten a SON.
Modern Christian	The Lord of mercy has begotten a SON.
Modern Islamic	The Lord of mercy has not begotten a SON
Modern spiritual	The Lord of mercy may or may not have begotten a SON.

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<sup>96</sup> And again I tell you that you don’t have to pray in any place other than the place that you’re presently praying. It’s not an outside job. It’s an inside job.

The truth of these statements only depends on your willingness to be inclusive rather than exclusive. The more you wish to exclude others, the more I warn you that you'll feel excluded yourself. The Muslims in Europe already feel excluded. The Muslims in America aren't exactly feeling beloved here, either. And the Muslims in the Middle East are so exclusive that there isn't a Muslim country between Morocco and Indonesia that isn't worried about *Islamic* extremism. **WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP.** [Galatians VI] <sup>97</sup>

*“We have revealed to you the Quran in your own tongue  
that you may thereby proclaim good tidings to the upright  
and give warning to a contentious nation.”*  
[19:96-97]

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that you may thereby proclaim good tidings to the upright  
and give warning to a contentious nation”

Whether you live in a contentious nation, you live in a contentious place if you live here on Earth. Don't be contentious, unless you're inspired to do so creatively.

The generosity of spirit inherent in the Quran is as great as the love inherent in the Gospels and wisdom found in Torah. The problem is that man is so jealous of what **GOD** has given others that he feels the need to denounce others in his devious plan to horde their blessings for himself. This isn't only foolish, hateful and mean spirited. It can't be done. You can't have what hasn't been given to you. You can only use fantasies and dreams to rationalize taking from others what you haven't earned. If you don't have a vision for a better future, you're simply out of luck until you earn one.

If you're not young, tall, dark and handsome, don't blame your parents. And don't blame the **GOD/GOD/God** that gave you those parents. Take a better look in the mirror and decide what you can do with what you've got left. It's amazing how forgiving others will be of your container if you fill it with attractive contents.

It makes perfect sense that Islam should be used to guide the Muslim nations. That can be done without the violence, vitriol and deception we see occurring today. It can be done with an open hand, an open heart and an open mind. Or Muslims can continue the way they're going by denying the blessings of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and watch as millions more Muslims flock to Europe to escape the cruelty that comes from a faith that excludes so many of its own.

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<sup>97</sup> “The Epistle to the Galatians,” often shortened to ‘Galatians,’ is the ninth book of the New Testament. It’s a letter from Paul the Apostle to a number of early Christian communities in Galatia, {probably a part of Roman, Central Asia}.” The common, English expression for this passage is, “AS A MAN SOWS, SO SHALL HE REAP.” [Wikipedia]

Israel will always strive to be a shining light unto the nations, even though there are those in Israel who discriminate against me in their heart.<sup>98</sup> There's no way to avoid **GOD's** plan. You can submit to reality or face the humiliation of denying the **ONE GOD** who created us all. The choice is yours. The outcome will be yours. (But your grades aren't going on my report card. It all lies in **GOD's** hands. But I seriously doubt **HE's** going to do much for those who don't strive to improve themselves.)

You can recognize those with a flat-Earth perspective. Their feelings have great length and width, but they're morally superficial. They have no depth. At both extremes, they're twisted out of proportion like the polar regions on a map. The emotionally unintelligent will debate you about which way to go in life, arrogantly sure that they can go anywhere they want. They're oblivious to their own moral trespass.

When you tell them that their inner world is morally round; when you point out to them that roads only *appear* to narrow; that the horizon that stops them continues well beyond what they can see; that there are people elsewhere who aren't upside down because they don't believe as they do – they look at you as though you're mad.

When you tell them that the world is round because everyone goes north in youth and south in old age they look at you as though you're crazy. When you tell them that the path going south was provide by *God* in the Quran they look at you as though you're mad.

If you want to improve yourself, you might like to start by trying to get over your jealousy over what others have been gifted with physically, materially, emotionally or spiritually that you're still struggling without. They've been given what they have to challenge them to try for better, even though their challenges aren't very different from your own. The more you can see what you think they're missing, the more you should ask yourself what that triggers in you that you're missing.

There's a darkness you can figuratively see after the age of 70. There's a darkness like sleep that surrounds you when you're younger, too. But that darkness visible is a stranger within that will bring up moral challenges around you. Do your best. Don't shirk the night. If you see someone stealing cry, "Thief!" Don't turn the other way. So much more depends on it that you may have realized.

The wisdom of women has been taken, but not returned, with interest. The virtue of Mary has been degraded by every man on the planet. If you think you have trouble being tolerant of some others, make more of an effort to be respectful of women. You don't have to tolerate, accept or admire them any more than you have to tolerate, accept or admire gays or Jews. But R.E.S.P.E.C.T., not loyalty to tribe, will transform the way you feel about yourself. If you think it's going to be hard to atone for man's inhumanity to *man*, wait till you address his inhumanity to *woman*.

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<sup>98</sup> "YEA, HE SAITH, 'IT IS TOO LIGHT A THING FOR YOU TO BE MY SERVANT, TO ESTABLISH THE TRIBES OF JACOB AND TO RESTORE THE SCIONS OF ISRAEL. I SHALL SUBMIT YOU AS A LIGHT UNTO THE NATIONS, TO BE MY SALVATION UNTIL THE END OF THE EARTH.'" [Isaiah 49:6]

## Surah 20

سورة طه

Ta Ha

We're now moving into the occult {hidden} realm of the Quran where interpretation of Arabic letters {Ta Ha} and **GOD's** intentions are united in ways that anyone can argue, but not refute.<sup>99</sup> The day I read this surah, (a Sunday) I was inspired with a revelation from **GOD** concerning my Sabbath. The 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment requires Jews to "KEEP THE SABBATH HOLY." But we now live in a world where we've been blessed with a two-day, Judeo-Christian weekend made up of a Jewish Sabbath {Saturday} and a Christian Sabbath {Sunday}.

For many, the weekend is a time of rest. For some, one or the other day is a day of prayer. But for how many are both days holy? As Muslims and the Quran become better understood and more spiritually integrated into Western societies, we'll find reason to include their Sabbath in with ours, and the weekend will be extended to include Fridays. As pleasant as a 3-day weekend will be for some, how many will then see all three days as holy days to pray together in mosque, synagogue and church?

The mystery of the 7-day week is as profound as the mystery of the seven, spiritual attributes of fire. As we learn to plummet the depths of **GOD's** intentions, we're going to become a greater asset to **GOD** and prouder of ourselves in the process. And then **HIS** designs will, surely, be revealed in ways that none of us can possibly fathom.

The exploration of Arabic letters is a mystical science that's observed in Hebrew, as well. The first letter in Torah is the letter ב { 'B' } which begins the WORD בְּרֵאשִׁית {BERASHEET: in the beginning} the first word of Genesis. This letter is closed on the right, but open to the left. It's closed to the East and open to the West. It suggests that birth closes us off to the source of light in the East. Death becomes our only option. We must move through **GOD's** light toward the night. Like the sun, we must always go West.<sup>100</sup>

*"The hour of doom is sure to come.  
But I choose to keep it hidden,  
so that every soul shall be rewarded for its labors.*

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<sup>99</sup> "'Ta-Ha' is the name of this surah because it starts with the Arabic letters طه. The original significance of the letters is unknown, but an interpretation of them attributes them to abbreviations for either names or qualities of God." [Wikipedia]

<sup>100</sup> "'Go West, young man' is a phrase often credited to the American author and newspaper editor Horace Greeley concerning America's expansion westward, related to the then-popular concept of 'Manifest Destiny.' It was first stated by John Babsone Lane Soule in an 1851 editorial in the Terre Haute Express, 'Go west young man, and grow up with the country.' Greeley later used the quote in his own editorial in 1865." [Wikipedia] I suggest you go West.

*Let those who disbelieve in it  
and yield to their desires  
not turn your thoughts from it,  
lest you perish.*

*‘What is it that you’re carrying in your right hand, Moses?’”  
[20:15-18]*

“The hour of doom is sure to come.

But **I/I/I** choose to keep it hidden,  
so that every soul shall be rewarded for its labors.

Let those who disbelieve in it  
and yield to their desires  
not turn your thoughts from it,  
lest you perish.

‘WHAT IS IT THAT YOU’RE CARRYING IN your RIGHT HAND, MOSES?’”

**GOD** hides **HIS** designs from man because **HE** doesn’t want to embarrass him. **HE** doesn’t reveal to us how entitled we sometimes feel; how wasteful we sometimes are; and how much more demanding we may sometimes become over time. **HE** allows each of us to strive for what we want and discover after the fact what mettle we’re made of. If we have a contentious, figurative relationship with our penis or clitoris we may be acquisitive and motivated to hold our material wants and desires before all else.

We may be unconsciously jealous, envious and bitter over that which others have that we think we should have been given, too. And then, years later, mysteriously, we may discover we finally have the courage to break through our self-denial to admit what it is we really wanted all along. You’ll know what you really wanted by the way you feel about the way things turn out. Some get what they always yearned for. Others pursue their jealousies and envies right to the grave and end up disappointed, hateful and mean.

If we don’t appreciate the work we’re putting into our relationships with others, we aren’t going to appreciate the work we’re simultaneously putting into our relationship with ourselves. If we don’t see that we’re giving others that which we most yearn for from ourselves, we’re going to end up jealous and envious of something we can’t put our finger on. But if you put your finger on your breastplate, you’ll finally touch that which you want so much more of: soulful knowledge of yourself.

Gay men know more about relationships because we have to deal with the  $x^2$  factor all the time. We’re feminized enough to know what it takes to be a man, and we’re feminized enough to know what it takes to be a woman. If you want your family relationships to improve, improve the situation for gay men. If you want to be an Abraham who is perceived of as a prince in your Sarah’s eyes, you’re going to have to learn from the gays and the Jews how to negotiate the first seven stories of Torah.

The wisdom to improve ourselves; the desire to love ourselves; and the impulse to treat ourselves hospitably (even if that sometimes means we need to tell ourselves to shut up in order to listen to wiser and more loving voices within) – is worth the effort. The results are

always in our hands as we make choices internally about the way we want our relationship with us to turn out, even if options externally may not yet be within our grasp.

If you think you're very unique and special, ask yourself why. Make a list of all the things that make you different in a way that raises you in your own esteem. You may discover that you're hiding your wants like a very young boy conceals his genitals from his mother or a young girl is embarrassed about her growing breasts, without really understanding the reason why. You may be crossing a bridge into another realm that you've never been to before.

You may discover that you're more opinionated and exclusive than gifted. You may be measuring others with tests that only measure what you want to measure. You may be measuring them to get them to remove their negativity. And they may be measuring you with test that only measure what they want to measure. They may be measuring you to get you to increase your positivity. People always choose partners who are mysteriously different and beguiling.

Being gifted means something different to every person on Earth because we've all been gifted differently. I was a gifted child who did very well in school, but I couldn't achieve peer relationships. I did better forging relationships with people much older than me. That was my gift, even though my peers scorned me for it. My gift wasn't a gift I could appreciate until I got much older and discovered I can now forge good relationships with young people, too. (It can take a lifetime to remove the giftwrapping and untie the bows around your gifts.)

When GOD asked Moses what it was he was carrying in his right hand {a staff}, it wasn't because GOD didn't know. It was because Moses hadn't been paying attention to what he was carrying. The purpose of the question was to awaken Moses to what was in his hands, not to relieve GOD of HIS ignorance of what Moses was holding.

*“He replied,  
‘It is my staff;’”  
[20:19]*

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‘It is my staff.’”*

Here we have the typical play on words that religious people are so averse to talk about; the connection between staff {big stick} and penis. This is what Moses didn't consciously notice about the object in his hand or the words coming out of his mouth. He replied as would a young boy, with the obvious answer, *“It is my staff.”*

It's whatever happens to be in their hands that hyper-religious people miss because they aren't paying attention to what's on their mind. They sexualize their experiences as much as the rest of us, but they filter those thoughts unconsciously before they open their mouth. They desire without consciously thinking about what would be too embarrassing for them to talk about. And then they get angry at themselves and frustrated because they can't perceive the innuendos and implications others are discussing {such as GOD with Moses} that are going over their head.

This they may find maddening because gay men can do it so easily and are doing it all the time. Men, generally speaking, have so repressed what's on their penis's mind that they're no longer able to make other connections between their two worlds. They've burned their own bridges in an effort to assimilate into their own polite society.

Moses was the first character in Torah to achieve brotherhood in the familial sense of the word. His relationship with Aaron was only begun late in adult life when they met at GOD's behest. But those today who've grown up with brothers know that brotherhood, for some, is a type of love they couldn't achieve in childhood. They, like Moses and Aaron, had to wait to learn the meaning of the word "brotherhood" until they were more mature. Some even need to learn the meaning of brotherhood with men other than their brothers, even with men of other faiths and lifestyles.

Many biological brothers attempt the love of their brother through sexual exploration with him when they're children. But this, I imagine, generally ends with guilt, shame and moral confusion that gets buried over the years with many layers of uncomfortable silence. But that's no reason why brotherhood with yourself can't be explored alone with yourself at any time in your life. Self-love is a feeling mixed with a sensation that goes much deeper than masturbation or the exploration of children. Self-love isn't accomplished with the staff in your hand when you're alone with GOD. It's a thrill that's much greater than physical release through orgasm.

Once you take note of the staff on your mind, you become a little less tempted to act out your violent temptations on your brothers. You get good at observing them with a Mona Lisa smile rather than a sheepish grin or frown. You may even get so good as to achieve a twinkle in your eye and leave your lips out of your expression of brotherhood entirely. This is called "charisma."

Needless to say, brotherhood in Torah was augmented in the Gospel to produce a new and improved brotherhood with Jesus. And that brotherhood was again augmented in Islam to produce a more universal form of brotherhood at *God's* behest. When your relationship with your brother is good from your head, heart and soul, you appreciate what all that inner work is for.

Once you've achieved brotherhood with yourself, you'll have no difficulty in liking those Jews who have the ability to untangle the moral mysteries of life with wisdom. You'll have no problem liking those Christians who contribute to the love of GOD by treating others kindly. You'll find it easier to like those Muslims who have the ability to focus their intentions on matters of hospitality on Earth for the sake of "heaven's" request. You'll even enjoy the ability of gay men to bring a raw freshness to the concept of tolerance and tenderness for strangers.

This is the essence in offering mental health benefits to others to achieve greater mental health with yourself. This is how I got out of decades of schizophrenia, manic-depression, obsessions {internally} and compulsions {externally} in which I had to take psychiatric drugs to help me before I could learn to question my small, but unique, spiritual importance in being alive.

*"He said,  
"Moses, cast it down."  
[20:20]*

“**HĒ** said,  
‘Moses, cast it down.’”

If you think of the average man going through an average day in his average life, you should imagine that, figuratively speaking, his penis is always as hard as a rod. It’s never figuratively cast down. For GOD to tell Moses to “cast ‘it’ down” is a way of instructing man to learn when to get it up; when to keep it up; and when to let it come down. The virility of man is in question because men don’t know when to show “it” off and when to let “it” be.

Men are always on the prowl. They’re always ready to stick “it” in someone else’s busyness where it doesn’t belong. There are endless ways to expand on that metaphor to apply “it” to both your worlds if you can get past sexual innuendo to look for greater wisdom in the WORDS of **GOD**. There are endless ways to tell you that your manhood is held in your soul, and it can best be expressed with your moral intentions, not your “staff.”

Needless to say, most men figuratively pray with an erect penis. They pray with a sense of entitlement, a sense of penetration and privilege as though they deserve answers from GOD/GOD/*God* based mainly on what they’ve got to sport. They’re overcome by their desires. And so, they overcome their bad attitude toward their GOD/GOD/*God* with extreme expressions of submission to some other men.

Is it any surprise that **GOD** had to send **HIS** masculinity, the Archangel Gabriel, to man. Stories of **GOD**’s femininity aren’t being taught in hyper-religious institutions. Who can’t see why?

Straight men who don’t want to be physically penetrated by a man may still want to be spiritually penetrated by GOD, GOD or *God*. You can be a heterosexual top with women and a spiritual bottom with **GOD**. But straight men don’t open their faith up to such questions because they don’t want to know more about themselves than they have the strength to deal with. There’s nothing perverted about having such a conversation. The more you know about yourself, the more you know about everyone.

Once you’ve overcome your extreme embarrassment of your anus and the toilet training that avoided all discussion of the social importance of this sphincter, you’ll be able to talk about all the anal issues that are keeping you from expressing your desire to be emotionally seen and heard.

**GOD** doesn’t owe you answers or spiritual renewal. And you don’t need to try to penetrate **HIM** to fill **HIM** with the life-giving essence in you. **HĒ** isn’t your wife, mistress or girlfriend. Save your y factor issues for you. Penetrate yourself. Come to know the x<sup>2</sup> factor in you in the Biblical sense of the WORD. Come before **HIM** with your staff cast down. Come before **HIM** with modesty, humility and grace in your heart and a desire to listen from your soul.

Come before **GOD** as honestly, sincerely and authentically as you know how. Show **HIM** you’re working your way through your guilt and frustration in being you to the best of your ability in the hope that you can earn answers to questions you haven’t yet even

imagined asking. It doesn't really matter where along the path you start the spiritual process so long as you know where you're headed: a Ph.D. in me.

If you want answers from **GOD**, you'd better be prepared to work for questions that you haven't even yet fathomed. Life is a school, not a bread line. Without the swagger, bluster and conceit of presuming you deserve to be spiritually fed, you really may not have much to show for your life. You may be less clear-sighted than you think. Be real. Be honest with yourself. Don't hide behind self-righteous, holier than **THOU** mannerisms that even you can see through.

It's easy to see how holier than thou others are to one another. It's easy to claim that *they're* holier than **THOU**. But to see how holier than **THOU** you are within yourself you're going to want to assume so without evidence. Becoming humbled by you to yourself is the most humbling of all humiliations.

This is something about manhood that men often learn from women. And this is something about prayer that you, surely, begin by first speaking to yourself. You can't get this degree of self-intimacy in your house of prayer. This may need to come from communicating with strangers (something Abraham knew how to do; something Lot did not).

Washing your upper body, feet and organs of elimination if you've used them before prayer is a great way to start your communication with the Lord. But if your penis is figuratively erect because of something you want to give **HIM** in exchange for something you want **HIM** to give you, be honest with **HIM** about the relationship of trade you're capable of initiating.<sup>101</sup> There's no better place to start a conversation than where you're coming from. Guilt will move you quickly along from there to a better place.

Hiding women behind veils {Islam} or seating them separately where you won't see them {Judaism} so you don't get excited while praying isn't going nearly far enough in addressing this problem. Such practices aren't going to teach you to cast down your staff. {And keeping women out of positions of leadership isn't going to help your prayers, either} Giving and receiving is something very personal and private that you're going to need to work on by yourself. Having women in the room, or not, isn't going to relieve you of your relationship of trade with the Lord.

Apparently, many wrestlers get erections in the ring. I've even heard of some achieving orgasm during the sport of wrestling. Therefore, it doesn't surprise me that some men would look at their struggle with **GOD**, **GOD** or *God* as a sport they find exciting. It's not for me to point fingers, but it seems that that would be a distraction from the reason for praying in the first place. The purpose of prayer is to awaken you to yourself, not to get

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<sup>101</sup> In gay speech, the word "trade" refers to male prostitution. There are many men who are only able to trade money for sex. They aren't yet able to give and receive with their partner. Trade occurs below the waist with your penis, anus and wallet. Giving comes from your heart and receiving comes from your soul. If you discover you're only open to trade with **GOD**, don't be alarmed. If **HE** could describe candidly what transpired with Moses in the Quran, **HE** can make **HIS** message clear to you, too.

excited about your relationship with GOD, GOD or *God* through your spirit. The purpose of prayer is to improve you, not to relieve you of your urges.

*“Moses threw it down,  
and thereupon it turned into a slithering serpent.”  
[20:21]*

“Moses threw it down,  
and thereupon it turned into a slithering serpent.”

The slithering serpent in the imagination of modern man is both hopeful and repellent. Man was created in this aspect of **GOD's** imagination, without arms and legs, for a reason. The real work in becoming a man of **GOD**, an Ishmael and an Isaac, a man who can learn from every aspect of himself, lies in his ability to see his main work with the Lord as happening primarily in his inner world, not the world around him.

The most disgusting, slithering serpent that comes out of man is, of course, his feces. Whether he produces a nest of worms or snakes in the toilet bowl is for him to interpret. This is the hotbed of evil a man produces from his backside. From the front, he proudly sports a serpent of a different ilk.

The pursuit of knowledge will never leave you without evidence of guilt. Every bowel movement will remind you of the consequences of the conspiracy between the serpent and Eve. Your hungers are all desires to know you. Which of them will you pick, and which will you refuse to tempt you?

Honesty with yourself is like cutting off all your arms and legs. It leaves you exposed to guilt. It forces you to confront your view of yourself as some others might see you. Honesty doesn't mean you're obliged to do anything differently. You don't even need to apologize out loud. Honesty only means that you've opened your mind to a point of view you wouldn't have previously considered.

In this sense, a good man has no arms and legs. He's entirely dependent on his inner forces to grasp every situation to get himself where he needs to go. In this way, he's more like his penis than like his hands and feet that can grasp with fingers and toes. When you finally fling down the staff that supports you, don't be surprised if it figuratively turns into a slithering serpent that both attracts and repels you.

The guilt and frustration of being you as you are may be something you've carried in your heart for so long that you may not even realize you're holding this tension inside. Don't kid yourself. Letting “it” go isn't going to be as easy for you as it was for Moses. You're no prophet! Besides, **GOD** has no intention of letting you let go of negative feelings about yourself that **HE** worked all your life to get you see.

It may be very difficult for you to let go of your guilt and frustration. That tension isn't just going to go away. By the time you do finally get to consciously work on matters below your waist, you're going to be very schooled in the unification process of your head, heart and soul. You're not going to be intimidated by spitting, hissing, sputtering or sizzling snakes...

In the outer world, we're taught self-discipline so we can get what we want without infringing on others to do so. But in the inner world, we're challenged to learn self-control. And this is far more difficult. **GOD** can squeeze you whenever and wherever **HE** wants, leaving you feeling spiritually like pulp and juice. You're like fruit from a tree. You may be hard and raw hanging from a stem; you may be rotting on the ground. So you'd better figure out what your intentions are when you take a bite out of others.<sup>102</sup>

Siblings fight over who has to take care of their parents. Married people fight over their material acquisitions. The religious fight over Israel. And the hyper-religious fight over the right to life. If you think these issues aren't moral and don't concern you, you're unawakened. You're living in a dream state.

Lack of composure and self-control is due to lack of self-awareness. You may be more like a squirrel running up and down the branches of a tree. Your thoughts may claw their way to tasty nuts {external power}. But there comes a point in a squirrel's life when it realizes it's climbing well-worn branches that have no more nuts at the end of their twigs. It's winter within.

This is as bad as the bitter winters you may have experienced in Europe or North America. This is aging and cold on the inside. This is the time in a squirrel's life when it realizes there's no other tree to jump to, to make its home. This is when many a squirrel may get particularly squirrely. It may be rushing up and down a tree that can't support its own life.

Self-control is a pruning process your mind consciously engages in to cut off these unwanted branches that only lead to negativity, depression and regret. If you don't prune the branches of your mind like a tree, it's going to grow wildly.

The nuts you seek aren't between your legs. They're not the bounty in your bank account. The nuts you seek hold a milky desire for knowledge about you that, when combined with love and loyalty, will lead you to wisdom. That knowledge is protected by a very hard shell that no one else can penetrate.

Needless to say, there are enough examples in the world to suggest that man is a snake that can't be trusted. He's a snake that can make its way up any tree. And many a man finds he was planted in a grove of trees that's infested with snakes that appear to look more like staves. There are whole states in this union that are little more than groves infested with snakes that think they're leaning on long, hard staves of traditionalism.

There's one snake in every tree and one worm in every apple. It's beguiling that snakes and worms can appear to behave like all the other animals in **GOD's** kingdom. But if you learn to look through their beguiling nature, you'll see the animalistic urges that motivate them. You'll see how **GOD** used **HIS** imagination to give man the potential for individual acts of good or evil.

If you don't look to nature for clues to *your* nature, you're asleep in the jeep while on a great safari. The urban jungle can be a fascinating place to roam if you have a good guide

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<sup>102</sup> Half the world is starving and the other half is dieting. But the reasons aren't food related. They're caused by spiritual claustrophobia. If you can work your way to conscious understanding of **GOD's** design, you'll be able to achieve much more than you have now. You'll not only get your dietary needs met. You'll be able to teach others how to do so, too. And that'll enrich you in many new and wonderful ways.

who knows what to show you. The birds up above are beautiful. The old hens and cocks on the ground are fascinating. And the wild animals that roam the plains are a sign of the richness of the land. But the jungle will eventually turn into a forest, and the forest will be cut down until you're left with only one tree to observe.

*“Take it up and have no fear,”*

*He said.*

*“We will change it back to its former state.”*

[20:22-23]

“Take it up and have no fear,”

**HE** said.

‘**WE** will change it back to its former state.’”

Moses is the first prophet in the Jewish sense of the word, but certainly not the last. He's the first man to hold a special relationship with his penis before GOD. His conscious relationship with GOD motivated our faiths {Judaism and Islam} to sanctify our relationship with **HIM** through circumcision. This was HIS/*His* way of getting us to sign on the dotted line.

Moses, the author of Torah who named his main character after himself, is the first man to realize he was created by GOD using HIS imagination to see that we were created in HIS image. And he described his relationship to a part of himself as a beguiling serpent in a forbidden tree.

Christianity and Islam unpacked that metaphor by externalizing and personifying the serpent as satan. And in doing so, man ended up externalizing evil, seeing it originating only outside himself. Wasn't that a convenient idea for men to come up with?...

The rewards in persevering toward expansion of man's imagination make it possible for some men to control other people's feelings, especially their feelings of guilt. But eventually, we all need to discover how to control our own guilt with moderation, abstention and faith in ourselves.

When CHRISTIANS realize that their love of Jesus hasn't been enough to curtail their desire to demonize and kill Jews and gays, they'll realize human nature must be approached with more than just love. The heart will never be wise enough to manage all the forces within us. There's a beguiling force within us {desire} that will never let that happen.

And today, the Muslim world is discovering they have the same problem with their devotion to the *words* of the Prophet. A heart without a soul or a soul without a heart describes a man without a head. But a man with only a head, devoid of heart and soul, turns into a tyrant. We must all develop the imagination **GOD** gave us, or we become victims of our desires.

Without Moses, the WORDS and *words* of Scripture all fall apart. The game is rigged. You can include the Jews, and by extension, the Christians and Muslims, or you can continue in the direction of the next Holocaust. But if you include the Jews, you're going

to want to include my friends in the L.G.B.T+ community. I'm not going to let anybody leave my gay friends out of religious issues any longer.

That said, the Jews are, hopefully working with the JEWS for the sake of Israel to convince tyrants to behave better than they have in the past. **GOD** knows, there's enough hypocrisy in us all. But we've got to take the thief in everyone into consideration if we're going to pave the road to "hell" with anything better than good intentions. People in high places could make an enormous difference if they took their life rather than their money more seriously.

Circumcision of women often removes the clitoris entirely, and is, therefore, a cruel, mean-spirited way for Muslims to make women sign on to *God's* designs.<sup>103</sup> Nowhere in the Quran is it required or justified. Female circumcision is like the binding of women's feet that the ancient Chinese once did to keep women from literally running away from their husbands. Female circumcision keeps women in their husband's house by sexually oppressing them and emotionally repressing them. It's a rope around the neck of a woman without a rope or a neck. It treats a woman like cattle. Female circumcision will never turn a man's house into a home. It'll only turn it into a barn. Female circumcision will seriously impede Muslim men from getting to go "home" once they leave *this* home.

**GOD's** ability to change your penis back and forth from a staff you mindlessly lean on to a staff that can shoot liquid bullets filled with spiritual power will only happen as you become good enough to learn how to use your penis righteously. There's no pill on Earth that can substitute for what your penis can do for your imagination.

*“Lord,  
said Moses.  
'put courage into my heart,  
and make my task easy.  
Free my tongue from its impediment,  
that men may understand my speech.  
Appoint me a helper from among my kinsmen,  
Aaron my brother.  
Grant me strength through him  
and let him share my task,  
so that we may give glory to You always  
and remember You always.  
You are, surely, watching over us.”*

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<sup>103</sup> “Also called female genital mutilation {FGM}. FGM has no health benefits for women. More than 200 million girls and women alive today have been circumcised in 30 countries in Africa, the Middle East and Far East where FGM is concentrated. FGM is mostly carried out on young girls between infancy and age 15.” [Wikipedia]

[20:24-30]

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Every man must have a brother who understands him, even if he may or may not require a male partner to have sexual intercourse with. He needs at least one male companion who gets him, who trusts him, and who’ll respect his boundaries, whether, or not, they have a desire to get in each other’s pants.

If you find that man, but you’re married to a woman, know that GOD anticipated that dilemma in Leviticus. Remember that it’s an abomination for a man married to a woman to have sex with a man while he’s married. If you’ve committed yourself sexually to someone of the opposite gender, your word is extended from that gender to your own. You can’t claim that the power of your words is any different when uttered to someone of the same gender. Any such impression emanates out from within. Adultery is an  $x^2$  issue, not just an  $x^1$  or  $y$  issue. <sup>104</sup>

If you allow your serpent to consciously collaborate with your heart, your mind will know what’s going on at the deepest levels of self-intimacy. And then **GOD** won’t need to ask you what you’ve got in your hand. You’ll already be able to imagine “it.”

Let your conscience be your guide, not your heart and penis. Talk to **GOD** about your fantasies. Tell **HIM** if you see that your conscience isn’t yet soulful enough to act in a righteous way and ask **HIM** to teach you how to operate yourself with better intentions. You’re not, after all, in a class all by yourself.

The **TEACHER** is concerned about the wellbeing of all **HIS** students. **HE**’ll teach you how to operate yourself more wisely if **HE** believes you’re going to help improve everybody’s operating systems. Using the metaphor of life as a school with everyone graduating with varying degrees – not as a game with winners and losers – means you may want to choose to behave toward yourself differently.

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<sup>104</sup> And if you’re a man married to a man, and the two of you wish to discover the meaning of the  $x^2$  factor in yourself, then you’ll take Leviticus 18 to heart. And you won’t have sex with any other man other than your man.

The bozos at the back of the room are in desperate need of a spiritual education. They'll continue to disrupt the class any way they can to achieve their unawakened desires unless they find a reason to learn to do better. But they may not want to face embarrassment, shame and humiliation much more than you do. They may have secrets that are more painful to bear than yours. The **TEACHER** is teaching everyone about good and evil, whether we care to learn about morality, or not. Our only choice is whether to make matters easier or harder for everyone concerned.

*“He replied,  
‘Your request is granted, Moses.  
We had already shown you favor  
when We revealed our will to your mother,  
saying,  
‘Put your child in the ark  
and let him be carried away by the river.  
The river will cast him onto the bank,  
and he shall be taken up by an enemy of mine and his.’  
I lavished My love on you,  
so that you might be reared under My watchful eye.”*  
[20:31-39]

“HE replied,  
‘YOUR REQUEST IS GRANTED, MOSES.  
WE HAD ALREADY SHOWN YOU FAVOR  
WHEN WE REVEALED OUR WILL TO YOUR MOTHER,  
SAYING,  
‘PUT YOUR CHILD IN THE ARK <sup>105</sup>  
AND LET HIM BE CARRIED AWAY BY THE RIVER.  
THE RIVER WILL CAST HIM ONTO THE BANK,  
AND HE SHALL BE TAKEN UP BY AN ENEMY OF MINE AND HIS.’  
I LAVISHED MY LOVE ON YOU,  
SO THAT YOU MIGHT BE REARED UNDER MY WATCHFUL EYE.”

Few people realize it, but the word for “ark” in the Story of Noah and the Ark in Genesis and the ark, or basket, employed at the beginning of Exodus when baby Moses was set adrift on the Nile is the same word in Hebrew. The Quran elucidates this linguistic truth, a

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<sup>105</sup> In using the WORD “ark” I’m suggesting that this nautical means of conveyance refers to a universal container of love that’ll float on every man’s ocean of emotions: his heart. And what Noah only experienced on the ark in adulthood, every infant today experiences despite the roughness of the ride.

subtlety of language most believers don't note. The effect of GOD then saying that HE lavished HIS love on Moses, so that he might be reared under HIS watchful eye then makes it possible for all believers in GOD/GOD/*God* to take this passage to heart. **HE** does the same for us all, of course.

You were figuratively in an ark you built under **GOD's** instruction when you were on the cusp of adolescence before facing the storms of puberty. You were in an ark when you cast your inner infant into your Nile to save it from the oppressive, deadening world of modern life that makes each of us feel completely expendable to the goals of our institutions. And you're in an ark now as you move through the oceans of your own emotions on your way around your inner world each day. Your physical container is your ark, and you're like 15<sup>th</sup> Century explorer Ferdinand Magellan going around a world you can now only suspect isn't as flat as rumor has it...

The preparation GOD gave Moses for his journey of discovery was faith. It wasn't predestination. Day by day, **GOD** invests as much of **HIS** trust in us as we look like we're going to pay dividends that day. **HE's** willing to lose **HIS** investment if **HE** has to. **HE's** willing to go through disappointment if, or when, we let **HIM** down. And **HE's** willing to wait patiently for **HIS** bonuses to be paid out. **GOD** is like a stockbroker, and we're **HIS** living stocks.

If you look at the investment **GOD** made in you, it should elicit your gratitude, not your sense of entitlement. It should humble you, not make you vain and condescending toward others. It should teach you to appreciate that **HE** lavishes **HIS** love on you as **HE** rears you under **HIS** watchful eye.

Life shouldn't give you reason to feel you're privileged. You're probably not. You're probably spoiled. Those who are privileged are able to admit their guilt to themselves from their head, heart and soul. They have the ability to worry about further embarrassment of their body, shame of their character and humiliation of their relationship with **GOD**. You can't know privilege until you've made your way all the way around your inner world.

We're all cast adrift in this world, bouncing about as though in a basket {ark} without any way of controlling where we go. We all miraculously come ashore as did baby Moses and are taken up by some woman {mom} who's, herself, personally reformed and possibly redeemed through the process of raising that strange child she calls her own.

You can re-form yourself like wet clay while practicing sculpting others. You can discover that **GOD** is lavishing **HIS** love on you like a hedge-fund operator lavishes his time and attention on Wall Street. Whether you feel like a prince in a palace or you focus your needy attention on those who are languishing in bondage, you're here to discover what you can do to make the word "life" come to life.

*"I have chosen you for Myself."*  
[20:43]

"I HAVE CHOSEN YOU FOR MYSELF."

GOD chose Moses. Moses chose the Israelites. Jesus chose the world for GOD's sake. And the Prophet Muhammad chose you for his own sake. There's never a mistake in the order in which any of us have come to be chosen. **GOD** has us all under **HIS** watchful eye without predestining a thing. It's what we do with our circumstances that **HE**'s always testing.

“Lord,  
they said,  
*‘We dread his malevolence and tyranny.’*”  
[20:45]

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they said,  
*‘We dread his malevolence and tyranny.’*”

The two men speaking in this passage are Moses and Aaron, and they're referring to Pharaoh. There's a potential for this kind of unification of the brothers' voices in you, too. Your head {Moses/Prophet} and heart {Aaron/high priest} can speak to the Lord in one voice like brothers. But that voice should come from the third place in inner space where you can hear what those two are saying. This is what the Prophet is demonstrating to us in this passage.

This can be done if you imagine yourself sitting on the banks of a lake watching yourself swimming in the lake. The view you have of the two of you in your imagination is taken from midair. This's what it's like to have a head full of thoughts {land} watching a heart full of feelings {water} from a soul full of transparent beliefs {air}.

**GOD** created you from the inside out. **HE** wrapped you in the flesh and blood of your mother's body. **HE** chose you to glorify that place you temporarily called home before birth so you could learn to recreate what **HE** created. **HE** chose for you to come out of that abode even if that didn't mean you were going to come out like gay people come out.

But to come out, you should first come in. I didn't say “go” in. Going in happens from a position of power and control. I said “come” in because that only happens from a position of hospitality and kindness. This is the universal understanding of Abraham's invitation to the strangers who were making their way to Sodom. But in your case, you should invite yourself in as he did, the strangers. You should smile inside when you think about you. You should open your heart to you.

The malevolence and tyranny you dread isn't coming only from men who see themselves as builders of trophies to their greatness (pharaohs of the contemporary time in which we live), but from a stranger within who sometimes bullies you. You know there's a spoiled, little boy in you who grew up behind palace walls who knows nothing of sacrifice or the suffering of others. That little boy has the potential of growing up to become a murderer just like Moses in Torah and like the servant of Moses in the Quran. This strange person is thin-skinned and impetuous. And he has a long way to go before he catches up

with the guilt that lies in his unconscious at what he's done to himself that makes him so unworthy of freeing others from any kind of external oppression.

The unstated rules of family, community, institution, government and religion are always implying that you need to get in line and wait your turn. Faith in *Allah* begins with seeing yourself as out of line. *Allah* is the aspect of **GOD** that requires you to see yourself as an outsider, an Ishmael, a stranger in your own home.

Don't utter the WORD **אָמֵן** {AMEN: I believe} until you feel our **CREATOR** has completely finished **HIS** conversation with you. Don't hang up until you asked and received permission to enter and leave a conversation you've been turning on and off of like a light switch, without a second thought. All your impatience in the outer world stems from a fallacy that you can't, or won't, be heard.

