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The Poets

Poets are the worst offenders of your faith. Poets are the greatest defenders of your faith. Poets are often lost in the love of someone or something about life that causes them to overlook the magical importance in having been given two worlds. They want everything they can squeeze out of both their worlds. We need everyone to look at this world we share through the eyes of poets. We need people to willingly and eagerly choose to learn about themselves to make WORDS/WORDS/*Words* come to life.

That's a problem because learning entails embracing guilt. To learn you must sometimes let go of something you believed deeply in order to grasp something new. You're like Tarzan swinging from one vine to another through a jungle of ideas. As the truth unfolds, you discover yourself. Only then does the Lord's presence slowly become increasingly real. Even the nose of the atheist who loves the smell of everything realistic, practical and pragmatic is unconsciously engaged in this process. Discovering the truth is a big job both for the poetically and practically inclined.

The gay men who died of A.I.D.S. may have thought they could turn back the clock to the time when indigenists were ignorant of the potential of their contents, and, therefore, could treat their container disrespectfully. **GOD** was patient then, and **HE**'s patient now. But there are limits to **HIS** patience. The more you know, the more you're expected to act accordingly.

Those who've learned a second language know the slightly psychotic feelings that arise when the mentality you constructed like a house in one language is recreated, brick by brick {word by word} in another linguistic structure. Being able to speak more than one language is equivalent to becoming fluent in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The three Abrahamic faiths aren't identical. But you can learn how to communicate in all three just by learning how to communicate more effectively with yourself.

You can't love the world around you without wanting to squeeze everything you can out of the world within. You can't love **GOD**'s presence in and around you if you can't love **HIS** effect on both your worlds. All knowledge begins in one of your two worlds. But all knowledge transcends your two worlds. You can embrace knowledge without going crazy if your values are prioritized morally and not monetarily. ¹

But to prioritize your values morally, you should begin by asking yourself what it is that you most want in life. Some people most want sex. Some people most want money to surround themselves with material comforts. Some people most want to protect themselves from the danger presented by other people's power. Some people most want community to alleviate their loneliness. Some most want nature to give them a sense of beauty, awe and

¹ If you choose to denounce people who are different from you; if you choose to devote your life to the destruction of the State of Israel; or if you live for material rewards alone – you're going to discover the need to reprioritize your values if you're lucky. In not, you're going to unleash your magic in horrible ways because you're not going to see how envious you are of those who have something you want.

mystery. And some most want a relationship with **GOD** to give their life a sense of meaning.

Prioritizing your values morally is something that must be done figuratively below your waist where your cravings, desires, hungers, impulses, needs, passions, urges and wants lie. If you ignore your desire to covet redemption, you'll ruin your life in some important way down the line. The chain is only as strong as the weakest link.

Nobody said facing himself in **GOD'S** presence would be easy. But nobody told you the only way to face **HIM** was to face yourself. Abraham never asked GOD if he could see him. Moses asked, but was only allowed to observe HIS heel as HE walked by. Jesus spoke about **THEM** as though They were FATHER and SON, and best **BUDS**. The Prophet engaged with *Him* from a healthy distance through the intercession of an angel.

The common man has Jewish ears and Christian eyes. The common man has a Muslim mouth out of which can come great poetry or banal prose. But the common man has an atheist's nose. He's suspicious enough of the stranger's ways to sniff around and ask good questions before he's ready to face each new stranger with a hopeful smile. No stranger smells good until you can get used to his unique, odiferous, spiritual scent.

Here is a difference you can see between the three Abrahamic faiths as they once were and how we must work together to perceive them differently today:

Ancient JEWS:	THANK YOU FOR THE RAIN, GOD.
Ancient CHRISTIANS:	THANK YOU FOR THE RAIN, GOD.
Ancient <i>Muslims</i> :	<i>Thank You for the rain, God.</i>
Contemporary Jews:	Thank YOU for the rain, GOD.
Contemporary Christians:	Thank YOU for the rain, GOD.
Contemporary Muslims:	Thank <i>You</i> for the rain, <i>God</i> .
True believers, 2020:	Thank YOU for the rain, GOD .

The world will mainly consist of true believers a hundred years from now. They'll appreciate the neutrality of the atheist's font by using it to elucidate **GOD's** designs from a respectful distance. The mystery of life will have become ubiquitous by then. Our grandchildren's children will hold every animal and plant as a precious gift from **GOD** (ostensibly because there may be so few left).

If you don't know what you're saying, you're going to end up fighting over what other people have said. If you don't listen to what you're telling yourself, you're going to make the same mistakes over and over again with others until you allow yourself to more fully personalize and internalize your issues. Nobody in this day-and-age can solve the world's problems without an accurate communication system at his disposal. And that has to begin within because if you can't improve your communication with you, you're never going to communicate as affectively as you'd like with some others.

You aren't going to be able to internalize misogyny until you can solve for the x^2 factor in you. (And that statement is also true for women.) Your y is going to beat up your x^2 or one x is going to beat up the other. You aren't going to be able to internalize homophobia until you've cleaned up your misogyny issues beginning with your mother. (And that's true

for the L.G.B.T+ community, as well.) And you aren't going to be able to internalize racism until you figure out that the color of the border between your inner and outer worlds {skin} doesn't determine the permeability of your filter. (And that's true for black people, too.)

A friend of mine told me of an interesting experience he had in going to the bathroom at a public toilet in a foreign country in the Far East. It seems the urinal wall was separated by a two-way mirror that faced out on a public space. As the men were urinating, they could see the people outside the bathroom, while those people outside could only see their reflection in the mirror. The public had no idea that men were seemingly exposing themselves to those outside the bathroom behind the reflected glass. That's architectural humor for you...

Similarly, all people everywhere think they can think anything they want in public without others knowing what's going on inside of them because **GOD** gives them the illusion of having a two-way mirror {skin} that affords them privacy. People can think about being physically nude, emotionally naked and even spiritually exposed without anyone around them having a clue to what's going on inside them. That's the kind of privacy we all enjoy without paying much attention to it as it's happening. That's inner architectural humor for you.

We have a yearly gathering in San Francisco called the Folsom Street Fair. Much of it is an S&M celebration. But it's also frequented by people with a wide range of sexual preferences and fetishes. There are men and women at this fair in various stages of nudity and costumes.

But because there's an unwritten rule of respect for others, people don't touch one another without consent. It's a very safe public space. But there's also an unwritten rule of privacy at this fair even though there are people having sex with themselves or others publicly.

When you use one of the many portable chemical toilets, everyone closes the toilet door. Nobody wants to see anyone going to the bathroom at this public event. There are social rules in place that are unquestioned because they've already been answered.

This is a sense of the secret knowledge we all adhere to in public. It's the opposite of the lack of awareness found in young children who walk around without clothes on or who go to the bathroom with the door wide open. This distinction brings up the later difference in awareness in the children who know where babies come from, from those who don't. Even later, a distinction is made between the adolescents who've had their first sexual experience from those of their peers who haven't. There are many ways to be physically, emotionally and spiritually inexperienced or oblivious to the facts. There are many ways to be an adult who hasn't lost his virginity and naivety and one who looks back with greater knowledge on the virginity he once had.²

Growing up is about losing your spiritual virginity. It's about discovering the difference between privacy and privacy on ever greater levels of awakening. It's about learning the unwritten rules in your life that *you* never disclosed to *you* before.

The ancient indigenist looked out on the world while figuratively holding his penis and doing his business without a care in the world whether GOD could see him. The ancient

² Obviously, I'm speaking about a difference between physical virginity; the emotional virginity that starts wars by immature adults; and the spiritual virginity that awakens mature adults to themselves.

believers looked at what the indigenists did with great horror and suspicion, fearing their lewd acts were offensive to GOD. Today's modern believers know that sex is no more offensive to **GOD** than urinating would be in front of a two-way mirror. **GOD** can see in even if you can only see out. Therefore, what's going on in your mind is what really counts.

The ancestors of today's African Americans were brought to this country before they could develop a belief in **GOD**. They were Christianized, but they found resonance with the Israelites' slavery in ancient Egypt that their white masters couldn't appreciate as deeply. The indigenists in Indonesia were converted to Islam without prior knowledge of Christianity or Judaism. But their history of cannibalism didn't impede their ability to give it up when they discovered *God*.

The ancient indigenists of the Middle East believed in gods who brought rain because water was (and still is) so scarce there. The ancient believers believed that rain came from the god that gave them the most of what they needed, because they couldn't imagine that **ONE GOD** would have created us all for the purpose of teaching us to live together and share water peacefully. The modern believer knows he ought to thank **GOD** for all that's out of his control, like the rain, because these are signs of **HIS** love and concern for everyone's spiritual wellbeing. But if we don't learn to share water, we're certainly not going to learn to share **GOD**.

Modern man leaves it to his elected representatives to solve droughts and floods by moving water where it's needed. Modern man questions what we'd do without sufficient rain or if the seas rose and flooded the land. The modern believer knows that all gifts come from **GOD** to teach us how to share our blessings masterfully.

Too good is just as bad as not good enough. Today's sorcerer's apprentices need to learn so much more about the magic of being human. And it all starts by embodying spirit with guilt. If you don't have the wisdom to modulate the rain within, you should consider yourself complicit in upsetting the world weather patterns, too. Guilt will find you wherever you hide. Projecting it elsewhere outside of yourself just won't help you as much.

Guilt is the most important of all answers to the reason things are the way they are and why they could get a lot worse. Guilt is the world's greatest T.A. {**TEACHER's** assistant} Why would people spend so much time and effort blaming others if they didn't believe in guilt? Why would people spend so much time defending themselves against guilt if it weren't so important to them? Guilt can move mountains. Or it can raze them to the ground.

Although there are those who have a very bad opinion of me, I'm not responsible for changing their opinion. I'm responsible for changing my opinion of me. This is the big difference between internalized guilt and externalized guilt.

Guilt is the crowbar that moved the mountain toward Muhammad. Guilt is the glue that keeps Judaism at the base and Christianity at the summit. And guilt is what's motivating Muslims to climb the mountain and not just denounce it as they soar over it. People love guilt so long as they can use it against others. And yet, nobody likes when the eye of guilt is peering in at him.

The rock under the Dome is the spiritual source of Western guilt incarnate. It encapsulates all the embarrassment, shame and humiliation you've known until now. This is the rock your tree is wrapped around. This is the rock from which *Muslims* are launching

themselves into “hell.” This is the rock from which Jesus turned over the tables of the money changers. This is the rock the hyper-religious JEWS want back to resume animal sacrifice. This is the rock you need to figuratively excavate and bring before your **CREATOR**.