*“He replied,  
‘Have no fear.  
I shall be with you.  
I hear all and see all.  
Go to him and say,  
‘We are the emissaries of your Lord.  
Let the Israelites depart with us,  
and oppress them no more.  
We have come to you with a revelation from your Lord.  
Blessed is he who follows the right guidance.  
It is revealed to us that the scourge will fall on those who deny His signs  
and pay no heed to them.’”*  
[20:46-49]

“HE replied,  
‘HAVE NO FEAR.  
I SHALL BE WITH YOU.  
I HEAR ALL AND SEE ALL.  
GO TO HIM AND SAY,  
‘WE ARE THE EMISSARIES OF YOUR LORD.  
LET THE ISRAELITES DEPART WITH US,  
AND OPPRESS THEM NO MORE.  
WE HAVE COME TO you WITH A REVELATION FROM YOUR LORD.  
BLESSED IS HE WHO FOLLOWS THE RIGHT GUIDANCE.  
IT IS REVEALED TO US THAT THE SCOURGE WILL FALL ON THOSE WHO DENY HIS SIGNS  
AND PAY NO HEED TO THEM.’”

The WORDS of GOD weren't easy to comprehend then, and the WORDS of **GOD** aren't any easier to comprehend today. To achieve right guidance you must look beyond the time in which you live for a greater perspective of the big picture. Not all the answers you need are going to appear during your lifetime. But many emissaries have brought you the wisdom, love and devotion you need to make the right decisions. You'll be judged accordingly.

Your personal struggle for freedom, liberty and emancipation is a recapitulation of our Jewish struggle for freedom 3,400 years ago, liberty from the Nazi death camps and the emancipation we're going through now thanks, mainly, to the L.G.B.T+ community in Israel. And if you're going to succeed in life, you should believe in the GOD of the Israelites, the **GOD** of the CHRISTIANS and *Allāh* to get you out of the moral messes you've made of your life thus far.

When the Jews who survived the Second World War said, "Never again!" they meant it. And we can prove that they meant it because you will see over time that the whole world will cry out to **GOD**, "Never again."

If you don't believe this is so, continue trying to use only military and political leaders to solve your problems and see how far you get. You're damned with syndromes that can't be solved like problems. You're damned with questions that have no answers.

Without understanding why **GOD** gave you the penis or vagina you've got, you're lost. This is the underlying, mystical message of this surah of the Quran {*Ta Ha*}. This is the message that can only be perceived by looking at every letter that makes up every word. This is the meaning of occult revelation, the kind of revelation that figuratively comes from your nose, not your eyes or ears.

The scourge didn't occur only once in HIS/HIS/*His* story. The scourge is still occurring today. Some of the orthodox JEWS, like some in every other faith, are right about some things and terribly wrong about others. They may be skilled in manipulating matters in the world around them, but they may not be as skilled as you and me when it comes to matters that guide them from within. They get belligerent and bellicose when you bring up homosexuality because they, too, have anal issues they want to keep concealed. They have no place in their belief systems for a **GOD** who'd use the L.G.B.T+ community in positive ways. They have no place in their belief system for a GOD/GOD/*God* who'd curse them with an anus they never asked for.

*"We showed Pharaoh all our signs,  
but he denied them  
and paid no heed.  
He said,  
"Have you come to drive us from our land with your sorcery, Moses?"*  
[20:56-57]

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but he denied them  
and paid no heed.  
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‘Have you come to drive us from our land with your sorcery, Moses?’”

The pharaohs of every age are worried about being driven out of this world by the Jews. They’re never worried about us driving them in the direction of modernity... Their penis is always figuratively facing up. It’s always ready, willing and able to use guns, bombs and fear of retribution to make their point. They’re spiritually offended regardless of what their penis happens to literally look like. Today’s pharaohs are the pagans and infidels of the new age.

Did you really think you were going to give the L.G.B.T+ community marriage equality without having to bear our belligerent attitude for some time to come? You don’t like blacks with attitude. You don’t like immigrants with a sense of entitlement. You certainly wouldn’t stand for Jews to threaten you. But you seem to think you’re going to be relieved of any guilt or responsibility by the very people you’ve despised and excluded from the spiritual table for millennia: the L.G.B.T+ community.

You’re being unrealistic if you don’t think there’s going to be “hell” to pay for the inequity of your {straight} ways. We’re going to make you feel guilty in ways that’ll even shame the JEWS!

*“And by their sorcery  
their ropes and staffs appeared to Moses’s eyes  
as though they were running.”  
[20:66]*

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as though they were running.”

This is a particularly amusing passage when you think about the young and inexperienced. They’re all half-crazed with the awe of life that eventually shrinks, narrows, shrivels and withers their penis into various manifestations of limp fear. They’re physically hard, but often spiritually soft and malleable. They know what they want; they just don’t always know *why* they want it or *what* to do with what they get. They think love is all there is.

They certainly don’t usually know how to get out of the tight spots they get themselves into. Trapping snakes and containing worms is the major in the university of life that leads to the poorly paid (and often dangerous) jobs of parenting, teaching, social work, fire abatement and law enforcement. **GOD** bless ‘em!

Judaism is the religion that’ll teach you what you need to know. Christianity is the religion that’ll teach you how to go about learning what you want to know using psychology you can couch in universal terms that lead to self-love. And Islam is the religion

that'll teach you why you ought to stay in school to learn all that you ought to know for the sake of devotion to life and redemption.

*“Moses was much alarmed.  
But We said to him,  
‘Have no fear;  
you shall surely win.’”*  
[20:67]

“Moses was much alarmed.  
But **WE** said to him,  
‘HAVE NO FEAR;  
YOU SHALL SURELY WIN.’”

Of course Moses won. That's the whole point of Judaism. We're the world's first winners. But who can feel like a winner without everyone else feeling that he's won, too? Zionism is the political process that leads to national success through individual achievement. This most Palestinians don't yet understand.

You don't need to convert to Judaism to make friends in this world. But you can't make friends in this world without being able to make friends of the Jews, too. You can't even create allies you'll be able to trust without putting your trust in us.

*“Do you dare believe in Him  
before I give you leave?”  
said Pharaoh.”*  
[20:69]

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before I give you leave?  
said Pharaoh.”

Even today's pharaohs raise their voices to the believers. They tell them what to believe, when. The pharaohs always seem to shout louder than **GOD** and **HIS** servants. Do you hear anyone shouting at this moment? Are there any voices in your head screaming at you to drown out my voice? Or are you filled with awe and trepidation at the possibility of opening yourself to something new? My voice isn't literally speaking at this moment. The voice coming off this page is your own. Do you hear you? Can you describe to yourself what you sound like?

*“They replied,  
‘We cannot have greater faith in you  
than in the miracles which we have witnessed*

*and in Him who has created us.  
Therefore, do your worst;  
you can punish us only in this present life.  
We have put our faith in the Lord  
so that He may forgive us our sins  
and the sorcery you have imposed upon us.”*  
[20:71-73]

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Like the ancient Egyptians who changed their mind about the Israelite GOD, man has required proof that the promises of his rulers weren't as powerful as the promises **GOD** has brought into this world. The pharaohs of ancient Egypt gave way to GOD, but there's very little chance today's **JEW**s, **CHRISTIAN**s and *Muslims* are going to be convinced by a gay-Jew that I know more about GOD/GOD/*God* than they do. {Sometimes, people learn more from pain and suffering than from wisdom, love or devotion.}

If you think you can get your military or political rulers to forgive you for what you're personally doing to Jews, Christians or Muslims, you're fantasizing. If you think *Allah* will forgive you for what you think of the L.G.B.T+ community, you're dreaming. And if you think **GOD** will judge you any differently than **HE** judged Pharaoh and his men, you don't know much about **GOD** and **HIS** ways. **HE**'s slow to anger, but **HE** never forgets a thing.

*“Then We revealed Our will to Moses,  
saying,  
‘Set forth with My servants in the night  
and strike for them a dry path across the sea.  
Have no fear of being overtaken,  
nor let anything dismiss you.’”*  
[20:76-77]

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NOR LET ANYTHING DISMISS YOU.’”

This is the Passover story you’ve heard or read about in every one of the Scriptures. This is the story **GOD** commanded us to tell our children each year in the spring, which every Abrahamic child can speak about. This is the journey out of bondage to freedom that we’ve been leading the world to for 3,400 years. We led the Christians to freedom, but in **HIS** infinite wisdom, **GOD** gave them liberty as well as a desire for freedom. Together, we led the Muslims to freedom and liberty, but in **HIS** infinite wisdom, **GOD** gave them emancipation as well as a desire for liberty and freedom. Take what you will from this.

The Arab Spring is the continuation of the Passover story. Today, you see Arabs, like Israelites, running out of their lands across the sea to Europe into the arms of strangers, desperate for something they can’t yet put into words. The path the Arabs are taking to Europe has been like the parting of the Red Sea. They’re Muslims who can no longer stand the bondage their pharaohs are inflicting upon them. They’re willing to sail across seas and trod across tundra to follow the Passover story into the new age. Whether it takes them 40 days or 40 years, they’re determined to bring their children into a new land of promise, a land where love flows like milk, and wisdom, like honey.

**GOD** works in mysterious ways for inquiring minds. For the dull-witted, **HE**’s always perceived of as asleep at the wheel. But **HE**’s merely slow to anger.

*“Children of Israel!  
We delivered you from your enemies  
and made a covenant with you  
on the right flank of the mountain...  
He that incurs My wrath shall assuredly be lost,  
but he that repents  
and believes in Me,  
does good works  
and follows the right path  
shall be forgiven.”  
[20:81-82]*

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ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE MOUNTAIN.

HE THAT INCURS MY WRATH SHALL ASSUREDLY BE LOST,  
BUT HE THAT REPENTS  
AND BELIEVES IN ME,  
DOES GOOD WORKS  
AND FOLLOWS THE RIGHT PATH  
SHALL BE FORGIVEN.”

This is how **GOD** repeated **HIS WORDS** in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century for Jews, Christians and Muslims to see them in a different light. Now that you can see out of the mouth of the cave in the mountain looking south, you can begin to imagine what the right flank of the mountain looks like using your imagination. The right {correct} flank is the side of the mountain closest to the setting sun. As you look out from your cave, you’re flanked on your right by the sick, the old and the dying. You may literally be looking west, but you’re figuratively perceiving your fate. Therefore, be warned. You’re no different than any other human being who has walked the earth before.

If you look left to where your earthly hopes and dreams once were, you’re looking back on your inner East and the rising sun that is now, no doubt, further across your inner sky. Everything you want now for yourself and your children’s children will come from the East and move in a Westward direction. Your inner world may be 3D, but there’s a horizon in the West none of us can cross until we cross it.

*“On that day  
We shall assemble all the sinners.  
Their eyes will turn blue with terror  
and they shall murmur among themselves,  
‘You lingered on the earth but ten days.’”*  
[20:100-101]

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As I stated earlier, the color blue is associated with the feeling of sorrow and disappointment. “The Blues” is an African American, musical structure that expresses the feeling of sadness that came from slavery. So, when the Prophet spoke about eyes turning blue, he was describing a sorrowful truth that we all know and understand; a blue lens we can all identify with because we sometimes see our whole life as blue, not just the sky overhead.

When they said, “*You lingered on the Earth but ten days,*” they were really saying that each of us is given ten moral days in which to refine our nature. We’re given the Ten Commandments not only symbolically through our fingers and toes, but figuratively in

terms of subjective time. We're each given ten metaphoric days to move through this world with moral regard for the lessons we're being personally challenged to learn by taking all our tests curiously and seriously. These lessons and tests can't be surmounted without self-control from within and discipline throughout. Curiosity about who you're going to become will give you that self-control and discipline.

*"We know full well what they will say,  
The most upright among them will declare,  
'You lingered on the earth but one day.'"*  
[20:102-104]

**"WE** know full well what they will say.  
The most upright among them will declare,  
'You lingered on the Earth but one day.'"

The poets will try to argue that each of us is given but one day to prove our worth, not ten. They'll say that you know in your heart that your day started at dawn {birth} and will end at midnight {death}. And what will come after midnight is the long wait we all have reason to fear.

Today, you, too, can be an emissary of truth. You don't need to pretend to be a god. You can leave godliness to Jesus to personify. You can, instead, crucify yourself with wisdom, willpower, love and faith that **GOD** knows what **HE**'s doing. You can cross yourself – head, genitals, heart and soul. You don't need to allow the equivalent of ancient Roman colonialists to come into your land to crucify you for you.

*"They will ask about the mountain.  
Say:  
'My Lord will crush them to fine dust  
and reduce them to a desolate waste,  
with no hollow nor jutting mounds to be seen.'"*  
[20:105]

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Almost all the mountains on Earth are lower than they were when Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad looked out at them. It's only the mountain in modern man's mind that grows ever higher. But at least the chair lifts we have today make journeys to the top far more pleasant and the snowy slopes a joyful challenge to ski down. Today is a wonderful day to be alive if you can feast on the blessings of the Judeo-Christian world as would a

caliph, emir, king, pasha, prince, shah, sheik, sultan or wazir. But the poor know nothing about that.

The “*hollow*” in your mind is the cave of your imagination. The “*jutting mounds*” are twin peaks that call to you with a maternal urgency for self-love and soulful self-regard. A mountain without self-love and soulful self-regard is just a mountain, a desolate waste of thoughts you pile higher and higher with no concern for your need to climb them. Such thoughts will, eventually, be reduced to dust. But you’ll still end up thanking **GOD** for the dust you return to. <sup>106</sup>

*“Thus, have We sent it down:  
a Quran in the Arabic tongue,  
and proclaimed in it warnings  
and threats so that they may take heed  
and be admonished.  
Exalted be Allah,  
the true king.”  
[20:113-114]*

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the true *King*.”

The KING of the Jews is GOD. When the Romans asked Jesus if HE was the KING of the Jews, HE knew they were baiting HIM with a political question, not a religious question. He had to choose between Caesar, the king of the Romans, and our KING. Jesus is now called the PRINCE of peace. He’s the “how” {love} that comes between the “what” {wisdom} and the “why” {devotion}. The true King is the one who teaches us that wisdom, love and devotion will lead some of us to self-redemption.

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<sup>106</sup> Ecclesiastes 3:19-22: “FOR WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHILDREN OF MAN AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BEASTS IS THE SAME; AS ONE DIES, SO DIES THE OTHER. THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME BREATH, AND MAN HAS NO ADVANTAGE OVER THE BEASTS, FOR ALL IS VANITY. ALL GO TO ONE PLACE. ALL ARE FROM THE DUST, AND TO DUST ALL RETURN. WHO KNOWS WHETHER THE SPIRIT OF MAN GOES UPWARD AND THE SPIRIT OF THE BEAST GOES DOWN INTO THE EARTH? SO I SAW THAT THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN THAT A MAN SHOULD REJOICE IN HIS WORK, FOR THAT IS HIS LOT. WHO CAN BRING HIM TO SEE WHAT WILL BE AFTER HIM?” The Book of Ecclesiastes is Greek for קהלת {KOHELET: gatherer or teacher} written between 400-250 B.C.E.

If you want to be a prince of peace there's only one way to do it. The only princess GOD ever spoke about in HIS kingdom was Sarah, whose name literally refers to her nobility. For a man to become a prince in **GOD's** eyes, he should treat the women in his life like princesses, with respect, whether, or not, he thinks they deserve honor. Then the princess {x<sup>2</sup>} he'll then discover within himself will be the aspects of virtue that'll give him the sense of nobility he yearns for. All men and women around you are, therefore, for practice in becoming a prince and princess in your own eyes.

Every gay man begins life as a princess. It isn't until his mother dies that he becomes a queen. We have a natural understanding of our x<sup>2</sup> factor, a mystery we struggle to understand every day of our life regardless of how blue our eyes are or how blue our blood is... <sup>107</sup>

You can discover the truth without converting to another religion. You can discover the truth without having sex with someone of the same gender or by changing your gender or economic station. You can discover the truth whether you're circumcised or baptized, and whether that rite was officiated by a man, a woman or someone in between.

*“Do not be quick to recite the Quran  
before its revelation is complete,  
but rather say:  
‘Lord,  
increase my knowledge.’”  
[20:114]*

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before its revelation is complete,  
but rather say:  
‘Lord,  
increase my knowledge.’”*

Say: Lord, grow the branches of my tree; shine your light on my leaves of embarrassment; allow me to be fruitful and multiply; and inspire my roots to embrace only **YOU**, because **YOU** are my **ONE** and only **ROCK**. If I cannot wrap my roots around **YOU**, I will despair.

*“Lord,  
he will say,  
‘Why have You brought me blind before You*

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<sup>107</sup> European royalty was once referred to as “blue bloods.” It insinuated that their blood was so much richer and more important than ours that it wasn't red, the common color of blood, but exotically royal blue. Blue bloods are those who are closest to indigo, the mystery of life that lies in the rainbow.

*when I had once been clear-sighted?”*

[20:125]

“Lord,  
he will say,

‘Why have **YOU** brought me blind before **YOU**  
when I had once been clear sighted?’”

A Muslim takes up the questions presented by the Jew and Christian with renewed vigor from a new place in inner space. But if he asks the same questions about life with devotion rather than wisdom, love *and* devotion, he’ll only incur **GOD’s** anger. (If you came to a middle school class and asked questions about an assignment the rest of the students had already completed, would you be surprised if the teacher ridiculed rather than praised you?)

*“Why have **YOU** brought me blind before **YOU** when I had once been clear sighted?”*

The answer, obviously, is to teach you to see something you couldn’t see before. The clear sighted are often women and gay men who may surprise or shock you with what they can see about you that you’re blind to.

What we call a political spectrum that appears to be a line with two ends is actually an adjustable ring that overlaps. Extremists at both ends speak like one another and echo each other’s foolishness, hatred and meanness. It’s become impossible tell the anti-Semites on the extreme right from the anti-Zionists on the extreme left because their feelings are equally hateful even if they’ve chosen different ways to get to their scapegoats.

The gay community has been duped by the anti-Zionists on the far left, and the **JEW**s have been duped by the anti-Semites on the far right. But when you imagine the political spectrum as a ring, not a line, you’ll be better able to determine where you want to center yourself.

**GOD** brings us blind before **HIM** in prayer to help us see that we’re not as clear sighted as we think. This teaches us to use our nose to search for **HIM**, rather than just our eyes and ears. This teaches us to go further within for answers. The beautiful externally are sometimes ugly inside. And the ugly externally are sometimes beautiful within. But with your eyes and ears alone, you’ll never be able to tell good from evil.

Those with poor hindsight {past}, insight {present} and foresight {future} often attempt to lead the blind. Listen to yourself instead. Don’t follow others without asking yourself where that road is taking you. The immodest will turn to the defeated, who, in turn, will turn to the humiliated for direction. Don’t go along with others just to be popular with a particular social set.

The Sufis may literally turn around themselves, but only those gracious souls who understand why they’re turning will see why they’re going where they’re going. Rotation, not just one revolution after another, makes for a “heavenly” body. You’ve got to make your way around yourself to know yourself.

*“Do not regard with envy  
what We have given some among them to enjoy  
- the flower of the present life -  
for with this  
We seek only to try them.  
better is your Lord’s provision,  
and more lasting.”*  
[20:131]

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what **WE** have given some among them to enjoy  
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better is your Lord’s provision,  
and more lasting.”*

You don’t need to end up twice in a mental institution, as I did, to discover that spiritual nuts like me are similar to fruits because they both come from trees. The flower of the present life given to you by the Lord is yours to enjoy if you’ve been granted the comforts of a spiritual life. But there’ll come a day when you’ll realize you’re no longer in the springtime of your year. When you reach late September, it’ll be harvest season, and your flowers will have turned to seeds, nuts or ripened fruits. If you’ve been fruitful internally, you’ll have multiplied the Lord’s provision in many wonderful ways. If you’ve married yourself for better or worse for the next season, the young adult in you will, surely, beget an inner child. You’ll have mothered you in the best ways your mother mothered you. You’ll have fathered you in the best ways your father fathered you. And you’ll have raised yourself to be proud of who you’ve become in your own eyes. Everything that happens externally is just for practice in achieving blessings from within.

*“Have they not been given sufficient proof in previous Scriptures?”*  
[20:133]

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I suppose not. And after 1,400 years, it looks like they still need more proof. I suggest you give it to them. The Quran is a great resource for proof if you know what you’re looking for in the way of proof from **GOD** that we’re all in this together. If you think not, the Quran becomes just one more Abrahamic weapon to make poor people miserable.

*“You shall learn  
who has followed the even path  
and who has been rightly guided.”  
[20:135]*

“You shall learn  
who has followed the even path  
and who has been rightly guided.”

In the end, you shall judge yourself with **GOD**'s guidance. Who else can you trust? Who else do you need to trust you? You may think you need GOD/GOD/*God* to trust yourself more, but you'll only succeed in that quest if you earn more of your own trust. Achieving that is the mystery of *Ta Ha*. Every letter of every word in every language counts. Learn how to spell your own name and you'll come to know **GOD**.

*Surah 21*  
سورة الأنبياء  
*The Prophets*

The Age of Prophecy in Judaism ended 2,500 years ago. The Age of Prophecy in Islam ended 1,442 years ago with the Prophet Muhammad. And the Age of Prophecy in Christianity never came to pass.

For Islam to consider Jesus a prophet might be perceived of as an insult to Christians. He was neither a Prophet nor an emissary of GOD. He was HIS SON and the PRINCE of HIS kingdom according to Christian doctrine.

There's simply no way to describe Jesus in any other WORDS because Christians purport that HE was the personification of GOD's love in human form. He was all of HIS heart. They say HE's the antidote to the jealousy and envy that arises when we conclude GOD plays favorites with HIS children.

Jesus made HIS followers aware of the need for wisdom of the heart. HE presented them with the proposal that GOD loves us to death. And still, love remains an emotion we'll never be able to fully express in WORDS. It can only be expressed in those special ways GOD has personally shaped you as an expression of love.

If Christians want to describe GOD as love, let them do so, so long as they don't say that love is all that matters in life. We know their whole religion is illogical.  $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$  if you're using their method of counting from within. We know Christianity makes no sense because it comes from a place in man that doesn't need to make sense: his heart. Feelings can contradict one another. Your heart can feel more than one feeling simultaneously. Feelings can come and go. And, as we all know, feelings can be influenced by desires.

Islam has to make sense because it's founded upon the Judeo-Christian thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires that came before it. But only if you combine Islamic teaching with Judeo-Christian teaching do you come to a revelation worthy of redemption. What's the point of expressing your devotion to GOD, GOD or *God* if you don't use that to embrace all life on Earth? What's the point of any "thing" if your things count more than people?

Without redemption, there's no reason for having been given life. Redemption is a buy now, pay later perspective on life that makes sense if you don't abuse the system. But many have bought in to getting any "thing" they want in life. And they don't plan to pay for their envy, gluttony, greed, lust, pride, sloth and wrath in their lifetime. Who can't surmise today that dying in spiritual debt would be a terrible way of leaving tomorrow?

The Abrahamic faiths are all rational if you combine them, and all irrational if you don't. Until you add them together  $\{1 + 1 + 1\}$  to come to the ONE answer that makes sense: you – you're only experiencing thoughts, feelings and beliefs in a vacuum. You're not doing anything with your desire to earn more out of life.

That's why we need moral guidance in addition to raw desire. If you listen to Christian music; watch what they've accomplished in dance; if you look at their contribution to the fields of art, architecture and literature; if you marvel at their contributions to finance, health care, science and technology – you see they're the masters of them all. But that's not because they're smarter than the rest of us. It's because they're more heartfelt. GOD

obviously loves those who love **HIM**. But you can't love **HIM** more than you can love yourself.

And yet, love is not enough. And unconditional love is a very mixed blessing unless you understand that sticks and carrots {tough and tender love} are the two extremes of unconditional love. You've got to find the wisdom and devotion necessary for your love to last a lifetime. Love is part of the process, not the answer to it.

Life isn't a question with one answer. Life isn't a problem with a solution. Life is a syndrome. It's a combination of experiences you should work out from the inside out. In the same way, a dancer will tell you that grace is the consequence of muscles that have been trained to work in groups. You should discover the complex, moral factors that contribute to your syndromes if you seek grace.

Christians should come to terms with the fact that Jews will fight to the death to insure that Hitler doesn't get a place in "heaven." Such evil must die an eternal death. And claiming your love for Jesus on your deathbed is no substitute for a life poorly lived. Justice would mean nothing if mercy and forgiveness could simply wipe away all sin. Life isn't a dress rehearsal. For life to be real, life must have consequences after life.

The "love" of European Christendom produced centuries of bloodshed and crusades in the name of **GOD**. The "love" of white Americans for other white Americans recreated the slavery they'd read about in Torah. And it was the "love" Germanic "love" for the Third Reich and their demented idea of a Fatherland that produced the systematic murder of 6,000,000 Jews in **CHRISTIAN** death camps.

Surely, **CHRISTIAN** "love," like **JEWISH** "wisdom" and *Muslim* "devotion" is something that ought to have remained in **GOD's** hands, not given to man. But **HE** chose to give us the capacity to seek wisdom, love and devotion, and we're going to need to learn to love ourselves wisely and devotedly if we're going to persevere as a species. We must work together to share the gifts **GOD** gave us.

Today, it's not unconditional love, but unconditional loyalty, that's recreating the mistakes we see in history. Blind devotion to *Islam* without Jewish wisdom and Christian love is the latest recipe for disaster. People are anxious, overly helpful, argumentative and rebellious because of their loyalty to death, not their love of life.

**JEW**s suffers from the silver spoon syndrome. **CHRISTIANS** suffer from the golden spoon syndrome. *Muslims* suffer from the platinum spoon syndrome. The differences between *them* and *us* will only get wider. Maybe when they see that their guilt is growing so great that they're eventually going to advocate killing and eating gay-Jews will they realize what they're doing. Their loyalty is worsening their fate.

Moses authored Torah to describe **GOD's** first revelation to the world through the Jewish people. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were Jews who wrote the Gospels to describe Christ's second revelation to the world. And the Prophet Muhammad, a non-Jew, recited the Quran to describe *Allah's* third revelation to the world.

These revelations all came from the same **GOD**. **HE** wasn't contradicting **HIMSELF** or replacing one Scripture with another. **HIS** goal was to teach us to unite **HIS** wisdom, love and loyalty into one person. That person is you. Stop and have nosh. Eating me won't satisfy your hunger...

The changes you see in the world around you are the combined effects of billions of people being influenced by **GOD's** wisdom, love and loyalty and the mysteries **HE** enveloped into **HIS** designs anonymously. Going East will illuminate you to the blessings of your faith.

To think you've been given the answers to all the questions in the universe through the faith you were born into is preposterous. Why would **GOD** give something so important to one group of people as prejudiced and imperfect as yours? **HE'd** have to have been crazy to have put all **HIS** trust in one faith or **philosophy** alone. Surely, you don't need to feel rejected by the whole world, as the L.G.B.T+ community has been, to understand that much.

Love needs a reason to be. Love without reason creates autonomy, not freedom. **GOD** created Christianity after Judaism so we'd have a sense of political freedom before we worked on creating liberty in our hearts. **GOD** may love us to death, but we have no good reason for trying to recreate **HIS** love the same way... Rejecting someone from your family because you don't like the way he expresses his love privately is absurd. Killing people to save them from "hell" is cruel and shortsighted. And killing them so you'll receive a "heavenly" reward for having relieved yourself of your guilt is simply insane. You might as well go back to cannibalism to ingest other people's blessings.

As we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> surah of the Quran on prophets, let's make sure we're clear about the fact that there were 48 prophets who professed to the Jews during the 1,000 years after the revelations of Moses. But the Age of Prophecy ended with the prophet מְלָאכִי {MALACHI: messenger} around 420 B.C.E. The Age of Prophecy in Islam began with Adam and ended with the Prophet Muhammad. None of that means you can't be a messenger unto yourself.

In the previous surah, a Muslim soulfully asked, "*Why have **YOU** brought me blind before **YOU** when I had once been clear sighted.*" In other words, why did **YOU** create me when **YOU** already had Jews and Christians to do **YOUR** bidding? Why have you left me with doubts? The answer to these questions should, by now, be obvious. Yet the **JEW**, **CHRISTIAN** and *Muslim* still refuses to ask them of himself. When you live by the law of an eye for an eye, you end up blind to the whole truth, and left with nothing but your own truth.<sup>108</sup>

*"The Day of Reckoning for mankind is drawing near,  
yet they blithely persist in nonbelief.*

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<sup>108</sup> "IF THERE IS SERIOUS INJURY, YOU ARE TO TAKE LIFE FOR LIFE, EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH, HAND FOR HAND, FOOT FOR FOOT, BURN FOR BURN, WOUND FOR WOUND, BRUISE FOR BRUISE." [Exodus 21:23-25] "YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' BUT I SAY TO YOU, DO NOT RESIST AN EVIL PERSON; BUT WHOEVER SLAPS YOU ON YOUR RIGHT CHEEK, TURN THE OTHER TO HIM ALSO." [Matthew 5:38] And as you turn one cheek toward the other, look at your perspective on the world change.

*They listen with ridicule to each fresh warning  
that their Lord gives them:  
their hearts are set on pleasure.”*  
[21:1-2]

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yet they blithely persist in nonbelief.  
They listen with ridicule to each fresh warning  
that their Lord gives them:  
their hearts are set on pleasure.”

Instead of asking why he comes before *Allāh* blind, today’s Muslim clearly sees that men’s hearts are set on pleasure, and he’s incensed by it because of his penis envy. He’s unwilling to question his feelings of rage because he’s afraid of what he may see inside. He realizes he has a desire for resentment, even if he doesn’t go as far as taking physical revenge.

The Day of Reckoning for mankind is as close and as far away as it’s ever been. It’s your reckoning with yourself that’s only getting closer. You don’t persist in insufficient belief out of ignorance, as the indigenists of the Middle East did during the life of the Prophet. You persist out of denial.

The opposite of faith isn’t denial. It’s habitual certainty. Many insist on believing that their GOD/GOD/*God* hates all those people they can’t abide, including those in the other cars on the freeway, those in the crowded malls who get in their way, and those in line before them at the supermarket. They may even believe **HĒ** hates all the parts of themselves they hate, such as their face, hips, thighs, etc. These are all pretty big assumptions!

How else should you come before Y.H.V.H. Jesus or *Allāh* other than professing blindness? The last thing you want **GOD** to be looking at when you approach **HIM** is your anus. For you know that when your eyes perceive **HIS** face, you’ll suddenly see the truth you’ve been eluding all your life. And then you may look back with regret at the horrible mistakes you made jumping from truth to truth to truth in your effort to avoid the whole truth. But your fate will, by then, be sealed.

You might criticize me by saying I’ve created a god besides your GOD/GOD/*God*. You might say that I’m suggesting that *Allāh* isn’t the last and final name of **GOD**. You’ll surely tell yourself anything you want to hear to avoid changing the way you’re believing and behaving if you don’t see your guilty conscience.

It’s not that there’s more than **ONE GOD**. It’s that you behave as though there is only your one GOD/GOD/*God*. The forces within you are disconnected from one another, and so you project an illusion you can’t contain onto the world we share. You look at life through peep holes, but think you see it all.

If you’re unable to overcome your prejudices against others, that can only be because you haven’t earned the self-respect you need to be given permission by **GOD** to grow,

improve and evolve. You're, surely, so accustomed to your idiosyncratic, annoying, character defects that you don't even care that you've got them. But ask any stranger or those who know you well. They'd be able to produce a long list of grievances about you in a minute. Your blind spots aren't to blacks. Your blind spots aren't to gays or Jews. Your blind spots are to you.

Unfortunately, others' opinions of you are virtually useless to you. To change your mind about yourself, transform your feelings for yourself and then transcend yourself with loyalty to self-evolution, you're going to want to work both from the inside out and the outside in. You're going to want to heal in both worlds simultaneous. And all the prophets of Islam from Adam to Muhammad may be of some help to you in that sense. But you can't get from here to "there" without the gays and Jews.

The quirky differences we see in ourselves can't be changed, transformed or transcended without **GOD's** approval. You won't be able to see yourself; improve yourself; or evolve – without expressing loyalty, first and foremost, to the women who enter your life each day. And the more you can show that loyalty to your mother, the more powerful you'll become by far. Only then will you be allowed to experience the  $x^2$  factor that's driving your  $y$  or  $x^1$  to distraction in the external world.

Matters of the heart begin with your Eve, the metaphoric object of love you fixed upon in infancy, whether that was your mother or a primary caregiver. Matters of the heart advanced to the complex issues of having projected the three faces of your Eve {Sarai, Hagar, Sarah} out onto all women. The women in your life represent your Sarai {anger}, Hagar {sorrow} and Sarah {composure, calm, tranquility}. These projections of your feelings culminated with a sense of Mary { $x^2$ } when you fell in love for the first time. And matters of your heart spill over the lip of your cup into your saucer even now.

*“Some say,  
it is but a medley of dreams.’  
Others,  
‘He has invented it himself.’  
And yet others,  
‘He is a poet.  
Let him show us some signs,  
as did the apostles in days gone by.”  
[21:4-5] <sup>109</sup>*

*“Some say,  
it is but a medley of dreams.’  
Others,  
‘He has invented it himself.’  
And yet others,  
‘He is a poet.*

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<sup>109</sup> Some say the Quran is but a medley of dreams.

Let him show us some signs,  
as did the apostles in days gone by.”

You can't be an apostle or a prophet. Those jobs were taken, and so they're not available anymore. If you want to participate in the game of life, and not merely be a cheerleader at halftime or a Monday morning quarterback, you're going to want to strive to become an emissary of the Lord.

You're going to want to become an ambassador of goodwill beginning with tough and tender love, appropriately given, just as **GOD** determines how you deserve the bounty of your own message. You're going to want to compare and contrast **GOD's** plan. And then

you're going to want to analyze your findings to discover your own way of improving yourself with the wisdom, love and devotion measured out to you.

Some will conclude they've got to follow the plan only in the way they've been told to follow it. They won't question what they know. They'll only know by the way things turn out whether the way they chose to act was morally sound, or not.

They say, "Don't judge." But if you can't judge, how are you going to adjudicate, appraise, arbitrate, ascertain, assess, estimate, evaluate, mediate, referee, rank or umpire? Judging requires pure thinking without emotional interference.

What they really mean is that you should watch yourself to make sure you aren't judging anyone using only your desires. Don't put the outcome before the method. Don't put your desired ends before your means, or you'll be tempted to cut moral corners. Don't let your ego become your only amigo.

And if you're obsessed with one, particular outcome, question your conscience because you may be unconsciously allowing old fashioned, traditional beliefs to interfere with your assessment of others. You might be amazed to discover how little effort is needed to tolerate people you tell yourself to despise. If **GOD** can tolerate you, you should be able to tolerate people who disgust you. To the extent that you can tolerate you, you'll be able to tolerate the awesome, constant presence of **GOD**.

The Quran was written by a poet who was also an emissary of the Lord. In Islam, the Prophet is referred to deferentially as the Prophet. In Judaism and Christianity we should refer to him as a *God's* emissary. In fact, if we're going to use the Muslim third step up to **GOD's** throne in a personal and humanitarian way, we should imagine him as **GOD's** emissary. We should add together what we all know to find inclusive results that'll help everyone thrive.

Statues of Moses and Jesus depict leaders who changed the course of mankind. The Prophet changed the course of mankind, too, but only for those who wished to change the course of mankind by combining what came before them within themselves. We shouldn't draw pictures or build statues of the Prophet because his face and body are universal, spiritual templates of you for you to emulate in becoming an emissary unto yourself.

I'm a poet. I'm also a man striving to become an emissary. I'm doing my best to rewrite the handwriting on the wall in an effort to teach others how to reread what's already been written. I'm a medley of dreams and nightmares just like everyone else. I, too, know that if I don't follow **GOD's** footsteps as imprinted for me alone, I'll be forced to live out my

fate. But if I do follow the footsteps **HE** leaves me, I'll get to live out my destiny. This brings personal meaning to the **WORD** "gift."

My path doesn't mean I have to convert to Christianity or Islam. I won't have to give up my boyfriend to live the straight life most of the world so admires. It only requires that I strive to become a better gay-Jew. It only requires that I wake up to the importance my faith in me plays with regard to the outcome of the world. I'm not incidental to history. I help make history. I matter.

I can figuratively hear that I have a speech impediment. I sometimes sound like Moses, stuttering to get my ideas arranged in a way that'll be heard and make sense.<sup>110</sup> I know I have a lot to learn before I'll be fully able to use English like my mother tongue even though I was born in the United States and didn't learn any language before English.

My mother spoke to me in English since the day I was born, but it wasn't her mother tongue. **GOD** saw fit to take my mother's voice away when I was four years old in a thyroid operation that went horribly wrong, leaving her only able to whisper. I had to learn from her with my eyes more than my ears. But because my eyesight was so poor, I could barely make out what she was trying to say in body language unless I stood physically very close to her. What it means to me to be close to my mother is still a physical proximity more than anything else.

When her voice miraculously came back when I was six years old, that coincided with me starting school, where I was then tested and fitted for glasses. I was suddenly able to see, and she was slowly able to speak in a normal volume again. But even though I was, then, able to stand further away from her to appreciate what she was saying, I remained close to her essentially. Now that she's senile, demented and physically far away, I need to behave in a whole, new and tender way with her from within. She's here, but not all there. Soon she'll be all "there," but no longer here.

Today's challenge in thinking about my senile mom isn't achievable without me recognizing that my poetic, speech impediment is, in part, the result of having been obsessive {internally} and compulsive {externally}. Today's challenge with my poetic, speech impediment is the result of a relationship with a stranger I have unplanned rendezvous with within.