The Prophet Muhammad poetically retold the Passover story in this surah. The poets are retelling it year after year, whether they consciously know it, or not. The miracle of freedom from bondage isn’t just a Jewish tale that pointed the finger of guilt at the ancient indigenists. It’s also the tale of the emotional liberation from guilt and spiritual emancipation from the guilt of all mankind. Moses was a poet. Jesus was a poet. And if you think the Prophet wasn’t a poet, too, you’ve lost all sense and sensibility about the meaning of submission.

You should see yourself as a poet. The story of the Jew in you will help you defend yourself against slave drivers. Today’s pharaohs are real, brought to you by **GOD** to help you determine the difference between the “pharaohs” around you and the pharaoh within. Don’t squabble over manmade enemies. Solve your problems and move on. Don’t blame gays, Jews and other minorities for forcing you to confront yourself. Those hold other forms of faith in **GOD** are as legitimate as you. (Those who point the finger of guilt at others for not living life according to their Scripture don’t want to face their own guilt. They’d rather force you to face yours. And for that, I say, tongue-in-cheek, “Thank you!”)

If you think men can maintain the course of busyness as usual, you’re sadly mistaken. The world is changing for the better. And if you’ve got a bone to pick with women over the bone that was taken out of man, look to the Creation Story for answers. Don’t blame me or women.

If you don’t admit your envy of others, you’ll use man’s laws to retaliate against people for all that **GOD** has held back from giving you. You’ll punish them for the body you didn’t get; the brains you don’t have; the pathetically small heart you’re stuck with; and the hole in your chest where you haven’t yet planted the seeds of a conscience that’s concerned about your eternal wellbeing. Nothing good can grow in someone who hasn’t cracked the shell of jealousy and envy to let out the life inside. Nothing good can come of someone who uses the name of Moses, Jesus or Muhammad in vain.

To embody the spirit, you should learn from great poets. If you think most Muslims in Europe aren’t busy learning how to release their envy with devotion rather than spread vengeance worldwide, you’ve got no clue to what **GOD** wants from you. And if you think the European Christians don’t realize they’re facing the same sort of envy their ancestors faced when they looked in the eyes of the Jews, you’re clueless there, too. Most of these Muslims and Christians aren’t envious of one another. They’re learning from one another how to better learn from themselves.

Let’s look at what happened to the Israelites after the Passover story because that’s when freedom really began as a journey rather than a static state of yearning. That’s when the Israelites discovered Moses had been given the magical power of **GOD**’s guilt with which to change their world for the better. And in doing so, they were the first to change the world for us all. We owe a lot to the ancient Jews.

The modern Jew is still feared and rejected by some because we bring wisdom mixed with guilt with us everywhere we go. The Christians are also feared because they bring

guilt along with Christ's love. And the Muslims are having a bad time of it today because they don't understand that wherever they bring devotion, it must be accompanied by guilt that they should be pointing at themselves, not at the others. Anyone pointing his finger with guilt nowadays will be perceived as a potential killer.

The first thing the Israelites did once they were free from Pharaoh and bondage was to revolt against their new master, Moses, by constructing a metal calf out of gold to pray to. They couldn't wait for Moses to climb up Mt. Sinai to visit with GOD to release their pent-up emotions. That turned their guilt in on themselves. On that day the seeds of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism were sown. Self-hate was conceived on that day that burdens us today with having birthed self-loathing into the world.

Such is how the evil inclination in man is inadvertently spread by his wonton desires. He'll choose to go morally downhill rather than strive to help himself rise up when given the opportunity to go his own way. He'll choose autonomy over wisdom. He'll choose self-hate over self-love. And he'll choose self-loathing over loyalty to a cause that's as big as himself. Although women are guilty of this tendency, too, they're so much more aware of the frequency and propensity in men doing so. They can easily see how men's y so often chooses to oppress their x¹.

You may have once been a golden calf, a young god you danced around with vanity and conceit, day in and day out. You eventually melted yourself down like a lump of gold and shaped yourself into an idol of flesh and blood, but with feet of clay. As you continued to age, you probably started to see yourself dance faster and more furiously just to keep up with others. When you got tired, you stopped dancing and began to trudge the road of maturity, until your aches and pains made you more aware of the body you had that wouldn't respond as fluidly as it used to. And when you started to feel more like a corroded, old cow or a tarnished, old bull, you then realized you were never going to go back to the day when you were a golden calf made in your own image of god. That was when reality really got a lot more real.

Moses had no way to describe the word "ego," so he used the words "golden calf" instead. As we age, we become more aware that our ego has had a great influence on our behavior. We realize we once shined like gold, but that our mettle has become tarnished over time. We start out dancing and laughing, and end up hobbled, moaning and groaning. What seemed like a life we create all by ourselves becomes an experience we misjudged. Life turns out to be far more complex than we ever imagined. And we discover we're sometimes far more alone inside than we thought possible.

As they age, many see more of this sad truth. They begin to suspect they're more like everyone else than they thought. They were once valued like a cow in a dairy for what they produced each day. Or they were valued like a stud bull. But when they arrived in early, old age, some feel like a horse put out to pasture. They can't compete with the young stallions and fillies anymore. They can't even value themselves the way they used to.

Over time, we all come to experience the psychological effects of being in a human body that's not going to last forever. We personally identify with Moses's rage when he realized the Israelites were in adoration of a golden calf. We personally identify with the sorrow of Christ on the cross. We see the reason for the Prophet to have had to give warning.

Today, even young adults can see how they may be dancing around cravings, hungers, impulses, needs, passions, urges and wants that may not matter over time. But they may

not yet be able to see that their desires include cravings, hungers, impulses, needs, passions, urges and a wanting for something from themselves. They may presume they have lots of time to modify their ego issues. It doesn't always work that way.

Torah is timeless. The Bible is timely. And the Quran is eternal – but only if you bind them into one. If you don't, your ego will find ways to overlook the teachings of the prophets and GOD. Then the *words* of the Prophet may become meaningless or lost to you. And then you won't be able to take **GOD's WORDS** personally.

The progression from calf to cow, (or whether you discover you're just full of bull) is purely psychological. Your progress is a general comment on the journey of man, a process that ought to be humanized, not rejected or made exclusive. When you sufficiently personalize the process, you find meaning in all your choices. Self-adoration never goes away; but it becomes more spiritually challenging as you put more effort into tolerating, accepting and even admiring yourself. The best you can learn to do with your vanity and conceit is to spread your affections for you more deeply within. Why should others be the sole beneficiaries of your magnificent love? Self-love ought to grow until you can see it'll last forever. All roads lead to you.

There isn't a pharaoh telling you what to do every minute of every day. There isn't a leader like Moses guiding you toward your promised land in search of something you can't quite put into words. Even Aaron, the high priest, who helped the Israelites construct and pray to the golden calf, had to stop what he was doing when Moses came back down from Mt. Sinai infuriated by what Aaron and the Israelites had done in his absence.

It was Joshua #1 who met Moses before he entered the camp and broke the news to him about what GOD's Chosen People had chosen to do. And it would be Joshua #2 {Jesus} who'd expand upon that misuse of freedom by introducing the concept of personal liberty. Jesus took the ancient Jews out of their head and into their heart, whether they worshipped HIM, or not. Such is the mystery of love.

JEWS and CHRISTIANS can continue to fight over their conclusions from now until doomsday, or they can listen to the *words* of the Prophet and together learn how to achieve emancipation from their egotistical selves. It's so easy to claim you love yourself as you are, and so difficult to learn to love yourself as you are.

You were poured into a marvelous spiritual machine made by **GOD**. Learning how to operate it can't be understood using only money, love or matters of physical health. You've got to use all three to find your own spiritual reason for being. If you see yourself dancing around your food, your reputation or your outer wellbeing, you're motivated by matters below your waist. The day will come when you won't feel as free as you did when you were younger. The year will come when you won't luxuriate over the Passover meal because you'll suddenly hear it as a personal revelation calling to you in a way you didn't hear before.

The lifelong struggle you're in with you will only end when you're grateful for having been liberated from the heartache of your past. My father was a modern, Jewish slave to a German pharaoh {Hitler} when the U.S. Seventh Army's 45th Infantry Division and the 42nd Rainbow Division marched into Dachau and liberated him from concentration camp on April 29, 1945. But I was a gay-Jewish slave who had to liberate myself from me. Therefore, I can call myself more modern than my father.

You, too, will eventually find yourself surrounded by good people fighting for freedom, liberty and emancipation in wonderfully inspiring ways. And a voice in your soul will tell you then that, in your own weird way, you want what they want, too. You'll realize you're envious of what they have. And you'll fight with them to help them get it.³

I believe America is making this world safe for democracy. But I can see that democracy is a chain that's only as strong as its weakest link. When the white majority use the law to exclude others, you don't have a democracy. You have a plutocracy. The rich rule the poor. Let's watch how Israel's neighbors change the way they deal with the Jews. But let's also watch how Israel's JEWS deals with modern Jews.

I most care that the world is safe for the L.G.B.T+ community and Jews. If we're safe, everyone else will become safer, too. If we can pray to **GOD** to make our faith in ourselves great enough to make this world safe for plants, animals, fish and birds – people will take care of themselves. Govern your nation with a democracy of educated, enlightened voters. But govern yourself with an iron fist. (If the Russians and the Chinese want to do just the opposite, their citizens will only become more and more envious of what we have.) The sociological scales will balance themselves over time if you can prove your love for you.

*“They deny and turn their backs
on each, fresh warning they receive
from the Merciful:
but the truth of that which they have laughed to scorn
will before long dawn upon them.”
[26:5-6]*

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The Prophet was talking about those who couldn't yet see the warning signs because they didn't know what they were being warned about. Some had to become the personification of a warning sign so that others could look at them with revulsion or pity. Hitler convinced the German people to become the embodiment of his fear. But after the demise of the Third Reich, fear of themselves taught them to be wary.

Mel Brooks taught the next generation of Germans how to laugh at the Nazis.⁴ And today we should look at his genius with a queer, quixotic gaze. There are now modern-day

³ These seven books elucidate my fight for Muslim emancipation because I know that in helping them, I'm helping me emancipate myself.

⁴ Mel Brooks: Jewish-American, film producer of “The Producers,” is a comedy, in part, about “springtime for Hitler in Germany.” The Arab Spring will end similarly with bitter satire at what happens when people go religiously insane. And like the Germans today, tomorrow's Muslims will bow their heads at their crazy parents and grandparents, and

Nazis everywhere around us in the open, lying and stealing power from the people. And they're doing it using the WORD, WORD and *Word* of GOD, GOD and *God* to keep you controlled with accusations that are fair. Nothing could be further from the truth.

When you look at CHRISTIAN maniacs standing on crowded, public street corners proclaiming doom and gloom for me unless I embrace Jesus as my Lord, you see the smallest of examples of CHRISTIANS without a sense of humor. You see the living embodiment of warning signs that many in power are using to their advantage.

The orthodox JEWS proselytize JEWISH power. The orthodox CHRISTIANS proselytize CHRISTIAN power. The orthodox *Muslims* proselytize *Muslim* power. And the modern-day Nazis, like pigeons, gobble up all the garbage the three of them litter onto the streets.

The laughter that leads to scorn {religious dogma} is so unlike the darkness that leads to dawn. Everyone will be humbled by **GOD** in a unique and powerful way. You may need to laugh at others until you scorn them while you've advanced, but you'll still want to make your own way through darkness till the dawn of your new day. Don't be like those who die in darkness {guilt} because they're too terrified of living in light.

The humility that comes from the experience of dawning is very powerful and ought not to be missed. It's the starting line that leads toward greater and greater illumination of your place in **GOD's** designs. From that illumination will emerge more desire to grow.

Remember Moses! He was the man who harnessed his guilt at having killed a man to help his people. He's the embodiment of springtime. Remember Jesus. He was the man who harnessed HIS love for life. HE's the embodiment of summer. And remember the Prophet. He was the man who harnessed his devotion to living life for the sake of redemption. He's the embodiment of autumn. And then remember yourself and your winter, because that will always be personal. That you must face alone.

The Quran designates Friday as the Day of Assembly, clarifying that **GOD** never rests, dispelling the compatibility of their Sabbath with our Sabbath and the Christian Sabbath. GOD may have created the world around us in five days. **GOD** may have begun the task on Sunday, but *God* created man on the sixth day: Friday. And Jews and Muslims will forever share that day with that night. **GOD** makes no mistakes when it comes by day or night.

The Muslim noontime prayer on Fridays is the main prayer service of that day. In fact, the very word for Friday in Arabic comes from the name for the special prayer that's recited only on that day. The Muslim celebration of the greatest amount of light on the Sabbath is a tribute to *God's* loyalty to Islam, not to their understanding of GOD's wisdom in having created Judaism or HIS love for Christianity. The light of **GOD** can't be contained in only one faith or only on one day.

*"Do they not see the earth,
how We have brought forth from it
all kinds of beneficial plants?"*

frown knowingly at a mistake they've made against the Jews that they'll take an oath never again to allow to happen.

*Surely, in this there is a sign;
yet most of them do not believe.”*
[26:7-9]

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how **WE** have brought forth from it
all kinds of beneficial plants?
Surely, in this there is a sign;
yet most of them do not believe.”

The poet sees the Garden of Eden within. He sees peoples as varieties of plants in **GOD's** botanical kingdom. He sees **HIS** botanical creations as mysterious clues to **HIS** intentions. He knows we were all planted here like trees in a copse; like fields of crops; and like vineyards of grapes. We were all created with greater spiritual meaning than we may give to life because we take life for granted so much of the time. We seek habit, not habitat. Therefore, we tend to interpret Scriptures with a flashlight instead of a floodlight.

There's more to life than the body you were given. There's more to life than the habits you created to manage your survival needs. There's a moral challenge occurring within you to understand the physical gift of life you've been given before you use the habitat you were given to create life or destroy it.

When you've nibbled through the peel of temptation to get to know you and when you've eaten the flesh of curiosity about the meaning of your life in the greater scheme of things – you'll make your way to the totally unappealing core that houses the seeds of you where your essence comes from. In this inedible core you'll find revulsion for all you've done that you have no desire to repeat. At the core, you'll also find revulsion of others for all they're doing that you don't want them to repeat. But that will just be a mirror of your revulsion of you. It takes eating through the peel to devour the meat to stop you from throwing away the core and saving the seeds for another day. You can have it all if you turn your conscience inside in. That will turn it into a soul.

When you can see that you're old and wise enough to tolerate, accept and admire how you operate, you'll reject the experience of being spiritually dizzy. Nobody wants a herky-jerky ride that makes them nauseous. No one wants the feeling that life is a rocky road. Bumps are inevitable. Only children enjoy them.

You shouldn't share your thoughts and feelings with everyone on Earth. You may look down on others with curiosity, even mild astonishment. You can condescend to admit to yourself that you've been there and won't do that ever again.

The anti-materialism of the West will teach you how to give up all but one thing you have that's more precious than all the rest of your possessions: your body. Don't procrastinate in discovering the delight of the thing you find you're in. Don't put off your eureka moment until you're aging, deteriorating and looking well worn.

The young are so easily tempted to throw away the whole fruit if the peel is in any way blemished, bruised, damaged or uneven. And those who've find no delight in matters of the flesh become mushy, tasteless and wooden over time. Only those who persevere to the core will find the reasons for their revulsions. Only they'll appreciate the journey of discovery to the seeds or pit that makes them one of a kind.

Nature is a sign of **GOD's** nature. But there are only some signs in nature that will reveal your nature. You're not a man for all seasons. And still you can be fruitful and multiply your experiences by chewing on them like fruit until you've extracted enough juice from them to look at your nature as something worthy of taking seriously. The one who endeavors to grow like a plant, and not behave like an animal, will discover the aspect of **GOD's** designs called "self-love."

There are the equivalent of badgers, cats, dogs, foxes, lions, pests, pigs, rats, sharks, snakes, tigers, vultures and wolves and out in the world that you're going to need to learn to recognize if you're going to survive the competition this world insists on inflicting upon you. There are goals in life you're going to need to embrace and even mass movements you're going to need to join if you want to become a morally sound person.

There's a destination you should want to believe in called "Israel." You should ask yourself what you need to do when you get "there." And you may want to ask yourself how to do as well as Moses if you hope to make your way *to* that place. Modeling the life of Jesus will make it possible to make your way *from* that place. And like the Prophet Muhammad, you're going to want to make your way *through* that place. If you don't, you, too, will discover that you've behaved like an animal.

"Lord,
he replied, '
I fear they will reject me.
I may become impatient and stammer in my speech.
Send for Aaron.
They accuse me of a crime,
and I fear that they may put me to death.'"
[26:11-12] ⁵

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Send for Aaron.
They accuse me of a crime,
and I fear that they may put me to death.'"

Like Moses, each of us fears rejection, even violence and vindictiveness from others. That rejection may be reflected onto the powers that be: the pharaohs at the top of today's pyramid; the consensus of the group in the middle; or the masses below us. Each of us figuratively has a nervous twitch on our face; a bump on our back; a limp in our wrist; or

⁵ Moses speaking to GOD about helping the Israelites and his crime of having killed an ancient Egyptian slave driver without having considered that man as merely a cog in a much larger, evil wheel.

a stutter in the way we communicate – that reminds us of our guilt at the way in which **GOD** made us. We're born weak and vulnerable, but we strive to die strong and secure.

We're also guilt-ridden and find it hard to motivate ourselves to move through our weaknesses. Without wisdom, self-love and devotion to achieving our own Israel, who among us could deal with such stumbling blocks? They were unknowingly placed there by our parents. And that makes it so difficult to avoid tripping over some of them.

Those without a conscience are like badgers, cats, dogs, foxes, lions, pests, pigs, rats, sharks, snakes, tigers, vultures and wolves. They've fully achieved the selfishness they need to avoid one feeling of guilt that they anticipate being accused of. So, they look for a way to guilt you, instead. Like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, they can only hear GOD approaching. They scatter for fear of being seen, and each, in his or her way, finds a tree to hide behind. ⁶ Little do they know that every tree will be felled, leaving them exposed, sooner or later, to the bare truth.

Life is like a school that's always in session. Waking up a little more day by day; coming to class faithfully; hitting a home run in Phys. Ed.; going out on a limb to express yourself in English class; and learning to add 1 + 1 + 1 in spiritual math – these are extensions of metaphors that'll help you get through your denial of your autonomy and terminal uniqueness.

Those who revolt you – whether they remind you of the village idiot, the vain valley girl or the dumb jock – may be aspects of yourself you reject because you're afraid to get to know them. They embody memories of aspects of yourself you've learned to avoid. You may not want to admit you treat you the way they treat others.

Love isn't the only answer. Sometimes we love people we can't be around anymore. That doesn't mean that our love has ended. It means that our loyalty to them has ended. We can't continue in that relationship any longer. The wise move is to maintain the love but sever the loyalty.

*"I did that when I was a misguided youth.
I fled from you because I feared you.
But the Lord has given me wisdom
and made me an apostle.
And this is the favor with which you taunt me:
you have made the Israelites your bondsmen."*
[26:20-22] ⁷

⁶ "THEN THE MAN AND HIS WIFE HEARD THE SOUND OF THE LORD GOD AS HE WAS WALKING IN THE GARDEN IN THE COOL OF THE DAY, AND THEY HID FROM THE LORD GOD AMONG THE TREES OF THE GARDEN." [Genesis 3:8] The cool of your day is your youth. The heat of your day is your adulthood. And the relief after the heat of the day is your one poetic day of life as seen from the cold, dark crag of old age. Poetically, you're only given a single day. So, use your time in getting to know you productively.

⁷ Moses is speaking to Pharaoh about why he fled Pharaoh and left Egypt after having killed a man.

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But the Lord has given me wisdom
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And this is the favor with which you taunt me:
you have made the Israelites your bondsmen {slaves}.”

This is an example of the Prophet’s loyalty to the Jewish people. His wisdom and love were never in question. But he had to prove his loyalty to the Jews who’d come before him. And this is why he was given the words of Moses as spoken to Pharaoh.

It was fine at that time for Moses to be truthful to his enemies. It’s fine today to teach others how GOD thwarted the moral ignorance and lack of guilt of the ancient indigenists. But it takes something greater than honesty to apply Moses’s experiences to the challenges we face today. It’s one thing to now watch Muslims fleeing cruel, *Muslim* masters in their own lands. But when you observe you fleeing yourself, you ought to wonder what it means to be a cruel master over a slave today.

The hyper-religious shouldn’t be running countries or waging wars. They should get out of politics and trying to convert people with their principles. They should be in their houses of prayer discovering more about their GOD/GOD/*God*. They should be watching the spiritual as we struggle to bring **GOD**’s into WORD into being. They aren’t ready for prime time.

Where is your loyalty to you? When are you going to admit that you could act a lot more wisely and lovingly to others if you could express greater loyalty to yourself? To become soulful, you need only devote yourself to you. Your cup will runneth over. You don’t have to convert to JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY or *Islam*. If you have faith, you don’t have to convert anyone to your faith at all.

Without honesty, sincerity and authenticity, you’ll remain a helpless slave to your own cruel master. The Passover story still needs to be retold for a reason. The Prophet could have cut the Passover story out of his book if he’d wanted to. You might have avoided Passover altogether if it hadn’t been such an integral part of the death of Jesus. You can still denounce the Jews for retelling it. Or you could teach the JEWS to take it personally. So far, they can only take it tribally {sociologically}.