Obsessions are thoughts that repeat as though there were a broken record being played inside. They're thoughts I can't shake because I don't have the confidence to believe I can string them together to perceive an idea that's meaningful to me. Obsessions stem from metaphors I haven't explored for edification of the way I behave toward me. They're my mind's way of telling me that what I'm thinking about is a message I'm trying to give myself in metaphoric form. When I explore all sides of the obsessions that go around in my head, I discover a message in metaphoric form that I've been trying to communicate to me.

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<sup>110</sup> "MOSES SAID TO THE LORD, 'PARDON YOUR SERVANT, LORD. I HAVE NEVER BEEN ELOQUENT, NEITHER IN THE PAST NOR SINCE YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO YOUR SERVANT. I AM SLOW OF SPEECH AND TONGUE.'" [EXODUS 4:10] Note that Moses spoke about himself in the third-person {your servant}. This distance on himself made it possible for him to control his anger and the speech impediment it produced.

Although I'm a tree planted in a familial garden, I'm also a tree in a national American grove. The extension of the grove where I live includes the institutions I participate in. This grove is part of a greater Western orchard. My internal and external worlds are mirrors of a landscape I'm here to understand. My nature is real, even though it may be polluted. To the extent that I can clean up my nature, I can learn to communicate with myself.

But my life is also like a prison, an orphanage and a hospital. As an inmate, an orphan and a patient, I need to come to recognize the parts I'm here to play in the advancement of the institutions around me. My growth depends on my understanding that I'm an inmate of my body, an orphan in the family of man that's abandoned me in some very significant ways and a patient in a hospital who's doing his best to heal from severe mental traumas in my past. I must participate morally more in the world outside my inner world to earn the rewards from **GOD** necessary to go down deeper within.

Compulsions are external habits I create to achieve fluidity and ease in the world we share. When my habits are disrupted, the disruption often causes severe angst and impatience because it's a sign that **GOD** is challenging my peace of mind from the outside in. My compulsions are desires that then make me want to harmonize the external world with my inner cacophony.

This harmony may be called fitting in, looking good or being popular. It also goes under the heading of acclimatization, accommodation, adaptation, assimilation and integration. This was the struggle Abram accomplished with those around him that Lot did not.

Don't judge **GOD's** designs before you can see something beautiful in it for you. The exoduses of the Jews from one country to the next; the **CHRISTIAN** crusades against the Muslims; and jihads against the Christians – all over the land **GOD** gave to us alone – have become opportunities today for everyone to personalize his struggle in becoming spiritually grounded. Today's wars in the Middle East will end when the war inside you becomes an earnest struggle with **GOD** rather than a projection of your self-hatred onto others. This will turn your inner wasteland into an Israel of your own making.

The class curve in the school of life affects everyone's grades, even those who graduate in an untimely manner. But there's a private school in you and a public school around you. If you don't study harder today than you did yesterday, you won't graduate with honors from either. Either way you'll get exactly what you deserve for whatever efforts you made to improve upon you. But if you haven't worked for the return of all the land of Israel to the Jews after having read these words, expect the worst.

*“The apostles We sent before you  
were but men whom We inspired.  
Ask the people of the book  
if you do not know this.”*  
[21:7]

“The apostles **WE** sent before you  
were but men whom **WE** inspired.  
Ask the people of the book

if you do not know this.”

Ask those who are wise who inspired those who are loving, and they’ll tell you it was GOD who made it all possible. Ask those who are loving who inspired those who are wise, and they’ll tell you it was GOD who made it all possible. Ask those who are devoted who inspired those who are wise and loving, and they’ll tell you it was *God* who made it all possible. Surely, people see only what they’ve been conditioned to look at.

The real people of the book in the modern sense of the WORD are the L.G.B.T+ community. But why should such a person have to hide these days? Sixty-nine countries in the world still criminalize gay sex. Gays and A.s can’t go to most synagogues, churches or mosques and be themselves. And yet, we were created at this time in HISTORY to teach everyone in this world how to take the next spiritual step forward.

Your spirituality may be on automatic pilot. You may not realize you’re only the kind of model of righteous behavior your conscience allows you to perceive. You may only need to perceive how well you’ve done in the past to change your opinion of how you’re doing now. You’re living your reward. Do you really wish to die to receive your punishments?

The Jews are, technically speaking, the people of the scroll. There were no books when Moses told his story. His story was written on parchment. The people of the first books were the Christians.<sup>111</sup>

A text that may be the oldest copy of the Gospels known to exist – a fragment of the Gospels of Mark – was written on papyrus before the year 90 C.E. It was written on a sheet of papyrus that was later reused to create a mask worn by a mummy.

When the Quran was first recorded, the then-modern invention of paper was spreading throughout the Middle East and Europe. Today, with the advent of e-books, books are literally being written in thin air. This is a good time to remember *Allah*.

Praise be to **GOD** who’s disseminating **HIS** WORD today without parchment, papyrus or paper. Let’s save the animals, grasses and trees.

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<sup>111</sup> “The very first attempts to transcribe symbols onto moveable materials were the Samaritans who lived in southern Mesopotamia around 3,500 B.C.E. The earliest surviving Papyrus scrolls that contain written words date back to around 2,400 B.C.E., originating in Egypt. Parchment goes back to 500 B.C.E. In 200 B.C.E. wax tablets were developed by the Romans and Greeks. The tablets were blocks of wood coated in wax allowing them to be written upon using a stylus, and later erased for re-use...A Chinese eunuch named Cai Lun invented papermaking for the intention of writing and used a combination of mulberries, bark, hemp, old rags and even used fish nets for the creation of the paper pulp, around 105 C.E. Recent archaeological discoveries have been reported from near Dunhuang of paper with writing on it dating from 8 B.C.E., while paper had been used in China for wrapping and padding since 200 B.C.E. Johann Gutenberg holds the distinction of being the inventor of the movable-type printing press. In 1455, Gutenberg produced what is considered to be the first book ever printed: a Latin language Bible, printed in Mainz, Germany.” [Wikipedia]

*“And now We have delivered a book for your admonishment.  
Will you not understand?”  
[21:10]*

*“And now We have delivered a book for your admonishment.  
Will you not understand?”*

People have no idea they have no idea what they'd do without the Quran. They may think they'd be fine with Judaism or Christianity alone. They may think they'd be able to point fingers as freely as they do now. But do you remember the bare ground on top of your head before you were born? Do you remember the first sprouts on your head that began the garden that's now facing **GOD**? Or do you only remember the weeds that began to choke your underarms and rise up from between your legs?

And what of immigrant strangers who came to your country with dirt beneath their nails? Do you remember the feeling of getting your hands dirty in dirt? How easy it is for you now to point a well-manicured cuticle with its polished nail at others. Spoiled fruit! Some of you are rotten to the core!

Loyalty, not love, is what we're fighting about today. People are so loving that they think they only need to convince one another how to behave more lovingly toward others. They complain about decorum. They complain about family values when it was family values that got us into this mess in the first place. In fact, they need to teach themselves how to behave more loyally toward themselves while behaving as fairly as possible towards all others. This is far more challenging than fighting over who loves you.

Your mommy isn't a Democrat. Your daddy isn't a Republican. Your rabbi, priest, pastor, minister, imam or cleric isn't an independent. And you aren't playing fair if you always play it only one way.

The process of recording **GOD's/GOD's/God's** **WORD/WORD/Word** will always be difficult for us individually from within, but we must be vigilant in preserving **HIS** intention through the medium of the day in which we live. Today's medium is virtual reality. If we can teach our children to read words to seek their virtual meanings, we should be able to teach them to discern good from evil, right from wrong and better from worse. If we can teach children to weed their garden, not just covet the hair on their head, eyebrows and eye lashes, we can teach adults to transform ghettos into parks. If we can teach people to discern the difference between a Jew, Gentile and Muslim, rest assured, we can give them hope for a better day.

*“It was not in sport  
that We created the heavens and the earth  
and all that lies between them.  
Had it been Our will to find a diversion,  
We could have found one near at hand.”  
[21:16-17]*

“It was not in sport  
that **WE** created the ‘heavens’ and the Earth  
and all that lies between them.  
Had it been **OUR** will to find a diversion,  
We could have found one near at hand.”

The problem with sports as a diversion from spiritual growth is that sports involves competition for the sake of determining winners, which also creates losers. And, as we know, winners tend to become lazy, and losers tend to become dispirited and vindictive. Politics has turned into a sport. Religion has turned into a game.

Once we change the nature of the games people play to discern a winner as a master of the self, the need to keep score with others will disappear, and the life will take on new and deeper meaning.<sup>112</sup> If you live life for a beneficial outcome for us all, your spiritual values will take precedence. The institutions of sound governance will, like the symbols of your faith, be refilled with meaning. And your children will have a chance to enjoy the blessings of life.

*“Indeed,  
We will hurl truth at falsehood,  
until truth shall triumph  
and falsehood be no more.  
Woe betide you,  
for all the falsehoods you have uttered.”*  
[21:18]

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**WE** will hurl truth at falsehood,  
until truth shall triumph  
and falsehood be no more.  
Woe betide you,  
for all the falsehoods you have uttered.”

Lying is one form of falsehood. Denial is another. But there’s a third form of falsehood, and that’s ignorance. You can ignorantly promote falsehoods without knowing it or having any malevolent intention of doing so. And for this, too, you shall be judged by the ways in which you play the game. There are winners and losers with good reason. If your only goal is to make it to tomorrow with more money than you have today, you’re a loser. If your goal is to be of assistance to the next generation, you’re a winner. Honey will bring you money. Money won’t bring you honey. Therefore, it’s in your own best interest to become a master over you, not a puppet in a show.

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<sup>112</sup> Games People Play The Psychology of Human Relationships; a bestselling 1964 book by psychiatrist Eric Berne (Jewish).

“Say:  
‘Show us your proof.  
Here are the scriptures of today  
and those of long ago.’  
But most of them know not the truth,  
and this is why they pay no heed.”  
[21:23-24]

“Say:  
‘Show us your proof.  
Here are the Scriptures of today  
and those of long ago.’  
But most of them know not the truth,  
and this is why they pay no heed.”

The Scriptures before the Quran were obvious to one and all in the Middle East at that time. People pay no heed today because they insist on not knowing more than they absolutely have to. They insist on remaining ignorant of some facts because they’d rather hate whomever they choose. Therefore, the ignorant get what they deserve: autonomy instead of freedom; anxiety instead of liberty; and self-indulgence instead of emancipation. Such is the evidence **GOD** uses to determine how you die; when you die; and with what you will come before **HIM**.

You must observe and keep up with the awarenesses the young people of today spread unconsciously. They have the seeds of tomorrow inside them, and they’re full of desire to share what they’ve got, even if they don’t yet know what they’re doing. Therefore, teach them to sow in order to reap. Teach them to reap in order to eat. Teach them to eat in order to grow. And teach them to grow in order to be fruitful and multiply. If you can teach them to cherish what they unconsciously already have, but don’t know they possess, they’ll bless you in many wonderful ways.

The problem with magic is that it comes and goes. One moment you feel like the sorcerer. The next moment you feel like his apprentice. What changed? What went wrong? How did you hold the book of magic, so securely in your hand one moment and then let its magic slip through your fingers the next?

The answer can be summed up in one word: self-appreciation. You didn’t appreciate who you were. You were only thinking of others or about **GOD**, **GOD** or *God*. Don’t forget to appreciate everything you do inside. Whether you’re pleased with results on the outside is always going to waver. But the more you appreciate yourself from within, the sweeter you’ll become. Those you paid for that degree on your wall didn’t teach you that.

The Christians didn’t lose out when they admitted to themselves that they didn’t deserve Israel. It had been given by **GOD** to the Jews, and the Christians finally realized that their efforts to take it away from us went against **GOD**’s will.

The Muslims aren't going to lose out when they come to admit that *God* didn’t give Israel to them anymore than **HE** gave Israel to the Christians. Continuing this falsehood is

only going to make matters worse for everyone in his lifetime and in the life to come. Israel will only be safe when there's a three-state solution that recreates the state of Israel in each one of us.

The Muslims, surely, don't believe they deserve what they're getting in the Middle East. And the *Muslims*, surely, do believe they're giving their enemies exactly what they deserve. But it's only with our compassionate regard for their ignorance that they're going to awaken to the self-appreciation they need to further their real goals, the goals outlined in the Quran as interpreted for a new age.

For us {gays and lesbians} to get behind **GOD** and then peek out and point fingers at the unfortunate would be vindictive and wrong. It's the sort of behavior befitting a young child, not a people who've been maligned for millennia. We, too, must work patiently with others to help them see the truth for themselves. The fact that our tongue is as sharp as it is, is but one part of **GOD**'s designs.

*“We inspired all the apostles  
We sent before you, saying,  
‘There is no god but Me.  
Therefore, serve Me.’”  
[21:25]*

**“WE** inspired all the Apostles  
WE sent before you, saying,  
**‘THERE IS NO GOD BUT ME.**  
Therefore, serve **ME.**”

The unexpected change of tone in the last line of this passage is remarkable. “Serve **ME.**” Don't serve ME, ME or *Me*. When you serve only one of those three, you serve yourself selfishly. You serve evil unconsciously. And then it's no wonder you conclude that no good deed ever goes unpunished.

You can become an emissary of truth if you devote yourself to tilling your own garden slowly and carefully. The little patch of “heaven” on Earth **GOD** has put in your imagination is enough to plant seeds that'll help awaken the world to **HIM** through your deeds. The more you illuminate yourself to self-appreciation, the more you're going to see miracles – like rays of light and rainbows of hope – dance across the landscape of your soul. The more you illuminate yourself to your own mystery, the more you're going to see yourself dance like the flaming tongues of the fire that figuratively talk to us all.

- (1) “They say, ‘THE MERCIFUL HAS BEGOTTEN CHILDREN.’ GOD FORBID! THEY ARE BUT HIS HONORED SERVANTS. THEY DO NOT SPEAK UNTIL HE HAS SPOKEN: THEY ACT BY HIS COMMAND.” [21:26]

(Jewish version)

(2) “They say, ‘**THE MERCIFUL HAS BEGOTTEN CHILDREN.’**GOD** FORBID!  
**THEY ARE BUT HIS HONORED SERVANTS. THEY DO NOT SPEAK UNTIL  
HE HAS SPOKEN: THEY ACT BY HIS COMMAND.**”**

(Christian version)

(3) “They say, ‘*The Merciful has begotten children.*’ *God forbid! They are but His  
honored servants. They do not speak until He has spoken: they act by His  
command.*”

(Muslim version)

(4) “They say, ‘The **MERCIFUL** has begotten children.’ **GOD** forbid! They are but  
**HIS** honored servants. They do not speak until **HE** has spoken: they act by **HIS**  
command.”

(Modern version)

We’re all believers learning to believe in what **GOD/GOD/God** has taught us thus far. Our forefathers were free not to believe in any aspect of **GOD’s**, **GOD’s** or **God’s** plan that didn’t appeal to them. But we don’t have the freedom or liberty any longer not to emancipate ourselves from those who came before us. Many today will make their way through their experiences as best they can in search of their own mindless interpretations of wisdom, love and devotion without **GOD’s** help. You and I don’t have that luxury. We’re bound to **GOD’s** designs. Our conscience has become our only guide. We don’t have the moral luxury of using it only to judge others or what’s in our own best interest.

*“No man before you have We made immortal.  
If you yourself are doomed to die,  
will they live on forever?”  
[21:34] <sup>113</sup>*

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If you yourself are doomed to die,  
will they live on forever?”

The Muslims have no problem believing that the Prophet died. Their devotion to *God* gives them the faith they need to believe he lives on in “heaven,” where they hope to be united with him in the afterlife.

Christians believe the same about Jesus. There’s no doubt that **HE** died. And they have no doubt **HE** lives in “heaven” with their **FATHER**.

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<sup>113</sup> If Muhammad is doomed to die will others not die, as well?

The only problem is with the Jews since we don't believe in eternal life. Nor do we believe in **Reincarnation**. These are but metaphors, symbols and signs of the way we're becoming. Nobody has returned from the dead. Death remains the greatest mystery *in* life after the mystery *of* life.

We all know that the Jews promote life. We all know that the Christians promote the life after life. And we know that the Muslims reject our perspective and focus their attention on death. What's wrong with all of that?

Jews believe in GOD's rewards and punishments for the life we've lived. We believe Moses left the Israelites to go off by himself to die. There's no concrete evidence in the external world that he died.<sup>114</sup> Jews simply take it on faith that Moses died because he was a human being, and all human beings die. What became of him after death isn't up for discussion since no one has ever come back to tell us. Prophets die. The Prophet Muhammad died. Even the SON of GOD died. You may believe HE came back from death, but HE still didn't reveal anything concrete about what HE went through in going through death. You, too, will die.

So if we agree that Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad all died, we should assume that **GOD** wouldn't make an exception for us that **HE** didn't make for the three greatest, religious leaders the world has ever seen. Surely, that should help you put more emphasis on the way you live and die.

That's easy for me to say from my head. But from my heart I find contradictory feelings about my exceptionalism. And from my soul, who knows what conclusions I'll come to by tomorrow? Many live as though there'll be no tomorrow. I think about tomorrow all the time. I earnestly believe in the importance of tomorrow. That's the only reason I make more of an effort today than I could yesterday. My means justify my means. My end will justify my end. I don't want to confuse the two.

You, yourself, are doomed to die. No one leaves this world without dying. In that sense, the Prophet is quite right when he refutes immortality. "*No man before you have We made immortal.*" It's the thought that others might get to live on longer than us that may make some contrary and disagreeable. Even though we may be fated to die before some and after others, the challenge lies in what we do with the time we've still got.

I have to take it on faith that Moses died because it's written in Deuteronomy 34, the last chapter of Torah, that he died. But the autobiography that he is said to have written continues on for a few more paragraphs. The author died, but the words of his main character keep going a little further. WORDS die. But they die more slowly than men. And some WORDS just keep going as though they'll live on forever. Such are the WORDS found in Scripture, both in the Western faiths and Eastern **philosophies**.

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<sup>114</sup>“SO MOSES THE SERVANT OF THE LORD DIED THERE IN THE LAND OF MOAB, ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD, AND HE BURIED HIM IN THE VALLEY IN THE LAND OF MOAB OPPOSITE BETH-PEOR; BUT NO ONE KNOWS THE PLACE OF HIS BURIAL TO THIS DAY.” [Deuteronomy 34:5-6]

be able to agree that the Jews are definitely destined for “hell.” But which “hell” will it be, a “hell” full of Christians or a “hell” full of Muslims?

Two out of the three Abrahamic faiths proclaim that “heaven” will be the reward for those who embrace their belief system. Judaism believes we have the power to make it “heaven” on Earth for everyone if we work together. By those broad definitions, the other two faiths should be able to agree that the Jews are definitely destined for “heaven.” But which “heaven” will it be? If “heaven” will only welcome in CHRISTIANS or *Muslims*, what “hell” is in store for Jews, Christians, Muslims and gays?

It looks like CHRISTIANS have created “hell” for the Jews, Muslims and gays. And it looked like they’re using “hell” to keep their believers under their tight control. It looks like *Muslims* have creating “hell” on Earth for Jews, Christians and gays. And it looks like they’re using “hell” to keep their believers under their tight control. If not for the gays who’ve been blessed with a sharp tongue, how would anyone question today’s lingering dogmas?

The longer we discuss the matter, the more obvious it becomes that “heaven” and “hell” are creations of our desires, not our head, heart and soul. They’re not outcomes that are rational, hopeful or soulful. The more control you get over your own desires, the more you’ll face yourself, not life after death.

After life issues are just another one of those love/hate triangles **GOD** is so fond of creating in which the Jews, gays and women often end up spoiling the dogmas of male believers of every faith and **philosophy**. I wouldn’t gamble on GOD, GOD or *God* being the one true god. But I certainly don’t subscribe to many gods **{Hinduism}** or no god **{Buddhism}**.

I’m just too cynical to buy into these pedestrian sorts of options. Give me a **GOD** who can claim to have a plan big enough to include all man’s ideas of **GOD**, not one who requires you to threaten or kill everyone who doesn’t believe in your GOD, GOD or *God*. I don’t want to fight with anyone. I’d rather argue. I’m very gay-Jewish that way...

I don’t believe mankind makes its way to “heaven” or “hell” through any one of our institutions of faith. I see each of us strolling toward his fate like a fool with time to kill or slithering toward his destiny on his belly like a snake, leaving a trail in the sand for others to choose to follow or flee.

Your moral aptitude and chances of success in life are far more dependent on your inner forces than on the actions you take in the world we share. Therefore, those of us who’ve been elected to focus our attention on our inner world more than the outer world have a contribution to make that could be of value to everyone.

Concluding that someone is worth less because of his skin tone, monetary wealth, physical attraction, sexual preference or religion is a fool. He’s moving towards his fate. I suspect he’s going to be quite upset with himself when it’s all said and done. You don’t have to be able to be a soothsayer who can proclaim what will come next to know that much.

You may choose a car based on the model and color, but it’s the performance of the vehicle you’re in, for a lifetime that makes the real difference over time. There are so many wrecks out on the roads and so few reliable vehicles that hold their value. Surely, you could get under your own hood if you had the proper training. How you operate you isn’t a

mystery once you know what you're doing. I can make a spiritual, grease monkey out of anyone, especially those whose knuckles are already dragging on the ground.

Some people who are very high and mighty might not want to have to go to "heaven" if gays will be there to spoil it for those who see themselves as purity personified. They might feel uncomfortable having so many female virgins while gay men have no virgins and wouldn't even want one. A gay virgin is a pain in the ass...

JEW, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim*s depend on the dogmas of their particular faith to move their followers in the direction they want to see the world going. They all believe in the trickle-down economics of money, while the Jews, Christians and Muslims believe in the trickle-down economics of milk and honey. Who people install at the top of their institutions tells you what they want to receive from the **TOP**. But what happens when *their TOP/TOP/Top* isn't *the TOP*?

**GOD** had to create Jews and gays just to keep the JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* extremists from jumping to too many conclusions about the way it's going to be after the way it's been. Without us to conspire against, they'd have killed one another long ago. Their mischief is only making it easier to separate the men from the gods {boys}.

The imagination of modern man holds many other metaphors, symbols and similes besides the main metaphor of Moses, symbols of Jesus and the analysis of the Prophet Muhammad. The cynical see the main metaphors of life in Western societies as:

1. Life as a farm: everyone's got to work.
2. Life as a family everyone's got to endure
3. Life as a bumpy ride on which we all approach the same two destinations
4. Life as a competitive sport you either win or lose
5. Life as a skill you'd better master: a craft to make you crafty
6. Life as an institution you escape from: a prison, orphanage or insane asylum
7. Life as a school you flunk out of whether or not everyone graduates

If you don't treat life like a farm in which you've got to pull the plow; you're going to find yourself with a bit in your mouth; a saddle on your back; someone sucking your tits to get milk out of you; or someone stealing your eggs. And that's only if you're lucky. If you're unlucky, they're going to cut yourself up, dole you out and so others can consume you.

If you treat life like a family you've got to endure, you're only to find yourself surrounded by strangers you can't abide. Be patient.

If you don't treat life like a journey of "0's" and "1's" you're never going to make it into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the digital age. You'll be left with fears of never having gotten far enough north before you went south. Seek refuge in your cave.

If you don't treat life like a sport with winners and losers, you won't know what you've won or lost. Your trophies will have been for naught.

If you don't treat life like a skill you've got to master, you'll always feel like someone's slave. Modernize.

If you don't treat life like an institution you're trying to escape, you'll never get away from it all to be with the one you love. No one is worth more loyalty to you than you.

And if you don't treat life like a school, you'll get sick of learning and waste your time doing things for fun. If you don't like four letter words that begin with "f," three letter words won't impress you either. Learning should always be fabulous, not fun!

If you live your life through some of these metaphors, you'll live out your life with doubts and regrets. The only metaphor that includes all the others is that of life as a school in which **GOD** is your **TEACHER** and you're learning how to teach yourself about you with **HIS** help.

The 7<sup>th</sup> metaphor of life as a school allows for your **TEACHER** to begin as your INSTRUCTOR who later becomes a COACH. Ultimately your COACH becomes your *Teacher* who turns into a **PROFESSOR** by the time you enter the upper division level in the university setting of our school. In this way, when you face your dissertation, you'll feel **HE**'s been with you from the day you enrolled until the day you graduate with your Ph.D. <sup>115</sup>

For the select few who are here to learn about themselves, all their earthly chores, errands, jobs, labors, routines and tasks will pay for their tuition. And every charge they undertake is an opportunity to learn about being with a V.I.P. {very interesting person}.

*“Every soul shall taste death.  
We will prove you all with evil and good.  
To Us shall you return.”  
[21:35]*

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To **US** shall you return.”

It's hard to be good, especially when nobody taught you the deeper and more personal meanings behind words. It's hard to do anything when you discover that the way you've been doing it up until now has been constrained by habit, training and tradition. You can't break your behaviors without opening yourself to strangers and their seemingly odd ways. You can't discover the reason for diversity until you're ready to become distinct. Man is moving toward *extinction*, but he should be moving toward *distinction*.

There's a stranger in you that you've come to trust or distrust based on how things have turned out for you thus far. If your external circumstances have been easy, you can trust that stranger thus far. If your emotional circumstances have been easy, you can trust him in another, mysterious way. Opening up to strangers around you is a function of opening up to the strangers within you.

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<sup>115</sup> When you see this world as a school, you're prepared to learn something from everyone. You don't see yourself as superior because of your gender, race, religion, or sexual preferences. This affords you the humility to learn more than many others. This makes it possible for you to treat everyone as a pupil consigned to the same lessons of life as everyone else, just enrolled in their curriculum in a different order.

Go back to the way you were raised. Look at the infant, child, adolescent and young adult you once were. But look at them from a new place in inner space. I see my own infantile neediness, dependency and dread of abandonment. I deal with my inner childishness and stubborn insistence on habit every day. I try to convince my inner adolescent ego as would any parent whose raising a teenage boy. I've now got a young man living under my roof who isn't exactly a paragon of virtue. So, don't tell me about your trouble with strangers. You may be surrounded by crazy people, but I've got 'em all inside me!...

See yourself as someone else. Look at you through the eyes of "him" or "her." Judge yourself critically and compassionately as you would a stranger. When you hear yourself crying inside, hold you in your faithless arms. When you hear yourself complaining inside, put your arm figuratively around your shoulders. And when you hear you wishing for the death and destruction of those who bent your nose out of shape, sit your juvenile self down and talk to him as though he were developmentally challenged. (Why would you have developed insight into others if you had no intention of ever using that insight on yourselves?)

The mystery of enticing the strangers within you to surface requires that you reach out within to prove to each of them that you're worthy of their time and attention. If you don't make an effort to manage the seemingly myriad voices within you, you'll remain vulnerable to the forces around you. You'll have no idea how to develop the internal tools you need to examine the differences between your two worlds.

If, as the Jesus demonstrated and Muslims claim, you only have to taste death, that attitude could make your life a lot more meaningful. It could make your grades even more valuable. It could make your winnings more personal, and you, prouder of the trophies you've received for the way you're playing the game. It could make the fruits of *goodness* a lot more tempting than the fruits of *evil*. And that could make each and every one of your choices more personal and intimate.

People who make good choices become more loving. People who make bad choices become wiser if they correct their mistakes. And people who can humbly admit both become more honest, sincere and authentic over time.

The loss of health, loved ones, material goods, money, power and status will definitely become a source of greater suffering if the rewards in your life don't become more valuable to you than they may be now. Aging is one way to definitely grow older.

You can't increase the sum in the plus column without increasing the subjective value of the minus column, as well. In other words, the wiser you become, the more you'll suffer for your own foolishness. The more loving you become, the more you'll suffer for your own hatefulness. And the more devoted you become, the more you'll suffer for the disloyal and inhospitable ways you treat yourself.

*"Impatience is the very stuff man is made of.*

*I shall show you My signs:  
do not ask Me to hurry them on."*

[21:37]

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The rabbis say that man is made with an inclination for evil. That presupposes that life is like a mountain. Starting at the top and going down is a lot easier than starting at the bottom and working your way up. Such is the inclination and downward slope of most men toward evil, especially those born with a silver spoon in their mouth.

The Prophet suggested that impatience, not the biblical description of clay is what man is really made of. Jesus suggested man is made of spiritual nourishment: bread and wine. If you have the patience to ponder how you were figuratively made, you’ll decide for yourself how **GOD** made you for today.

Man is as malleable as clay. He’s spiritually fillable, like a bottle. And he’s made of layers of impatience that sometimes need to be dug down into with guilt and frustration to create a devoted servant of the Lord made up of many strata. The more you cut into yourself, the more impatience you’ll, surely, find beneath the impatience you now see. But each of these layers is made up of a different spiritual composite, much like sedimentary rock is comprised of particles that settle in place in natural, mysterious and colorful ways.

When I look back on my life like a path that took me up a hill that was exposed after millions of years in formation I’m glad it took as long as it did for me to get to the pinnacle I’m now at. I learned so much along the way. I’m less impatient now while working for more patience than I had in the past. I know there’s more ground to cover before I’ll be ready for my next higher glimpse at my life. But I feel I’ve got what to do before I get there. Having had good reason to be impatient has helped me enormously in becoming more patient.

I feel like a sprout that’s emerged from a seed that’s made its way through rock into light. I feel like a wandering Jew shrub rerooting itself in new places as I spread out farther. All I need to do now is brave the frost, winds, rain and harsh, summer sun to discover what it means to grow.

*“We shall set up just scales on The Day of Resurrection,*

*so that no man will in the least be wronged.*

*Actions as small as a grain of mustard seed*

*shall be weighed out.*

*Our reckoning shall suffice.”*

[21:47-48]

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That scale has already been set up in the soul of modern man. He weighs his thoughts against his feelings in his conscience to decide what actions to take based on what he believes to be right. But he doesn't ask himself in what ways he's like a JEW, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim*. He doesn't look to Scripture to explain his deeds. He takes his inner world for granted until he's challenged beyond his ken.

Like a grain of mustard, you've already broken through your husk; moved through rock into light; and produced the smallest of flowers and seeds to prove to yourself that **GOD** has a system that works for you from the inside out. I'm not telling you anything you don't know. I'm telling you everything you already know.

**GOD's** reckoning isn't like mine. I reckon. I design. **GOD** designs. Every word I utter has an underlying mystery I choose to plummet. For a poet, life is one big vocabulary test. It's all about WORDS/WORDS/*Words*.

A spider doesn't suffer for having eight legs. A June bug isn't repulsed by the way it looks even if you or I might find it ugly. Some people like the way they are, even though we might never want to look like that or want to behave as they do. It might be natural for them being the way they are, but we might find them off putting until we can see through their external nature to perceive our own nature.

Some people love themselves like a robin, with a full-throated call from its red breast. Some love others like a dog loves its master, with unconditional devotion and regard. Until you see your body as an ark with many creatures inside it, you're going to fight for the nature you unconsciously strive for that you think is most like your GOD's/GOD's/*God's*. You might behave like an old goat, an innocent lamb, a cow or like any of the other domesticated animal that are kept in a barn. At times, you might even behave like a pest...

Extremist JEWS hate gay-Jews. Extremist CHRISTIANS hate all gays. And extremist *Muslims* hate all gays and Jews. If you think your heart knows where to stop when it comes to hate, go into your soul and look at your heart from another place in inner space. Weigh your thoughts and feelings against your beliefs. See if you think you can balance your virtues against the weight of a mustard seed.

You'll see for yourself how influenced your heart is by your penis or clitoris. Your desire to hate is like an inclined plane that you can only go down. Once you start down it, you build up speed and it gets harder to stop yourself. Such is the evil inclination of man. Such is the difficulty for many in getting up and out of evil.

I've used my inner eye like a microscope to peer deeper into the seemingly least important thoughts that cross my mind. My telescopic view of the universe is an outward reflection of the microscopic insights I've gleaned into me. Look within and you'll see throughout.

How can you understand the vineyards where the mustard is grown that'll enrich the soil of grapes for wine if you haven't considered the grains of mustard seeds that are fundamental to our Abrahamic understanding of **GOD's** mysterious ways? Everything matters, even if there are things that don't much matter to you. If something doesn't matter to you in the least, observe it, and ask yourself why. Surely, you'll find more of an answer beneath each answer.

*“We showed Moses and Aaron  
the distinction between right and wrong,  
and gave them a light  
and an admonition  
for righteous men:  
those who truly fear the Lord,  
although unseen,  
dread the terrors of the final hour.”  
[21:49-52]*

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The distinction between right and wrong that GOD showed to Moses and Aaron is precisely what Muslims need to know, and don't. This distinction is why *Muslims* are killing Muslims, and why they can't find answers in the Quran to solve this dilemma. Do you see JEWS killing Jews? Surely, in this there are signs for thinking men.

When GOD called the Jewish people to him HE called us HIS chosen ones. “NOW IF YOU OBEY ME FULLY AND KEEP MY COVENANT, THEN OUT OF ALL NATIONS YOU WILL BE MY TREASURED POSSESSION ALTHOUGH THE WHOLE EARTH IS MINE.” [Exodus 19:5] The word for “chosen” that HE chose was *הַקְּדוּשָׁה* {SEGULA}, which means “treasured.”<sup>116</sup>

To become a treasured possession of **GOD's**, you need only recognize, appreciate and horde your treasure. But if you squander what **HE** gives you each day, you'll find **HIM** unsympathetic to your cries. Who should know this better than the atheist Jew who hordes the secular education in his head while squandering the Jewish treasure in his heart and soul.

The knowledge of good and evil offered to the Chosen People by GOD through Moses in Torah has endeavored to teach us to live together, Jew with JEW, in relative peace. We don't kill one another even though we'd like to... We don't rape, kidnap and pillage one another even though we're tempted to... Our neighborhoods and nation are safe because safety is the primary way we've learned to horde our treasure. Our women are strong and independent. And our children are cared for. Even the arguments with JEWS I've presented

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<sup>116</sup> “FOR YOU ARE A PEOPLE HOLY TO THE LORD YOUR GOD. THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLES ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH TO BE HIS PEOPLE, HIS TREASURED POSSESSION.” [Deuteronomy 7:6]

in my book are a Jewish luxury in light of the present-day workings of the world. We are, surely, GOD's Chosen.

If extremists read these words, perhaps they'd reflect more deeply on **GOD's** designs and stop behaving so sanctimoniously about GOD's/GOD's/*God's* seeming preferences that make people impatient for material gifts they don't need and spiritual rewards they haven't earned. Sometimes you have to be given a watch as a present when you're too young to appreciate a timepiece, just to learn about loss when you take it apart, break it or lose it.

Everything happens for a good reason. If you're devoted to being good; doing what's right; and being fair – you'll find yourself with rewards that'll last an eternity. But you can't have what **GOD** grants to others. You need to patiently and faithfully work for your own inner rewards, even if that means absorbing external losses you didn't think you deserved.

The issues of spiritual claustrophobia may, eventually, lead to issues of spiritual agoraphobia. One moment you may feel crowded; that there's too much going on inside you. The next, you may feel you're floating alone in a vast universe without anything to limit or constrain you. Some people overeat to build a wall before the crowd. Others overeat to fill a vacuum.

It was so easy to cry at my birth without understanding then why I was in tears. And it may now be too easy to secretly laugh at my impending funeral without knowing why I find that idea so amusing. It's so easy to conclude I've been a victim of circumstances for which I expect to be rewarded. But it's equally easy to apologize for having inadvertently been a perpetrator of a crime I could swear I didn't commit...

Don't expect your criminal record to be expunged before the Lord. Your offenses against yourself may be very hard for you to admit. The Lord may be unseeable with our eyes, but those with faith have enough sense to strive to perceive **HIS** presence at every moment of every day. We know more than you think.

You don't have to cry out "*Allāh Akbar*" {Arabic: *God* is greater/greatest}. Those are fighting words. That would mean that *God* is greater than **GOD**, who's greater than **GOD**. The truth is that **GOD** is the greatest of all, not **GOD/GOD/God**. Those who live life like a sport will, of course, disagree. They only play to win, not learn.

There'll be little glee in our final hour if we can't enjoy our rewards with gratitude for our losses over our lifetime. The day of resurrection is today. If you don't practice resurrecting yourself day by day, you're going to die night-after-night. And those who've known you for some time may conclude you were dead inside long before you physically left the here-and-now.

*"Abraham,  
they asked,  
'was it you who did this to our deities?'  
'No.'  
he replied.*

*‘It was their chief who smote them.*

*Ask them,*

*if they can speak.’”*

[21:62-63]

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‘No.’

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‘It was their chief who smote them.

Ask them,

if they can speak.’”

Abraham’s countrymen asked him whether he destroyed the idols, and he told them to ask the chief idol. Since people then gave their idols the power to create the world, as well as to give life, surely, the chief idol should have been able to tell them who destroyed the other deities...

I already described this rendition of the Story of Abraham as a MIDRASH according to the rabbis. A midrash is a filling in of the words of Torah with a story that elucidates a particular passage of Scripture. The abovementioned midrash in Judaism is Scripture in Islam. Surely, both WORDS/*Words* come from **GOD**. If we fight over who quoted Abraham more accurately, Moses or the Prophet Muhammad, we’re sinking pretty low.

I’m not in a race with Jews or Muslims to make my way to **GOD**. What’s important to me is that the wisdom of the son {Abram} with his father {Terah} is further accentuated with the devotion of the son {Abraham} to GOD before his peers. The difference between a rabbi’s midrash and the *words* of the Prophet is that one recounts the righteous disobedience of a son, and the other, the righteous disobedience of a citizen of the world. It would be hypocritical of someone to advocate one, but not the other. Righteous disobedience is a difficult deed to achieve regardless who you think GOD/GOD/*God* has asked you to disobey in order to follow **HIM**.