Today, the Exodus is slowly becoming personal. Today, the struggle of the African American and workers for their rights is no longer about others. It comes home to roost. Today, the Arab Spring becomes a mirror of your own struggle no matter where in the world you happen to hear about it. Today, the blame of Israel for being an “apartheid state” – a place full of “neo-Nazis” – becomes a mirror into your inner reality and not a window looking out at a reality you don’t know and, therefore, can’t honestly talk about.

GOD will give you another day and another way to help **HIS** cause. You can become a great leader if you wait patiently for **HIM** (as Aaron did) for your brother to get through his burning bush experience. **HE** has a plan, and **HE**’ll include you in on it when the time is right.

What you perceive to be real today will be even more real tomorrow if you seek the truth. Your head can have all the answers it needs for today, but your heart will feel

differently about the littlest of things in an hour, let alone by tomorrow. Becoming soulful is more work than it looks.

Most of us are suffering from an inner child who's terribly traumatized. And he isn't going to start opening up until you create a safe space inside with an older brother who can encourage him to speak. But then you'll need yet an even older brother to ask good questions that give your inner child the feeling that he's going to be listened to and really heard. This is talk therapy on a grand, Abrahamic scale. This is what it means to help others in order to help yourself.

They say that you can't herd Jews because they're like cats. They scatter. Each goes his own way. Well, the truth is that you can't be herded either. Each thought in your head is like a cat. The voices in your head can't be herded. Your heart can't corral them. And your soul can't destroy them. **GOD** sees all and knows all.

"Relevant" means you've made an objective connection between two pieces of information in the world within you that has subjective (i.e. intellectual/emotional/spiritual) importance to your being. Relevance gives rise to reasons to pray. Unless your inner world has been sufficiently challenged with reasons to find **GOD** relevant in your life, you're never going to learn the meaning of prayer. You'll beg like a child. You'll swear like a sailor. Or you'll make vows you can't keep. You'll remain misunderstood by you because, even with **GOD**, **GOD** or *God* by your side, it can be terribly lonely and frightening being alone with you.

To move through your fear of yourself and experience your feelings with newfound curiosity rather than dread, you need to create an inner atmosphere of safety.⁸ This'll help you see how you've been projecting your early childhood fears onto others, blaming people today for those things that were done to you a long, long time ago. You can't address the ways you were neglected as a child while you're neglecting yourself now. Your inner child simply won't speak to you until you behave better.

Granted, the parents of the victims at the Newtown shooting have reasons to blame others for their loss.⁹ But finding meaning in loss requires looking for leadership skills {Moses} and reasons to want to help {Aaron}. If the pursuit of freedom suddenly becomes much more meaningful than your pursuit of liberty or emancipation, know that unless you find ways to include all three, you're doomed to struggle in vain for change. You're doomed to live with loss without finding meaning as you drag your sorry self, figuratively on your belly, painstakingly through experiences you have no way yet to make sense of.

Apply the WORDS of Moses as quoted by the Prophet, "I DID THAT WHEN I WAS A MISGUIDED YOUTH." Know that you fled from you because you feared you. But your Lord

⁸ Safety in the external world comes with food, shelter, warmth and an absence of violence. Safety in the internal world comes with spiritual food, intellectual shelter, emotional warmth and the spiritual presence of loyalty.

⁹ "The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting occurred on December 14, 2012, in Newtown, Connecticut, when a 20-year-old fatally shot 20 children between six and seven years of age, as well as six adult staff members. Prior to driving to the school, he shot and killed his mother at their Newtown home. As first responders arrived at the scene, he committed suicide by shooting himself in the head." [Wikipedia]

has given you more wisdom through experience over time. And that has made you an apostle.

*“Pharaoh said,
‘The Apostle who has been sent to you is, surely, possessed.’”
[26:26]*

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‘The apostle who has been sent to you is, surely, possessed.’”

The master will always call the slave crazy for resisting him. The man who dances around himself like a god will always claim that your GOD, GOD or *God* is false. He'll call *you* possessed. He'll call you a demon, a bigot, a liar and a hypocrite. He'll try to embarrass, shame or humiliate you because he's out of touch with his own guilt. He doesn't realize his guilt lies in projection all around him. He doesn't realize he thinks he has to keep you in bondage to keep his autonomy intact. He doesn't realize that his y factor is beating up his x² factor.

When you question his idea of freedom, you see only endless desire for autonomy. White supremacists, Muslim haters, Jew haters, racists, homophobes and, of course, misogynists all insist that their “freedom” to hate is being encroached upon. They call it a belief system under a GOD/GOD/*God*. They call it their tradition. You become an apostle to the **GOD** they've sworn to resist.

Whether they believe in GOD, GOD or *God*, or not, they'll never believe in our **GOD** the way they're going. The thought of there being ONE **GOD** with a plan to free us all is anathema to them. Their idea of “freedom” is a seesaw that depends upon you being down, and them being up. The higher you go, the lower they feel. They can't get away from these children's games because they're stuck in the schoolyard setting, afraid to go to class.

These bullies will use anything to keep you intimidated and repressed. They brandish hope like a weapon. They'll give you “hope” like the Nazis gave the Jews “hope” before they rounded them up, while rounding them up, and right up to the moment they dropped the gas pellets into the showers. Don't become a victim of the kind of “hope” that conceals hate. Their “hope” is a trap.

GOD gave the ancient Egyptians no reason to be angry at the Israelites. With the plagues, GOD made the ancient Egyptians more and more fearful of the GOD of the Israelites. Don't get so angry at your enemies that you start to blame the gays and Jews. Your anger will always be a mirror of your struggle for freedom that emanates out from within yourself. Your anger and frustration will always be a sign that you're looking in a mirror as well as out a window. Your emotions should be tempered with loyalty to where you're headed.

The lessons you're getting and giving day by day are lessons indirectly from **GOD**. Just as the moon reflects the sun's light at night, your mind reflects the illumination of your heart in the darkness of your soul for you to contemplate. As you learn to see how you eclipse your feelings {sun} with your thoughts {moon}, you'll find ways of improving your relationship with the outside world from within.

*“If you serve any other god but me,
replied Pharaoh,
‘I shall have you thrown into prison.’”
[26:31]*

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replied Pharaoh,
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Locking up millions of young, black men in prisons isn't going to end anyone's tendency to personify his fear of the dark. Deporting almost a million Dreamers isn't going to elucidate your vision for law and order. Separating immigrant children from their parents isn't going to help you separate from your parents.

The American projection of our childhood fear of boogiemens {*Muslims*} is evident in our social policies. We may be so afraid of ourselves that we think we want all black males in jail; all Dreamers out of our country; all women in positions of obedience; gays out of the churches; and all Jews to shut up! It's we who've got the problem if we're afraid of the dark pigment of other people's skin; afraid of our neighbors; afraid of mommy still telling us what not to do; afraid of bad boys touching our head, heart or soul; and afraid of weirdos who live their life unhypocritically and unapologetically without any god as their master.

Americans have enormous autonomy, but they have trouble balancing it with the freedom, liberty and emancipation we're working so hard to attain. An American should use his imagination to come to know the enormity of the world within him as a potential for moving his hopes and dreams for himself into a world vision.

This is what Nelson Mandela knew. This is what Harvey Milk knew. This is what you know. Becoming a hero doesn't mean having to make it into "Who's Who." Becoming a hero means knowing you're you and not YOU, YOU or *You*. With **YOUR** help, you'll do just fine.

The governments of the world that don't have a democratic way to evolve will, of course, ultimately shrink, dry up and wither like raisins in the sun. They'll lose the life-giving moisture of governance that comes through serving the needs of freeing the masses of their ignorance, not chaining them to their GOD/GOD/*God*. The people who don't have a democratic way to evolve from freedom to liberty and from there to self-emancipation will come to a grinding halt. Their politics will separate into two walls that only the wisest will be able to walk through to reach the other side. Their citizens will become refugees from themselves within themselves without going anywhere. If they don't go insane or attract physical illnesses, they'll find themselves in an exodus from reality with drugs, debts or wars, a march to an insanity of their own making to keep themselves enslaved.

Many of the synagogues, churches and mosques of today still stand for hyper-religious intolerance and totalitarian tendencies. They're hyper-religious bases with only their own faith at the summit; little triangles of autonomy, not aspects of the mountain that once approached Muhammad. They're not on an individual path up the same mountain brought to us by **GOD**.

The mountain that approached the Prophet isn't an Islamic ideal. It's a universal truth that must be engaged with other truths to achieve a heroic sense of self.

*“Moses threw down his staff
and thereupon it changed into a veritable serpent.
Then he drew out his hand,
and it was white to all who saw it.”
[26:32-33] ¹⁰*

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and thereupon it changed into a veritable serpent.
Then he drew out his hand,
and it was white to all who saw it.”

There was no reason for GOD to ask Adam who had told him he was naked. There was no reason for GOD to ask Moses what he held in his hand. Every man is figuratively naked, figuratively holding his penis in his hand. Every man is a bunch of desires rolled into thoughts, feelings and beliefs he doesn't recognize for what they are: delivery devices for good or evil.

Moses later challenged Pharaoh's sorcerers who proved they could also turn their staffs into serpents. But Moses's serpent swallowed up all the other serpents. Knowledge of your innermost desires defeats other people's desires if you seek the good using the wisdom in having corrected your prior mistakes.

The N.R.A. {National Rifle Association} is like a satanic force in that it protects the limp penises of those white men in America who have exceedingly low self-esteem; those who don't understand the magic they figuratively hold at all times in their hand. The N.R.A. conceals the spiritual needs of those CHRISTIANS who need a loaded gun in their pocket to compensate for a penis that can't swallow up other penises. The N.R.A. fights for their right to own unending rounds of ammunition as a substitute for the spiritual testicles of their members that haven't yet descended. This is the unofficial organization that protects the death-affirming sperm of the lying hypocrites. The N.R.A. is only popular with those who are insecure and unsure of their spiritual potency. Real Christians don't need guns to fight for Israel. Real Christians have **GOD** on their side.

¹⁰ “THEN THE LORD SAID TO HIM, ‘WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR HAND?’ ‘A STAFF,’ HE REPLIED. THE LORD SAID, ‘THROW IT ON THE GROUND.’ MOSES THREW IT ON THE GROUND AND IT BECAME A SNAKE, AND HE RAN FROM IT. THEN THE LORD SAID TO HIM, ‘REACH OUT YOUR HAND AND TAKE IT BY THE TAIL.’ SO MOSES REACHED OUT AND TOOK HOLD OF THE SNAKE AND IT TURNED BACK INTO A STAFF IN HIS HAND. ‘THIS,’ SAID THE LORD, ‘IS SO THAT THEY MAY BELIEVE THAT THE LORD, THE GOD OF THEIR FATHERS – THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC AND THE GOD OF JACOB – HAS APPEARED TO YOU.’ THEN THE LORD SAID, ‘PUT YOUR HAND INSIDE YOUR CLOAK.’ SO MOSES PUT HIS HAND INTO HIS CLOAK, AND WHEN HE TOOK IT OUT, THE SKIN WAS LEPROUS. IT HAD BECOME AS WHITE AS SNOW.” [Exodus 4:2-7]

When the Prophet described Moses as having thrown down his staff and it turned into a serpent, he was poetically describing an honesty, sincerity and authenticity Moses presented that terrified the Pharaoh and his entourage. Every man knows when he's in the presence of someone who has personal strength and intrinsic power. Everyone knows real power when he sees it. It's magnificent. It's magical. It's surreal.

As for the white hand mentioned in this passage, that's a sign of innocence in the Quran, even though it's a sign of guilt in Torah. Moses felt so guilty about what he'd done in his youth that he needed to express the fact that his hands were finally, figuratively carrying a skin disease that mirrored the rot festering in his soul from having killed an Egyptian}. He'd made a serious a mistake in killing a man, but he'd worked it out of his inner world onto his hand. That murder had taken place 40 years prior, but a lot of water had flowed under that bridge since. When **GOD** teaches us how to forgive ourselves, we become free to use our guilt to become more powerful than we ever previously imagined.¹¹

When you find yourself with an unusual strength, there's usually also an odd weakness within you that compensates for it. In contrast to the way you can help others, you may be very helpless and vulnerable to some aspect of something you did in your past. In contrast to the way you can go out on a limb for someone else, you may be squirrely over issues in your own life. It takes someone *with* nuts to *go* nuts.

“Pharaoh said,
‘Do you dare believe in him
before I give you leave?
He must, surely, be your master,
who has taught you witchcraft.’”
[26:49-50]¹²

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‘Do you dare believe in him
before I give you leave?
He must, surely, be your master,
who has taught you witchcraft.’”

The sorcerers in ancient Egypt believed in the GOD Moses represented because his serpent proved it could swallow up theirs. Men play the same sorts of games with one another today by jockeying for power. They just don't speak about it as sexually explicitly as was done in Scripture.

Pharaoh didn't want to think his power could be eroded by the GOD who was, at the time, just that of the Israelites. He didn't want to believe GOD might even have a penis more powerful than his – the same sort of silly competition men in positions of authority in hyper-religious institutions and politics do with one another today. War is a common way

¹¹ Keep in mind that I know what I'm talking about because I twice attempted the murder of myself.

¹² Pharaoh speaking to his sorcerers

for men to swallow up other men's penises. It's the only figurative way they can intimidate with their penis because they hold such a disdain for those of us who'll happily swallow up another man's penis literally. You see men figuratively swallowing up one another's serpents in corporations, bureaucracies, sports, school competitions, family dynamics and unhappily married couples.

Today's believers think their GOD, GOD or *God* is more powerful than anyone else's, and they challenge other faiths to prove them wrong. Today's believers, like Pharaoh, scorn their own advisors, accusing them of learning from Moses's "witchcraft." Compare your penis to a Jew's if you think you got a penis worse than any other. Or contrast it to a gay's if you think you got one better than all the rest...

Moses wasn't consorting with the devil. Moses was consorting with men, with GOD as his witness. **GOD** uses **HIS** magic on men, but **HIS** magic can be countered or complimented with willpower. **GOD** gives us opportunities to use our strength to discover our moral truth or moral fallacy. The more morally soundly we use our strength, the more effective the results. If you need to learn about physical strength, fight with your enemies. If you need to learn about moral strength, argue with yourself.

*"Pharaoh sent forth heralds to all the cities.
'These they said,
'are but a puny band who have provoked us much.
But we are a numerous army, well-prepared.'"
[26:56-68] ¹³*

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'These they said,
'are but a puny band who have provoked us much.
But we are a numerous army, well-prepared.'"*

Today we have Zionism, the Woman's Movement, Black Lives Matter, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, Greenpeace and other progressive causes that began as "puny bands" in opposition to pharaohs. And they've grown into mainstream movements. The Passover story is the story of the first "*puny band*" of people who defied the authority of the moral majority. ¹⁴ The reason why we, Jews, are still here after 5,780 years, while countless civilizations have risen and fallen, is that we continue to promote justice and morality above the thugs who want authority for the sake of personal power. We all need

¹³ Pharaoh sent his heralds into the land to proclaim that the Israelites were a puny band.

¹⁴ "'The Moral Majority' was a prominent American political organization associated with the CHRISTIAN right and Republican Party. It was founded in 1979 by Baptist minister Jerry Falwell and associates, and it was dissolved in the late 1980s." [Wikipedia] It furthered a conservative and hyper-religious agenda, including homophobia, the allowance of prayer in schools and strict laws against abortion.

to remember to dance around ourselves with glee and look for the glory of **GOD**'s designs for every tree.

Does that mean the Jews are angels in disguise? Does that mean you're second or third rate if you're not Jewish? **GOD** works in mysterious ways. **HE** adds more ingredients into the soup at times of **HIS** choosing, and then **HE** mixes it on a high heat before **HE** lets it simmer. Until you see yourself infused with many exotic flavors, you're not ready to be served to the public who are ravenous for a soup such as yours.

*“Surely, your Lord is the mighty one,
the merciful.
Recount to them the story of Abraham.
He said to his father and to his people,
‘What is that which you worship?’
They replied,
‘We worship idols and pray to them with all fervor.’
‘Do they hear you when you call on them?’
he asked.
‘Can they help you or do you harm?’
They replied,
‘This is what our fathers did before us.’”
[26:70-77]*

*“Surely, your Lord is the mighty ONE,
the MERCIFUL.
Recount to them ‘the Story of Abraham.’
He said to his father and to his people,
‘What is that which you worship?’
They replied,
‘We worship idols and pray to them with all fervor.’
‘Do they hear you when you call on them?’
he asked.
‘Can they help you or do you harm?’
They replied,
‘This is what our fathers did before us.’”*

The problem with people in general is that, en masse, they're so accustomed to the status quo that they find it difficult to defy their father and father's father before him. They want the spiritual lullabies that come with doing as they're told. They don't want to question the values passed down to them to make moral improvements on the way things were. They don't want to ask how they can be more useful for the new day in a new way. They're obsolete hardware even before they install their first software. They're out of step

with the next generation. They don't even know how to download upgrades to their operating system. They think their opinions are all their own.

If you're a Jew or a gay man, you may be so far outside the center of the circle that you can look in and see all the concentric circles inside the circle doing their best not to look oblong, behave oddly or act queerly. If you're that far out of favor with the mainstream, it's easier to look back at the dynamics of all those closer to the center to watch how they revolve around the powers that be.

GOD doesn't need many gays, and **HE** needs even fewer Jews because **HE** doesn't want **HIS** spiritual process to end in a revolution of the fittest, but to continue on as an evolution into the finest. In the future, if you're not a little queer for yourself, you're going to stick out as being quite odd...

1. "LORD, BESTOW WISDOM UPON ME, AND ADMIT ME AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS. MAKE ME DESERVING OF PRAISE AMONG POSTERITY AND COUNT ME AMONG THE HEIRS OF THE BLISSFUL GARDEN. FORGIVE MY FATHER FOR HE HAS GONE ASTRAY." [26:80-83] (head version)
2. "LORD, BESTOW WISDOM UPON ME, AND ADMIT ME AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS. MAKE ME DESERVING OF PRAISE AMONG POSTERITY AND COUNT ME AMONG THE HEIRS OF THE BLISSFUL GARDEN. FORGIVE MY FATHER FOR HE HAS GONE ASTRAY." (heart version)
3. "Lord, bestow wisdom upon me, and admit me among the righteous. Make me deserving of praise among posterity and count me among the heirs of the blissful garden. Forgive my father for he has gone astray." {soul version}

The man who can right the wrongs his father committed and then beg **GOD** to forgive his father for his father's ignorance is a righteous person. A man who can evolve his opinions to help evolve the loyalty of his tribe is a man who personifies the moral evolution **GOD** so cherishes.

But for that to happen **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* will need to thank **GOD** for **GOD/Gođ**. Jews and Muslims will need to thank **GOD** for **GOD/Gođ**. And **JEWS** and **CHRISTIANS** will need to thank *Gođ* for **GOD/GOD**.

The "*blissful garden*" isn't literally a garden anymore. It's a sign of a continuity between life and what will occur beyond it. If you can't move from the material "paradise" on land to the emotional "paradise" at sea, and then look down upon them both from the spiritual "paradise" in the air, you're going to find yourself in a "hell" of a bad place when all is said and done. There's a reason we describe ourselves as having a fire burning within us. Earthly fire is a clue to how we were made.

The frustrations you live with every day are little burns you need to learn how to put out. You can't fan these sparks and then expect them to be miraculously extinguished on their own. You can't douse them in water and expect anything more than a soggy, emotional mess. And burying them under shovelfuls of mental distractions is no solution

either. You've got to get smart. Frustrations are given to you externally to frustrate you internally. An ember is all you need to contemplate the fire within.

Who would ever want to live in a garden after he's had hot-and-cold running water, heat, air conditioning and a comfortable bed to sleep on? The blissful garden is a euphemism for "heaven." Nobody in his right mind would want to find himself in a literal garden in the "world to come." What we look forward to is a garden party that holds something delightful beyond anything we can now imagine. Life is no picnic! If you're waiting for a 24/7 picnic, you're not working nearly hard enough.

Who really wants to live forever? Who wants chicken wings on his back and a light glowing at all times around his head? Who in his right mind would ever want to have to endure 72 virgins with their level of inexperience even for a day? And who would want to live for eternity in the body he has now? The desire for greater rewards for a life that's been well lived has increased since the Bible and Quran were written, as well they should. You can finally put aside your dreams in favor of your visions. There might be more to come than you can possibly imagine.

*"Surely, in that there was a sign,
yet most of them did not believe."
[26:100]*

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yet most of them did not believe."*

Let's face it. Everyone is stupid and craven. Everyone is in a stupor from fear that he's slowly waking up from, or not. If you want to die stupid and frightened, not ready to face the final awakening, that's a choice you're making now. If you want to die awakened, that's, of course, a better choice. But I can't shake you to wake you. I can only choose my words carefully in the hopes they'll influence your choices. The oldest among us aren't necessarily the most awakened even though nothing has killed them yet. A long life is a reward for the good students. But it can also be a punishment for the bad students.