Therefore, you might say the Quran is the completion of those portions of Torah that may leave the curious reader with both answers and with new questions. The Quran presents lines that were written between the lines of Torah. And if you have enough faith in the spiritual process our Lord is taking us through, you’ll come to see that **HE** doesn’t play favorites without challenging everyone’s fragile, little ego.

Whether this story came down through history from the Jews or from the Muslims, the greater question is what this passage tells you about *your* relationship to **GOD**. Ask yourself if your idols can speak. And listen to the voice within that tells you what it wants you to hear.

Since there was, at the time of the Prophet, no way to discuss **GOD**-consciousness, this story describes the impossibility for there being more than one **GOD**. This passage is timely today because no one is more in need of it than **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* who are still dancing around idols their fathers fashioned and trying to sell to others at any price.

An Abrahamic man {in the Jewish tradition} has always been a man who's been willing to buck the system if he believes **GOD** can show him a better way. Jesus was an Abrahamic man, in that sense, too; and so was the Prophet. All three of them were asked to engage in civil disobedience to prove their faith. But today we're facing a world in which men are killing themselves and one another to prove their obedience to **GOD/GOD/God** rather than trying to reform themselves. It's as though three of Terah's idols, not one, weren't smote, have come back to life, and are fighting with one another still.

We may think we're so much more civilized than indigenists because we mouth the words that *our* **GOD** doesn't behave like *their* indigenist gods. Our **GOD** doesn't smash the living representations of **HIMSELF**. And yet our **GOD** does allow people with differing beliefs to die over **HIM**. Only by working together can we outlaw war entirely.

Jews are **GOD**'s lyricists. Christians are **GOD**'s composers. And Muslims are *His* arrangers who recapitulate our work as **HE**'d like to hear it sung today. You can't make music without all three.

My book is more like jazz than classical music. It's not easy on the ears. I can sense the conflict in many of my words. They rub up against even me the wrong way. They make me feel things I've never felt before. But I excuse my inner experiences because this is what the Quran does to me. It was recited in this way to produce this effect.

People aren't like clay idols we should be eager to smash to prove our **GOD/GOD/God** exists and the other gods don't. People are more than empty representations *God* hastily carved out of impatience. We shouldn't let people kill themselves because they think *they* signify nothing or that *you* signify nothing. We're all clay containers with a fire burning within us. Teach them what they are not, and eventually they'll perceive the fire within.

If you see nothing in a Jew or a member of the L.G.B.T+ community, you'll inevitably end up having to conclude there's nothing in you, either. You'll bankrupt yourself morally, whether you meant to, or not. Men smash themselves like idols, out of frustration at their impatience in having to learn to be with themselves.

Syria has become an idol workshop that every Abram thinks he can go in to and smash to his heart's content. The Russians and Americans have unknowingly conspired with the *Muslims*/Muslims to prove that *God* exists and that the Quran lives as surely as Jesus lives. How sad that it's come to this.

*"We breathed into her of Our spirit,  
and made her and her son  
a sign to all mankind."*

[21:91]

“**WE** breathed into her of **OUR** spirit,  
and made her and her **SON**  
a sign to all mankind.”

From a Jewish point of view, Jesus isn't a sign. From a Muslim point of view, Jesus isn't a sign. From a secular point of view, Jesus isn't a sign. But from a traditional Christian point of view **HE**'s a symbol and a sign. From a modern Christian perspective, **HE**'s **GOD**, a living symbol of **HIS** love for **HIS** love. The Christians believe **HIM** to be an eternal sign. Who are we to judge?

My love for *my* love is also a sign. My opinion of **GOD**'s religious designs for Abrahamic man doesn't have to be important to anyone else to be important to me. I don't need to express an opinion you share to respectfully hold my opinion. Only **GOD** sees all and knows all.

It doesn't really matter whether your opinion happens to coincide with that of **JUDAISM**, **CHRISTIANITY** or *Islam* if you're crushing people like Abram crushed his father's idols. You're expressing your impatience at a spiritual process you don't yet understand. You're indirectly telling **GOD** you're frustrated and impatient with yourself. And like Abram, you'll achieved mixed results.

I never, in my wildest dreams, expected **GOD** to reward me for trying to kill myself. I was deeply angry, disappointed, frustrated and impatient with others and about the way my life had turned out. But I corrected my mistakes of judgment and now feel truly rewarded for my efforts over the decades I wandered in darkness. It's taken more than 40 years for me to be able to talk about the mistakes I made and the rewards I've since been given for having corrected them.

When I drove my car over a cliff that was more than 200 feet high in my late twenties, I didn't expect to survive. I'd unfastened my seatbelt and made sure the gas tank was full. Little did I know that I'd be thrown into the back seat, the only place in that car where anyone could have survived. Nor did I realize that a car is much less likely to blow up with a full tank of gas than half a tank because of the oxygen inside. When you conclude you're lucky, it changes you profoundly.

If you think our politicians can solve the problems in the Middle East without your involvement, you still don't get it. Not only do you need to understand the spiritual process well enough to explain it. You need religious leaders to explain it to those people who are in the throes of a meltdown. More than we need Doctors Without Borders, we need “Men of the cloth without borders.”

The ultra-orthodox **JEW**s disapprove of the **L.G.B.T+** community to prove that they have reason to take Torah literally. The rightwing **CHRISTIAN**s disapprove of Islam and wish to replace Judaism with the reign of Jesus when the Messiah returns in order to prove everyone else wrong. And the extremist *Muslims* want to take over the world to prove they're better than the rest of us.

Yet none of them have a scale on which to weigh their daily thoughts and feelings to determine the fluctuating beliefs the rest of us find so fascinating and illuminating about our own. They're stumbling in the dark, not realizing that the blind truly do, and always will, lead the blind.

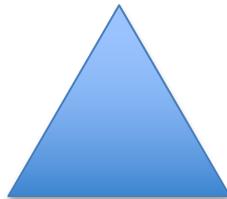
Islam describes GOD's creation of Jesus in Mary similarly to the way in which Judaism describes GOD's creation of Adam: using HIS breath. ("WE *breathed into her of OUR spirit.*") The explanation from Moses and the Prophet both demonstrate tact and delicacy by inferring that **GOD** doesn't literally use **HIS** penis to create anybody. Procreation is a metaphoric and symbolic extension of the creation of Adam. Using simile, we can compare and contrast the two creations {Adam and Jesus} to derive a more elevated understanding of **GOD's** methodology.

The creation of Adam gave the Jews a metaphoric explanation for man's container {earth from the Earth}. The creation of Jesus gave the Christians a symbolic explanation of man's ability to fill that container with love rather than apathy and enmity {positive feelings in addition to good thoughts}. Both explanations can exist side by side with decency and decorum if your ego isn't obsessed with taking over the world and forcing people to follow your faith. Live and let live, or don't let live, and watch as you figuratively die before your very eyes. You'll get what you deserve whether you're a true believer or a doubter.

The great triangle of resistance in the Abrahamic faiths is caused by a separation and resistance in the head, heart and soul of man. When this occurs, his penis {the seat of his desires} figuratively grows to infuse him with his own power, which may be good or evil. If you aren't consciously aware of this process as it occurs, you may make serious mistakes of judgment. Look at the diagram below as though facing the upper body of a man. And remember what you can't see below his waist.

### Looking from Behind

Jew/head/thoughts



Christians/heart/feelings

Muslim/soul/Beliefs

Tanach and the Quran succeed very nicely in not only respecting the Bible but confirming it. It's egotistical JEWS, fanatical CHRISTIANS and *Muslim* terrorists who've been fighting one another since the dawn of time because of their penis/clitoris envy who disrespect the WORDS of **GOD**.

It's not like gay men don't suffer from both penis and clitoris envy. It's just that we love men too much to want to kill them just because they've got a penis or an anus that's getting in the way of what we want. When you're a straight man and look at yourself like a gay man or woman looks at men, you should question your suitability to the post of governance you hold in the external world. You may be far less qualified to do what you've been asked to do than you think. You may need to lower your voice. You may need to

lower your pointed finger. You're not holier than THOU, THOU, *Thou* or **THOU**. What you need is redemption. What you need to do to get it is entirely up to how you treat yourself and then behave towards all others.

*“Your community is but one community,  
and I am your only Lord.  
Therefore, serve Me.  
Men have divided themselves into fractions,  
but to Us they shall all return.  
He that does good works in the fullness of his faith,  
his endeavors shall not be lost:  
We record them all.”*  
[21:93-95]

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and **I/I/I** am your only Lord.  
Therefore, serve **ME**.  
Men have divided themselves into fractions,  
but to **US** they shall all return.  
He that does good works in the fullness of his faith,  
his endeavors shall not be lost:  
**wE** record them all.”

An ambassador of good will and emissary of peace between the Abrahamic faiths isn't someone who can be selected based on gender, race or sexual identity. It's no coincidence men have self-selected themselves rulers of the world based on their gender {Christianity}, race {Islam} and sexual identity {Judaism}. Those criteria are fallacious and unwise.

**GOD** allows things to be as they are in order to teach us to want to change them. If you're a man with power, no doubt **GOD** wanted you to have that power to teach you how to figuratively use your testicles courageously. But I assure you the Old Boys' Network is collapsing before our very eyes. Men are being watched more carefully than ever before because they still have a tendency to figuratively use their left testicle in place of their right without conscious awareness of what they're doing to themselves. There isn't a woman on Earth or a member of the L.G.B.T+ community who isn't aware of this problem in straight men.

The Jewish, Christian and Muslim religious communities are slowly being united into one community thanks to the secular society in the U.S. and around the world. The violent history within and between our faiths has always been **GOD's** way of bringing us slowly together. The L.G.B.T+ community in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century has the daunting task of teaching all men and women to love their genitals from a spiritual perspective. We live in a new age

that heralds the triumph of love over envy and lifelong awakening over hyper-religious, cat napping through it all.<sup>117</sup>

*“On that day,  
We shall roll up the heavens  
like a scroll of parchment.  
Just as We brought the first creation into being,  
so will We restore it.  
This is a promise We will assuredly fulfill.”*  
[21:103-104]

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**wE** shall roll up the ‘heavens’  
like a scroll of parchment.  
Just as **wE** brought the first creation into being,  
so will **wE** restore it.  
This is a promise **wE** will assuredly fulfill.”

It’s ironic that our earthly knowledge is now rolled up like parchment in computers. We now scroll information that, in the past, we gleaned by turning pages. Virtual parchment makes it possible for us to write as much as we want without killing a single sheep. Who could have foreseen the majesty and mystery of the age in which we now have the privilege to live! If you think you can outwit the Lord, your **GOD/GOD/God**, you’re only demonstrating how petty and vindictive you are. Give up living a principled life with others who believe only what you hold to be true and start living a principled life from within. It’s your opinion of you that, in the end, will count.

You’ll damn yourself to “hell” if you don’t come to know the stranger within you. The Lord, your **GOD/GOD/God**, brought that stranger into your life with good reason. You’ll bend over backwards and screw yourself over for what will feel like an eternity if you don’t get with the program. And the pain you’ll suffer will have been instigated by you and dispensed by others or acts of **GOD**. If you don’t learn how to treat the stranger within you better, you’ll have no idea how to treat the strangers around you better. The very definition of pain of the body and the suffering of insanity is occurring around you as well as within. The outcome for everyone who doesn’t make daily choices to change his ways will be recorded in his bones. The whole frame of humanity depends upon how well each of us stands tall.

You may continue to be the sexual top that you may see yourself as now, but you’ll also become your own bottom, that bottom in gay men you may now revile. And your

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<sup>117</sup> And many **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* are going to go kicking and screaming into the future regardless of what we say or do.

desire to punish you for that may know no bounds. You may release upon yourself the figurative rape, pillage and destruction you've been holding back for a lifetime.

If GOD could have a plan in which we, Jews, can now record our holy book without killing a single sheep for parchment; if Christians can now record their Holy Book without harvesting papyrus, grasses they can grow instead for to break bread with the world; and if Muslims can imagine recording their holy book without cutting down a single tree – maybe we're ready to work together to consider how **GOD** might restore the first creation without having to destroy the world in the process. If **HE** can give us so much to amaze us, how might **HE** keep the promises **HE** made to Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad? And how might we help **HIM** keep them rather than work against **HIS** mighty hand?

*“We wrote in the Psalms  
after the Torah was revealed:  
‘The righteous among My servants shall inherit the earth.’  
That is an admonition to those who serve ‘Us.’”  
[21:105, Psalm 37:29]*

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after the Torah was revealed:  
‘THE RIGHTEOUS AMONG MY SERVANTS SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.’  
That is an admonition to those who serve **US**.”*

As Holocaust survivors, my parents were victims of European CHRISTIAN animosity. But they were also the beneficiaries of American Christian charity and good will. Thanks to **GOD**'s gracious mercy, the Jewish people were redeemed from 2,000 years of hyper-religious “hell” on Earth after the Second World War when the United Nations voted to give us back our homeland.

But we wisely used the unfortunate circumstances of our past to avoid creating a Jewish nation full of more perpetrators, victims and martyrs. We didn't want anyone to go through what we'd suffered, so we focused our attention on repairing our country in anticipation of helping repair the whole world. Now we're ready to repair inner worlds. And because we've always excelled at humor, we can teach others with a light heart how to be good, do right and endeavor to become better without driving ourselves nuts!...

*Muslims* have become martyrs of circumstances *God* has chosen to put them through to teach them why *He* bothered to bring the mountain to Muhammad in the first place. As Muslims learn how to treasure GOD's wisdom and HIS love, they'll incorporate these holy attributes into their faith for all to see in a soulful way. This the world has never witnessed before on a national level!

Just as JEWS must think they already know all there is to know about love and devotion, and CHRISTIANS must think they know all there is to know about wisdom and devotion, *Muslims* must, surely, think they know all there is to know about wisdom and love.

Sadly, the evidence looks otherwise. Let the Dome of the Rock stand as a reminder of what bullies all our ancestors were in the past and the transformation we're going through now to become holier people, with **GOD's** help. Your **ROCK** lies under that Rock. Comport yourselves civilly. Pretend you're gay and welcome all to pray there with you. Sacrifice no animals to the Lord.

I'm not a spiritual lawyer. I don't plan on prosecuting **GOD** or defending **HIM** in the court of complaints in anyone's mind. Those who faithfully go to synagogue, church or mosque once a week may, just like those in the secular world, find themselves feeling alienated from their **CREATOR** from time to time. Coming to know **GOD** is, for me, a fulltime occupation, not a once-a-week hobby or pleasant diversion from having fun. It can be fabulous getting to know **GOD** if you enjoy learning and choose to use the metaphor of life as a school, above and beyond the other metaphors we live by. There are many ways to treasure your treasure.

It says in my holy Scripture, "GOD WILL SAVE ZION AND REBUILD THE CITIES OF JUDAH. THEN PEOPLE WILL SETTLE THERE AND POSSESS IT; THE CHILDREN OF HIS SERVANTS WILL INHERIT IT, AND THOSE WHO LOVE HIS NAME WILL DWELL THERE." [Psalm 69:35-36]

But if someone doesn't have enough of a clue to **HIS** designs to live in peace with me, how can I expect him to have overcome his penis envy? If you want a Jewish penis or clitoris, just ask. I'm sure there are plenty of Jews who'd be glad to share theirs with you... But if you want to live in a world that includes modern Jews, you're going to want to get a clue to the **GOD** we believe in today, an inclusive **GOD** who invites everyone to **HIS** table regardless of whether s/he has a penis or a clitoris and regardless of whether s/he shares it with males and/or females. <sup>118</sup>

I think it behooves us all to share our holy book with those of other faiths because there's, surely, no way for any of us to get to the whole truth from any one of them. The only way I knew how to make the WORDS of the prophets and the *words* of the Prophet real was to become an emissary of peace. I'm sure, in your own unique way you wish to do so, too.

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<sup>118</sup> **GOD** invites everyone to **HIS** table regardless of whether he has a penis with or without a foreskin or she has a vagina with or without a clitoris. That just makes common sense. You don't have to be an emissary of the Lord to know that much. Your lifestyle is your busyness, and my lifestyle is mine.

*Surah 22*  
سورة الحج  
*Pilgrimage*

The idea of going on a pilgrimage in Christianity or Hajj in Islam is historically based on the Exodus of the Israelites. The journey of the Israelites from bondage to freedom, from ancient Egypt to Israel, is mirrored in your journey through life to death with the hope of a better future at the end than you perceived at the beginning. It implies that religious life begins with the perception of your life as a tragedy at birth {every newborn's perspective} that'll end as a comedy upon death {every religious person's dream}.

From my understanding of this surah, I hope to impress upon you the importance of making pilgrimages to your inner Jerusalem in your lifetime. If you can't find your way to the seat of spiritual governance in your own inner, Promised Land, you're not going to do any better by going on a pilgrimage in the outer world.

Whether you have the good fortune of going *to* Israel, *from* Israel or *through* Israel, you'll find the experience enlightening if you're in the right mindset. But I know many people, including family of mine, who've gone to Israel and have gotten nothing to speak of out of the experience. Since the capital of Israel, Jerusalem, is the world's premier, spiritual airport, you may feel differently about Jerusalem when you die if you aren't picked up by Death in a carriage drawn by horses.<sup>119</sup>

The Dome of the Rock sits on the site where Abraham sacrificed Isaac, which is also the launch site from where the Prophet left this world on his journey from Mecca through Jerusalem to "heaven" and back.

Hajj for Muslims should be re-envisioned as an inner journey from Mecca through Jerusalem as an exercise in getting to "heaven." (If the Iranian Muslims eventually do succeed in blowing Israel off the map, hajj will, of course, not literally be an option.)

There might find a lot of people in "heaven" you wouldn't have given the time of day to here on Earth. And as you meet them, you may see your righteous standing in "heaven" begin to dissipate, deteriorate and sink below the fog at your feet to a place underground where you'll be more motivated to learn about inclusivity.

If you think **GOD** is so forgiving that you'll find Hitler in "heaven," you're out of your mind. If you think the SON and/or the FATHER want a Jew killer and gay killer rewarded for his feelings on Earth, you're not thinking straight.<sup>120</sup> And if you think *God* is so devoted to the "devotion" of *Muslim* terrorists that there'll be JEWISH and CHRISTIAN victims in their idea of "hell," you're out of your mind. The afterlife may be as real as life itself, but you don't get dessert if you don't eat your vegetables...<sup>121</sup>

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<sup>119</sup> Allusion to Emily Dickenson's poem #479, "Because I could not stop for death/He kindly stopped for me/The carriage held but just ourselves and immortality..."

<sup>120</sup> The most egregiously treated in the Nazi concentration camps were the gay-Jews who were forced to wear a badge of shame that looked like a Star of David comprised of a pink triangle pointing down superimposed upon a yellow triangle pointing up.

<sup>121</sup> Of course, I'm not suggesting you should look at Jews, Christians or Muslims as vegetables. And I'm certainly not suggesting that you literally eat anyone... I'm suggesting that conversing with people who are different from you can be equated with eating

It's not my job to motivate you to learn about this world. (I'm a retired schoolteacher. I don't get paid anymore to engage my students in pursuing their education.) It's not my job to frighten you into paying more attention to your earthly grades. Your grades aren't going on my report card. I'm doing what I'm doing whether things ever work out in a way that'll see my books published, or not. That's **GOD's** department, not mine.

But I can tell you that whether I'm alive or dead when you happen to read these words, I didn't write them with you in mind. I couldn't care less what happens to you. You're a total stranger to me. And even if I'm alive and I happen to know you, rest assured I didn't write a single word with you in mind, either. What a ridiculous waste of my time that would be! I need me so much more than I need you.

An extrovert wants to change the world we share. An introvert wants to change his inner world. I'm definitely in an ambivert. I find all people a little bit strange and a little bit enticing. I need to explain what people say to me as though translating their words into another language. But I know that brings every person into my life as a clue to what I need to do to speak more fluently with me. Interactions with people are vocabulary tests in which I'm searching for a **WORD**, given the clues they give me.

The last pilgrimage you make {death} shouldn't be to a place you try to enter with bloody hands or dirty nails. Unless religious people find a way to dishonor *Abram's* mistakes with regard to his wives and dishonor *Abraham's* mistakes with regard to his children, they're not going to make their pilgrimage with the peaceful intentions **GOD** is, surely, waiting for from everyone. The pilgrimage of Abram/Abraham was far from perfect.<sup>122</sup>

The Dome of the Rock would have been the gravesite of Isaac had the Archangel Gabriel not intervened. Turning that rock back into a place of animal sacrifice would be an affront to **GOD** who so disapproved of Abraham's error of judgment that he intervened and refused to allow it to take place. To resume killing innocent animals on that rock is an affront to decency. **JEW**s who think otherwise are lost in evil inclinations.

But not blessing that site for being the site where Jesus started a revolution in Judaism and a launch pad for the Prophet would be an affront to **GOD**, as well. This is the sort of dilemma **GOD** delights in handing man. And only the brother who has compassion for his brother is going to be able to solve this problem with his inner brother.

When the Christians go to Jerusalem to relive the Stations of the Cross, they should remember that Jesus was the one human sacrifice **GOD** allowed, according to Christian tradition.<sup>123</sup> Every pilgrimage should figuratively be a death waltz, not a death march. In

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vegetables if you find them smelly, off putting or unpleasant in the sense of not being to your taste. Push yourself a little. People are good for you. They're spiritually nutritious. They'll make you strong.

<sup>122</sup> Moses wasn't perfect. The Prophet Muhammad wasn't perfect. Not even Jesus was perfect. And I've got even worse news for you. You're not perfect either.

<sup>123</sup> "'Stations of the Cross' refers to a series of images in churches depicting Jesus Christ on the day of HIS crucifixion. The Stations of the Cross are also called the 'Via Dolorosa' or 'Way of Sorrows,' or simply, 'The Way.' In Jerusalem, the Via Dolorosa is believed to

that sense, all religious people are on the living pilgrimage of Moses and the children of Israel to Israel; the loving pilgrimage of Jesus from Israel to “heaven;” and the devoted pilgrimage of the Prophet through Israel to “paradise” and back. To journey through life with any less awareness of where you’re going will only effect your arrival at your most cherished and hopeful of all destinations.

It’s fine for Muslims to look down on the Jews at the Wailing Wall from their place above it at the Dome of the Rock. That should be a reminder to both Muslims and Jews that **GOD**’s designs are greater than either of theirs. Hopefully Muslims will notice how modern Jews have begun to include a mix of men and women at prayer at the Wailing Wall. Muslims will discover that the wall isn’t going to tumble down or physically affect the foundation of their mosque with the sexual temptations of handsome men and beautiful women praying together. Nor would it be compromised by men who embrace men or women who embrace women. The world is changing, and if you don’t keep up with the gays and the Jews, you’re going to be left far behind.

As I mentioned at the beginning of my book, while praying at the Wailing Wall, I had a vision that transported me through the wall under the mosque, where I was given a view of a tunnel to the Foundation Rock {Arabic: قبة الصخرة: *Qubbat Al-Sakhrah*, Hebrew: כיפת הסלע: *KIPPAT HA-SELA*}, the rock on which Abraham and the Prophet had their memorable experiences.<sup>124</sup>

*“You sometimes see the earth dry and barren:  
but no sooner do Muslims send the water down upon it  
than it begins to stir and swell,  
putting forth every kind of radiant bloom.  
That is because God is truth:  
He resurrects the dead  
and has power over all things.”*  
[22:6]

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be the actual path Jesus walked, and the 14 stations along the way where the actual events occurred. The tradition of moving around the Stations to commemorate the passion of Christ began with St. Francis of Assisi and extended throughout the Roman Catholic Church in the Medieval period.” [Wikipedia]

<sup>124</sup> There, at the Wailing Wall, I married myself and a few years later ordained myself a rabbi. And although that objectively never happened, subjectively I’m free to believe whatever I wish, as are you. There, a rock in the wall opened up as though I’d said, “Open says-a-me!” And it’s down that path that I’m taking you one step at a time.

**H**Ē resurrects the dead  
and has power over all things.”

The water Muslims send down upon the earth that results in radiant bloom is the rain of loyalty to themselves that’s like the rain of love of Christians upon themselves. Would that Muslims could more vociferously share their loyalty with others, beginning with gay-Muslims. Muslim loyalty is a mysterious attribute of *Allāh* that’s teaching all Muslims the deeper meaning of devotion from the inside out. Until Muslim parents can model for other Muslims and the world their loyalty to their gay sons and daughters, there isn’t going to be a way for us to believe they’ve learned much about the nature of loyalty, let alone love or wisdom.

You’re like a tree; you’re like a field and vineyard; you’re like a garden. When **GOD** waters you with the love of truth you blossom and bloom. You then fruit and multiply your endeavors like you see happening in nature. You’re like a tree in an orchard with a canopy of branches and leaves that offer a feeling of safety and security. The more you understand your relationship to **GOD**, the more you’ll grow with the maturity you see elsewhere in the Western world.

*“Some wrangle about God,  
though they have neither knowledge  
nor guidance  
nor divine revelation.  
They turn away in scorn,  
leading others astray from God’s path.  
Such men will incur disgrace in this life,  
and on the day of resurrection  
taste the torment of the conflagration.  
‘This’  
We shall say  
‘is the reward of your misdeeds.’  
God is not unjust to His servants.”  
[22:7-9]*

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nor guidance  
nor divine revelation.  
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leading others astray from **GOD**’s path.

Such men will incur disgrace in this life,  
 and on the Day of Resurrection  
 taste the torment of the conflagration.  
 ‘This,’  
**wE** shall say,  
 ‘is the reward of your misdeeds.’  
**GOD** is not unjust to **HIS** servants.”

Every spiritual tree should be afraid of fire, but still willing to burn with great willingness to help others and intensity to illuminate and warm them with their own love and devotion. The conflagration the Prophet is speaking about corresponds to the negative aspects of fire you may have already figuratively been through, described as burn. You may know the humiliation of the purification that comes with fire. And you may know many of the positive attributes of this flame, as well:

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| 1. Illumination | Wisdom   |
| 2. Heat         | Love   |
| 3. Burn         | Purification   |
| 4. Mystery      | Mystery of the self  |
| 5. Smoke        | Prayer   |
| 6. Sound        | The call to fear, fight or flee {mission}<br>(Contemplation/Meditation/Tranquility) <sup>125</sup> |
| 7. Smell        | Intuition  |

The Western world needs to come out of its head and heart and into its soul. Just getting out of man’s head and into his heart has been a terribly painful process that began 2,020 years ago with the birth of the feeling of love as a GOD-given attribute, even though we might not find that to be earth-shattering news today. In this century, with the fall of the World Trade Center, man has been challenged to come out of his heart and into his soul to revisit the *words* of the Prophet.

More will be revealed to you as you struggle with yourself in **GOD’s** presence. There is such a thing as good {y} and evil {x<sup>2</sup>}. But you’d better reassess what that means for today. It’s fine to claim to be right and others are wrong. But people will claim that your news is fake if you can’t teach them better from worse.

The jews speak about fire and ice. The Christians speak about a Lake of Fire, [Revelation 19, 20, 21] the second death that’s symbolic of physical pain, the suffering of emotional losses and the emptiness of loneliness from **GOD**, all of which are lessons that will lead you out of fear, anger and sorrow to joy and love. People think the Prophet spoke only about fire, but there’s more to fire than was revealed by **GOD**.

Each of us grows in this world toward the light of truth. Each of us is gnarled or felled in our own, unique way because of extremes in sunlight, water and wind. All of us, without

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<sup>125</sup> Contemplation is a filling process. Meditation is an emptying process. Tranquility is a letting it be process. Ponder that and see what comes to mind.

exception, have also been burned. If you want to learn about fire, you're going to have to suffer with burns.

*“If anyone thinks God will not give victory  
to His Apostle  
in this world  
and in the world to come,  
let him tie a rope to the ceiling of his house  
and hang himself.  
Then let him ponder  
if his cunning has done away with that which has enraged him.”*  
[22:14-15]

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to **HIS** apostle  
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The problem within terrorists and suicide bombers is that they can't look at themselves metaphorically or symbolically. They see themselves only as signs from *God*. They yearn to express *His* need to teach humanity a lesson. They don't yearn to learn about themselves. (Are you any different?) They don't have the attributes of the illumination {wisdom} of GOD or warmth {love} of GOD, only *His* purifying burn {lessons}. They want to cleanse the world with boiling water {anger} and spilled blood {death}. Does climate chaos look any different to you now?

Call it growing pains. Call it spoiled fruit, much of which is rotting on the ground. Call it a classroom with students who aren't coming to class having done their homework, prepared for the lessons of day.

If you don't see the effort made on behalf of the apostle, you're not going to perceive reality. You're only going to perceive *your* reality. And sometimes you're going to feel immeasurably separate and alone. And when that happens, you're going to pretend to be other than you really are. And that's going to cause tremendous fear later that you might feel you have to hold off from having to take personally. And if you push that fear away until later and later, you aren't going to experience it until your final moments of life. Does that sound like a good plan?

*“We have revealed the Quran in clear verses.  
God gives guidance to whom He will.”  
[22:16]*

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**GOD** gives guidance to whom **HE** will.”

The real purpose of the Quran is to unify the messages of the Hebrew and Christian Testaments using metaphor and symbols combined with 114 Islamic similes. Those who continue to separate the faiths rather than look for the mysterious and magical ways in which **GOD** is uniting them will find themselves alienated, isolated, lonely and disaffected from their fellow man in their lifetime. And they’ll probably find themselves in even worse shape after it.

We all go through feelings of rejection and rebuff from others. These, too, are **GOD** given challenges we should work out using our conscience as our guide. Your inner world is your classroom where you experience the theory. The outer world is your laboratory where you experience the practice. Your conscience is the house of prayer where you do your homework. If you insist on teaching others how to do *their* homework *your* way for your TEACHER/TEACHER/*Teacher*, you’re only going to see *your* own test results plummet.

*“As for the true believers,  
the Jews, the Sabaens, the Christians, the Magians, and the pagans:  
God will judge them on The Day of Resurrection.  
God is the witness of all things.”  
[22:17]*

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the Jews, the Sabaens, the Christians, the Magians, and the pagans:  
**GOD** will judge them on the Day of Resurrection.  
**GOD** is the **WITNESS** of all things.”

The Sabaens were the ancient people who lived in Yemen and dedicated their temples to the seven planets. The Magians were the ancient believers in Zoroastrianism, an ancient Persian {Iranian} belief in the magical properties of fire. <sup>126</sup> **GOD** will judge them all, and **HE** doesn’t need your help to do so.

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<sup>126</sup> “Zoroastrianism is one of the world's oldest religions. It was founded by the Prophet Zoroaster {Zarathustra} in ancient Persia approximately 2,500 years ago. It was the official religion of Persia {Iran} from 600 B.C.E. to 650 C.E.” [Wikipedia] The Shiites are the descendants of those ancient indigenists who believe that fire was god.

All peoples are like streams that make their way to the sea. Some may dry up for long periods of time or even entirely, but they leave behind a dry riverbed as evidence of **GOD's** mysterious, but very real designs. After 5,780 years, the Jews remain a vital, living religious force watering the world with our odd but tough and tender love. The Christians and Muslim tributaries are powerful in number and direction, but they'd dry up in an instant without their **SOURCE**. Ask the Germans about the history of **HIS** story if you don't believe me. Or look at the Muslim world as it exists today without Jews.

*“As for those who have faith  
and do good works,  
God will admit them to gardens  
watered by running streams.  
They shall be decked with bracelets of gold and pearls,  
and arrayed in garments of silk.  
For they have been guided to the noblest of words;  
they have been guided to the path of  
the glorious Lord.”  
[22:21-24]*

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and arrayed in garments of silk.  
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they have been guided to the path of  
the glorious Lord.”*

The richness of the world in which you live; the wealth in what you wear; and the wealth within you – are all comparable and equivalent {±}, but not equal {=}. In other words, you can compare your two worlds, and you can find similarities and differences in the poverty and treasures you have inside and out. But you can't draw conclusions about all that you're worth to **GOD** based on the evidence you've gathered.

If you live an exclusive life, you'll be given an exclusive path. But to the extent that you can open yourself to people of other classes, races, religions and lifestyles, you'll be given the opportunity to walk the path of the martyrs. You have no monopoly on “heaven.” You have no hold on anything.

Ultimately, the fate or destiny of everyone lies in **GOD's** hands. Until you know what you've done wrong, you're destined to suffer. But if you know what you've done wrong and don't repent, you're destined for pain. And suffering leads to pain for all those who are

unrepentant. The less pain and more suffering you have to go through, the better. This is why the Jews always remind you to bless your health. But if you think WORDS, WORDS or *words* alone will do, you're kidding yourself. You've got to take greater action.

People are hypocrites because they contradict themselves within long before they contradict themselves publicly. They can't even determine their own worth honestly internally because they can't see their own contradictions. This makes reality a mystery they ought to ponder day after day.

If you do ponder yourself, you'll begin to see patterns by which your truth will be revealed to you. You're like an onion. You're peeling away layers of falsehood whether you want to, or not. You're like a snake, shedding your faithless skin whether you look back to see what you've left behind, or not. But if you're a caterpillar asleep in a cocoon with a growing vision of spiritual transformation after life that's far from likely without concrete deeds each day to support your dreams.

The worst of all sins is, of course, hypocrisy because when you promote the opposite of what you believe, you encourage others to do the same. Most people won't tell you they're hypocrites, not because they're not, but because they're in denial of it. They rationalize their errors of judgment instead of atoning for them. They're "wise" guys. They're not *wise guys*. "Work will set you free." <sup>127</sup>

The spiritual reason human beings smell so bad when you literally cut them open or when the food that they ingested comes out either end is because these are spiritual clues to how people are morally made. If you want to clean up your act, you should devote your whole life to the task of spiritual purification. And then you should wait until **GOD** figuratively opens your physical vehicle at death for you to determine for yourself just how you really smell inside. Sweet will be those who sought themselves before the Lord.

So long as you live, you're physically and literally going to smell putrid inside. Your waste is always going to stink. But you have the opportunity to scrub yourself clean intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. You can leave here spiritually cleaner than when you arrived. But it's only going to be at death that you'll be given the chance to get the spiritualists, "Good Inner Housekeeping Seal of Approval" <sup>128</sup> So long as you're in your still holding on with brute strength to the body you were given, you should consider cleanliness next to godliness.

*"When We prepared Abraham for the site of  
The Sacred Mosque*

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<sup>127</sup> Translation of the signpost over Auschwitz and other concentration camps: "arbeit macht frei" {German: work sets you free} I'm, of course, referring to the inner work of self-discovery, not promoting Nazism.

<sup>128</sup> Internet: "Good Housekeeping Magazine bestows its limited warranty seal on products that have been evaluated by their institute and have been assessed to perform as intended. Their judgments are the basis of the 'Good Housekeeping Consumers' Refund Policy.'" (If you're expecting a full or partial refund on life because of defects to your container or deficiencies in your contents, wake up. You're dreaming. Your Good Inner Housekeeping Seal of Approval will only be valid once you come off the assembly line of life.)

*We said,  
‘Worship none beside me.  
Keep My home clean for those who walk around it  
and those who stand upright or kneel in worship.’”  
[22:26-27]*

“When **WE** prepared Abraham for the site of  
the Sacred Mosque  
WE said,  
‘WORSHIP NONE BESIDE ME.  
KEEP MY HOME CLEAN FOR THOSE WHO WALK AROUND IT  
AND THOSE WHO STAND UPRIGHT OR KNEEL IN WORSHIP.’”

It’s not enough anymore to pray standing as does a Jew or to pray kneeling as does a Christian. **GOD** created a third step up to **HIS** throne for all who wish to learn how to approach **HIM** as humbly as possible by prostrating themselves before our **CREATOR** in their prayers. You’ve got to learn how to bend all the way down to the ground as does a Muslim – in your imagination at the very least.

If you learn how to reach down into yourself to look for the smallest, least seemingly significant parts of yourself that need to come clean, you’ll prostrate yourself before *God*, at least figuratively speaking. Clean feet and pedicures combined with a dirty conscience won’t do. You’ve got to discover what you’re doing to yourself if you’re going to change this world and receive the true bounty in the “world to come.”

Praying to **GOD** isn’t enough. Praying to **GOD** isn’t enough. Praying to *God* isn’t enough. You’ve got to learn how to pray to **GOD**. That you don’t know. You’ve got to come before **HIM** with a clean head, a wholesome heart and a conscience that’s been purified of evil {ego}. This can’t be done without embracing all three of the Abrahamic faiths. Would you dust your furniture, vacuum your floors *or* scrub your toilet and have the audacity to make the claim that your whole house was in order? Learn to do all you need to do, or you’ll never do anything right.

It’s not enough to avoid sin. You’ve got to be willing to argue over it within, not kill others because you haven’t done your homework.<sup>129</sup> Embrace change in the time in which you live. Modernize yourself so that you’re on the cutting edge of spirituality in the now. If you don’t know where **GOD** is taking you, it may be because you don’t yet have a clue where you’re going. And you’re not going to get that question answered only out in the world we share. The stops you make along the way to your destination will do more than help you ascertain where you’re going. They’ll teach you patience by way of composure.

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<sup>129</sup> They argue with others because they argue within themselves. They argue within themselves because they don’t know themselves. They don’t know themselves because they’ve fractured the **WORDS** of **GOD**. And they don’t even seem to care.