The misanthrope can't see the goodness in man. He's like a hermit who's afraid to come out of his cave. He sees very well in the dark, but he needs to squint when he comes out into the light. Perhaps the Prophet was a pessimist. Or perhaps a realist is always a bit of a pessimist some of the time. I know that when I compare myself to others, I'm left feeling disappointed in them or me.

There are many signs in what we see as precious in today's world that generations before us could never have dreamed of. The main metaphor of Moses and symbols of Jesus should give each of us hope that the signs from **GOD** for our children and children's children will, in conjunction with our metaphors and symbols, lead to greater prosperity than ever before. Yet most of them don't believe.

They're waiting for someone else to give them reason to believe. They don't want to be the first to do so. They don't want to give others reason to believe for fear of standing out and looking different. They don't want to unify their head, heart and soul for fear that their father might disapprove.

If you can't dream big enough to have a vision, what's the point of dreaming at all? If signs don't offer you a change of direction, what's the point of having been given GOD'S/GOD'S/*God's* WORD/WORD/*Word*? The metaphor of Moses and the symbols of Jesus will never alter. They describe the human body in spiritual terms that are poetically divine. But today's signs from **GOD** will change on a daily basis in order to transform what we feel, so we can transcend our present loyalties with deeper beliefs than our ancestors could have ever imagined.

Thanks to the signs the Prophet ushered into the world, man is on the cusp of self-transfiguration. And the future of this spiritual growth will be in the hands of those who can give up their prejudice against gays and/or Jews, and/or you... We're all in this together.

*“Surely, your Lord is the mighty one,
the merciful.
The people of Noah, too, disbelieved the apostles.
They replied,
‘Are we to believe in you
when your followers are but the lowest of the low?’
‘I have no acknowledge of what they may have done,’
said Noah.
‘My Lord alone can bring them to account.
Would that you understood!
I will not drive away the true believers.
I am sent only to give plain warning.’”*
[26:110-115] ¹⁵

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¹⁵ The people asked whether they should believe Noah.

The Quran suggests that even though the Story of Noah was written down about 900 B.C.E, and the flood had occurred at least a 1,000 years before that, there were apostles even thereafter who had some understanding of the enormity of **GOD's** designs. The people then weren't nonbelievers. But they weren't yet comparable to today's believers. They were scornful cynics and doubting scholars who had no idea how **HIS** designs might unfold through **HIS** story. And there are many such men and women today.

The cynical, scornful and sarcastic are the lowest of the spiritually low. They believe that the worst is yet to come because they haven't yet perceived the rainbow in their own heart by day or the miraculous rainbow in their soul by night. There are many hyper-religious people in all three of the Abrahamic faiths today who are praying for a speedy end to their life rather than a speedy recovery. They're dying to die, not yearning to live.

I have no idea what was done to those who yearn to leave this world to be so disenchanted by life, but I do know that I can't change their opinion of themselves. I once felt that way, too. They need to help themselves learn to love themselves. They need to find a way to trust themselves, not find a way to trust me, or **GOD**. They need to wake up in the morning of each new day with a reason to live, not just excuses to survive until it'll all be over with.

But this can't be done without examining your infancy, childhood and adolescence. You didn't become an adult all of a sudden. Your attitude today is the result of having risen up from a deep valley. If you want to climb higher still, you should start by giving yourself credit for how far up you've come from where you were first planted as a seed.

You're just like a potted plant from a nursery that was moved to a higher place. The water and air at higher altitudes are tolerable if the temperature you're accustomed to remains the same. You can give yourself what you need without taking anything away from others.

The wars in the Middle East; the drugs in America; and the thievery around the world – are the results of disbelief, not nonbelief. People believe. They just don't believe quite enough in the value of their own guilt. Their low self-esteem will never be whitewashed away with love for others. Nor can their low self-esteem be excised with loyalty to a cause. It must be addressed with wisdom, love and devotion to their own work of art in the making. Guilt will drive them to do things that will eventually embarrass them over what they've done to their body. Guilt will drive them to shame over what they've done to their character; or humiliate them over what they've done to their soul.

Life is like a pendulum, and you're always passing through the happy medium. Life is like a seesaw, and you should look up and down on the fulcrum that remains relatively still. Life is like a merry-go-round, and you should make your way to the center where you turn with the least amount of inertia as you watch everything around you spin.

“Will you erect a monument on every hill?

Vain is your work.

You build strong fortresses,

hoping that you may last forever.

When you exercise your power,

you act like cruel tyrants.”
[26:129]

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The Arab nations are falling like a deck of cards because they're all built upon a desire to erect a monument on every hill instead of erecting a monument within every hill of their inner state. They aren't yet wise enough to embody their faith. They're just producing martyrs. Without any further reason to blame Israel for their woes, they'll finally come to see that they're morally bankrupting themselves. And they'll also see that they can't stop. It isn't the devil or the Jews who are doing it to them. They're destroying one Muslim by another. It's not my penis that's ruining their history. It's a curse from you know where... You can't live with an enemy inside you and claim you can befriend your neighbors and the Lord who created us all.

*“We care nothing whether, or not, you preach to us.
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Surely, we shall not be punished.”*
[26:134-135]¹⁶

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The ancient Greeks believed in myths about gods who lived on high hills. They believed in gods who were jealous and vain. And what they believed in wasn't false. It was true, but it was true about themselves, not about our **CREATOR**. How **HE** made us in **HIS** images, most still don't have a clue.

The Creation story isn't a myth. It's a metaphor. It doesn't describe an external relationship to a god and a world we share. It describes an internal relationship to GOD and a world that's utterly private and our own.

The age of mythology is over. We've replaced it with the age of psychology. But our **CREATOR** still stands above our stories looking down with interest on those who pray

¹⁶ The people were speaking to Hud

every which way. **HE** questions our words since we don't yet know the difference between "I" and "**I/I/T**" and "you" and "**YOU**." Can you not see?

*"Will you fornicate with males
and eschew the wives whom God has created for you?"*
[26:166]

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and eschew the wives whom **GOD** has created for you?"

God bless the Prophet Muhammad. He was so wise, but so straight... There are plenty of straight men today to attend to future wives **GOD** will create. I'm not worried about women who want to get married and have children. I'm not stopping them. It's straight men who start wars who are getting in the way of women and children. If you blame gay men for that, you're out of your mind.

Blaming gay men for the horrendous weather patterns that have afflicted the U.S. because of global warming is a common occurrence among white CHRISTIANS. Surely, blaming us for the wars in the Middle East is next. When you can't blame your parents for how awful you feel about yourself, you find someone somewhere to blame instead.

Once you can admit to having a psychological, inner child, you can admit to having an inner parent. Once you can admit to an inner parent, you can admit to wanting to expunge that relationship with your inner parent. And once you're mature enough to create a relationship of inner infant to inner child; inner child to inner adolescent; inner adolescent to inner young adult; and inner young adult to inner mature adult – you're not going to need an inner parent any longer. And when you no longer need that, you'll be able to see your parents as combinations of good and evil, right and wrong, and better and worse. You'll have spiritually aged beyond their age. You'll spiritually become an inner grandparent, who'll look at the inner child of your inner adult as just one more child in this world who needs to be cared for. You'll have reached adulthood.

More than a 1,000 years ago, people looked for signs from GOD/GOD/*God* instead of for signposts within. They didn't perceive the difference between the problems around them and the challenges they were inflicted with. Everyone was a victim. Perpetrators were never seen as possibly coming from your own tribe. That would have upset the fabric of society more than it could have endured. So everyone became a martyr instead.

My disapproval of JEWS couldn't have occurred any sooner in history because Jews didn't have the freedom, liberty or emancipation to face this kind of scrutiny before the re-creation of the state of Israel. Now I can not only question Tanach. I can question the Bible and even the Quran. So when the Prophet blames people like me for avoiding sex with women, I smile knowingly. I wag my finger at you, and, using reverse psychology, slyly remind you not to eat from that tree in your garden...

Modern man realizes he's often psychologically projecting himself onto others and then reacting to others as some animals react to their own image in a mirror. Sex is the secret to this reactionary, psychological process that makes life a masquerade for us all. What you're

physically attracted to in another is the x^1 or y factor you're learning about in yourself. You're learning about your container. But what you sexually conclude about the attractiveness of a particular man or woman goes beyond their container. It mirrors what you wish to have and hold within you that they hold within themselves. And this is the x^2 factor in you both.

The male who finds other men attractive isn't queer anymore. And the male who finds other men sexually repulsive isn't quite as enigmatically masculine anymore, either. What you see in others is what you're working on in yourself. Or, to be more accurate, what you see is how you feel about what you're missing.

My physical attraction to me isn't as powerful as you might think. I don't leave lip marks on my bathroom mirror in the morning... I don't cuddle up and caress myself at night... I don't grab my genitals in ecstatic delight when I'm depressed or lonely. I don't need to stop and stare at my reflection in store windows while pretending to ogle merchandise. I, too, project my inner beauty out onto others. I, too, fall in love several times a day. But I can make and break my projections. Can you?

A signpost on the road isn't at all like a signpost within. A literal signpost is a message on the side of the road that informs, alerts or warns you about driving conditions. A figurative signpost is a message you may inadvertently blurt out to yourself about your journey of life at select, unexpected moments along the way. There weren't many signposts on the roads of life when I was young. There are many today. When you get to a signpost, you should thank **GOD** for squeezing it in between all that chatter going on inside you.

I remember in the 1970's that affirmations were very popular. People stared at themselves in the mirror and told themselves good things about themselves. A signpost is nothing like an affirmation. A signpost is usually a warning you can't literally see. It may be a vision you perceive that strikes you with profound, subjective meaning. Or it may be a verbal clue that tells you something you needed to hear.

The word "verklemt" refers to the feeling of being at the brink of tears, usually accompanied with a lump in your throat and a cracking of your voice. But that's the Yiddish word for a much greater concept that Christianity took much farther on their own. When you look at Michelangelo's depiction of Adam's finger touching **GOD's** finger, you're seeing the Christian version of verklemt.

In the fresco of Creation by Michelangelo on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, modern man feels the bruise on his finger that's traveled all the way up his arm into his chest from where **GOD** touched him. And you're seeing the push back in Adam's finger where all of humanity is trying to touch **HIM**. From the heart, man can just barely reach out far enough with his index finger to touch **GOD**. But **GOD** can easily touch us with feelings so powerful that it feels like **HE's** sticking **HIS** finger deep into our head, heart and soul. But to feel this truth and speak about it, you must be able to unify your thoughts and feelings with new beliefs.

GOD {Jesus} came to the Jews at a time when there were, as yet, no signposts on the roads to compare to the signs ancient Jews were then reading. HE castigated HIS followers, saying, “LET HE WHO HAS NOT SINNED CAST THE FIRST STONE.”¹⁷

I’m throwing stones at you. If I threw cold water at you or filled you with hot air, you wouldn’t appreciate what I’m doing. If not for figurative stones, you wouldn’t even know the meaning of the words “water” and “air.” You’d be like Helen Keller, still groping around in the dark. What I say is rational, even if it isn’t pleasant.

“Will you fornicate with males and eschew the wives whom GOD has created for you?”

The answer is “Yes! Some of us will.” And it’s obvious that the Prophet knew exactly what he had to ask to prove to his followers that they were hypocrites if they didn’t do better than the Jews and Christians in those days when it came to realistic appraisal of themselves. Who doesn’t touch men? Even Michelangelo and GOD couldn’t stop Themselves from touching One another. Touch a man as deeply as you need to. Just don’t hurt anyone.

If we followed Mosaic law only, we’d get married and never be able to divorce. If we followed Christian teaching only, we’d forgive adultery entirely and thereby throw away the 7th Commandment. But if we didn’t answer to our desires to form attractions to men that we want to deal with personally and subjectively, we’d turn into JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. And that’s a fate no man of sound mind and body would want to face. Let this be a warning!

If you suspect that I’m inadvertently speaking about you when I talk about into JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*, know that you’re not alone. It’s the into JEW, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* in my parents that I’m still fighting. It’s the into JEW, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* that I became that I’m now overcoming. No! You’re not alone. And this warning isn’t only for you.

In this passage, the Prophet indicated that behaviors of the heart would someday turn into signposts for inquiring minds. Men who have sex with men and men who shun sex with women aren’t symptoms of a sick society. They’re signposts that should affirm or warn you about your own individual journey. What you find attractive about yourself is mirrored in those around you, regardless of their gender or sexual identity. Go your way and let me go mine.

Are you attracted to those who disdain men or those who disdain evil? Are you attracted to those who disdain women because doing so embraces evil? You’ve been given the opportunity to judge evil for yourself. But if you choose to determine good from evil using sexual attraction or gender as your guide, you’ll get just what you deserve. The wars will rage on. And, sooner or later, misfortune will consume you.

It’s not the organ between a man’s legs that makes him morally sound, but the organ between his ears that determines whether his journey is unfolding in ways that’ll make him

¹⁷ “According to the Gospels of John, the Pharisees, in an attempt to discredit JESUS, brought a woman charged with adultery before HIM. Then they reminded Jesus that adultery was punishable by stoning under Mosaic law and challenged HIM to judge the woman so that they might then accuse HIM of disobeying the law. Jesus thought for a moment and then replied, ‘HE THAT IS WITHOUT SIN AMONG YOU, LET HIM CAST THE FIRST STONE AT HER.’” [Wikipedia]

thankful, appreciative and grateful for the way it all turns out. A man who loves a man more than any woman isn't defying **GOD's** designs. It's the man who uses his penis as a delivery system of power in morally despicable ways that hurt others who's evil. Do you claim to see out of **GOD's** eyes? It's far more likely that if you use your nose to guide you, you're going to end up in a very dark place. What you call intuition is a joke. Intuition figuratively comes from your nose.

If you're sexually repulsed by fat people, old people, short people, dark people or people who behave sexually differently from the way you do, you're really looking at the signposts your tribe has set up along the roads of your highway. You're not welcome to project those signposts out into society and force me to adhere to them. Don't oppress the rest of us with spiritual, vehicular signposts that warn others about men who don't live up to your definition of what it means to be a man. You don't know what you're talking about. Look down instead.¹⁸

Thank **GOD**, we were born into an age when there are places in the world where a man can grow up to become a man regardless of his sexuality. Thank **GOD**, we were born into an age when we can use signposts to guide ourselves, and not others. It's to places like that that Muslims are fleeing from other *Muslims*. And it's because of JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who live in an inner world without signposts that GOD/GOD/*God* has gotten such a bad name. It's in those places in the Middle East where every man sees himself as "king of the road" that people need to apply for a poetic license so they don't drive the rest of us crazy.¹⁹

There can't be more than one King. There can't even be more than one PRINCE. Christianity addressed that question a long, long time ago. Islam needs to move through tribalism to come to the spiritual truth Judaism and Christianity already tested and proved. If you're *Muslim*, tear Mecca to shreds in your effort to prove that you're right if you must. See if the Jews and Christians will feel your loss. We have our own Holocaust to live with. Continue with your holocaust on Muslims. We will protect ourselves from you if you don't cease and desist in your insistence to be autonomous instead of free.

*"We delivered Lot and all his household,
save for one old woman who stayed behind,*

¹⁸ The verbs "to weigh" and "to value" in Hebrew may be interchanged by those who don't speak the language properly. Many people worldwide who weigh a great deal may think that their added weight gives them added value. And many people who weigh less than others may feel the need to put on more moral weight. Your attitude toward your body may be affecting your contents. Check the words you use for meaning. Look for embarrassment about your physical weight, not your moral weight.

¹⁹ "'King of the Road' was a 1964 song by Roger Miller." Here are the lyrics of the first stanza: "Trailer for sale or rent; rooms to let, 50 cents; no phone, no pool, no pets; I ain't got no cigarettes; ah, but two hours of pushin' broom; buys an 8 x 12 four-bit {\$1} room; I'm a man of means, by no means, king of the road." [Wikipedia]

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We utterly destroyed.
We pelted them with rain,
and evil was the rain which fell on those who were forewarned.”
[26:168-170]*

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Everyone has been forewarned that assimilation is necessary up until a point. There comes a point when the lessons of society should be internalized and personalized or they become oppressive. Every society turns into a Sodom, and every man turns into a Lot who must put himself in his daughters' place psychologically, not put his penis in his daughters literally.

Lot and his daughters were delivered to a cave after the destruction of Sodom where they had sex, (the same daughters he'd previously offered to his neighbors rather than condone his neighbors fulfilling their desires for gay sex with the strangers Lot felt obliged to defend). [Genesis 19:30-36]

This story began as a metaphor in Judaism. It was turned into a symbol of perversion in Christianity. But if it isn't turned into a signpost in Islam, it'll remain an external sign that has no intrinsic meaning. If you don't discover the x^2 factor in yourself, you'll work blindly from your x^1 or y factor. And that'll be interpreted as the abomination the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* love to agree on. How pathetic the extremely religious are! They'd have sex with their own daughters rather than condone the gay lifestyle.

Give me spiritual people over hyper-religious people any day. The spiritual understand that it's an abomination for a man to sleep with a man internally without recognizing that it's his x^2 factor that's cuddling up with his y . It's an abomination not to know yourself in the Biblical sense of the WORD. What you do with others is no one's business if you aren't emotionally hurting anyone by doing so.

The rain of rock and fire that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah is metaphoric a description of a response to external problems that we should recognize as the tip of the iceberg of syndromes we need to take personally. We're provoked by the evil in the world around us to install signposts on the roads we habitually frequent within. But few do.

It shouldn't be controversial that offering up your daughters for sex to assuage the desires of your clan is an assimilation of hyper-religious zeal that needs to be recognized as perverse. Bartering your family members like goods at a market to maintain the status quo is what's obscene, not gay sex.

The outcome of devaluing human life produces a subsequent generation that believes they're worth no more than commodities to be sold to the highest bidder. It turns everyone in society into prostitutes or johns. Lot's daughters willingly participated in breaking the

taboo of incest with their father because they'd been raised with no inner sense of moral value beyond what they'd learned from their parents: to produce children for the next generation at all cost, even to your dignity.

Many women worldwide still frantically produce children, kowtowing to men by using vanity to get ahead in a world where their worth is perceived as no different from that of a cow on a farm. If you treat a woman like a cow long enough, she'll insist that her only value lies in her dairy produce. And if a Nazi should then come along and skin her hide to make a lampshade, don't bellow at the perversion. Those are the deeper mischiefs agreed upon by such a society.

The offspring of such a cow will never be able to behave with the self-esteem of a normal, human being. Her calves will suffer a lifelong struggle to feel real. Such women and children may bellow and bawl over issues that have little, moral consequence to you. But that's what happens when you use agrarian values to determine the worth of people. Some end up treating people like animals, and others end up treating animals like people.

People in Western societies are more worried about getting fat before the slaughter than about feeding the poor. They're more worried about the injustice of giving food away for free than about the injustice in unconsciously treating themselves like heifers, calves and bulls. Such societies produce more pork than beef. "Where's the beef?"

If you want to pull yourself out of your unconscious opinions of you, you're going to want to get a lot more honest, sincere and authentic to be able to claim that you're genuine. (You may want to read Surah 6 on cattle in its entirety.)

Evil is like a kind of rain that pours down onto the imagination of those who have no sense of intrinsic, moral worth. Their thoughts become consumed with producing and consuming in the external sense only. They have little ability to properly discern good from evil internally because they've been so devalued by countless generations of worshipping the achievements of cows and other domesticated farm animals instead of more fully humanizing man's achievements for man.

Such people only know the pain/pleasure principle. If it feels good, they believe it *is* good. And if it feels bad, they conclude it must be utterly awful. That sort of principle works well when you've got a bit in a horse's mouth or are whipping an ox pulling a plow. But it makes human beings more and more belligerent over time.

The American masses love sex, sweets and sports. They hate vegetables, hard work and competing against themselves. Pain and pleasure are the mainstay of American, mass morality. So, when they tell you that the American Dream is dead, what they're really saying is that they're having to grow up in order to discern good from evil in a new age.

That requires more sophisticated, moral methods than their mother or father needed to know when *they* were growing up. And for this change in lifestyle they blame uppity blacks, shrill women, loudmouthed Jews and the future-oriented L.G.B.T+ community.

The hyper-religious world concluded long ago that the Story of Lot proved that homosexuality is immoral. But that wasn't the moral of the story. What's immoral is when fathers treat their children like belongings, commodities, possessions, property, things and wares destined for markets. Subsequent generations will then question their own worth, wondering if there's any value to their own being. When you've been treated like goods, it leaves you feeling anything but good. It actually leaves you believing you've been very, very bad.

When your parents train you like a show horse, you lose your desire to run the race. When your parents train you like a racehorse, you whip yourself mercilessly to cross the finish line first. And when your parents train you to participate in politics as though it were a dog and pony show, a highly promoted, over-staged performance designed to sway opinion, if you have a shred of dignity left in you, you refuse to vote.

People reject the institutions of faith today because our Abrahamic, hyper-religious leaders tell us we're very bad if we "*fornicate with males and eschew the wives whom GOD has created for*" us. In fact, we should feel good about rejecting our hyper-religious institutions because they make us feel bad about ourselves without telling us what we could do about a natural tendency for some.