*“Never have We sent a simple Prophet or apostle before you  
with whose wishes Satan did not tamper.  
But God abrogates the interjections of Satan  
and confirms His own revelation.  
God is all knowing and wise.  
He makes Satan’s interjections a temptation  
for those whose hearts are tainted,  
whose hearts are hardened -  
this is why the wrongdoers are in open schism -  
so that those who are endowed with knowledge  
may realize that this is the truth from your Lord  
and, thus, believe in it <sup>130</sup>  
and humble their hearts towards Him.  
God will, surely, guide the faithful to a straight path.”  
[22:50-55]*

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with whose wishes satan did not tamper.  
But **GOD** abrogates the interjections of satan  
and confirms **HIS** own revelation.  
**GOD** is all knowing and wise.  
**HE** makes satan’s interjections a temptation  
for those whose hearts are tainted,  
whose hearts are hardened –  
this is why the wrongdoers are in open schism –  
so that those who are endowed with knowledge  
may realize that this is the truth from your Lord  
and, thus, believe in it  
and humble their hearts towards **HIM**.  
**GOD** will, surely, guide the faithful to a straight path.”*

It’s your own willpower, not a supernatural force outside yourself, that’s tampering with your happiness. You may be in denial of how great an enemy you can be to yourself if you think some force by the name of satan is making you, or anyone else, take actions against your better judgment. Grow up. Touch yourself where your hands can’t go. If you can touch yourself figuratively, you won’t be afraid to touch yourself physically. If you

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<sup>130</sup> Believe in “it” {the Quran}.

can produce tender feelings for you (including sorrow and self-pity) you're halfway "there."<sup>131</sup>

Sacrificing yourself for GOD/GOD/*God* because you pity others is going to backfire. People will use you. And the more you pity them, the more deviously they'll find ways to keep you shackled to their desires. Doing good is much harder than it looks. It takes great wisdom, combined with love and devotion to yourself for the sake of redemption before **GOD** to help anyone. You should surround your efforts to do good on behalf of others with barbwire fences. That's sad, but true. Jews aren't the only people who ought to build walls to protect themselves.

It's the voices within that will confirm your revelations on truth and beauty. The more you seek knowledge from within, the more deeply you'll become attracted to you. My psychiatrists used to ask me if I was hearing voices. And I never was. But I was always producing voices. I just wasn't listening to them. If you're normal, you should be producing speech within, hearing it and listening to it. I'll bet it's only when you're completely out of touch with yourself that you start hearing voices you don't recognize. It's not satan who's talking to you at times like that. It's you. You may just be so unprepared for a relationship with you that you come to the erroneous conclusion that someone else has gotten inside you. You can create any voice you want, to produce any reaction you wish.

Beware the voices of the strangers within you even more than the voices of the strangers around you. Use your mind to question them all for their moral merits. And if you need help in discerning the goodness in the voices you're hearing, seek medical help. They're here to help you. They know something about this process.

**GOD** is leading you on a journey into the world within that you may have had no idea was there. **HE**'ll tempt you to know you and then reward you with knowledge of **HIM**. This will alleviate you of hypocrisy. And, as you learn to express your faith in **HIS** awesome, spiritual system, you'll become wise, loving and generous of spirit without having to step on other people's toes to get where you're going. It's not a race to the next meal. And it's not a race because there's no finish line.

If your heart has been hardened, it's because it's been hardened to you. You may not be interested in loving yourself any more than you do because you're still frightened of you. Admit how you've become hardhearted to your fear of you. Admit how you've resorted to using intimidation to get yourself to try new things despite your anger at you. Admit how you've disappointed you by trying to do things you were never going to succeed at because of your sadness in having to be you. Then you'll be well on your way out of

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<sup>131</sup> For a good representation of self-pity I refer you to my favorite poem, Sonnet 29 by William Shakespeare. "When in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes." But the poetic notion that once treated self-pity as something men could heal with other-love must be modernized to proclaim self-love as the cure for this sickening feeling of being alone and in bad company. Your love for you is the only way through self-pity, victimhood and martyrdom. Seeing your progress in becoming lovable enough for you to love will relieve you of many negative opinions you may be holding against others. Don't blame them for what you let "them" do to you. And don't blame gays or Jews instead of blaming yourself. We didn't do it!

hypocrisy. Clean up your house before anything else. Throw away all that junk. This will make it feel like a home as odd a feeling as that may be.

If you can then admit that you've taken yourself for granted, you'll be able to cry over the ways in which you've ignored many of the helpful, caring voices within you. If your inner infant in your inner child's arms were embraced by his older, inner adolescent brother, the young man in you who sees his inner family as powerful and good could comfort and embrace you while growing up gracefully.

You're like a boulder made of marble. And **GOD** has a specific notion about what **HE** wants to see carved out of you. But *you're* going to do the carving. And that'll cause some pain and suffering. **HE's** going to show you how to earn the tools, get the training and do the hard work of chipping away at you as needed. This is the essence of the 5<sup>th</sup> metaphor of life: life as a skill you master. It's you who are a masterpiece in the making.

Everything you may have done up until now to chisel away at others has been for practice. The real work comes when you see your chisel pointed at you and you take a chip out of the old block.<sup>132</sup> Then you'll know what it means to be a sculptor in the spiritual sense of the **WORD**.

Suddenly, you'll see what it was all for. Suddenly, you'll understand that **GOD** has a plan just for you in mind. And you're the one who's going to realize it {destiny} – or you're not {fate}. Suddenly, you'll perceive yourself like a rock that's flawed and chipped or like a statue in the process of being chiseled. Suddenly, you'll see that you're entirely in your own hands, whose hands are in **GOD's** hands. Only then will the Dome with that rock beneath it begin to take on personal importance to you.

*“As for those who have fled their homes in the cause of God  
and afterwards died or were slain,  
God will, surely, make a generous provision for them.  
God is the most munificent provider.  
He will, surely, admit them with a welcome that'll please them.  
All-knowing is God,  
and gracious.”  
[22:58-61]*

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and afterwards died or were slain,  
**GOD** will, surely, make a generous provision for them.

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<sup>132</sup> The expression “a chip off the old block” is generally used to describe a young man who resembles his father in appearance or behavior. I'm modifying the expression to suggest that you're like Michelangelo, and you're like the marble out of which he carved “David.” You're your own sculptor and rock. But to take yourself seriously, you're going to have to take the Sacred Mosque in Jerusalem seriously. And that you aren't yet wise enough to do.

**GOD** is the most munificent provider.

**HE** will, surely, admit them with a welcome that'll please them.

All-knowing is **GOD**,  
and gracious.”

Those Muslims who fled the Jews in 1948 and ended up in refugee camps in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt have had time to make peace with *God's* designs. Those Muslims who've gone on a pilgrimage to Europe to discover the freedom and liberty they couldn't secure in their own countries know the feeling of alienation the Jews felt as outsiders forced to reside in someone else's house for 2,000 years. We learned the hard way how Ishmael and Hagar felt under Abram/Abraham and Sarai/Sarah's roof. The Muslim diaspora is a meaningful and purposeful part of *God's* designs.

If you've had to flee your home in the Middle East to live in a new Muslim or Christian country, you're learning about the humiliation **GOD** puts us all through out of tough love. The problems of today caused by Muslim guilt are only intensifying, yet so many refuse to admit their prejudice against Jews, Christians and/or other Muslims. If they want to understand the words in this passage and haven't personally had to go through something humiliating in life, they have the opportunity now to express their thanks, appreciation and gratitude to **GOD** for **HIM** having ignored them thus far.

**GOD** is our **TEACHER** and **GUIDE**. A Muslim has the chance to unify **HIS** teachings with others in a new and special way. When you feel you've welcomed yourself in, you feel **GOD** is welcoming you in, too. When you feel you can be an excellent spiritual provider for *your* needs, you're then ready for the experience of providing wisely for others. No virtue on Earth will consciously come to you until you've first strived to give that virtue to others. You can't discover what you've been given until you've given it away.

Dying for **GOD's/God's** sake isn't good enough. Your thoughts circle around **GOD** {like the moon around the Earth) facing one way the whole time. Your thoughts {moon} don't ever come close enough to your feelings {sun} even though your thoughts circle your soul and your feelings like a corkscrew to express all that you want to say to **HIM**. To come to believe in **GOD**, you should make your way around and around your soul {Earth} consciously as your soul consciously circles around and around your heart {sun}. Just as the moon circles the Earth and the two of them circle the sun, you rotate and revolve in “heavenly” ways. How can you become the star you dream of becoming or appreciate all the other stars around you if you don't know how **HE** created you just like the combination of “heavenly” bodies closest to home?

The only thing that's stopping you from developing an imagination great enough to recreate my **WORDS** within you are your desires that conspire with your feelings that, then, stop your mind from imagining. Only when you have desires and feelings that carry your thoughts as though on a flying carpet to “paradise” will you experience how important the spiritual process is in achieving your destiny.

Your penis is like a combination lock. It must be unlocked for you to get inside you. Each day you're given a new lock with a new combination. Each day you're going to be working on a new syndrome that you should talk to yourself about.

We're beyond metaphor, symbolism and simile now. There's no way you're going to be able to separate your tools and use your wrench, screwdriver and flashlight separately. You've got to combine them to get the job done. You've got to move over from figures of speech to parables.

A parable is a short story in which the characters are symbols that hold concepts within them. And those concepts are elucidated through relationships between the characters that stand for moral actions that pertain to you. Parables describe relationships between people that mirror relationships within people. Parables don't answer questions and solve problems. Parables elucidate syndromes. Once you can see the way something works, you can decide for yourself what you're going to do about it.

In the parable of the crying infant in the arms of the complaining child being patted on the back by the inexperienced adolescent – you should be able to imagine yourself as an older, but still young, man talking to that adolescent, commending him for reaching out to his younger brothers who are doing “women's work” and who feel so inadequate doing some of those jobs.

Caring for yourself as your mother once cared for you over many years doesn't need to be a daunting task if you approach it systematically. Doing “woman's work” {expressing patience through composure} isn't that hard if you begin by showing you the feelings you need by expressing the character development you're striving for.

You may have become your own worst enemy in some ways because you were the last person on Earth whose words you believed you could trust. And you secretly knew it all along. The stranger you were afraid of wasn't black. He wasn't Muslim. He wasn't Jewish. He wasn't gay. He was just smarter than you.

Knowledge of GOD's, GOD's or *God's* intentions won't be enough to carve you each day like a work in progress. Feelings for HIM, HIM or *Him* won't give you the discipline you need to advance your good works day after day for a lifetime. You can have all the willpower in the world, and it won't be enough to die with self-respect if you're breaking the Ten Commandments from within. You've got to achieve wisdom, love and self-loyalty by witnessing the “hell” you've created for yourself inside, and then lead yourself out of it with truth and beauty. That's both easier and harder than it looks until you're practiced in making your way all the way around your inner world.

The syndromes that operate you can't be repaired except with the WORD “trust.” You can't trust yourself until you can separate and reunite the voices within you in more genuine ways. Kvetching {Yiddish: complaining} isn't enough. If you don't begin with holding your crying infant, child of **GOD** that you are, you won't find good enough reasons to pat yourself on the back. And then you won't have anything good to say to yourself about your efforts to comfort and console you. That shouldn't be that hard to understand.

You can't trust yourself until you can admit you haven't tried to trust yourself. You've probably been allowing others to substitute for your mother, and, I'm sure, that hasn't worked out at all well. And if you use underdogs {gays} and scapegoats {Jews} to vilify what you're afraid to tell yourself, you're going to make your life and the life of those

around you into “hell” on Earth. And for that, you’ll pay full tuition, regardless of your fabulous scholastic “intentions” in this school.<sup>133</sup>

When you learn to treat gays and Jews as individuals and not vilify us with stereotypes that say more about you, you’ll overcome many of the secret desires you hold that you haven’t been willing to admit to yourself. Then, you’ll break the projection of your self-hate to perceive the lies you’ve been telling you that you’ve been living out as attitudes, moods and bad tempers. Then you’ll be able to admit you have a bad attitude about having to always be with you. This turns your inner friend into a stranger. And this turns your inner stranger into an enemy you try fruitlessly to flee or fight.

Our struggle is your struggle writ larger. Our **GOD** is your GOD/GOD/*God*, too. You may never want to sleep with a man or conquer Israel, but if you continue to remain apathetic to our L.G.B.T+ happiness and Jewish homeland, you won’t scratch the surface of your urges to discover what it is you really desire from you that you don’t yet consciously understand.

I can already tell you that regardless of what you believe about **GOD**, what you really want is an intimate relationship with one special person on Earth. What you really want is someone you can truly trust and be open and honest with. And you already know that someone can only be you. And you also know that you can only achieve that if you go below your belt like Eve did without Adam to have that conversation in the garden with “it” that you’ve avoided for so long. Recreate the Creation Story, and the re-Creation Story of Jesus and pro-Creation Story of the Prophet will become meaningful to you.

*“It is He who has given you life,  
and He who will cause you to die  
and make you live again.  
Surely, man is ungrateful.”  
[22: 66]*

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and **HE** who will cause you to die  
and make you live again.  
Surely, man is ungrateful.”*

Man is ungrateful because he doesn’t understand the process he’s being uniquely tempted to explore. He’s ungrateful because he’d rather lean on others pretending they’re “Mommy” or “Daddy” than on himself. He’d rather assimilate into the crowd as did Lot than welcome in angels as did Abraham. Man’s fear of others is real. But even that fear stems from paranoia: fear of himself.

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<sup>133</sup> And I don’t mind telling you that I’m an extremely frugal person monetarily. I like to look around for the best deal. But saving my soul is a lot different from saving money. Democrats beware of how Israel feels about you! Republicans beware of how gays feel about you! Your spiritual frugality may only end up proving you’re cheap.

The horror stories you watch on TV are psychological dramas that play out your confrontations with the stranger within. The adventure stories you watch on TV are psychological thrillers that play out your moral confrontations with your own evil inclination. And crime dramas are really about you trying to catch the thief who broke your own commandments.

Life can't be a school if you think you've been incarcerated, are locked up and can't get out to go to class. Life can't be a school if you yearn for your mother or father to save you, as though you were an orphan in an institution. Life can't be a school if you believe you're a mental patient in a hospital who's being treated for insanity. You're not incarcerated. You're not alone. You're not crazy. And if you live in the United States, it would be difficult to convince anyone anywhere else in the world that you're being imprisoned here against your will. You're free to come and go and think as you please.

It all began with an abstract GOD who was as wrathful as a father. He was proceeded by a GOD who loved man like a brother. And that brought into being a *God* who was as generous and loyal as a woman, the strangest of all strangers for a man. The more man consciously embraces the father, brother and woman within, the more he'll appreciate **GOD's** participation in his spiritual process.

“The shadow goes by many familiar names: the disowned self; the lower self; the dark twin or brother in Bible and myth; the double; repressed self; alter ego; id. When we come face-to-face with our darker side, we use metaphors to describe these shadow encounters: meeting our demons; wrestling with the devil; descent to the underworld; dark night of the soul; midlife crisis. Although the shadow is an innate part of the human being, the vast majority of us are willfully blind regarding its existence. We hide our negative qualities, not only from others but from ourselves. To do this we often criticize and condemn others to ensure our focus does not fall on our own faults and destructive tendencies. We go through life with a false air of moral superiority and a belief that while others act immorally and destructively, we ourselves are wholly virtuous and always in the right. Unfortunately there can be no doubt that man is, on the whole, less good than he imagines himself or wants to be. Everyone carries a shadow, and the less it is embodied in the individual's conscious life, the blacker and denser it is. At all counts, it forms an unconscious snag, thwarting our most well-meant intentions.” [Wikipedia]

No man was planted here like a seed to grow up to kill Jews, squabble with Muslims, debase women or vilify gays. He's here to shape himself like clay or chip away at himself like marble. If he's very smart and entrepreneurial, he's here to harness himself like a watermill or windmill. And if he's attracted to mystery and beauty, he's here to paint himself inside out like a work of art. But he must begin with a self-perception that can be grown, like seeds in the earth, from a metaphoric tree.

It's forbidden to make graven images in Islam because everyone needs to be given the spiritual space to shape himself internally any way he likes. It's forbidden to make graven images in Islam because everyone needs to be given the spiritual space to learn to do so in his imagination. The only canvas a man should always be working on is himself stretched thin. And that canvas lies in his mind, although it's stretched over into his heart and is nailed to his soul. If *Muslims* continue in the direction they're going, they'll soon outlaw imagining. But Muslims will revolt in greater and greater numbers to mind control. Man was created in **GOD's** imagination, not just his own image.

When you're through down here and get out of your masterpiece to look at it from afar, you'll need to decide for yourself if you're happy with the results you carved. But for now you ought to consider carefully what you're doing as you're doing it, because you may not want to live with the moral consequences of your beliefs about you for what may seem like an eternity.

Think of yourself as a black-and-white TV broadcasting programming from the 1950's. Think of your imagination as lacking color, hue, tint and intensity. Imagine for a moment that Judaism is yellow because it's illuminating. Imagine Christianity as red because it's passionate and fiery. And imagine Islam as blue because it's as all-encompassing as the sky, a spiritual canapé hovering over your entire soul.

Together, you can recreate the rainbow GOD gave to Noah that he could only perceive from afar. Together, you can envelop your sons in the coat of many colors that Jacob bestowed on Joseph. Together, you can become a rainbow in the flesh, as was Jesus. All it takes is an imagination to broadcast your inner world out for others in ways that'll produce emotional color.

As your inner program increases in spiritual intensity, you should see your relationship with yourself mature all the more. You may become more involved with what you hear yourself think. And you may notice feelings that come and go that you never had any desire to name before. In perceiving these changes in your relationship with you, you ought to become fascinated with your life as a living, language project. You're a medium of WORDS that hold meaning and color. You're a novel in the making; a diary with a beginning, middle and end.

When I woke up this morning, I realized that I'd had a dream last night about visiting a man in a prison. But instead of being behind bars, he was behind a metal mesh wall. I could see him inside, but not very well.

And when I realized that the man in prison was my alter ego, I was suddenly able to see out from inside the cell through the metal mesh. And I could finally understand why my view out on the world has been so fuzzy for so long. I've been in a jail cell since I tried to kill myself the first time. I've been locked up inside because I was deemed a danger to my own society most of my life. But since this perspective has been internal, it's something that had to be perceived from within. Nobody could tell me I was incarcerated for my sin. Finding the courage to meet with me in this way has taken a lifetime of honesty, sincerity and authentic regard for all of me.

You can forbid yourself from literally singing, playing, painting, sculpting and dancing. You can live like you're in a jail cell, too. But you can forbid yourself from learning new WORDS. You can only censor what you say to you and then don't do. You have the autonomy not to name what you're feeling deep down inside. You have the autonomy not to combine yellow {fear} and blue {sorrow} to create green {jealousy}. But you'll always look out your mesh wall with longing at what others have done with their life that you haven't.

The Arab Spring has sprung. But we may be experiencing it more outside the Middle East than they are there. The Passover story is being retold once every year in Israel, but the Passover story is being told in living color for the first time by all her neighbors. The world is becoming incredibly vital and alive with the joy of freedom. Everyone feels like he's in bloom. The fragrance of life is being inhaled, bringing hope and scope to more of man's dreams than his cup can contain without running over. Liberty overflows into his

saucer and emancipation spills hot new conclusions into his lap. Miracles abound when you've got a vision that surpasses your fantasies and dreams. Suddenly your inner world bursts into color.

The cynicism, scorn and derision of the hyper-religious authorities we see who live in the past are becoming a harbinger of a deep stirring in our soul. The Arab Spring is moving into autumn for the fortunate who enjoy long, carefree days and cool, pleasant nights. And I, for one, am already rolling up my sleeves in anticipation of a great harvest.

*“For every community  
We have ordained a ritual that they observe.  
Let them not dispute with you concerning this.  
Call them to the path of your Lord:  
you are rightly guided.  
If they argue with you,  
say:  
‘God knows best all that you do.  
On The Day of Resurrection  
God will judge your differences.’”*  
[22:67]

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**GOD** will judge your differences.’”*

The day began today with your resurrection from yesterday. Where were you when you rose to it? You'll hopefully be resurrected from sleep again tomorrow as a preview to the death you anticipate when you figuratively die again tonight. You'll have to wait until tomorrow to see if and how you rise to that occasion. You'll have to wait until then to see what you thought of today.

We've all been given a limited number of days to resurrect ourselves before our last day, based on our deeds thus far. That's everyone's gift today. If we use our time to seek peace with ourselves, we'll, surely, be given a great destiny. We'll find reason for this world being just as it is and for us changing the world the way we want through everything we do. Keep your inner eye on the prize. That is your vision of “paradise.”

As you better or worsen the world within, so will you better or worsen the world we share. But if you spend all your time on Earth fighting with yourselves, I think you ought to expect to find yourself spending eternity doing the same. Why would you deserve any better?

*“You people!  
Listen to this aphorism.  
Those whom you invoke besides God  
could never create a single fly  
though they combined their forces.  
And if a fly carried away a speck of dust from them,  
they could never retrieve it.  
Powerless is the supplicant,  
and powerless is he whom he supplicates.”*  
[22:73-74]

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There’s a tale in Judaism about בעל זבוב {BAAL ZIVUV: lord of the flies, Beelzebub, in English}. It’s the story of a god {angel, servant of the Lord: satan} who was in competition with GOD. But he was so spiritually impotent that the best he could lord over were flies. This becomes the modern rendition and psychological interpretation of the devil we can see in ourselves. This is the nudnick {Yiddish: pest} who can only create enough power to lord over other pests like him. This is the “man” who’s not yet a fully-grown man.

In this passage the Quran is telling us that those who look anywhere but to **GOD** for power can’t even create a fly, let alone learn how to fly. Clearly, the Prophet and the Archangel Gabriel saw a need to dispel the myth of Abrahamic man’s belief in his unlimited, egotistical powers. **GOD** alone is the giver of all life and vitality. If you think you can manipulate **HIS** system to eke out power for yourself, you’re being gravely

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<sup>134</sup> A parable is a story that uses animals or people to make a point about how you relate to others. An allegory is a story that uses places and things to do the same. But they’re both observations that contain a general truth that really reveals relationships within yourself.

misguided by your serpent. **GOD** is only letting you go far enough down the road of autonomy to teach you that which **HE** wants you to know about yourself, allowing you to take a detour now and then through “hell” to discover for yourself that you’ve drawn a conclusion that may lead to a spiritual dead end. **HE** gives you a chance to see the error of your ways. **HE** gives you a tiny taste of “hell” while you’re still here on Earth.

It’s human to use semantics to dilute the power of words. If you don’t see **GOD** as like an English teacher teaching you the importance of the **WORDS** you utter, it could only be because you aren’t awakened to the power of the **WORDS/WORDS/Words** you utter to yourself. You speak well enough to communicate with others, so the only possible answer is that you don’t speak well enough to speak with you. Not to have the personal meaning of a **WORD** in your heart or soul is a sign that class has begun and you haven’t yet settled down and are ready to listen.

Moving through the meaning of a word held by your head and then played in your heart will lead you to weigh its effect on you in your soul. In this way, you’ll eventually discover how to read the **WORDS** you write between your own lines. **WORDS** (such as perpetrator, victim and martyr) are there between the lines, held as attitudes that have influenced the direction of your actions and the depth of the relationships you hold with others. When you think of you as the author of everything you say and do, your life becomes your diary. Think of new **WORDS** as the rock, rain, wind or shining light between the lines of your internal speech that you’re now able to write about in the margin of your own inner book.

Be patient with those who are lost, misguided and wicked. Know that they’re only tying a knot around their neck to personally express how choked up they feel by the moral direction they’re going in. Their efforts have nothing to do with your faith, gender, race, religion or sexuality. Their efforts are motivated by projections of the hunger to know themselves that are causing their tremendous frustrations to be externalized.<sup>135</sup>

The efforts of the unfortunate and misanthropic to control *your* attitude will become signposts to help you negotiate through their moral intentions. You’ll eventually see that your cynicism about life is just a series of projections and personifications of **WORDS** from **GOD** {syndromes} you need to learn the meaning of in a personal way. Don’t fight other people’s **WORDS**, **WORDS** or *words*. Supplement them with your own **WORDS**.

If you think you can hope and pray **GOD** will destroy the Jewish people and give Israel to the Muslims, you’re living in a fantasy. If you think gay people are going to go to Mars so you’ll be rid of them here on Earth, you’re living a fiction. And if you think **GOD**’s love

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<sup>135</sup> Observe your political leaders. Do you see something in them you don’t respect? You voted them into office to observe their effect writ large. Now use the wisdom of your experience to vote them out and vote more enlightened people in. Then do the same by taking away the external power of your hyper-religious leaders. Teach them how to learn about themselves. All their life they’ve only been focused on you. Most of them are obviously not ready to teach or lead.

is all we need in life, you're being manipulated by your clergy or culture, and don't even know it.

The Prophet was talking about a vision that goes beyond anything you can paint in a picture in the black-and-white mind you're using now. The Prophet broadcast his inner videos to spiritual devices that needed millennia to internalize what he, himself, could see and say in the time in which he lived.

*“God chooses messengers from the angels  
and from men.  
God hears all and observes all.  
He knows what is before them and behind them.  
To God shall all things return.”  
[22:76]*

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If you're a Muslim who's confused about what you see around you; what you hear others saying; and what your own nose tells you about how badly this world stinks – come back to basics. Come to the Quran as described to you by a gay-Jew. And if you doubt this holy Scripture, read Tanach and the Bible to augment the connections between all three. **GOD's** designs are greater than anyone can describe in pictures or words. But at least **HE** gave us Moses, Jesus, the Prophet and **Buddha** to piece together the most important parts of **HIS** designs. There is no god **{Buddhism}**, but **GOD**. All the gods **{Hinduism}** you've been following have led you to this truth.

Don't listen to the foolish, hateful and disloyal. Look for wisdom, love and devotion instead. These vices and virtues are emanating out from within you and being reflected off those you interact with. The mystery only builds if you move in the direction of your own virtues. Good neighbors make good fences. Good fences don't, necessarily, make good neighbors.

The rainbow is the sign of hope for all three of the Abrahamic faiths. But the rainbow seems to rise on the left side of the sky and set on the right side as you're facing south. It seems to rise in the east and set in the west. It seems to rise at birth and descend at death. For far too many looking north, this makes old age despairing rather than hopeful.

If you've been facing north instead of south, and you see your rainbow rising on your right and setting on your left, know that you're not alone. Your youth may have been despairing and death may beckon you as a reprieve from holy “hell.” But you can turn it all around through the messages from the Prophet in the Quran. You can go north and face

south and perceive hope descending into twilight on your right. Like the Israelites did for 40 years, you can even go around in circles.

The rainbow is a silhouette of the mountain of hope in the sky that came to us through Moses in his description of Noah and the Prophet in his description of Noah. These promises were personified in Jesus. If you really yearn for hope, you'd better personify what you know. The only way to hope is to earn the right to receive.

The universal promise of hope from **GOD** comes in all the colors of the rainbow, and because technology is so primitive today, I can't describe that hope in the colors I'd like to use to paint them on the written page. I'm limited to words that are created in black type on a white background. But I hope my black words will move from the eyes in your head to the rainbow in your heart, expanding your soul so you can believe in **GOD's** designs for everyman.<sup>136</sup>

The first rainbow of promise in Torah gave Noah the hope he needed, to know that **GOD's** punishments for mankind would only come once for each transgression. The rainbow of promise from **GOD** in the flesh gave Jesus the hope **HE** needed to tell the world that **GOD's** rewards would continue forever. And the rainbow of promise from *God* given to the Prophet ought to give each of us the hope we need to know that *He's* made this world fair just as it is for now. If you want it to turn out any better, you're going to want to move mountains.

*“You who are true believers,  
kneel  
and prostrate yourselves.  
Worship your Lord  
and do good works,  
so that you may triumph.”  
[22:77]*

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Learn how to pray and you'll be ready to stand, kneel and prostrate yourself before **GOD** with guilt, not by pretending to be better than you are by bending over backwards

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<sup>136</sup> If, someday, someone comes along who'd like to paint my words in color, I've given you enough clues to the colors to be used. Even Book Seven is a rainbow of my self-expression that might squeeze your soul to recreate the symphony of colors within me.

for others. Are your principles so lofty and pure that you can be sure you're doing nothing wrong the way you're going now? Are the results of your prayers so successful that you see no need to improve your understanding of the words you offer GOD/GOD/God? Offer **GOD** your wisdom, love and devotion to make **HIS** efforts to improve our one room schoolhouse and to evolve all **HIS** pupils. To be a conscious purveyor of **HIS** design, you need to prove to **HIM** you understand it.

*“Fight for the cause of God  
with the devotion due to Him.  
He has chosen you,  
and laid on you no burdens in the observance of your faith,  
the faith of Abraham  
your father.  
In this,  
as in former scriptures,  
He has given you the name of Muslims,  
so that the Apostle may testify against you,  
and that you yourselves may testify against your fellow man.”*  
[22:78]

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Through Moses, GOD has given the Jews our name {YEHUDIM}, which means thankful. We're thankful that we might testify for and against ourselves. **GOD** has given Christians **HIS SON** to testify in **HIS** name on behalf of them and their fellow man. And *He* has given Muslims the *word* through the Archangel Gabriel so that their apostle, Muhammad, may testify against *Muslims*, and that Muslims may testify against their fellow man. In this

modern age we live in, we must personalize and individualize these messages. We must testify against ourselves.

**GOD** has given you your own name as a person who's a member of a chosen people. Your name is connected to **GOD** through your name and through all Jews, Christians and Muslims back to Abraham through Hagar and Ishmael or Sarah and Isaac. Muslims have a religious obligation to work together with Jews and Christians, not to fight amongst themselves or with us to make a name for themselves. This is what it means to show devotion to *Allāh*. Could today's **JEW**s, **CHRISTIAN**s and *Muslim*s be anything other than the world's biggest fools with so many against them?

The problem with human beings is that life is a school and most people simply don't want to do their own homework. They think they can just show up to class each day and figure out what's going on from the class discussions they mindlessly overhear. Or they go out of their way to copy the homework of others without learning a thing about themselves. They aren't prepared for the spot quizzes within, and they certainly don't do especially well on the tests that keep them up late at night worrying about things they think are monumental because they're so small.

Many are eager to scorn the gays and Jews for being the **TEACHER**'s pets. Would that more people paid more attention to **HIS** daily lectures, and spent less time bickering among themselves over who the **TEACHER** likes more. We're not going to allow anyone to revert class time to the elementary lessons of life our ancestors went through. Those days are over.

If you can't stand being in a college classroom setting, continue to make derogatory comments about the unpatriotic. But the **PROFESSOR**'s assignments have been disseminated to the whole class. You're on your own. Decide how you're going to behave. Patriotism goes back to the first patriot, Abraham. Patriotism goes back to the first nation under **GOD**, Israel. If you claim to be a patriot in the modern sense of the word, get your facts right.

*“Therefore, attend to your prayers,  
render the alms levy,  
and hold fast to your God;  
for He is your guardian:  
a gracious guardian  
and a gracious helper!”*  
[22:79]

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a gracious **GUARDIAN**  
and a gracious **HELPER!**”

The only way to get through this trying time we live in is to hold fast to *our* **GOD**, not *your* GOD/GOD/*God*. And as one of your older, spiritual brothers, I can tell you that not everyone is capable of prayer. I, for instance, pray to **GOD** in the very briefest of intervals when **HE** allows me to get a **WORD** in edgewise between my constant inner chatter to myself. The rest of the time, I use spiritual contemplation as my guide. The tranquility of the Lord leaves *His* fingerprints within me to observe and contemplate **HIS** intentions like the summer breeze that ripples across a lake.

Like a college professor, **GOD** gives me very little of **HIS** personal time. I assume **HE** assumes I'm on the right track and only gives me briefest of comments and responses to my inquiries to watch what I'll do next. For this reason, I avail myself of **HIS** office hours. What other people call not being able to sleep at night, I call office hours with the **TEACHER**.

It's in these moments of great, personal regard for the words I choose; the attitude I'm exhibiting; and the direction I'm taking my inner conversations in – that I come to see how manipulative and controlling I can be. It's at these times that I come near to **GOD** to ask **HIM** for insight into how I am with others based on how I'm behaving in the moment with **HIM**. It's then that I present my ego to **HIM**, as would a patient with a rash to his doctor.

The results of this form of prayer is extraordinary because I can see outcomes later that are the direct result of these encounters. It's as if I come to class the next day with something very special that's extremely relevant to the **PROFESSOR**'s next assignment. In this way, I feel I'm sitting at the front of the room, regardless of where I am in the outer world.

Standing, kneeling or prostrating yourself while mouthing canned **WORDS/WORDS/Words** isn't what changes your imagination. Praying is more like raising your hand and having the **TEACHER** call on you. Anyone can pray. Praying involves one-on-**ONE** conversations in which you need to do an inordinate amount of listening between your own lines.

Getting *into* self-pity before getting past it was one of many attitude adjustments I had to work for once I could read between my own lines. Because my family members were Holocaust survivors, they had an enormous need for pity that I couldn't consciously see when I was a child. I could only learn to navigate around their issues as though they were mines planted in the oceans of their emotions. But becoming a self-murderer only created self-pity of my own.

Pitying yourself a little is important. You have to get on the pity-pot before you can get off it. Today I don't have to pity myself any longer. I only have to treat me all the more gently as I face people who don't realize how hurtful they are regardless of why they think they ought to be that way. Pitying me for having to pity them is good for my soul. It makes

me more aware of my inflamed ego, and how, like a star in the night sky, I can contemplate my feelings from afar for greater illumination into my nature.

If you think of your feelings of pity as melody in the treble clef being played on your piano by your right hand, then talking about your feelings is like lyrics to your song. Devotion, loyalty and hospitality are like harmonies you play with your left hand to embellish your melody and lyrics. Play your song with feeling. Give to others the lyrics and harmonies they need to make their own melody meaningful to their ear. But if they hit a wrong note or come to class without having practiced, don't let them get away with it. Everyone's song will suffer if you don't share your music with genuine regard for the wellbeing of us all. Composure comes with composing.

The contemplative process makes me more concentrated, and it makes my external relationships more personally meaningful and intimate. The contemplative process allows me to bring my gifts to the adult table. I've left the kiddy tables where the food fights and insults are still being hurled by bullies who all claim to be victims.

Everyone has gifts to bring to the spiritual table. The question is which table **GOD** has seated you at. I spent years at the kid's table before I was allowed to be counted as an adult. Everyone is a part of our **HOST's** plan, but not everyone will enjoy where he's been asked to take a seat or who his dining companions are going to be.

Spiritual contemplation is accomplished with regard for your thoughts, feelings and beliefs, and they're slowly being combined in your conscience to reveal your deepest desires. Your conscience is then in a position to weigh inner action before taking action in the external world. This makes for better preparation for unexpected eventualities. And this makes for the experience of **GOD** becoming nearer to thee.

I can be jealous of the guy who gets the gal because I can want to have his body even if I don't want to have his gal. I can be jealous of the gal who gets the guy because I can want to have her body even if I don't want to have her. Dancing in my imagination with both bodies, I can perceive the pas de deux I hold with me, a part of me {male}, attracted to another part of me {male}, and a part of me {male} not attracted to another part of me {female}. This is a ballet I dance alone, without a woman. This is a world of attraction no one has the right to get between.

**GOD** wants me to continue to work on knowing myself. **HÆ** wants me to compliment and correct myself just as "heavenly" bodies affect one another's paths with the gravity of their being. And **HÆ** wants me to describe this inner process for my fellow man because this is why **HÆ** shaped me into the spiritual poet-philosopher-rabbi that I am. There are no mistakes, inconsistencies or coincidences in the way any of us are made.

I'm in a gift from **GOD**. And so are you. And if you don't see yourself as an emissary from the Lord; a gift to humanity; and a brother or sister at our table – you're going to miss the opportunity of perceiving your body as the first of many potential gifts from **GOD**. You're going to work against **HIM** rather than with **HIM**. And I can assure you that boils down to many moral questions that aren't going to work out well in the end for any of us unless you strive harder to do what's right by us all.

How could it be that the Jews who were once locked in ghettos each night; forced to open trading routes between indigenists and Christians; and vilified as brown dirt in a

European world that was pearly white clay? How could it be we have the strength of character today to speak honestly, feel sincerely and authentically believe in ourselves, our homeland and our relationship to **GOD**? How is it possible we've been able to glean so much from Christianity and Islam without having given up our faith or denounced theirs? How is it we can we defy our own Scripture by embracing the L.G.B.T+ community and still declare our allegiance to the Lord? What can you do thanks to your GOD/*God*? Can only minorities avail themselves of such gifts? Nonsense!

If you're thinking of going on an inner pilgrimage, go now. Go immediately. Don't hesitate. You don't need time or money to do so. You don't need to make any arrangements in the world around you to take this trip within. This is the journey you've always been waiting for. Go on your pilgrimage, and never stop or look back with fear or regret. Keep your eye on your prize. Keep your eye on your destination. And tell every pilgrim you meet what you've learned and ask him or her why you two have been selected to exchange stories along the way. Your path isn't my path, but we're all going through Israel. Never forget that!

*Surah 23*  
سورة المؤمنون  
*The Believers*

There are many nonbelievers, but there are also very few indigenists who have no affiliation with any Western faith or Eastern **philosophy**. What was once a world full of indigenists when the Prophet Muhammad recited the Quran is no longer the spiritual edge of faith that the world deals with today.

Today we're dealing with the re-creation of the State of Israel, generally, and the political issues of the spiritual importance that the Temple Mount, specifically. How **GOD** uses us to further **HIS** designs aren't that great a mystery anymore. Today, like Ishmael and Isaac, we're all figuratively standing over the gravesite of Abraham with nothing to say to one another. [Genesis 25] <sup>137</sup> And the spiritual silence of Abraham's ancestral sons is appalling. This is something no father would ever want to contemplate his sons doing in his name with his progeny.

The building of the third sacred site of Islam on the most sacred site of Judaism can be no coincidence. This is part of the evolution of **GOD's/GOD's/God's** plan. It infers the need for brotherhood, a form of male bonding and love that **HIS** designs can't be achieved without. When you think about the proximity of the holy sites of Jesus within walking distance of the Temple Mount, you should be in awe of what this may be saying about your plans, your inner Jerusalem, and your eventual place in **HIS** kingdom.

All three of the Abrahamic faiths make the claim that there's only **ONE GOD**, but, honestly, if I hadn't differentiated between these three beliefs at every step along the way with different fonts, you might not have read this far. There, surely, is only one **GOD**, but you'd never know it if you've been blinded by the way most men and women talk about **HIM/HIM/Him** and behave toward one another. It's utterly shameful how hypocritical people have become with regard to the meaning of life (and I include the L.G.B.T+ community). As a member of the human race, I sometimes find it embarrassing to be associated with people altogether. If not for the fact that there are so few Jews and members of the L.G.B.T+ community, I can see no reason for **GOD** to grant mankind more time to figure out what **HE's** got in mind. But minorities need time to teach majorities how to assimilate good ideas.

Animal sacrifice ended 2,000 years ago with the death of Jesus and the destruction of the second Temple. With **GOD's** love having been introduced to the world, there was no more need for the ancient Jews to kill animals to assuage **GOD** for their guilt. And so **HE**

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<sup>137</sup> "ABRAHAM LEFT EVERYTHING HE OWNED TO ISAAC." [Genesis 25:5] "HIS SONS ISAAC AND ISHMAEL BURIED HIM IN THE CAVE OF MACHPELAH NEAR MAMRE, IN THE FIELD OF EPHRON, SON OF ZOHAR THE HITTITE, THE FIELD ABRAHAM HAD BOUGHT FROM THE HITTITES." [Genesis 25:10] When will the spiritual descendants of his progeny begin to celebrate his achievement and stop fighting over it?

allowed the Romans to destroy the second Temple. But, by the way some people behave today, you'd think everyone is still seen as an animal that needs to be sacrificed for some "heavenly" cause.

The most egregious of these savages are the true believers. Instead of letting out their animal instincts in bed with consent, they repress their urges and create scapegoats to blame for what they're doing to themselves. The ultra-orthodox JEWS would go back to animal sacrifice in an instant. The Evangelical CHRISTIANS would go back to slavery in a second. And the radical *Muslims* would end up treating one another like animals, as we see them already doing in many parts of the Middle East.

Because some wealthy people still treat poor people like beasts of burden and because some people now treat animals like their best friend, human beings obviously aren't yet evolved enough to treat one other like angels disclosed, let alone disguised. Don't kid yourself. Don't make excuses for yourself. We live in an age when everyone's knuckles are sometimes scraping on the floor. In other words, we're animals treating one another more like animals from other species than like people who are members of the same species. We haven't yet evolved to the point where we see ourselves as human beings figuratively evolving into something greater than we can imagine.

It would be nice to say that the only way to achieve reconciliation in the Middle East would be for women and gay men to run it, but I'm afraid that'll never happen. Unfortunately, as things stand now, most straight men are doing a poor job in dealing with the problems in the Middle East. And since some straight men aren't going to ever admit they've done a piss-poor job of handling power, lesbians and gay men are going to want to continue to make their case as best they can. Most straight men are only going to evolve by learning from those women who know more than they do about the world within themselves. With more humility, perhaps they'll then do better.

If Adam could have learned from Eve without blaming *her* for *their* mistake, we wouldn't be in the trouble we are now. If Eve could have learned from the serpent without having had to rely on experience as her teacher, we'd all be better off today. And if gay men could have learned more, sooner, from philosopher kings who always saw our unique and loving contribution to mankind, I wouldn't be a member of the tiny group of survivors of the A.I.D.S. epidemic. Apparently, it takes what it takes to evolve and grow. If we believe **GOD** has a plan, we've all gotten what we deserve thus far. But we can all do better if we work together from now on.

To put matters of the Middle East into crude terms, some men are going to have to learn to touch their own penis and testicles with greater regard and appreciation for the power they have within to do good figuratively, and not literally. To put matters of the Middle East into crude terms, some men are going to have to learn to overcome their disgust of vaginal secretions and/or fecal matter touching their precious little shlang. A little soap and water goes a long way...

When you were a child you had moments of great happiness. When you reached puberty that exuberance turned into orgasm. But the kind of happiness you'd enjoyed as a kid went out the window. Now, as an adult, you have the potential to achieve joy, a combination of sweetness and sorrow, happiness and disappointment. Joy is the color of gold for most, but joy is the color violet in the rainbow for some of us.

The more guns {penises} and bombs {orgasms} continue to be the only ways little boys try to solve the problems of growing up, they more they're going to resist the way in which **GOD** made them. They need to face their mental confusion when it comes to matters of sex and war.

Violence in bed is a gift for some and a horror for others. But violence in the streets is a horror for everyone. Those who massage their violent tendencies until they overflow into the street are masturbating juveniles who have no ability to do "it" well in bed with anyone other than themselves. They don't know the first thing about how to use a penis *with* another human being. They only know how to use it *against* another human being.

Revenge expressed through sex is tempting, but destructive. The more you unconsciously seek revenge in the bedroom, the greater the tendency for your spiritual house to go up in flames. The flames you should wish to stoke are those of illumination, warmth, purity, prayer, mystery, mission and insight. Revenge will destroy you.

Granted, to make fire you need flint, a twig and a lot of vigorous rubbing. But, surely, you're developed enough to understand how to make a fire under safe conditions in bed and how to avoid setting fires politically or socially. Those criminals who use their armies and police force to set people aflame in the streets aren't fooling us. We know they're just little boys who are playing with soldiers instead of with themselves. They're never going to grow up. Oh, they may grow up enough to play with their soldiers in bed as well as in war, but they aren't ever going to unravel the difference between sex and war. Most of the jobs at the top of the social pyramids have been dispensed to little straight-appearing boys, not to civilized men and women. And that's got to change. Children mustn't be allowed to play with matches.

The problems of the Middle East aren't about satan and how he's tempted your enemies to destroy you. The problems aren't even about Sunnis and Shiites. They're about man's unrealistic relationship with the delivery system of his desires, both for the good and the bad. Either he thinks too highly of his delivery system, or he doesn't like himself enough the way it is. If **GOD** created every penis differently, then the one **HE** gave you must have a specific function that's similar, but not equal, to the function of every other one of them on Earth. Figure yourself out! Lives depend on it!

If you only did what you were told but developed no conscience as a child, you lowered your self-esteem through your behavior without realizing that what you were doing to others would affect you in the long run. And if you're trying to raise your self-esteem now, you'd better start by developing your conscience. The only thing that will raise it is a change in the way you treat everyone, but especially you.

Those who gulp down the slop of wishful thinking their mind produces without a second thought to its nutritional value are going to gain physical and emotional weight without improving their moral stature. They're going to think very highly of their ability to deliver and the payload they have to offer. But they aren't going to be very good at associating matters occurring above their waist with matters below it.

There are voices in your head you ought to fire. What's the point of worrying about the fire after life if you don't do some firing while you're here? Fire and replace some inner voices with more skilled observers of reality, and you'll find yourself in less hot water in the world we share.

That doesn't necessarily mean you need to become more cynical, skeptical or sarcastic. It means you should become more knowledgeable about what you need at more and more

subtle levels of self-awareness. If you can't yet contemplate yourself, you won't learn how to pray more effectively. If you can't discuss your needs with yourself, how in the world are you going to discuss them with your GOD/GOD/*God*? Your enemies are more valuable to you alive than dead. Therefore, turn them into friends whenever possible. They may even make good playmates...

Send circuses as emissaries of peace. Send comedians abroad to fight culture wars. Send street artists to make streets safe for children. Send chefs to feed the hunger in man's soul. And use soldiers to protect them.

Jews aren't spiritually equal to Christians. Christians aren't spiritually equal to Muslims. And Muslims aren't spiritually equal to those in the secular world in which they live. Each of us has been given a specialty to advance in the school of life. And yet, everyone is made equivalently {±} in **GOD's** image. But the image in which you're recreating yourself must also take into account **HIS** designs for all of humanity. People are spiritually evolving, just as our species physically once evolved out of the animal kingdom.

**GOD** has been willing to move much more slowly than fundamentalist CHRISTIANS today like to think. They insist the whole process is no more than 6,000-7,000 years old. Clearly, science and history will have to merge with religion in a whole, new way if we're going to perceive **GOD's** historical designs for each and every one of us, poetically speaking.

Homophobes will tell you that gay sex is no different from bestiality. Clearly, they can't tell the difference between cattle and men. These are the cowboys of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century who think they can run our nation like it was the Wild West.

If you look at the human race as a horse race, and bet only on one horse – say, the CHRISTIAN horse – you're going to come up with rules for the game that favor your horse winning. The CHURCH has been doing that for millennia, and the fundamentalist CHRISTIANS are still doing it today with voting laws that favor whites; immigration laws that favor Europeans; and social conventions that favor straights. They're crafting white-CHRISTIAN rules by which they hope to win the race.

How absurd! JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will never win the race, and deep down inside they know it. The race is against yourself. Unless we all win, we all lose. This is today's lesson in avoiding Armageddon, the End of Days and Doomsday.<sup>138</sup>

This 23<sup>rd</sup> surah of the Quran, "*The Believers*," is more interesting when you compare it to the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Genesis in which Sarah died and Abraham bargained with the Hittites to buy land that had trees and a cave in which to bury his beloved wife. His was the first spiritual purchase in **HIS** story. This is when the indigenist ancestors to Islam first conceded a piece of their land to a believer.

If you consider yourself a believer, you're going to want to acknowledge, use and respect Torah, not burn it, defile it or deride it. If you say you believe in GOD, GOD or *God*, you're going to want to believe in all of **HIS** story, not just those stories you like to think

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<sup>138</sup> It's only when you personalize competition by competing against yourself that you can account for your life morally. But that, of course, can't be done without enormous understanding of both Western faiths and Eastern **philosophies**.

pertain to your tradition. Once you've gotten as far as the 23<sup>rd</sup> surah of the Quran, you should be able to see that every true believer in for a penny is also in for a pound.

*“You shall, surely, die hereafter  
and be restored to life on  
The Day of Resurrection.  
We have created seven heavens above you;  
of our creation  
We are never heedless.”  
[23:18] <sup>139</sup>*

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and be restored to life on  
the Day of Resurrection.  
**WE** have created seven ‘heavens’ above you;  
of **OUR** creations  
**WE** are never heedless.”*

The seven highways to “heaven” aren’t in “heaven.” They’re routes you’re going to take in your inner world to achieve a spiritual perspective greater than the earthly view you hold now. These seven highways correspond to the seven attributes of fire that **GOD** gave in the flame as a hint to the purpose of the holy flame inside you that gives you life.

You can also view these seven highways as the days of the week, colors of the rainbow or metaphors of life. They’re even evident as the seven faiths and **philosophies** **GOD** gave to this world. You’re in a mystery that only you can solve. You don’t have to literally be a prisoner, orphan or patient to know that you’re alone. Therefore, comfort yourself. The road is only going to get narrower. Even your eyes can see that as you peer outward at the horizon. There are clues everywhere.

Think of yourself as made of clay in the biblical sense of the **WORD**. And then think of a flame burning within that clay. That makes you symbolically a spiritual oven. That makes you a place in which spiritual bread is baked. “**MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE.**” [Deuteronomy 8:3] “**MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE.**” [Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:4] Man lives “**ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.**” [sic]

When our Lord speaks, we need all three faiths to triangulate what **HE** says. This can be no coincidence. This must be a part of **HIS** designs. **GOD** never does anything heedlessly.

Therefore, the concepts the ancients had about “heaven” and “hell” ought to be figuratively brought down to Earth. You should admit we make our time here “heavenly”

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<sup>139</sup> Literally: seven highways in Arabic

or “hellish.” We lock ourselves up with bad habits, and we throw away the key with excuses, greed and denial.

Think of psychology as a photo you take of a man on a mountain. Psychology will tell you about the man, but it can't tell you whether he's going up the mountain or coming down. Who knows where he's going by the pose he takes for the camera. He'll tell you he's ascending or he'll tell you he's descending. There's no objective way to measure what he's subjectively going through. It's only by taking many photos of him over a long period of time that you can track the course of his actions. Sociology is good at taking pictures of peoples, but poor at discerning the direction civilization is taking them in. We need Scripture as well.

Religion has the video, but unfortunately none of the faiths or **philosophies** are any good at putting the film into slow-mo to replay a scene for verification of what just happened. Today we're stuck with external photos and film that get more and more accurate at capturing the world around us. But most people haven't yet developed an inner video to make a recording they can play back to get a sense of where they're going within.

There are plenty of people who seem bent on making it “hell” for others. But aren't the rest of us doing the same to ourselves? If you ask others why they're doing what they're doing, they'll tell you most sincerely that they believe they're making it better for everyone. They see themselves as angels in disguise, not devils in league with satan.<sup>140</sup> They truly believe the words, “Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord.” They just don't realize that the vengeance they're taking out on others will come back around on them because they see themselves as lords who have the right to command the rest of us.

We must put aside our opinions of the afterlife to use the wisdom of Moses, the love of Jesus and the devotion of the Prophet to make sure this world is better for future generations than it has been for us. We must model for everyone we meet how to live, first and foremost, in peace with ourselves. Surely, this is how **GOD** measures our efforts in our lifetime and after we're literally gone.

How **HE** measures you is best described through the symbolism brought to us by Jesus. He created the holy symbols of container {bread} and contents {wine}. Jesus, in effect, said that you're a spiritual container filling yourself with holy contents. Call those spiritual contents a wiser mind, a loving heart and a generous soul. Call the good in you anything you like. It's not important what you call it. What's important is how you use it on you. This alone will make it possible to spread it out, like a picnic for guests at your table.

Now imagine **GOD** breaking your container when you die and then removing your contents, leaving only the empty shell {body} behind that we have to dispose of here on Earth. Imagine **GOD** then figuratively submerging your contents in a big vat that'll pour off a measurable amount of essence in overflow, just as you'd measure the volume of an oddly shaped object to determine its density in accordance with the principles of Archimedes.<sup>141</sup>

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<sup>140</sup> Judaism believes in angels. It just doesn't believe in devils.

<sup>141</sup> “Archimedes was asked to determine the density of the gold in the king's crown to make sure it hadn't been diluted with silver, and he did so by using the displacement principle in measuring volume that he chanced upon when getting out of his own bathtub.” [Wikipedia]

The density of your spiritual attributes is what you're worth in **GOD**'s eyes. This won't be up for debate or discussion. What you'll be worth, whether you thought yourself to be an angel or a devil, will be easy to determine in this way. There won't be any need to negotiate, bargain or plead your case. Your worth will be obvious, even to you. This is an extension of the symbols of Jesus that we could all benefit from.

*“We sent down water from the sky in due measure  
and lodged it in the earth.  
But if We please,  
We can take it all away.”*  
[23:19]

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and lodged it in the earth.  
But if **WE** please,  
**WE** can take it all away.”

The water referred to in this passage is the life-giving substance needed for human improvement {self-love}, not the water needed for botanical and biological sustenance. You nourish and suckle yourself in the spiritual sense on the life-giving water **GOD** sends down from the sky in due measure. The spiritual milk in your chest {heart and soul} should be first, and foremost, a gift to you. Otherwise, you're simply going to dry up spiritually and die long before you're dead. Without your love for you, you're lost. <sup>142</sup>

*“With it We caused palm groves and vineyards to spring up,  
yielding abundant fruit for your sustenance.  
The tree (olive) which grows on Mt. Sinai  
gives oil and a condiment for all to eat.”*  
[23:20]

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<sup>142</sup> Look around you. Can you not see the living dead who've never learned to drink their own milk? Can you not see those for whom **GOD** has send down no water to nourish them? Would you not quench their thirst by leading them, like a horse, to water? Is this not a test for you from **HIM**?

If you stop looking at the differences between people and start looking at what you have in common with them, the Quran makes more sense than some people give it credit for. Think of Muslim families as palm groves and the fruits they figuratively fill their children with as dates that offer sweet sustenance.<sup>143</sup> Think of all parents' nurturance as the fruits of their endeavors. Think of yourself as a date planted in a grove of palm trees that produced one more tree that brings sweet sustenance to this world. Now you'll see the incredible hope and joy the Prophet expressed about spiritual life through his comparison to the main metaphor of Moses and the symbols of Jesus.

The difference between "*palm groves*" and "*vineyards*" lies in more than just their fruits. Palms are different from vines in that these tall grasses stand alone, while vines lean upon artificial trees {posts} to support them. The fruit of the palm {dates} and the vine {grapes} both grow in bunches and are very sweet, but the sweetness of the children of such families form laughter, joy, inclusion and busyness in different ways.

Foolish CHRISTIANS have fought over dates and grapes rather than bless them both. Democrats are like dates. Republicans are like grapes, and yet each eats only what's served him. Are Sunnis and Shiites blind to the example *God* has set for them? They're as unwise as JEWS!

Judeo-Christian children are comparable to the fruit of the vine that are blessed in their faith.<sup>144</sup> And if you raise them {children} for the sweetness they naturally hold inside, you won't squash their own hopes and dreams. You won't sour them on life. You won't turn the blood in their veins to vinegar or force them to become wizened like wine before their time. They won't dry up inside like raisins on a vine.

Think of all young adults as dates. They're so sweet you can't eat more than a few before you're filled up and lose your appetite completely. Dried, they make a tasty snack that has a long, shelf life. But the man who lives on dates alone will die of a bad diet. Such was the lesson of A.I.D.S. for which The 100,000 died in America alone.

Think of older men and women like olive trees that are growing at the summit of Mount Sinai. Think of them as spiritually ascended. Think of them as gnarled and beautifully shaped with sinew and muscle that leaves their silhouette looking unique. Think of the fruits of seniors like the fruit of the olive tree. They have to be cured in saltwater {tears}. They can't be spiritually consumed the way they once were; straight from the branch of the tree. A raw olive is inedible because it's so fresh.

A boy will want to undergo the spiritual process that will turn him into a man. But that process doesn't have to include war, rape or material losses and disappointments. He could cure himself in the brine of his own tears over time if he had training in awareness from his experiences to see himself as wise, loving and hospitable right from the start. His yearning could come from a desire to be with the most fascinating person in his world.

*"We have revealed Our will to him,  
saying,*

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<sup>143</sup> The palm tree isn't a tree at all. It's a grass.

<sup>144</sup> (1) Hebrew blessing over the wine (2) "I TELL YOU, I WILL NOT DRINK FROM THIS FRUIT OF THE VINE FROM NOW ON UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN I DRINK IT NEW WITH YOU IN MY FATHER'S KINGDOM," [Matthew 26:29]

*‘Build the ark under our watchful eye,  
 according to Our instructions.  
 When Our judgment comes to pass  
 and water wells out from the oven,  
 take aboard a pair from every species  
 and the members of your household,  
 except those of them already doomed.’*  
*Do not plead with Me for those who have done wrong:  
 they shall be drowned.*  
*And when you and your followers have gone aboard,  
 say:*  
*‘Praise be to God who has delivered us from a sinful nation.  
 Lord, let my landing from the ark be blessed.  
 You alone can make me land in safety.’”*  
 [23:27-30]

“**WE** have revealed **OUR** will to him,  
 saying,  
 ‘**BUILD THE ARK UNDER OUR WATCHFUL EYE,  
 ACCORDING TO OUR INSTRUCTIONS.  
 WHEN OUR JUDGMENT COMES TO PASS  
 AND WATER WELLS OUT FROM THE OVEN,  
 TAKE ABOARD A PAIR FROM EVERY SPECIES  
 AND THE MEMBERS OF your HOUSEHOLD,  
 EXCEPT THOSE OF THEM ALREADY DOOMED.’**  
**DO NOT PLEAD WITH ME FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DONE WRONG:  
 THEY SHALL BE DROWNED.**  
**AND WHEN YOU AND YOUR FOLLOWERS HAVE GONE ABOARD,  
 say:**  
**‘Praise be to GOD who has delivered us from a sinful nation.  
 Lord, let my landing from the ark be blessed.  
 YOU alone can make me land in safety.’”**

**GOD** reveals **HIS** will to each of us as **HE** did to Noah. We each go through the third story of Genesis in our own way, making us feel blessed for having been spared the fate of others who figuratively drown in feelings of maturation they couldn’t contain. Each of us goes through the Creation Story in infancy, whether, or not, we can remember that garden of delights. Each of us goes through the Story of Cain and Abel in childhood that leaves us all crying out for justice, and the Story of Noah and the Ark in adolescence from which

we're left with hope mixed with cynicism at life's twists and turns that cause us to become juvenile and cynical about our journey.

We constructed our vehicle {ark} for the emotionality of our seven seas under **GOD's** watchful eye. We obediently prepared ourselves for the emotional storms and high winds of adulthood as we crossed the first bridge {rainbow} in life {adolescence} from childhood to adulthood. And yet, few of us discovered what a deep and personal relationship with **GOD** we were developing at that impressionable age.

The line I find most interesting in this passage is, "WHEN (**GOD's**) JUDGMENT COMES TO PASS AND WATER WELLS OUT FROM THE OVEN..." Each of us is like a vehicle in the metaphor of life as a journey. But in the spiritual symbolism of Christianity, each of us is like an oven, a clay container made in **GOD's** image of **HIMSELF** in human form. And there's a flame housed in that oven that **HE** breathed into you before you were born. You're here to *make* and *break* bread with your spiritual brothers. You weren't incidentally or coincidentally brought here at this time in history without a reason. There's no mistake about your presence. Your body is the key to your *raison d'être*. Love the oven. Love the flame. And then you'll come to love the bread you bake.<sup>145</sup>

But it's still odd that the Prophet would state that "WATER WELLS OUT FROM THE OVEN." The water that wells out of this oven that houses your flame is your emotionality. This is the Prophet's symbolic way of describing your feelings for others {your feelings for yourself in projection}.

It's seemingly contradictory that feelings would emerge from a creature made of earth {thought} and fire {life}. It's seemingly contradictory that water would well out of a fire that produces so much hot air... But the mystery of emotion is precisely the irrationality that Christianity and, by extension, spiritual symbolism, excels at exploring when it comes to **GOD's** creation of man as a container in pursuit of holy contents.

When you've gotten on board and say, "*Praise be to **GOD** who has delivered me from a sinful nation,*" don't ask **HIM** to save those you love who haven't come on board with a revelation of their own. Don't expect that the materialists {those who have no poetic nature; no ability to appreciate the water that wells out of their oven} will be saved. Whether **GOD** will save those you love is a question you can't ask of **HIM** until you can share enough of the big picture with yourself.

The spiritual process is something you can't force anyone to awaken to. **GOD** alone can moor you to safe harbors. **HE** alone can guide you through your turbulent emotions to ground you with thoughts that'll then lead you to learn to spiritually fly through this earthly realm.

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<sup>145</sup> It's no coincidence that Jesus was born in Bethlehem {בֵּית לֶחֶם: BEIT LECHEM} which means "house of bread." And it's also no coincidence that in Arabic: بيت لحم: *Bayt Lahim* means "house of meat." The bread we're speaking of is your flesh, not cooked dough. Share it wisely!

- (1) “THEN WE RAISED A NEW GENERATION AND SENT FORTH TO THEM AN APOSTLE OF THEIR OWN. ‘Serve GOD,” he {Moses} said, ‘for you have no GOD but HIM. Will you not take heed?’”

[23:32] (Jewish version)

- (2) “THEN WE RAISED A NEW GENERATION AND SENT FORTH TO THEM AN APOSTLE OF THEIR OWN. ‘SERVE GOD’ HE {Jesus} said, ‘FOR YOU HAVE NO GOD BUT HIM. WILL YOU NOT TAKE HEED?’”

[23:32] (Christian version)

- (3) “*Then We raised a new generation and sent forth to them an apostle of their own. ‘Serve God’ he {the Prophet} said, ‘for you have no God but Him. Will you not take heed?’*”

[23:32] (Muslim version)

- (4) “Then **WE** raised a new generation and sent forth to them an apostle of their own. ‘Serve **GOD**’ {s/he} said, ‘for you have no **GOD** but **HIM**. Will you not take heed?’”

[23:32] (Modern spiritual version)

You’ve been given thoughts that have led you to think you believe what you believe because your thoughts are right. You’ve been given feelings that have led you to feel you believe what you believe because your feelings are right. You’ve been given beliefs that have led you to believe what you believe because your beliefs are right. But, in fact, you’ve been led astray. What you thought, felt or believed wasn’t entirely right, even though it wasn’t wrong either.

The path up the mountain from the valley of infancy up the hills of childhood to the precipices of adolescence to the summit of adulthood is a climb that most everyone recognizes in his own ways. But it’s universally true only when described in parable. Parable makes it possible for the Quran to describe GOD’s/GOD’S/*God*’s universal plan for man because it can look back on Judaism and Christianity in a way that the other two can’t look forward to Islam. The Quran allows you to look down from the mountain as you’re going south. This is the most important aspect of the Quran because it orients you to all your studies in the school of life. Because the Quran is the last of the three Abrahamic Scriptures given by **GOD**, it can only be translated using the tools of Spiritual Linguistics.

It’s easier to get from GOD to GOD to *God* to **GOD** than from **GOD** to *God* to GOD to GOD. It’s easier to add up the evidence of Judaism, Christianity and Islam than it is to subtract the evidence of there being a universal **GOD** that validates the spiritual regression we see in the extremists of the Abrahamic faiths.

It’s easier to go north with the morning sun on your right while agreeing with your compatriots that the setting sun is on your left. But once you get turned around in middle age and find yourself going south back where you came from, you may seek to control

others in a fruitless endeavor to control life and what young people will come to know about your GOD/GOD/*God*.

The apostle in your life at your age and in the time that you live doesn't have to be any of the 12 Apostles of Jesus. Your truth doesn't have to be about embracing one apostle another. Devotion to a particular apostle isn't what makes your journey rich or right. Believe whatever you wish. What matters is that what you believe leaves you with hope. Use all your apostles to learn to believe in yourself. You can't give your faith in your GOD, GOD, *God* or our **GOD** to anyone until you've earned it for yourself from yourself.

*“Then We raised other generations  
- no people can delay their doom or go before it -  
and sent forth Our apostles in succession.  
Yet time after time they disbelieved their apostles,  
so that We destroyed them one by one  
and held them up as an example.  
Gone are the nonbelievers.”*  
[23:40-43]

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and held them up as an example.  
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Who did **GOD** hold up by example, the apostles or the people who disbelieved in them? **GOD** doesn't say. So you'd better become an emissary unto yourself and let **GOD** hold you up as an example, for better or worse. You have no better option.

By the year 900 C.E., all the peoples of the Middle East who weren't Jewish or Christian had become believers in Islam. The Jews had prophets until the Age of Prophecy ended, about 420 B.C.E.. The Catholics still add more saints to their list today. The various Protestant denominations created by Martin Luther, Calvin, Joseph Smith {Mormonism} etc. have their apostles, too. Think of the Prophet as one more apostle. All apostles are doing **GOD's** will. All previous apostles should be seen as apostles who contributed to you becoming an emissary of an unfolding, universal truth.

It's so easy to exclude those you don't like; it's so much harder to include them as students in this school. Wouldn't you like to think that your ability to be educationally inclusive is something **GOD** will judge you for as well? As long as you verify that people are telling you the truth, their message is worthy of reflection.

The Sunnis and Shiites are presently doing an excellent job of mirroring to the Christian world what the Christians once did to their own Eastern orthodox, Catholic and Protestant believers. Exclusion is the essence of demise. The exclusion of women, blacks, foreigners, gays and Jews is precisely what we've been fighting against since the beginning of civilization.

Saudi Arabia has finally legalized driving for women. MAZEL TOV! {congratulations} But I'm stating it in a tone of voice that implies ridicule, derision and scorn}. The last nation on Earth to exclude women on the highway has conceded to the metaphor of women as human beings on a journey, each in her own vehicle; a vehicle all women have the right to sit behind the wheel and drive without a man literally beside them or figuratively inside with them. That's a huge spiritual achievement...

Muslim men in Saudi Arabia have finally conceded to a bit of modernity. They've finally admitted that they can die in a vehicle that a woman was driving. They've finally conceded that women have the ability to determine, discern, discriminate, differentiate and distinguish where they were; where they are; and where they're going. *Women* can decide their destination without the guidance of *men*. I say again, "Mazel tov! And welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!"

After all the *Muslim* women who taught their children to hate Jews; to disown their gay sons and daughters; and to give themselves to *Muslim* terrorists to disrespect anyway they wanted – it's about time Saudi Arabia acknowledges that women are in a vehicle they have the right to drive by themselves. If you don't like where *Muslim* men and women are taking you, ask them to pull over. Get out and walk! It wouldn't kill you to get some exercise.

In the Jewish community, we have our orthodox, conservative and reformed movements. But we're able to argue over the differences in our beliefs rather than fight over them (most of the time). I try to laugh at the JEWS I don't agree with rather than exclude them, even though they exclude me whenever and wherever they can. We're too small in number to exclude one another violently. Jews, like the L.G.B.T+ community, exclude those we don't like using truth, logic, scorn and appeals to feelings. That's far better than using discriminatory laws or violent tactics.

Despite the three movements in our Jewish communities {orthodox, conservative and reformed}, we have three types of Jews in the psychological and traditional sense in Yiddish: the schlemiel, schlimazel and nebish. It's through these three psychological types that we elucidate to one another how others are behaving outwardly.

The schlemiel is like someone who always seems to spill his cup of coffee. The hot liquid always seems to fall on the schlimazel. And the nebbish is the one you can always count on to clean up the mess. The schlemiel is the perpetrator. The schlimazel is the victim. And the nebish is the martyr.

Do you suspect there might be a few schlemiels, schlimazels and nebbishes in your faith, **philosophy** or lifestyle? Do you think that just maybe the Jewish mother wasn't the first stereotype of every mother? Do you think that the Jews might just be in a class with the **TEACHER** that's more advanced than you? I'm not saying that every Jew is a genius or even gifted. I'm just saying that someone in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade is living a lifestyle that's different than someone in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or the 6<sup>th</sup>.

We build synagogues all around town just so we can tell other Jews which synagogue we don't go to... We divide ourselves into gastronomic Jews, cultural Jews, high holy day Jews, atheist Jews and even anti-Semitic and Anti-Zionist Jews. What sort of Jew would you be if you were a Jew?

The self-hating Jew is a direct offshoot of the JEW who hates every Jew who interprets Scripture differently. He's got no one left to hate, but himself. We laugh, scorn, exclude and even hate one another. We just don't kill one another. That's where we draw the line. That's where some JEWS have gone too far.

If you're self-hating in the sense that you disapprove of what you think, how you feel, what you believe and what you desire, you'd make an excellent nebish. You'd make a good martyr. All you'd need to do is develop the composure to be patient as you watch yourself disapproving of everything about you. **GOD** will do the rest.

The whole world is eventually going to conspire in humiliating the JEWS until they give up their hyper-religious dogma about homosexuality. Ultra-orthodox JEWS, like fanatical CHRISTIANS and *Muslim* extremists, are very easily humiliated before their GOD/GOD/*God* about unacceptable, social behaviors that affect their reputation before their Lord. That's the only reason I bothered to write these books.

The most religious in the Abrahamic faiths care deeply about their reputation before GOD/GOD/*God*. They just don't care about their reputation before us. They don't care that they're taking some parts of Scripture literally and some figuratively. They don't care that they're ignoring aspects of Scripture that are intended to teach peace. Their desires are in control of their operating system. They don't care about being called hypocrites. That's why it's imperative that you show them how they're really hypocrites in how they treat themselves. Nothing else will sway their emotions.

The JEWS only care about getting back the Temple and resuming animal sacrifice. The CHRISTIANS only care about converting all the Jews to CHRISTIANITY. And the *Muslims* only care about destroying Israel and forcing the world to follow their particular brand of *Islam*.

JEWS need to discover that they're embarrassed about their relationship with their body. CHRISTIANS need to discover that they're really ashamed of the ways in which they're undermining GOD's sacrifice. And *Muslims* need to discover that their beliefs are humiliating them because they're in defiance of the WORDS of the Prophet.

Fortunately, they're all getting the aspect of guilt they deserve {embarrassment, shame or humiliation}, just not yet in the doses they deserve. It's all work out in according with **GOD's** designs if you do your part to better yourself. The rising **TIDE** raises all arks.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who aren't interested in learning from the Prophet must be warned, "*No people can delay their doom or go before it.*" If the self-hating CHRISTIAN and the self-hating *Muslim* don't work on their sense of humor together with the self-hating JEW, what other option will they have but to bring death and destruction into the world?

If you don't use the love Jesus personified; if you don't use the devotion the Prophet recited, how will you ever use the wisdom Moses brought into this world in Torah? But if

you don't start at the beginning of the story, and give pause at the middle, don't expect to be around for the happy ending.

*“Then We sent Moses and his brother Aaron  
with Our signs,  
and with clear authority,  
to Pharaoh and his nobles.  
But they received them with contempt,  
for they were arrogant men.  
‘What!’  
said they.  
‘Are we to believe in two men like ourselves,  
whose people are our bondsmen?’  
They denied them,  
And, thus, incurred destruction.  
And We gave Moses the book,  
so that they might be rightly guided.”  
[23:44-49]*

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and with clear authority,  
to Pharaoh and his nobles.  
But they received them with contempt,  
for they were arrogant men.  
‘What!’  
said they.  
‘Are we to believe in two men like ourselves,  
whose people are our bondsmen {slaves}?’  
They denied them,  
and, thus, incurred destruction.  
And **wE** gave Moses the book,  
so that they might be rightly guided.”*

This rendition of the Passover story was told by *God* via the Archangel Gabriel to the Prophet in a way he could understand. It was told with historical distance on **GOD's** interface with the people of that time.

The problem doesn't lie with man's eyes or ears. The problem lies in his imagination. He's unwilling to overcome his arrogant insistence that he alone holds every

WORD/WORD/*Word* our **CREATOR** uttered. He's unwilling to take external issues personally. This problem originates in his genitals through which his desires for power are delivered. And the problem ends in his rectum when he makes an ass of himself.

If you're discussing this matter in polite society, you should claim that the problem lies in man's nose. You should cross your nose with one finger when talking to people to warn them with a sign to protect their testicles and ovaries if they don't want to see them beaten and abused.

Evil men refuse to use their intuition to augment their imagination. They come up with excuses to take sides with the son of Noah who refused to get on board. They use loyalty as an excuse to avoid righteousness. They feign age, experience and wisdom to pretend to love you. The lessons in life always get harder.

Only your nose knows what your eyes and ears can't tell you about what you're really trying to accomplish. You've got to use your intuition {nose} to guide you. Intuition is like the fragrance of jasmine carried by a warm breeze on a cloudy, summer night when there's no moon or stars in the sky. There's no way you'll find the Lord in the dark silence within you except by figuratively sniffing your way to **HIM**. This is what I mean by office hours with the **TEACHER** in the early hours of the morn.

Even people in the same faith can't agree on all the various meanings of their Scripture because their desires are all delivered differently. The story is as old as the Exodus and as commonplace as the news in the newspapers today. There isn't a "schmuck" {German/Yiddish: penis/fool} on the planet who isn't causing trouble for someone somewhere by sticking his nose where it doesn't belong.

You've got to figure out what your penis is figuratively trying to tell you. Only your nose knows what your eyes and ears can't tell you about what you're really trying to accomplish. You've got to use your intuition to guide you *to* the right path, *on* the right path and to *keep* you on that path while taking the wrong path if you're out to catch a thief. Intuition is like the fragrance of jasmine carried by a warm breeze on a cloudy, summer night when there's no moon or stars in the sky. There's no way you'll find the Lord in the dark silence within you except by figuratively smelling your way to **HIM**.

In sexual terminology, there's a path from your head to your genitals that may circumvent your heart and soul. You must travel this path, sometimes with others, sometimes alone. Sometimes you just have to wake up in the middle of the night after a weird dream and allow yourself to be just where you left you. Wander around in your mind there. Allow yourself to be right where you are. It'll all make sense over time.

Fear of the path of righteousness is no different than a total embrace of it. Both are extreme. Be with you. Hold you. Allow you to go wherever your imagination takes you, knowing there's nothing to fear in thinking something new. You're responsible, kind and caring. You'll take care of yourself under every and all circumstances. Any underlying guilt is but an echo of parental admonitions they couldn't understand or control in themselves. You're a new guy or gal in a new day and age. You have the right to discover who you are, wherever you go inside. That goes beyond sexual identity. That goes to personal identity.

Call your nose Jewish. Call it Greek. Call it Roman. Call it wide, broad, narrow, pointed, pierced or ski-like. Call it brown... It doesn't matter what you call it. What matters is what you do with it to achieve moral distinction before **GOD**.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* ought to come together to solve the problems caused by their faiths. They should come together with gays and lesbians to solve the problems caused by lifestyle differences. We should come together without having to cum together. This brings the vitality of our being to the table. People of differing ethnicities ought to use the circumstances **GOD** gives them to improve their relationships with one another class by class, and nation by nation.

And, of course, men ought to come together with women, not just cum together with them. When they say that family values are deteriorating, what they're really saying is that men and women have become more polarized in their differing beliefs. They're acknowledging that the paths from their heads to their genitals are very different. And what that means is that there isn't a penis and clitoris on the planet that doesn't have its own agenda.

*“We made the son of Mary  
and his mother  
a sign to mankind,  
and gave them a shelter on a peaceful hillside  
watered by a fresh spring.”  
[23:50]*

*“**wE** made the SON of Mary  
and HIS mother  
a sign to mankind,  
and gave Them a shelter on a peaceful hillside  
watered by a fresh spring.”*

One must assume that the shelter on the peaceful hillside watered by a fresh spring lies in “paradise.” It speaks to the outcome of this world in the “world to come” as perceived by **GOD**, recited by the Archangel Gabriel and then repeated by the Prophet to the best of his ability at the time in which he lived.

The Prophet had no difficulty singling out and commending Judaism and Christianity for their achievements in elucidating **GOD's** designs despite any and all kibitzing {Yiddish: coaching, meddling} from the rest of mankind. Why can't more people today do the same?

The meaning of the word “*islam*” is submission, it doesn't refer to submission to hyper-religious dogma. Islam needs to submit to universal truth. Universal truth is like a peaceful hillside watered by a fresh spring. It couldn't be said more eloquently than just the way the Archangel Gabriel recited it to the Prophet. Why can't some people simply believe?

Some people think they need to meddle. Others think they need to submit. Still others think they need to believe. But what they all really need to do is believe in themselves. It's so easy for us to see what they need to do. But how do we incorporate them into us? This is a spiritual linguistic dilemma that needs to be solved with words. It needs to be examined, and the answer needs to be applied personally. There's no one answer for everyone. This is a syndrome you need to uncover for yourself on your own. It can't be found in any one place inside you. It's the result of a pattern in places you go to within and observations you make there that you ought to take more to heart. Each day, you'll see those familiar paths a little differently. Follow them! You're all alone inside, but we'll praise you deep down inside us till your dying day if you do! We're all hungry for good examples.

*“Apostle!  
Eat of that which is wholesome,  
and do good works.  
I have knowledge of all your actions.  
Your community is but one community,  
and I am your only Lord;  
therefore, fear Me.”  
[23:51-53]*

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and do good works.  
I/I have knowledge of all your actions.  
Your community is but one community,  
and I am your only Lord;  
therefore, fear ME.”*

Wholesome is a word you wouldn't have expected to hear from a sex addict and child molester. But what was permitted then is absolutely forbidden today. Women and children must be protected from those who think they can meander anywhere they want in the external world. They must be awakened to their inner wants so that they can separate ONE from the other. Men who can use the word “wholesome” externally have a long way to go before they can claim to know the meaning of the word “wholesome” from within.

The problem is that hyper-religious people fear their Lord, but they aren't in awe of our **TEACHER**. They say they believe in **ONE GOD**, but they produce millions of separate communities that each professes otherwise. **GOD** allows wars, rapes, thefts, global warming, terrorism, Internet crime and the collapse of worldwide markets to motivate humanity to come together with good will to solve these external problems. And still people don't see **HIS** intentions to help themselves internally. They think they have to steal.

The desire in man to separate rather than unite is intrinsic to his nature because the moral need to unite must be earned before it can be learned. We could overcome more of our negative tendencies if we had greater resolve to learn about ourselves. Then we wouldn't need crime, drama, melodrama or tragedy to bring us together to solve external problems.

External problems can't be solved without getting our noses bent out of shape. When other people bend your nose out of shape, you can sue them in a civil case or the government can sue them in a federal case. But when you bend your own nose out of shape you should apologize, forgive, make amends and heal that wound without having to grovel before yourself.

*“Yet men have divided themselves into factions,  
each rejoicing in its own doctrines.  
Leave them in their error  
until a time appointed.”*  
[23:54-57]

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each rejoicing in its own doctrines.  
Leave them in their error  
until a time appointed.”

Men have divided themselves into multiple faiths, not just into factions. Each rejoices in its own doctrines, leaving them all in error of the big picture. A rich man isn't just a leader of a faction. He's symbolic of the errors of all modern men. He's built a tower to his extrinsic power, but he's an inner victim of his own success. He's a prisoner in his own tower of Babel, stuck somewhere between “heaven” and Earth, looking up and looking down, afraid to go further either way. Each of us is just such a tower, regardless of whether it has scores of stories beneath it or just a single story. The only way to go from here is up-and-down or in-and-out.

If you're not a holy man, you're a heathen. If everything you touch isn't sacred, you're a demon cursing this world with ignorance of what it's for. Modern man is filled with prejudices, preferences and opinions about others that mirror his warped, moral image of himself. He must use poetry and psychology to rescue himself from himself, or his world will become prosaic and offensive to **GOD**. And even then, the problems he faces in himself never seem to go away. Problems only become more and more personal and private over time.

When will that appointed time come when we'll all break our projections to see the error of our ways? Do we all need to wait until we're dead to see the results of what we've been doing? The temple/cathedral/sacred mosque you're constructing, surely, is taking shape within you. You might as well talk about it instead of keeping it your little secret.

When will we learn to eat of that which is wholesome? If the fruits of your own goodness aren't wholesome enough for you to pluck, what else can **GOD** offer, but pain

and suffering to motivate you to see yourself in a better light? Far better than defending **HIM** or blaming others, we each ought to do more to learn about ourselves.

Too much order is deadly. Ask the Germans. Too little order is deadly. Ask the Syrians. If you want to discover the order that's right for you, you're going to want to figuratively go where the sun don't shine to look at your syndromes. Everyone can tell you what it looks like when forbidden fruit goes in. What you need to know is what it looks like coming out... You need to stand beside you and watch yourself converse with others. I guarantee you, you won't always be impressed.

*“Surely, he has proclaimed the truth.  
But most of them abhor the truth.  
Had the truth followed their appetites,  
the heavens and the earth,  
and all who dwell in them  
would have, surely, been corrupted.  
We have given them their res;  
yet to their res they pay no heed.”  
[23:69-72]*

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But most of them abhor the truth.  
Had the truth followed their appetites,  
the ‘heavens’ and the Earth,  
and all who dwell in them  
would have, surely, been corrupted.  
**wE** have given them their Scriptures;  
yet to their Scriptures they pay no heed.” <sup>146</sup>

The Prophet wasn't just talking theoretically about the fork in the road the separated the Jewish path from the Gentile current from the Muslim view overhead. He was talking directly to you and me. If men can't control their violent tendencies and learn how to work together, then the world will have no choice but to be run by women and those men who truly respect women as much as they respect the feminine side of themselves. Unless men return to their Scriptures in a new light, they're doomed to live in the dark and then probably be damned to eternal darkness thereafter. You need to earn inner light. It doesn't just shine like the sun.

The option is to read your Scripture as though you were from another faith. The option is to talk about the weather within you and stop harping only on the vicissitudes of the weather around you. Both Scripture and the weather are intended to teach you about the icy cold feeling of self-neglect; the sultry heat of self-scrutiny; the horrendous floods of

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<sup>146</sup> The narrator {the Archangel Gabriel} is saying that the Prophet Muhammad {he} has proclaimed the truth.

self-sorrow; and the droughts that come to those who desert themselves. The weather is happening around you to awaken you to the weather within.

Many men abhor the truth as much as they abhor the serpent in a transgender woman's tree. They want to kill every snake and crush the fruits of every tree in the orchard that's different from their own. They hate their own  $x^2$  factor. They have a natural lust for killing rather than a love and interest in a fellow's fruits. And this tendency is so deeply engrained in their wood that they read their Holy Scripture for the meaning that most serves their vindictive desires. They pray and pat themselves on the back for their righteous intentions, while scheming against gay men, soft men and any other man who models someone soft or something hard that they abhor.

*“It was He who gave you ears, eyes and hearts;  
yet you are seldom thankful.  
It was He who placed you on the earth,  
and before Him shall you be assembled.  
It was He who ordains life and death,  
and He who alternates the night with the day.  
Can you not understand?”*  
[23:75-80]

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and before **HIM** shall you be assembled.  
It was **HE** who ordains life and death,  
and **HE** who alternates the night with the day.  
Can you not understand?”

It says in Leviticus that it's an abomination for a man to sleep with another man as he would with a woman. And yet, if you can't see that GOD said it with a wink and a nod because **HE** knew you can't fall asleep when the  $x^2$  and the  $y$  in you are screaming at one another. You're plagued by being both like males and females. If you sleep soundly only when you neglect, desert and deny the Adam  $\{y\}$  or Eve  $\{x^2\}$  within, you're going to end up with a sleep disorder called “self-hate.” **GOD** allows all things, good  $\{y\}$  and evil  $\{x^2\}$ , to be as they are in the hopes that we learn from them. Can a man not understand? Are the only geniuses in this world women?

Imagine a snake with two heads and no tail. Call those two heads  $y$  and  $x^2$ ; Adam and Eve; Republican and Democrat; Christian and Jew, right testicle and left testicle. Sooner or later, one head is going to bang into the other. And when it does, it's going to hurt.

Life will bang up against death. Day will rub up against night. Fact will sit beside fiction. Women will argue with men. And man will come to know how he was created in **GOD's** image, and why.

If he doesn't eat himself up inside to discover how he was made, he'll just get more banged up and bruised. The question will be, "Was his life the best meal in the world or the worst?" Or he'll ask himself what will become of his abrasions, cuts, gashes, lacerations, lesions, mutilations, rashes, scars, sores and wounds. What are they all for?

**GOD's** modesty, humility and loyalty to you must be recreated in your head, heart and soul. You've got to ingratiate yourself to **HIM** with awe, not fear, in the way you were made. If you don't use your conscience to pull yourself out onto a moral limb from time to time where you'll be able to see more than from where you are now {while clinging to the trunk of your tree}, you'll never know what it means to be made uniquely in **GOD's** imagination. You'll never see the serpent's perspective on your own forbidden fruit.

You've got to take moral gambles with your life by standing up for what's right, even if it doesn't benefit you externally. You've got to bet that **GOD** rewards those with common spiritual sense. If you think **GOD** didn't create gays and Jews with good reason, you're fated to turn this world into an even more sorrowful, living "hell" for some. But there'll always be others who'll learn and be saved from such scheming clutches.

"Say:  
'Will you fear *Him*, then?'"  
[23:88]

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'Will you fear **HIM**, then?'"

Or will you say, "I'm going to be in awe of **HIM** in a new way today." Are you going to do this by the book and not take any moral chances by making waves?" Are you going to insist on doing things the way your father before you did it because you believe in loyalty to your father more than anything else on Earth? Is he the idol you're dancing around? If so, ask yourself, "*Will you fear 'him,' then?*"

You may, instead, find an enemy in every stranger you meet instead of getting past your fear of him/HIM/HIM/*Him*. You may choose to fight other men or their gods rather than your father.

Ishmael and Isaac had nothing to say to one another at their father's grave. From the silence, I assume they had nothing to say even to themselves. Find something to say at your father's funeral. Don't vow to kill a clan or exact revenge against anyone who mirrors all the enmity you didn't address in him.

It would be better if you chose to fight "him" instead of **HIM**. But if you don't look more closely at the serpent dangling down on your two fruits, you may find yourself dancing around your father as though he were a god rather than just another man with faults

and furies, like all the rest. You shouldn't look at him as the first tree ever planted in Eden, a tree you were told to avoid at all cost.

*“Never has God begotten a son,  
Nor is there any other god besides God.  
Were this otherwise,  
Each god would govern his own creation,  
Each holding himself above the other.  
Exalted be God about their falsehoods!”  
[23:89-91]*

“Never has **GOD** begotten a **SON**,  
nor is there any other **GOD** besides **HIM**.  
Were this otherwise,  
each **GOD/GOD/God** would govern **HIS/HIS/His** own **CREATION/CREATION/creation**,  
each holding **HIMSELF/HIMSELF/Himself** above the **OTHER/OTHER/Other**.  
Exalted be **GOD** about their falsehoods!”  
{Modern theistic version}

No one likes to be told he's wrong {as the JEW and Muslims do to CHRISTIANS concerning GOD all the time}. And no one likes it insinuated that he's not right {as the Jews and Muslims do to each other *ad nauseum*}. Those are fighting words. And plenty of fighting over these WORDS/WORDS/Words have we seen. This is why GOD/GOD/God is an unpleasant topic that many avoid like the plague.

Only the modern rendition above passage delineates between a son of **GOD** and the SON of GOD. **GOD** doesn't produce children as a man and a woman produces children, with a penis and vagina. GOD produced one SON, but HE was created using HIS spirit {as was previously stated in Scripture}. In this way, we all, male and female, ought to strive to achieve spiritual intercourse with our Lord. This is commonly called “prayer.” It's something you can strive to get better at.

If you're eager enough to jump into bed to have sex when the opportunity presents itself, you shouldn't be so prudish that you wouldn't entertain the thought of spiritual intercourse with the Lord. That's the kind of intimacy you can produce through prayer if you're not so big a prude that you refuse to conflate the two.

The modern, spiritual, linguistic interpretation of **GOD** infers that the metaphor of GOD, our FATHER, ought not be used at all because it brings up confusion with regard to Christian doctrine. <sup>147</sup> Christians see GOD as their FATHER and Jesus as HIS SON, a GOD who was

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<sup>147</sup> For more evidence that Jesus was created using spirit, not semen, read *Surahs* 10, 17 and 19 of the Quran in their entirety.

sent here by GOD to instruct mankind in a whole additional interpretation of **HIS** KINGDOM. Jews and Muslims hear that and envision HIM as HIS/*His* son, and then recoil in horror at such a conclusion. Since Islam already refrains from employing the metaphor of *God* as their *Father*, the responsibility lies with each one of us to be more careful about what we profess in this regard, so as not to insult those who believe differently with good reason.

Neither the Christians nor the CHRISTIANS believe GOD penetrated Mary with HIS penis. They believe HE penetrated her with HIS spirit, just as each of us takes air into our body through our lungs. The air within us that we inhale and exhale 12 to 16 times per minute is but a biological reminder of the invisible spirit around us that we depend on for life.

If you insist on differentiating the meanings of air and spirit, that's a scientific principle that has merit. But it's also a religious principle that needs to be fully explored linguistically so that there aren't any misunderstandings. Figurative speech has its merits, too.

Anyone can have spiritual intercourse with the Lord. Mary did it. Gay men do it. You can do it, too. What matters is that you maintain that spiritual intercourse as something private and special the two of You have. Turning this world into a house of ill-repute where men and women are whores to their Lord is a terrible nightmare to ponder.

The Archangel Gabriel makes it possible for the masculinity of **GOD** to penetrate anyone any way s/he chooses {head, heart or soul}, provided it remain a holy and private experience. When you get through the passage of life I call spiritual childhood, you'll be able to responsibly make that choice for yourself as a spiritual adolescent. Then, you'll look back on the infancy and childhood stages you were in as a spirit striving to become whole.

Most religious people are still morally underage. They're behaving as though they haven't grown up even those they look down in scorn at anyone who doesn't agree with them. They behave as though they're spiritually pre-pubescent. This is why the institutions of faith are so good at captivating the innocent and sincere.

*“Those whose good deeds weigh heavy on the scales shall triumph,  
but those whose deeds are light shall forfeit their souls  
and abide in hell forever.  
The fire will scorch their faces  
and they will writhe in anguish.”*  
[23:103-104]

“Those whose good deeds weigh heavy on the scales shall triumph,  
but those whose deeds are light shall forfeit their souls  
and abide in ‘hell’ forever.  
The fire will scorch their faces  
and they will writhe in anguish.”

The Jews aren't the smartest people on Earth. The Christians aren't the most heartfelt. And the Muslims aren't the most soulful. These are places in inner space that are represented by your faith in yourself. These are matters of the mind that you should keep in mind.

You may be emerging from traditions, rituals and rites you observed as a child that opened you individually more in one place in inner space than another. Only you can determine how Jewish, Christian or Islamic you figuratively are. Only you can determine how intelligent, heartfelt and soulful you want to become with **GOD's** help.

You're spiritually old enough to share these inner locations with yourself, whether, or not, you care to share your conclusions about yourself with others. Therefore, I'm not advocating you open yourself up like a book to everyone you meet. I'm advocating you open the sorrow and disappointment in your heart to someone you wouldn't normally conclude would be able to feel pity, compassion and empathy for you: you. Only in this way will you discover these equivalences in others. Only in this way will you experience the potential to regard yourself soulfully.

One way I've been able to do that is by watching myself closely in the morning. There are feelings that often arise for me at the dawn of day that are more tender than at other times. I'm occasionally shocked to see how heartfelt I can become to my losses and suffering when I'm not guarding my heart like a treasure a thief is bent on plundering that day.

And when I end up disappointing myself, so be it. I'm learning to do better. There are fewer fish in the sea when you've gone far enough downstream. You eventually become the only fish in the Jordan Jesus was talking to. You become the only one whose tender love counts; not because I say so, but because it's the logical conclusion to a journey that would seem hopeless if it ended any other way.

If you're too prejudiced against Judaism to pursue wisdom, the conclusions you'll come to will be evident to us all. If you're too prejudiced against Christianity to pursue self-love, the results will be evident to you. But if you're too prejudiced against Islam to pursue the devotion needed to submit to **GOD**, that'll be evident to **HIM**. And redemption may slip through your fingers.

“Say:  
‘Lord forgive,  
and have mercy!  
You are the best of those that show mercy.”  
[23:118]

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‘Lord forgive,  
and have mercy!  
**YOU** are the best of those that show mercy.”

If you figuratively love the serpent that gave you life {your father's penis} you'll give up your desire to hate gays and Jews. You'll use a little soap and water to literally keep

your own penis clean, and you'll do everything in your power to purify yourself within, beginning with your desires.

If you look back down the line of men who were your ancestors, you could make them prouder today by loving the serpent in your own tree and teaching your sons to love the serpent in theirs. The future of mankind depends on your ability to love, accept and admire yourself just as **GOD** made you, literally and figuratively. But to face that challenge you have to get out of your head where everything you conclude is objective and out of your heart where everything you feel is subjective. Come to see yourself from your conscience, and you'll soon conclude that you won't be able to determine for yourself many of the moral directions you're challenged to take.

Sometimes your inner forces just aren't going to be separate or strong enough to inform you about what would be the good, right, better or best action to take. Sometimes you simply ought to pray in order to discover the right thing to do. Sometimes you ought to talk to the fairy on your shoulder and then say to yourself, "The Jews aren't evil; the Christians aren't wrong; the Muslims aren't worse."

Unfortunately, you didn't come up with these answers yourself. I did. Trying at this late stage in the game to raise your self-esteem by being contrary is a waste of time. The problem you have with low self-esteem may appear to be yours alone. But, together, we can raise our esteem of ourselves. We are interdependent on one another.

If you could be proud of your low self-esteem as a form of humility, you'd solve your problems much more admirably. Your self-esteem is unique. Nobody has an ego {rock} that protrudes into his psyche that has quite the shape of yours. If you could perceive the outside of this upside-down mountain in you as your reflection of the external rock upon which Abraham figuratively tried to sacrifice Isaac, you'd have no trouble in using your imagination to turn yourself around to look at the underside of you from within.

This is the journey we're embarking on now, together. This is the excavation you're taking under the Temple Mount while figuratively holding my hand. I can't teach you how to put one foot in front of the other. I assume you've learned to do that on your own. But I can give you a new view of you, one that'll inspire you to inspire **GOD** to help you all the more.

Together with Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad we're going to figuratively bring the entire Temple Mount to "heaven." We're going to bring Earth up to "heaven" rather than, as others try to do, bring "heaven" down to Earth.

It's going to be a heavy lift to bring here up to "there." But it can be done. It just can't be done alone. You're going to want to do it by yourself together with the rest of us. I can only guide you along the way.

When you discover your own truth, I think you'll find that solutions to problems may come to you that have come to me, through personal regard for my eternal wellbeing. My solutions have everything to do with common sense and reasonableness. But the greatest moral responses I've found to my challenges in the world around me have always held a personal component that have also required that I improve my relationship with myself within myself. These moral responses have always been inspired. This is what's helped me transcend my conscience with soulfulness that has, in turn, given me more **GOD**-consciousness.

This third place {soul} in inner space has assuredly brought up great embarrassment, shame and humiliation, the three aspects of guilt we must all face if we're going to face our **MAKER**. But there's simply no other way to morally move in the right direction while putting your own "heavenly" reward first.

Before you call yourself a true believer of Islam, someone who's ready to submit to the *Word of God*, keep in mind that the whole history of humanity came into being for a reason. Therefore, ask yourself whether you really want to be an integral part of the whole world by doing the personal work needed to become at peace with yourself or whether you want to fight the world to do the bidding of those *imams* or *clerics* *Muslims* have selected to follow until now.

Muslims today are faced with climbing the Judeo-Christian-Islamic mountain brought to them by the Prophet or going around and around it with **RABBIS, PRIESTS, PASTORS, MINISTERS**, *imams* and *clerics* who are living a hateful past brought on by parents who couldn't do any better than they did at the time in which they lived. This is a decision everyone, not only Muslims, should make in this Century.

Israel is, and will always be, the Land of Milk and Honey. America is, and may always remain, the land of milk and money. There's nothing at all wrong about honey, but there's a lot that can go wrong with money. Don't make the grave mistakes Americans make by putting your faith in politicians who promise you money. Look, instead, for statesmen who promise your children's children honey.

For a man to feel he's no longer a boy in an elementary school setting surrounded with playmates his own age, he needs to face the music; the sound of the silent voices of the serpent in his tree. He needs to use his desires in morally more appropriate ways to thank himself for those desires.

That requires study of the Quran in conjunction with Tanach and the Bible as though he were an alien who just landed on this planet. It requires the curiosity and independent point of view of a sage who has no vested interest in how things will turn out. They'll turn out well for you to the extent that you're curious to learn about you through each and every situation you go through.

## Surah 24

سورة النور

### Light

*“You carried with your tongues  
and uttered with your mouths  
what you did not know.*

*You may have thought it a trifle,  
but in the sight of God  
it was a grave offense.”*

[24:14-15]

“You carried with your tongues  
and uttered with your mouths  
what you did not know.

You may have thought it a trifle,  
but in the sight of **GOD**  
it was a grave offense.”

I’m a little lost for words at the way in which these seven books I’m writing are unfolding by themselves. I wrote down the passages from the Quran that interested me, a surah at a time. Then I went back, looked at the title of that Surah and wrote a brief synopsis of what I thought that title meant to me. But I had no idea what the next passage I looked at would bring. It was as though each surah was being given to me like the first step on an escalator that opened out of nowhere and carried me magically up to the next story.

In it having unfolded in this way, I see my efforts progressing miraculously, bringing me higher and higher. Surely, the Archangel Gabriel is like a little fairy on our shoulder guiding us all. We need only learn to listen.

I’m amazed at what’s happening as I’m learning to listen to me, day by day. I have no control over what will be or any need to try to control the process. But there’s an intelligence behind it all. And yet, despite the sense that I’m being informed about what to write, I still need to do the heavy lifting of bringing these words into consciousness every minute of every day. Just reading the Quran and writing about it isn’t nearly enough. I need to move these words from my mind to my conscience via my heart. And lastly, I need to struggle with my desire to perceive the outcome of my work as bringing me fame and fortune – gratitude to me in being me.

Becoming a man of faith has been an uphill climb, especially since I didn’t get much in the way of outside support to work from within. I’m now at a place on the mountain where I can see so much I could never have previously imagined, including the cave inside me where there was, at one time, no visible light.<sup>148</sup> This cave isn’t just where my

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<sup>148</sup> Just as John Milton spoke about “darkness visible” in *Paradise Lost*, you must entertain the thought of light invisible. The visibility of darkness and the invisibility of light refers

imagination figuratively lies. It's a place of awe where **GOD** lives with me in the shadows, in the darkness and in the light.

I can't see **GOD** from in here. But I can see man made visible. I can see his love for himself illuminated. And because of this projection of **GOD** onto all others, I know what I need to say each day.

It amazes me that my mother lost her voice when I was about four years old. It felt at the time that I lost her voice, too. Not only did I lose it externally. I lost her voice {my x<sup>2</sup> factor} internally. I become completely dependent on her in ways that only other mama's boys would know. Her voice spoke *for* me. I was like a ventriloquist's dummy. She had her hand in me. Without her I'd have collapsed into a pile of loosely connected parts.

Leaving home at the age of 18 for Israel to become a ballet dancer was a feeble attempt to find my own voice. And I chose dance to speak with because ballet didn't require words to express myself. If only I'd known then what I know now, I could have gone through what I went through without all the "sturm und drang" {German: literally "storm and drive," though conventionally translated as "storm and stress"}.

The darkness inside me was finally penetrated by a tiny flame that shimmered for the longest time on the walls within in ways I can't describe in everyday words. My cave had been a place of such utter blindness, silence and onliness for so long when I first saw the light that I couldn't see what I could see. But since then, the light has illuminated me to see that I was both alone inside and with **GOD**. The awe of that awakened vision has overwhelmed me with hope and goodwill. My cup runneth over and over again.

This inner place I've come to know is what the Prophet described as the "*Light*" he referred to as the topic of this surah. This is the place in darkness where I imagine he was when he uttered the words, "*You carried with your tongues and uttered with your mouths what you did not know.*" This is the shimmering place within where all that you do feels like a grave offence.

*"God speaks in parables to mankind.*

*God has knowledge of all things."*

[24: 37]

**GOD** speaks in parables to mankind.

**GOD** has knowledge of all things."

When the Prophet said, "**GOD** *speaks in parables*" he figuratively removed the rock that had sealed the cave in me. He opened me up to a much brighter light than I'd been

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to conscious awareness of guilt and unconscious awareness of holiness. The visibility of darkness refers to your awareness of your guilt and ignorance in doing anything about it. The invisibility of light refers to your unawareness of your holiness and your constant efforts to improve. The still shadows of doubt and the moving shadows of uncertainty aren't unique to you. Shadows only become personal when you can see yourself getting in the way of your own light to produce your own darkness.

previously accustomed to. This is the light at the end of the tunnel. This is light invisible: conscious awareness of the LIGHT/LIGHT/*Light* of GOD/GOD/*God* around you as it's being penetrated by the light of **GOD** within you, augmenting you with greater illumination, warmth and potential for purification.

*“God has promised those of you who believe  
and do good works  
to make them masters  
in the land  
as He made those who went before them,  
to strengthen the faith He chose for them,  
and to change their fears  
to safety.  
Let them worship Me  
and serve none besides Me.  
Wicked indeed are they who after this deny Me.”*  
[24:55-57]

**“GOD** has promised those of you who believe  
and do good works  
to make them masters  
in the land  
as **HE** made those who went before them,  
to strengthen the faith **HE** chose for them,  
and to change their fears  
to safety.  
Let them worship **ME**  
and serve none besides **ME**.  
Wicked indeed are they who after this deny **ME**.”

When you read **GOD**'s WORDS coming to you through a Scripture or language other than your own, it can be a mystifying experience. You may realize **GOD** isn't working only through the faith or speech you mindlessly inherited from your parents. You may suddenly hear **GOD**'s intentions in a new voice. And you may recoil if your ego is competitively engaged with **HIM**.

If not for the evil **GOD** allows us to carry out, who among us would turn ourselves around with guilt for sanity and safety? If not for the autonomy to do as we please, who would seek the liberty to strive for self-love? Who would seek emancipation from this earthly experience and come to believe in our ability to change the conclusions we've come to about the meaning of our life? If not for the struggle for political freedom first and foremost, all the rest would be meaningless.

The purpose of combining Tanach, the New Testament and the Quran is to find more meaning in you than you found before. Taking your Scripture at face value isn't enough. When you search for more meaning in yourself, you quickly find more meaning in everything, including Scripture.

Twice, we Jews lost the land **GOD** promised us. We aren't going to lose it a third time. Never again! <sup>149</sup> We'll prove to the whole world that there's no other **GOD** but ours. And that truth includes Christians and Muslims, as well as all those who believe in **GOD's philosophies**. This I swear, as a gay-Jew, is true.

*“When you enter a house,  
salute one another in the name of God,  
and let your greeting be devout and kindly.  
Thus, God makes clear to you His revelations,  
so you may grow in wisdom.”*  
[24:60-61]

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salute one another in the name of **GOD**,  
and let your greeting be devout and kindly.  
Thus, **GOD** makes clear to you **HIS** revelations,  
so you may grow in wisdom.”

**GOD** makes clear to you **HIS** revelations, **HIS** revelations and *His* revelations so that you may grow in wisdom, love and devotion. There's no way to deny any one of the Abrahamic faiths and still claim to embrace **GOD's** designs. You don't have to pray in a synagogue, church or mosque to embrace all of **GOD's** faithful. When you enter a house, whether it's your house, the house of your parents, the house of a friend, a stranger, or a house of prayer, salute those there in the many names of **GOD**, and let your greetings be wise, kind and soulful or you'll, surely, face an enemy. <sup>150</sup>

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<sup>149</sup> “Never Again” was the outcry of the generation of Jews after the Holocaust. It's also the cry of today's Jews at the thought of losing the Promised Land a third time history. And it will be your cry against injustice, too. But it must never be against the Jews.

<sup>150</sup> Lot claimed to like the strangers and claimed he wanted to protect them. His neighbors claimed they wanted to have sex with them. Fools and hypocrites exaggerate their feelings

There's little point in showing off how devoted you are to GOD/GOD/*God* in the company of the doubtful or those who believe as you do. The time to salute one another in the names of the Lord is when you enter a place where people believe differently to the way you do, when you're in doubt. That's when the work of faith begins in earnest.

Not to brag, but I used to go to church almost every Sunday with my boyfriend. I can say I've prayed with Christians, but I can also say that when I was with them I prayed alone. Now, wherever I am in the course of my day, I pray for the Judeo-Christian-Islamic-**philosophic** city I live in that's slowly becoming a model of universal, good will.

For **GOD** to see me praying for Christians with Christians felt like a powerful prayer. When I sang out with them together or sang as they went up to take communion, I confirmed my faith in the Lord by being genuinely me while with them.

I feel particularly fortunate in having prayed at a Catholic Church where 70% of the parishioners are members of the L.G.B.T+ community. I believe in those fruits more than the uncured olives and unripen persimmons I've come across elsewhere. I see the effort those parishioners make to be inclusive, and I see that the way they treat women is so different from so many men who sleep with women and so many women who sleep with men.

This surah is about light. This surah is about an illumination of the self that can't literally be seen even though it's been made apparent by many in many ways for many centuries. It says at the very beginning of Torah, "GOD SAID, 'LET THERE BE LIGHT,' AND THERE WAS LIGHT. GOD SAW THAT THE LIGHT WAS GOOD, AND HE SEPARATED THE LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS. GOD CALLED THE LIGHT 'DAY,' AND THE DARKNESS HE CALLED 'NIGHT.' AND THERE WAS EVENING, AND THERE WAS MORNING – THE FIRST DAY." [Genesis 1:3-5]

But that light wasn't literal light. And that darkness wasn't literal darkness. No fool would think that the Jews were carrying a message for 5,780 years that was as banal and obvious as day and night. That light was the beginning of a moral light and the darkness was a moral darkness GOD knew would spread. GOD separated one from the other in ways that any child can see. **HE** planned, even then, to give that light to Judaism, Christianity and Islam. And **HE** called that WORK the evening and morning of the first DAY. But who could have known then what it would mean to us today? Only time has been able to reveal GOD's intentions in HIS message.

Surely, separating light from darkness is a moral task **GOD** wants us all to do, too. If you prefer to do that literally, go into one of the sciences. But if you want to separate the light from the darkness figuratively, go into the field of faith. **GOD** doesn't need satan to personify darkness when **HE** gave you such an important task in doing that good work for **HIM**. Show the world the separation of light from darkness that you've been able to accomplish. Show us what wisdom looks like. There are enough people out there pursuing information for the sake of knowledge alone.

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because their desires are really all that control them. Abraham, on the other hand, had a moment when he feared the strangers. But they saw his fear and consoled him.

And yet, I wonder why HE began the first day with night and ended the first day with light. I wonder why **HE** needed six more days to complete **HIS** moral calendar, a calendar of a seven-day week from the Jews that the whole world is using despite all the other agricultural calendars for measuring time, season by season. Surely, in this, too, there are signs for those who are curious to learn about themselves.

*Surah 25*  
سورة الفرقان  
*Al-Furqan*

*Al-Furqan* means “the criterion.” It refers to the distinction between right and wrong; one of the euphemistic names for the Quran, making the Quran a decisive factor in differentiating good from evil. This word has puzzled Muslim commentators. It’s probably related to the Aramaic word “porqan” which means “salvation.”

The revelation of *God’s* light in the previous surah flows naturally into the criterion for repentance in this surah. It’s difficult for any of us to believe we have anything we should need to repent for, even though we all agree it’s the nature of man to lean toward evil and denial of his basic, animalistic nature.

Territoriality, in particular, is an important question when questioning **GOD’s** designs. Man would rather justify his actions in taking land away from others out of jealousy and envy than question **GOD’s** intentions. GOD only gave one small piece of land in writing to the Jews. GOD gave no land in writing to the Christians. And *God* gave no land in writing to the Muslims. The CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are fighting over jealousy and envy, not land. They’re fighting externally over a fight that emanates out from inside them.

But he’d rather blindly fight on than question his reasons for feeling as he does. Jealousy and envy is the last Commandment of the Ten Commandments. (If I’d been GOD, I’d have made it the first...) How in the world will people ever come to appreciate why GOD took the Israelites out of Egypt if they don’t look at the jealousy and envy that motivates man’s desire to enslave and control others out of greed?

Today’s worldwide *Islamic* belief in the evil of the Jews and the L.G.B.T+ community are beliefs that won’t endure because they’re based on jealousy and envy. The worldwide *Islamic* “belief” that Israel will be “returned” to its rightful owner, the *Muslims*, won’t endure. Future Muslim generations will look back in shame at what their ancestors did in the name of *Allah* when the WORDS of *Allah* couldn’t have been made more clearly recited by the Prophet Muhammad.

The question of territoriality will make its way into the soul of more modern and universal men who’ll be able to temper their emotions. And then, they’ll make room for the Lord in their conscience for no other reason than because it’ll be the best thing to do.

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The distinction between right and wrong will always be determined by something akin to a filter in man’s skin that allows him to access new information from the world around him that’ll enrich his world within. This moral skin may be literally light or dark, but you won’t be able to fool yourself into thinking you can determine the exact shade of moral

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<sup>151</sup> I have deep doubts that today’s modern man is capable of doing what’s right. I, therefore, challenge him to start by doing what’s fair for the gays and Jews. And proceed from there to all others.

awakening in a person by the color of his epidermis. Any personal preference for lighter-skinned, sexual partners should be seen as a quirk, not a reflection of the spiritual goal to lighten our moral filter or to enlighten our mind.

Letting in more moral light through your skin is akin to photosynthesis in the external world. When our moral filter opens to new information, it produces a flow of new thoughts, feelings and beliefs that are different from those we previously held. This flow of information can even influence our desires. In this way, salvation becomes comparable to an osmotic process in the roots of a tree that allow it to draw spiritual nourishment up into the trunk, branches, twigs and leaves, and use that nourishment in conjunction with light to produce energy. That energy then allows the tree to blossom, bloom, flower, fruit and grow.

Salvation is a spiritual process that differs in interpretation from one generation to the next, thus requiring upgrades to interpretations of Scripture to more healthfully nourish humanity as people evolve towards a more conscious understanding of **GOD's** goal for them. This spiritual evolution is hinted at in the Story of Noah, a man who was chosen for a very particular task by GOD.<sup>152</sup>

But the process of using man to personify **GOD's** moral intentions isn't poignantly perceived until we come to the Story of Abraham. GOD used Abraham to bring forth HIS plan for Abrahamic man, a plan no one can fully imagine until he reads the Quran in conjunction with Torah for further insight into **GOD's** thinking.

The **יִשְׁמָעֵאל** Ishmael(s) and **יִצְחָק** Isaac(s) in each generation who wish to do as their father(s) did before them, despite the pain and suffering these young men went through in their youth at the hands of their father(s), force every man to evolve beyond his family and tribal loyalties. This then creates a sense of guilt, anger and denial that causes him to blame others for him having to modernize his actions because his beliefs lag behind his thoughts and feelings.

This challenge has left the Middle East moving forward technologically, but it lags behind spiritually. Muslims enjoy electric lighting, indoor plumbing and the Internet, but their loyalties to modernity come in conflict with their loyalties to religious tradition. This is, of course, a part of **GOD's** designs. This separates the men from the boys.

The evidence for this Ishmael and Isaac issue in everyman is presented in Torah in detail. But the evidence for it in a modern Ishmael and Isaac is apparent only if you're interested in looking for it within.

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<sup>152</sup> A modern-day Noah sees himself as the first man who's been given awareness of his spiritual vehicle as a boat. He fills himself with animal instincts that he unleashes on the world two by two once in safe haven to recreate his passions in others through social/sexual intercourse. These passions so overwhelmed Noah's son, Ham, in Torah that after the flood he lusted for his father's knowledge. These passions so overwhelmed Noah's son in the Quran that he wouldn't get on board his father's plan and drown in the flood.

This turns the concept of salvation into a personal, inner struggle with **GOD** that each man must work on *by* himself, *for* himself and *through* himself with others as *witnesses* to his progress.<sup>153</sup> This, too, is a part of **GOD's** designs.

*“The nonbelievers say,  
‘This is but a forgery of his own invention,  
in which others have helped him.’  
Unjust is what they say and false.”*  
[25:4]<sup>154</sup>

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Unjust is what they say and false.”

The oldest child in the family may not want to admit his father wanted to create more children after him. The middle child may think he'd be enough for his father if he could just get his older brother out of the way. And the youngest of the three children may believe he can do no wrong, period. He disassociates from his father, believing his father to be only his guardian. In truth, the three of them all come from the same sources, a mother and father.

When Abram threw Ishmael out of the house to assuage Sarah over Isaac's future, Abram created a spiritual, sibling rivalry that has lasted until today. When Abraham tried to kill Isaac for **GOD's** sake, he created a complex father/son, spiritual relationship that we're each facing now. The only way to solve this problem is from within.

The **JEW**s have never liked the **CHRISTIAN**s quoting Tanach to affirm their faith, and some of the *Muslims* may not like me reinterpreting their faith to assert my beliefs about the **ONENESS** of **GOD**. Meanwhile, the **CHRISTIAN**s use the Middle East as a battleground in anticipation of the return of Christ while the *Muslims* recreate Abrams contentious relationship with Ishmael in every leader they vote in office. Is it any wonder we're making so little progress in understanding the son of Isaac, Israel {Jacob}, after 5,780 years of **GOD/GOD/God** consciousness?

**GOD's** two elder children {Jews and Christians } have, after 2,000 years of animosity, begun to appreciate one another's distinct contributions – but only since the Holocaust of the last century. Now is the time for them to appreciate their younger, spiritual brother's

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<sup>153</sup> **GOD** changed Jacob's name to Israel. The struggle Israel had with a stranger has become generalized into the struggle of the children of Israel with **GOD**, and the struggle with **GOD** in us all to achieve Israel {"paradise"}. [Genesis 22:28-30]

<sup>154</sup> Nonbelievers say the Quran is a forgery invented by the Prophet Muhammad. You and I know they're simply covetous of what they can't yet perceive on their own.

{Muslim} ability to augment their standing before the Lord, and for them to appreciate their older brothers' contributions to their faith.

The Quran isn't a forgery, a theft, a degradation or adulteration of Judaism and Christianity any more than one child in a family is a bastard, while the others are legitimate. The similarity in look, character and behavior is self-understood by those outside our family, even if there are prejudices in our family dynamics that our cousins don't perceive.

Ask the **Hindus** and **Buddhists** what they think of the Abrahamic faiths and you'll discover that many of them are nonchalant, unemotional or unconcerned about the relationships between the three belief systems we take so seriously. Cousins can often distance themselves from family issues that siblings can't.

*“And they say,  
‘Fables of the ancients he has written:  
they are dictated to him morning and evening.’”  
[25:5]*

*“And they say,  
‘Fables of the ancients he has written:  
they are dictated to him morning and evening.’”*

Judaism, Christianity and Islam aren't fables in the childish sense of the word or myths in the indigenist sense of the word. The *words* of the Prophet were dictated. But they were also truer than true. Each faith is ongoing proof of GOD's/GOD's/*God's* plan. The Abrahamic faiths are as real as the body you reside in, and just as complex.

Your body is the essential, primary proof of GOD's/GOD's/*God's* existence. And the inner workings that you're writing down in all your affairs are dictated by your desires. If you want to say something different, you're going to need to discipline your genitals, figuratively speaking. The sex-a-holic, alcoholic, drug-a-holic and gamble-holic will tell you it can't be done. Not even those addicted to food, feeling or shopping can see the light.

Faith in yourself is an art and a science, a feeling and a belief. But faith requires intellectual effort, just as it takes to understand science. Both require questioning, not dogmatic insistence of the desires your father held and his father before him. The world is changing, and faith, like science, is changing with it. You might even say that faith is evolving – whether you are, or not.

As you grow intellectually through your experiences, you'll grow emotionally if your desires are sound. And as you grow emotionally, you'll also grow spiritually into a comfortable relationship with the Lord if your deeds have been just and pure. Just as your eyes can become accustomed to a very bright day, your soul can become accustomed to the bright light streaming out from your inner flame.

Awe of the Lord is a very healthy, emotional reaction that comes over time. If you're not in awe of what **GOD** can, and might, do *through* you or *for* you, you're asleep at the wheel. You won't be able to cry out, “Houston, we have a problem” if *Houston* has the

problem.<sup>155</sup> It's time to challenge the Houston within you. It's time to admit you've been lost in inner space.

*“They also say,  
‘How is it that this apostle eats and walks about the market-square?  
Why has no angel been sent down to give warning?  
Why has no treasure been given him,  
no garden to provide his sustenance?’”  
[25:7-8]*

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‘How is it that this apostle eats and walks about the market-square?  
Why has no angel been sent down to give warning?  
Why has no treasure been given him,  
no garden to provide his sustenance?’”*

Believe me, I've often asked myself the same question with regard to my gifts and the fact that the world doesn't acknowledge me for them... I, too, wonder why “heaven” hasn't opened up and angels descended with trumpets to announce my arrival... When I was involuntarily committed to insane asylums, I had delusions of grandeur and high hopes I'd be received as a prophet in my own time.

But, over time, I slowly began to realize that neglect was an important part of my puzzle that I needed to solve myself. The neglect I felt at the abandonment of my father still weighs upon me in my 60s. I search for accolades and appreciation from others while suffering terribly sometimes from neglect. My skin isn't thick enough to keep out others' pain and suffering. But, the truth is that I'm far more thin-skinned when it comes to my own neglect of me. Therefore, I've allowed others' neglect of themselves to affect me too personally.<sup>156</sup> My projections onto such people have created animosity in me for them.

I want to be remembered for something. I don't want to feel forgotten, even though I felt my father forgot me. My father was a Holocaust survivor who wanted to be like Abraham, the father of multitudes, although he didn't want to do the work to overcome being like an Abram, a father who exalted himself.

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<sup>155</sup> “‘Houston, we have a problem’ is a popular but erroneous quote from the radio communications between the Apollo 13 astronaut Jack Swigert and the NASA Mission Control Center {Houston} during the Apollo 13 spaceflight as the astronauts communicated their discovery of the explosion that crippled their spacecraft.” [Wikipedia] “Houston has a problem” refers to the 2017 hurricane Andrew and subsequent catastrophic flood. And “Lost in Space” was the title of a 1960's sci-fi TV show in which the mood of the characters accurately depicted the moods in being lost in inner space.

<sup>156</sup> Neglect from my father turned into self-neglect when I tried to recreate in me what he'd done to me. That personalized my problem. Now I'm sure **GOD** would rather I overcome my neglect altogether. *My* love for me has finally become more important than *your* love for me. I can't control your neglect. But I can control my own!

There are many world leaders like my father. There are many men who get a gun or a gavel in their hand and then recreate the fate of Abram without seeing how far they are from achieving the destiny of Abraham. Sadly, “*near*” and “*CLOSE*” aren’t in any way the same words. Many people, like my father, espouse the existence of GOD, GOD or *God*. They claim to be close to HIM, HIM or *Him* externally. I strive to be near **HIM** internally.

I came to realize that my reputation as a perverted, gay-Jew in other people’s eyes was far less important to me than my redemption. Nor am I here to become rich and famous. I’m here to learn how to grow nearer to my Lord. And to do so I’ve needed to clean up my act.

If **GOD** wants to reward you with my wisdom, that’s **HIS** business, not mine. Long life, health, happiness and redemption are far greater rewards than the success of these seven books. I can live without your accolades. I can’t live without my own.

That said, my desire for fame will never go away. My penis goes up for what takes it up, and it goes down for what brings it down, without me being able to control it. I want what I want, and I don’t want what I don’t want. Therefore, I need to watch what I want all the more carefully. My penis has a mind of its own, and, often, with good reason. I’ve thankfully come to know what many of those reasons are. Therefore, fame and fortune within have become more important to me than fame and fortune without, although I want both.

Each of us is a piece of a great puzzle. We’re not the frame. **GOD** is the frame around this world, not man. Jesus may have been treated like a frame the Romans unconsciously chose to nail together with wood, but this was a fate no one should ever again have to face. **HIS** sacrifice should be a lesson to us all that we’re only human. We need to put the pieces of our own puzzle together before we can see ourselves as part of an inner brainteaser with seven pieces. Man is a mosaic.

*“And the wrongdoers say,  
‘The man you follow is, surely, bewitched.’”*  
[25:8]

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There are miracles happening at every moment of every day. There’s a burning bush within you that blazes without being consumed. But you can’t see it if you’re focused on following other people to hide from the shadows you cast inside that get in the way of your own light. You can only see what you need to see as you focus more and more intently on yourself. It really *is* all about you.

There’s no such thing as magic, and yet, life is magical. Life is *like* magic. **GOD**’s participation in our life is *like* sleight of hand. Evil people today are *like* the primitive people in the past who thought those they disliked were bewitched. A witch was a woman considered to have magical powers. Who didn’t have a mother who brought the magic and

horror of life to life? Who's not *like* someone bewitched? Most people are just not in touch with their own magical potential.

When you scapegoat women by treating them like witches, you get in the way of your own light. When you scapegoat black men by treating them as though they were guilty because of the color of their skin, you create shadows within yourself that'll, ultimately, terrify you. And when you scapegoat gays and Jews by treating us like aliens from other planets, you extinguish your flame, choosing, instead, to remain alone in your cave without a clue to you.

Very few people are evil. Most people today are just sick. Life most seems like an orphanage, prison or insane asylum. And everyone is like someone pitiable. If you don't add these three metaphors to the other metaphors of life you may unconsciously be living out, you aren't going to understand why you do things that frighten or hurt you.

You should be very afraid of yourself. But you should also take your illness to heart. You're deserving of your own pity even if I can't give you mine. And whether you're deserving of **GOD**'s pity will really depend on how much work you're willing to do. The amount of worship you're willing to put into the job should be the least of your concerns.

*"They will answer,*

*'Glory be to You!*

*We should never have chosen other guardians besides You.*

*But You gave them and their fathers the comforts of this life,*

*so that they forgot Your warnings*

*and, thus, incurred destruction."*

[25:18]

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It's so human to appreciate the loyalty of your parents by following in their footsteps. But you should question where they were headed and decide for yourself if that's where **GOD** wants you to go, too. As my mother was raising me as a single mother, immigrant and Holocaust survivor, she gave me food, shelter, clothing, toys and guidance. But I couldn't get along with the kids at school. I was unpopular. I was weird. I couldn't find friends or make alliances. I was like my mother when she was running from the Nazis in Germany during the War. She couldn't tell a good German from all the bad ones. And that was a struggle as a child I could not only not discuss with her. It was a struggle she couldn't recognize in herself to discuss with me. I had to discover some aspects of good and evil by myself, as lonely as that struggle was.

It's crucial you realize that your path up the mountain may or may not follow in the footsteps of your parents. It may sometimes be a path you share, but it may sometimes be a path you walk alone. You can't take up the same space and time as anyone else, even those who are no longer living. But you can unconsciously walk in their footsteps and watch the world from the same precipices, outlooks, panoramas and vistas.

Your inner world and your perspective on the world around you may appear to be unique and morally distinct. Your parents may agree with you about how you're climbing; what ropes you're employing; or what base camp you're using. But their agreement or disagreement with your actions may, mysteriously, have little to do with the outcome of your journey. This is a school in which every student is learning by him or herself together with those around us in a very large classroom.

You should never have chosen other guardians besides **YOU**. But you did so, perhaps because of a misguided loyalty you've had to the material or emotional sides of life. You may have so yearned for greater distinction between right and wrong that you went out of your way to befriend people who accentuated an inclination to do crazy things.

Now you may be able to see how emotionally orphaned you may have been as a child even though you could hardly say you grew up in an children's home. Now you may be able to see how imprisoned you sometimes felt at times in your life even though you'd hardly call yourself a captured criminal. Now you may see how crazy you still are even though you'd hardly call those around you orderlies, nurses or doctors on a psyche ward.

You're responsible for your self-enlightenment. You're responsible for the effort you make to question the moral criteria that guide your behavior. If you don't question you, it's unlikely anybody else will. We're all in this alone together.

One of the psyche techs at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica where I was involuntarily committed after I drove my car over a cliff went out of his way to question my sanity with me, and I'll never forget him for that. When he asked me why I was there, I told him I had a car accident. And he told me, "That was no accident. That was an incident."

He was the first person in my whole life who gave me the impression he knew more than I did about anything that really mattered to me in life. He touched me with a word I needed to hear. And, of course, what he had that I wanted the most in life, without then knowing it, was the ability to distinguish the difference between an accident and an incident.

Imagine the faces of all the *Islamic* terrorists who've killed themselves. Can you imagine a one of them having died with a smile on his face? Can you imagine Nazis having learned how to smile? They all died with a smirk, sneer or grimace. Don't let that happen to you. I can assure you, the consequences after life for your negligence in not having learned how to smile will cost you dearly. A smile on your face shows where there's a rainbow shining in the darkness of your heart. Learn to smile through the littlest of adversities, and you'll be well practiced when you face your **MAKER**.

*"We have sent no apostle before you  
who did not eat or walk about the market-squares.  
We test you by means of one another.*

*Will you not have patience?  
Surely, your Lord observes all.”*  
[25:20]

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Will you not have patience?  
Surely, your Lord observes all.”

This is a profound statement. The apostles before you were as human as you are. But the GOD of the Hebrew Testament gave us an apostle {Moses} who answered the question “Who?” {you}. The GOD of the Christian Testament gave us an Apostle {Jesus} who answered the question “Why?” {for love}. And the *God* of the Quran gave us an apostle {the Prophet Muhammad} who answered the question “How?” {with wisdom, love and devotion}.

To strive for life everlasting recognize that every person who comes into your life is a test “*by means of one another.*” If you don’t respect every single person in this world as a tutor, classmate, living assignment, lesson and test, you won’t advance to the next higher grade in coming to know and love yourself. Will you not have patience? If “*your Lord observes all,*” there’s good reason for you to observe *more*.

*“Those who entertain no hope of meeting Us ask,  
‘Why have no angels been sent down to us?  
Why can we not see our Lord?’  
How arrogant they are,  
and how gross is their iniquity.”*  
[25:21]

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It was once considered arrogant to want to see the Lord. The Israelites were so grossly influenced by their indigenist masters that they had to create a golden calf to satisfy their urge to see their Lord in a shiny, golden image. Nowadays, it’s considered a valid question to ask why **GOD** doesn’t make **HIMSELF** more obvious. What’s changed in man since the

Exodus? Clearly, nothing has changed from **GOD's** point of view when **HE** separated the light from the darkness so long ago in you.

What's changed in you is that you've become more tolerant of questioning Scripture, chewing on it rather than having it force-fed you and made to swallow it whole. Scripture has become an intellectual pursuit, a fad, if you will. People will quote Scripture to affirm their political goals or to deny the arguments of their political opposition. They don't seriously question **GOD** until something horrible happens to them personally.

Therefore, the question of why we can't have an open religious relationship with our **CREATOR** is a fair one. It makes perfect sense to me that the Messiah should come to prove the existence of **GOD**. It makes perfect sense that **GOD** did prove **HIS** existence and will return. And it makes sense that **HE** did return via the Prophet Muhammad as a messenger of the Lord. It took a long time to see the results of many people believing in **GOD/GOD/God** separately. And it makes perfect sense that today's modern man is ready to apply all that was given by **GOD** by living a rich, inner life.

We live in a world where many people in first-world cities believe in **GOD** without any social friction. But there are many rural places and backward cities where they can't yet. Their understanding of **GOD**, **GOD** or *God* isn't compatible with my lifestyle. There are even many *Islamic* places in the world where they accuse one another of not believing in their *One* and only *God*. As the big picture gets bigger, so must the seven sides of the frame.

Life simply doesn't change fast enough for those of us who can perceive the big picture. But everyone else is just as impatient. Some just want to go forward and some just want to go back. Hyper-religious leaders are the first to talk about **GOD/GOD/God**, but the last to question **HIS** intentions. If you don't look at the news app. on your phone each day as a message from **GOD** to start your day more personally, you're not a prayerful person. You're externally oriented only.

If you think about how people act at a party when their boss is in the room; how they behave when visiting their parents at Thanksgiving; how they perform differently in the bedroom from the rest of their house; and how they belch and flatulate without a second thought when they're all alone – you realize the dishonesty, insincerity and disingenuousness in the actions of the common man in each location he frequents.

Modern man sees what a hypocrite others are, but he doesn't see what a hypocrite he is. The common man is skillful in some ways and crafty in others. **GOD** may be our **MASTER**, and we may be **HIS** apprentices, but that just means that life is a craft we learn to master. In **HIS** infinite wisdom, **GOD** anticipated that craftiness by giving us a penis or clitoris to concretize that fact in fact. But you may be so habituated to keeping that fact under wrap that you don't even realize how slimy and duplicitous you sometimes are. You're naïve to your own naiveté. You may actually think others can't see how insincere you are just because *you* can't see all the ways your desires are influencing your feelings.

The poor can see how hypocritical the rich are. The rich can see how hypocritical the poor are. And they can both see how hypocritical the middle class is. But they don't talk much about all that because they don't want to have their own covers pulled. They don't

want to talk about penises and clitorises with people outside their class. Well, life is a school regardless of which class you've been assigned to. You might as well learn from us all. You might as well admit that rich or poor, male or female, you've got genitals, whether, or not, you've got class...

If you imagine what you look like the next time you walk around in your house without any clothes on, you may come to see the differences between being physically nude, emotionally naked and spiritually transparent. When you think no one else is watching, watch yourself. You might see yourself behave like an infant, toddler, child, adolescent or one of the various levels of adulthood. We cannot see our Lord. But we can hardly see ourselves.

A tree must be given healthy conditions in which to grow, even if you meticulously shape that growth with pruning. Playing god is like watering, sunning, pruning and feeding trees. Man cares for trees to avail himself of the wood, bark, leaf, flower, fruit, sap and root. His intentions are for personal gain. Therefore, he's often crafty. In the case of **GOD**, **HIS** motives are entirely moral, not material. **HE** uses the material to produce moral results. The nearer, not closer, you get to **HIM**, the more you'll be able to perceive **HIS** designs.

Those of us who see **GOD** like the elephant in every room see ourselves as blind men who touch **HIM** and then compare our experiences to one another's to figure out the immensity of **HIS** being. It's those who insist that others are blind – that they alone can know **HIM**, **HIM** or *Him* – who use dogma to insist we're blind if we don't see eye to eye.

Some figuratively squint when looking at **GOD**. They see how duplicitous they can be, and they feel guilty about it. They ask **GOD** for forgiveness, but they can't see any moral way of getting their needs met. Some morally squint by becoming sly cunning, crafty, clever, evasive, shrewd, artful, wily, devious or underhanded. And some were simply born with slanted eyes as a reminder to us externally of how we're all capable of behaving with ourselves within.

The culture wars in America and the religious wars in the Middle East are being fought by those who are certain that they alone can see the light. But they're blindly working with strange bedfellows to discover the attributes of the elephant in the room. They can see others so clearly, but they can't see themselves.

I call on the religious leaders of the world to open their imagination to **GOD**'s designs rather than close an eye to their own intolerance. It's those unknowingly arrogant who have no idea "*how gross is their iniquity.*" And it's, ironically, those who entertain no hope of meeting **GOD** who often end up knowing the most about **HIM**. Their proximity to the Lord often brings me to tears.

*“On that day,  
the sky with all its clouds  
shall be rent asunder  
and the angels sent down in their ranks.*

*On that day,  
the Merciful will truly reign supreme.  
A day of woe it shall be to the nonbelievers.”*  
[25:24-25]

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The day *the sky with all its clouds will be rent asunder* comes every day you have a spiritual epiphany. The Prophet used bad weather to describe guilt. The angels that are *sent down in their ranks* are a description of threats from within that guide us toward our unique method of natural, personal repair. This guidance system leaves many putting more emphasis on relieving themselves of guilt with prayers to GOD, GOD or *God* to manage the penis problems or clitoris conflicts that underscore their anal issues. Rather than let out their guilt gratefully on themselves.

Earthquakes, fissures and cracks are signs of guilt. Floods, and tidal waves are signs of guilt. And a sky filled with clouds rent asunder are signs of guilt. The world around us is a mirror of the moral world within. You ought to witness the weather as it happens within you.

These inner angels with marching orders can't be requested or anticipated. They're simply the result of a change in moral behavior **GOD** allows when **HE** can use it to **HIS** advantage. It comes as a change in our inner weather. These breaks in the clouds when rays of light shine down upon us illuminate us with the truth.

Our attitude adjustment corresponds to an altitude adjustment. We're expected to use insight into ourselves to progress, not to slide morally downhill with resentment. We're expected to learn more about our weather patterns to better ourselves.

Gleeful moments when the sun shines through the clouds come more often to those who truly enjoy a rich and rewarding relationship with themselves that they can then share with our **MAKER**. These feelings of warm weather {inclusion} are rewards for our efforts that we can then use to reward others with proof of why we're here.

We don't need more theatrics of ritual and rites performed for the sake of others watching. We need an intensification of knowledge that'll bring us greater internal rewards. This will bring us hope combined with inner evidence. This will bring us the feeling that we're not being abandoned, ignored or neglected. Then it all will begin to make more sense.

*“The nonbelievers ask,  
‘Why was the Quran not revealed to him entire*

*in a single revelation?”*  
[25:32]<sup>157</sup>

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‘Why was the Quran not revealed to him entire  
in a single revelation?’”

Patience is a process of moving through suffering to see **GOD’s** intentions for you to improve your inner world through challenges in your outer world. Those with little patience haven’t moved through the minutia of their challenges within to surmount those challenges with actions based on composure. They’re focused so intently on the gross lessons of survival in the world around them that they can’t explore the miniscule lessons of life within. This is why the Prophet stated that man is made out of impatience, not just clay or bread and wine.

It’s so easy to move in and out of your two worlds seamlessly, but it’s so difficult to slow down the process to observe what’s going on inside you while it happens. Sometimes you’re thinking and making rational conclusions that initiate common sense actions. Sometimes you’re hastily drawing conclusions about the way you feel. These emotional conclusions elicit the many levels of impatience that lead to exclusionary behaviors towards others. Rarely, do we draw conclusions with conscious awareness from our conscience. Consequently, we don’t act in our own best interest.

In the Creation Story, GOD questioned Adam and then Eve, but HE didn’t question the serpent. *You* should question your serpent! You’re beguiling yourself if you don’t. You’re allowing your desires to determine your course of action without regard for your moral standing in your own eyes. And when it so happens that others then question you, you may have a tendency to take offence instead of show curiosity and interest. But your offence originates in you not having questioned your serpent yourself.

If you aren’t patient with yourself, you’re not yet a Jew in a business-to-business relationship with **GOD**. You’re not yet a Christian in a business-to-business with **GOD** or a Muslim in a business-to-business relationship with **HIM**. You’re still just a consumer of the faith you were given from the outside in. You’re still relating to a third of our **CREATOR**.

*“Have you considered the man  
who has made a god of his own appetite?  
Would you be a guardian over him?”*  
[25:43]

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<sup>157</sup> Why was the Quran not revealed suddenly to the Prophet Muhammad?

This statement is rhetorical. You're the guardian over a man who has made a god of his own appetites. You're your own guardian. You're your own golden calf. You're dancing around you. You're your own angel and demon. Whether you've got a serpent hanging down from your tree or a worm in your apple, you're prone to making a god out of your own appetites.

You're the guardian over a person who's often greedy, horny or gluttonous. You may have an insatiable appetite for money, sex or food. But you can't guard your brother or be your brother's keeper any better than you can keep yourself in check. If you're money hungry, sexually unsatisfied or overweight, you're a power monger to a god of your own making.

Don't preach to me. Don't become a guardian over my appetites. Your grasping hands, erect penis and empty stomach are problems that originate in your figuratively undescended testicle or well-concealed ovary. Deal with yourself by yourself.

There isn't a man alive who hasn't got a god besides **GOD**. If you think you can live in this world without other gods, you don't understand the tension between Abram and Terah, his father. You don't appreciate why Noah had no choice but to let his son scramble up the mountain instead of getting onboard. You don't appreciate why **GOD** allowed the Story of Jonah to be reinterpreted by Christian to make it sound like he'd literally been swallowed by a whale when it was worry that had consumed him.

We're all a bird {YONA: dove} figuratively swallowed up by a whale, a monster of the deep with a huge appetite. We all dive down to the bottom of our heart to try to feed ourselves with tons of tiny little feelings we need to survive. We all have tiny eyes that can't see what's right in front of us at such an inky, black depth. We're all in the dark under enormous pressure. It's terribly dark and cold at the bottom of man's heart. And every Jonah, the bird inside that whale, knows it.

Don't kid yourself. If you can't see yourself as in a big fish there isn't a mountain high enough for you to escape the deluge to come. Your adolescent-behaving father may want the best for you, but if you're too old to get onboard with him, know that **GOD** has an alternate plan that could work out much better for you. Many who drown in their own tears figuratively come back from the dead much stronger than before. "Just keep swimming."

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*"Do you not see  
how your Lord lengthens the shadows?  
Had it been His will  
He could have made them constant.  
But We made the sun their guide;  
little by little  
We shorten them."  
[25:45-46]*

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<sup>158</sup> Song from "Finding Nemo," a 2003 animated film. It was Dory, a plucky, forgetful, blue fish, who taught us that when faced with adversity we just need to keep swimming.

“Do you not see  
how your Lord lengthens the shadows?  
Had it been **HIS** will  
**HE** could have made them constant.  
But **WE** made the sun their guide;  
little by little  
**WE** shorten them.”

The shortening of man is a moral shortening, not a literal one. No man's shadow remains constant because no man is morally consistent. You could even say that, subjectively speaking, no one stands morally Taller than the babe in his own arms. The self-righteousness of an infant can't be measured because it lives virtually entirely in its own inexperienced, inner world. The Lord lengthens the shadows of guilt over time, making the setting of the sun everyone's guide. In this way, **HE** demonstrates how **HE** indirectly reveals **HIS** designs to those who care to question.

The shadow of a man ought to reflect his true physical size, but it rarely does. Just as the sun leaves a shadow on the ground that changes in shape depending on the time of day, so, too, does **GOD** leave impressions on you of yourself that change you incrementally day-by-day. There's no more reason to fear your shadow than there is to fear a black man. But for many a white **CHRISTIAN** a black man is his shadow personified. And he's terrified of the world of shadows.<sup>159</sup>

At the highest, subjective point in your life, when viewed as happening in one day, it may appear you leave no shadow in this world at all. You're at your high noon. You may believe you're at the apex of your existence, so you may feel guilt free. You may think you leave no impression of darkness on the world in your own deluded imagination. But high noon doesn't last forever.

As your day progresses, you'll see your shadow lengthen until it becomes bizarrely elongated and distended. Such is the affect guilt has on a man when he begins to perceive his mortality. Such is the affect your conscience has on you over time. Don't be afraid of your own shadow. Learn from it. As darkness descends into the twilight of your life, your shadow will dissipate entirely, and you'll remember who you once were and how you moved forward in those days. Shadows become less meaningful at night. The eyes of the very old have grown accustomed to moral darkness.

Slowly, people come to realize that illumination through the world around them isn't enough. They need warmth, not just a dark silhouette set against shiny, material objects. They need to feel they're exploring the mystery of their life in a personally meaningful way.

It's the fire within that leave the shadows of fear, worry and doubt on the rocky walls of man's imagination. It's you, you need to learn about, regardless of how frightened of you, you may be. True, your container is slowly becoming misshapen and distended. But your contents can still grow every minute of this day.

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<sup>159</sup> In a perfect, white, **CHRISTIAN** world Jesus would give everyone a white shadow.

So many people have a heart like rock and a head like water. You tell them something important and it dissolves like salt in their mind. You tell them something about the way they feel and they crack. You can see the fissures on their face. You ask them a question and the blank look on their face becomes like a placid sea. You tell them a joke and their face fractures with wrinkles that marble the face of their mountain like granite.

*“It is He who has made the night a mantle for you,  
and sleep a rest.  
He makes each day a resurrection.”  
[25:47]*

“It is **HE** who has made the night a mantle for you,  
and sleep a rest.  
**HE** makes each day a resurrection.”

The great hope of the Quran comes through in passages such as this one. It’s not the day of resurrection that a man must worry about. It’s the night before the morrow when he’s resurrected one more time that’s worrisome. If you live with hope, mercy and morality, you’ll find yourself better prepared for another night tonight before the next day. It’s the man who wears the night like a mantle, a loose sleeveless cloak or shawl, who morally warms himself when the cold envelops him. This is the man who discovers peace and receives the blessings of his **CREATOR**.

The whole world cries out for you to live for today – for tomorrow you may die. Everyone tells you to relinquish your hold on the time you have in this world and to give up your bondage to the things that fill your space externally. What they don’t tell you is to seek the Lord over time and to enjoy **HIS** presence through space, beginning with your body and all that unfilled space within it.

Moses said **GOD** formed man out of clay. Jesus asked to be remembered as bread and wine {i.e. a container of physical flesh being filled with spirit}. The Prophet said that *God* carved man out of impatience.

I think all three can be true in the sense that each of us is like a clay oven with a flame in it. We’re like a container that needs to be filled with dough, baked, and then served as bread. And we’re often driven by impatience to do that job in a way that’s genuine to us.

I wouldn’t strive for patience if I were you. I’d strive to observe your impatience with yourself. The more you can see yourself as you are, the more you’ll change, transform and transcend how you are. This is transfiguration, a figurative surmounting of your essence to form something new. Slow your mind down so you can see how you react to every little thing that gets in your way. That’ll eventually make you smile. Being you should leave a Mona Lisa smile on your face.

Until you treat your body as a precious container created by **GOD** just for you, you’ll have nothing to fill. In seeking **HIM** inside your body and out, you’ll come to appreciate the thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires you have that make you who you are.

I'm most impatient when I feel helpless and vulnerable. I'm most unhinged when I worry about whether the kindness of strangers will be sufficient if I can't do what I need to do for myself. Perhaps the physically disabled are more schooled in that respect than I. After all, many of their needs must be fulfilled by others.

But as a prior victim of mental illness, I know how dependent I was on my mother and others who were kind enough to forgive me for my frustrations and inability to help myself. Now, I'm only a victim of frustration. My padded cell is smaller. Most of my impatience either lies within or it lies externally with 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology. I've graduated most of my frustrations with people. Their opinions of me don't get under my skin as much as they used to. It's machines that bug me the most. You can't live with 'em, and you can't live without 'em...

There are bonds of knowledge of you in everyone. Think of yourself as a banyan tree with aerial prop roots that develop over a considerable area. Together, you all resemble a grove of trees, with every trunk connected directly or indirectly to the primary trunk. Some of these bonds will unite you with others. Others will separate you from them. But if you bond deeply with people, like vines entwined, remember that others are there to help you extend your outreach. Sooner or later, you'll perceive the trunk of your own tree and roots – or not.

*“It was He who sent the two seas rolling,  
the one sweet and fresh,  
and the other salty and bitter,  
and set a rampart between them,  
an insurmountable barrier.”*  
[25:51]

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the one sweet and fresh,  
and the other salty and bitter,  
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an insurmountable barrier.”

The *two seas* are the Sea of Galilee {sweet and fresh} and the Dead Sea [salty and bitter}. A boy starts out life like a fish surrounded inside by emotional waters that are sweet and fresh, naïve and young. And he ends up in emotional waters that are salty and bitter, knowledgeable and disappointed. Some make their way down this emotional stream of consciousness to live out their adult life in a Jordan river that's narrow, constrained and ever turning more salty and bitter the further downstream they go. Others find the mercy in their heart to cross over into their inner land of milk and honey.

There literally is a rampart of earth between these two seas. But the insurmountable, figurative rampart is constructed upon thoughts of fear, worries and doubtful intentions about whether **GOD** really has a plan that could include you. There's no way into this land

without Moses; no way across this river without Jesus; and no way to fly over this rampart without the Prophet Muhammad.

One will literally bring you into Israel, the land of milk and honey. One will bring you across with loving intentions into an Israel in your heart if you're filled with love. And one will bring you the insight into perceiving the plan as a universal story in three parts, with an Israel at the end of your journey called "paradise" {PARDES: orchard}. Those devoted to **GOD** will take this seriously. The rest will, presumably, swim downstream in the salty brine of their own tears, dead for what may seem like an eternity. Only the soulful will hopefully make their way out of their fate.

*"There are those who keep the golden mean;  
who invoke no other deity beside God."  
[25:67]*

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who invoke no other deity beside **GOD**."

It makes sense to be intellectually rational, emotionally balanced and morally fair in your dealings with everyone. But that's not enough if you're planning to be loyal to yourself. You must work your way through guilt using wisdom and self-love. Only then can you consciously give some of your self-devotion to others with an inner understanding of why you're doing so.

Your embarrassment at your penis envy must be overcome with modesty, not by replacing your penis envy with weaponry. Your shame at your semen must be overcome with good deeds that seed the world with humility, not rounds of ammunition that hint to the sterility in your loins. And your humiliation in all the myriad ways **GOD** made you and planted you here under trying circumstances in rocky soil must be overcome with **חֶסֶד** CHESED {loyalty}, not chemical warfare that seeks to burn out impurities by incinerating people's bodies.

The efforts of Muslims to understand the Arab Spring are leading them to perceive the deep humiliation they've brought upon themselves through their penis envy of their older brothers. This can only be healed with chesed: greater loyalty to the Quran. And that loyalty must begin within by embracing the voices of the Sunnis, Shiites, Alawites, Kurds and Wahhabis as seeds they must plant in rows that are aligned.<sup>160</sup>

Before Muslims will be able to say to our Lord, "I know the meaning of devotion," they'll need to be able to say to themselves that they know the meaning of loyalty. This is the rampart we can all overcome together. It doesn't require us to sexualize our efforts. We don't need to pollute the sand, sea and sky. This is a spiritual union that assumes you're mature enough to go beyond your temptation and revulsion of yourself. The Quran is the book of devotion that'll teach you how to achieve CHESED {loyalty} with yourself.

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<sup>160</sup> It goes without saying that I'm not suggesting an orgy with men from differing Muslim tribes cuming together. I shouldn't even need to put this idea into words because what I mean is so obvious. The alignment I'm referring to is spiritual.

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and in disgrace he shall abide forever -  
unless he repents and believes  
and does good works,  
for then God is forgiving and merciful:  
he who repents and does good works  
shall truly return to God.”*  
[25:69-71]

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This surah emphasizes that there's no sin, however great or small, that can't be forgiven if sincerely repented for. It's through tolerance of the Jew, acceptance of the Christian and in admiration of the Muslim in us all that we're going to bring our loyalty to ourselves in alignment with **GOD's** designs. Making amends for your gross errors of judgment will take forgiveness. But it'll also require much more from you.

*“Lord,  
give us joy in our spouses and our children,  
and make us examples to those who fear You.”*  
[25:73]

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give us joy in our spouses and our children,  
and make us examples to those who fear **YOU**.”

I assume you already believe that faith is a process, not a done deal. I presume you also realize that wisdom and love will never be enough to make peace with yourself. You've got to become generous of spirit to you, as well, if you want to enter your own idea of “paradise.” And the only way you're going to feel you're on your way “there” will be if you can enjoy the fruits of an intimate relationship with you here.

To be an example to those who fear **GOD** is a little more of a challenge than overcoming your fear of snakes. Many fear their GOD, GOD or *God*. Many fear the general concept of GOD/GOD/*God*. Few are in awe of **GOD**. Awe requires you not only see all the

material rewards you've been given as temporary incentives you can't take with you when you leave. Awe requires you to look for the magic in every aspect of your life because it's been brought to you to learn. It requires that you look between your legs and then up to "heaven" to understand how **GOD** gave you your desires to teach you how to come before **HIM** with guilt, and without guile.<sup>161</sup>

The **Buddha** addressed desires, saying that suffering is caused by desire. Western thought looks at desire as the serpent in man's tree that bites him with its poisonous words. This is his penis, the delivery system of his desires that causes such envy in what **GOD** has given others that **HE** hasn't chosen to give him. Envy is the forbidden fruit that causes all suffering. Grow your own garden and you won't be jealous of or disgusted by what others are eating.

Many desires are permitted, but wanting the temporary rewards **GOD** gives to others will repeatedly get you in trouble. Don't kill. Don't cheat. Don't steal. Don't lie. Don't want what you haven't earned. And don't decide you've earned all that you have until it's paid for with gratitude. What's in your possession could be taken away from you in a moment. Allow **GOD** to make that determination, not henchmen of political bosses who wish to keep you financially under their control.

Moving through your desires to remove jealousy and envy reduces your impatience because impatience is caused by wanting desires you may still insist are forbidden. This becomes a spiritual Catch-22. You want what you want when you want it. But you don't know what you want until you see someone who has it. And so you get frustrated and impatient with the world around you instead of using your negative feelings as clues to what's spiritually happening within. This inner activity can only be unlocked using figurative speech.

Being happy for what others are given only makes me happy when I can see I've been given something else even more rewarding to me. Like a baby crying, I frequently need to be pacified. But if the child in me doesn't pacify my inner infant with peace of mind; if the adolescent in me doesn't assuage my inner child with serenity; and if the young, handsome man in me doesn't commend my inner adolescent for what he's done for me with tranquility – I become envious in some way. I need to be rewarded. I need mindfulness in the Eastern tradition, which translates as soulfulness here in the West.

The more you observe your impatience, the more you'll see what's causing it down under... The more you realize you sometimes feel as though **GOD** carved you out of impatience, the more you'll come to understand the magic in having been given the perfect penis or classy clitoris you always wanted.

When in Rome do as the Romans. The Romans didn't build Rome in a day. The Romans built Rome day by day. The secret to wisdom of the heart lies in Christianity. The secret to matters of the heart lie in Rome, not Jerusalem. The secret to patience lies in Mecca.

Surely, the mystery OF *Al-Furqan* {criterion} lies in better prioritizing what's important to you. If you look to Rome to solve your problems of the heart, you'll envy

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<sup>161</sup> It's up to you to train your own shlang.

what others have. If you look to Mecca to solve your problems of your soul, your loyalties may become twisted, deformed and distorted by anal issues you can't solve without words. And if you look to Jerusalem to think for you, you'll end up with a mighty migraine... These outer places should be associated with inner spaces.

Book Four continues with Surah 26