But hating gays and Jews won't help you raise your opinion of you. A one-size-fits-all morality doesn't feel the least bit comfortable. It feels more like a bit in your mouth or a saddle on your back. JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY and *Islām* are all the same size: extra small. Don't try to get into them. You'll never get out.

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and defraud none.
Weigh with even scales
and do not cheat your fellow men of what is rightly theirs."
[26:181-183]*

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When you weigh your thoughts against your feelings in your conscience, you give just measure and defraud no one. When you value your thoughts and feelings you come to believe you can have a moral purpose independent of everyone else in the world. If you've been morally cheated out of self-esteem by your parents, guardians or community, it's natural you're going to devalue yourself and then react publicly to that debasement. But the Quran gives hope that if you don't cheat your fellow man of what is rightly his, you can be spiritually healed enough to raise your opinion of you.

*"Is it not sufficient proof for them
that the doctors of the Israelites recognize it?
If We had revealed it to a foreign man,
and he had recited it to them
they still would not have believed.
Thus, do We put nonbelief in the hearts of the guilty:
they shall not believe in it*

*until they see the woeful scourge
which will suddenly smite them when they are heedless.
And then they will say,
'Shall we ever be reprieved?'"*
[26:197-206]

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There are many atheist Jews today. I once even met an atheist rabbi! They can no longer believe in GOD, only in man. They've rejected guilt. They've had to choose between GOD and man, and they've chosen humanity over GOD. I have an atheist, lesbian cousin who told me it's her mission in life to prove all the Abrahamic faiths wrong. And I told her my mission in life is just the opposite. I want to prove them all right.

GOD puts nonbelief into the hearts of the guilty. But for those who feel especially chosen, **HE** fills us with guilt instead. And out of this immense guilt we discover we possess great magic.

The truth was slowly revealed then, and it's still slowly unfolding now. Only now, we have three much longer, hyper-religious paths to look back on. Imagine the JEWISH path as splitting off to the left, creating Christianity that continued on straight ahead. Then imagine the CHRISTIAN path as splitting off to the left, with Islam continuing straight ahead. Then imagine the *Islamic* path splitting off to the left with atheists, agnostics and spiritualists continuing on straight ahead. Those who went left became JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who claim to believe in GOD, GOD or *God*. Those who went on straight ahead became Jews, Christians and Muslims who claim to believe in some sort of foggy

²⁰ The doctors of the Israelites were those who tried to heal the only monotheistic faith (at that time) of its spiritual malaise. Of course, those doctors believed that the Israelites should measure and defraud no one. They did then, and we still believe so today. And Christian and Muslim doctors believe so, too.

²¹ There were no guilty people at the time the Israelites struggled with their indigenist neighbors. **GOD** had not yet awakened humanity to Jewish guilt, Christian guilt and Muslim guilt.

understanding of one GOD/GOD/*God*. But if you continue in the direction they've all been going in, you're naturally going to come to believe in **GOD**.

What began as the one road of Judaism is now a road that goes directly to **GOD**. JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY and *Islām* are the three roads that went off in the wrong direction. Those roads are dead ends, dark, one-way alleys you wouldn't want to travel alone.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam are now the three roads that have become one highway. Most people can't see that up ahead is **GOD**. But our roads from guilt will merge in due time into soulfulness. Today, this may be called the secular, modern road. But, over time, this road of guilt will teach you about the magnificent mystery of fire.

The big mistake made by each of the three Abrahamic faiths is that each assumes they're doing it right and the other two are doing it wrong. They assume the other two are evil or at least that their own way has a monopoly on what's good. When you assume without investigating the conclusions you've come to, you run, like lemmings, over a cliff.

What we've seen happen to our arteries when they fill with cholesterol is a clue to what happens when we consume ideas that are only unexamined assumptions. Our heart then has to work harder than it ought it to clean impediments to feelings of love. We become spiritually stressed out.

There's a pill for cholesterol. But there's no pill for spiritual cholesterol. Jesus isn't a pill that'll cleanse your heart if you're morally slimy inside. GOD didn't suffer through this world to give the morally oily, creepy and greasy what good people are busting their bottom to stay away from.

Each generation of believers since the Exodus has learned a little bit more about good and evil, right and wrong, and better and worse. Modern man is now in the enviable position of being able to assemble all that has been taught. How much longer will people need to cry out to **GOD** "*Shall we ever be reprieved?*" How much more horror do people need to witness before they decide to work together with their brothers spiritually, not just sexually, commercially, militarily or politically?

The answer to this rhetorical question, in my opinion, lies in **GOD** having created gays and Jews. When you aren't willing to kill a man because you know you love him, and you aren't willing to kill him because you know **GOD** has a wise reason for having created him, you're going to want to live your life in order to develop *your* self-esteem, not *his*.

The secret to life lies in defeating death. The old fish in the Sea of Galilee can't swim against the currents. They suddenly find themselves in a narrow river moving effortlessly downstream. And when they begin to taste the salinization of their watery journey as they near the Dead Sea, they realize there's no turning back. These fish are already in Israel, and yet they're so far from Israel. How can a fish make it out of the material Israel, the emotional Israel and into the spiritual Israel described by the Prophet so prophetically?

The truth is, they can't. There is no one road, river or flight path out of life. You must take all three. You must go by road, river and air out of this world to get to Israel. To enter "paradise," you must go through *pardes* {orchard}, the fields of wheat {flesh} and the vineyards of grapes {blood} to perceive the truth about herbs {spirit}. This is the purview the Prophet was given. This is what *Muslims* will never be able to see.

*“Never have We destroyed a nation
 whom We did not warn
 and admonish
 beforehand.
 We are never unjust.”
 [26:210-211]*

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 whom **WE** did not warn
 and admonish
 beforehand.
WE are never unjust.”*

When will Muslims admit that the nations that are being destroyed these days aren't Jewish or Christian? They're all Muslim nations. The fight between one summit-topped mountain {Sunni} over the other summit-topped mountain {Shiite} will never end without greater understanding of the universality of the Quran. What utter, inane folly for *Muslims* to kill Muslims!

Meanwhile, the institutions of government, industry and faith in the first world are under attack by heterosexuality, not by Democrats or Republicans, Americans or Russians, or by the East in competition with the West. Traditional heterosexuality is in a death spiral. Nobody wants to be associated with traditional male/female relations anymore. And rightly so. Traditional heterosexuality has burned its own bridges. There's no turning back from here. There's no closing Pandora's box. There's no way to put the genie back in the bottle.

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$x^2 + y \pm$ romance, sentimentality, charity, mercy and forgiveness. $x^1 + x^2 \pm$ intelligence, morality and modernity. If you're looking for these attributes, look within you, not around you. What you find will blow your mind.

Killing Jews and Christians wasn't evil enough. Now *Muslims* are hell-bent on killing one another. Never did GOD/GOD/*God* destroy a nation whom **HE** did not warn and admonish beforehand. **HE** is never unjust. HE destroyed Israel once. HE destroyed Israel a

²² “‘Putting the genie back in the bottle’: To attempt to revert a situation to how it formerly existed by containing, limiting, or repressing information, ideas, advancements, etc., that have become commonplace or public knowledge. Almost always used in the negative to denote the impossibility of such an attempt.” [Wikipedia] Pandora tried to close the box she opened out of curiosity that turned out to be filled with sickness, death and an assortment of other evils. The only thing which didn't fly out of the box was hope. Therefore, look inside yourself. Do you see anything within that leaves you with hope?

second time. And thanks to *H*is merciful forgiveness **HE** recreated it a third time. When are you going to get a clue? Have hope. After hope, there's only pity.

*"Poets are followed by erring men.
Behold how aimlessly they rove in every valley,
preaching what they never practice."
[26:212]²³*

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Behold how aimlessly they rove in every valley,
preaching what they never practice."

I'm a poet, even though I, too, am an erring man. Even if I don't succeed in becoming an emissary of peace, I'll still be a poet. After I've redeemed myself for my erring ways, I'll be a poet who's achieved redemption. I'll be a man with a vision I can describe in words to others, no different than any other man with a vision of peace.

I'm more than an awakened dreamer. I'm an evolutionary, not a revolutionary. I'm a man of peace who wants to make peace the hard way, from the inside out. But if I'm not destined to become an emissary of peace for others, so be it. My contribution to the world will be what it'll be. Fame is becoming less attractive to me over time anyway. Being undiscovered doesn't mean I've been bad.

When I went on auditions for ballet roles as a young man, I wasn't chosen because I wasn't a good enough dancer. The only time I was selected for dance roles, I didn't apply for them. When I submit my writing to publishers, I'm never selected. But I know I'm a good enough writer. That's not in question. Therefore, I think I'll just let **GOD** work in **HIS** mysterious way.

I'd love for everyone to achieve an Israel in his own soul. I'd love to create a plateau-topped mountain with a garden at the top. If it were up to me, I'd democratize "paradise." I'd like everyone to have what I have without taking Israel away from me or restricting my actions anywhere for being gay. I'd love it if everyone could embrace the Jewish and L.G.B.T+ community for that *je ne sais quoi* some of us have that others don't. But it's not up to me. I'm not in charge of this world.

This surah was entitled "*Poets*." But it's really about failures who've gleaned wisdom. What's in a **WORD**? Can you discard the bowl and hold hot soup in your hands? If you try to hold words in your eyes or in your ears, how can you be sure you have them securely fastened to your head, heart and soul? If you try to penetrate the essence of words with your genitals, you'll soon discover **WORDS/WORDS/Words** have neither arms nor legs. **WORDS/WORDS/Words** don't even have holes in them.

²³ Erring men preach. Poets first practice, fail and then preach.

Surah 27

سورة النمل

The Ant

The ant is the lowly creature that walks the earth beneath the feet of others. The humble man is like an ant, but so is the man with low self-esteem. They both walk wary of those who'd step on them with arrogance or insolence. An ant-like man is worried as well as relieved that the men who roam this world like wild animals may not notice his presence and may, therefore, ignore him.

The ant-like man lives underground within himself. He dwells in his thoughts, venturing out of them only to forage for love or spiritual food for thought. Then he goes back into the nest in his mind where he lives safely buried beneath the world around him. He works feverishly, lifting far more than others could ever imagine. But he's constantly worried about being too small to matter. Love for himself lies beyond his ken. Even faith and **philosophy** are ideas too big to faze him. Such are the issues of self-esteem, pro and con, for this, oh, so common, little guy.

GOD sees all and knows all. **HE** created all the creatures of the air, land and sea to remind us that we're never far from **HIS** probing eyes. The Quran goes from poet to ant, from dreamer to contemplator. The man who's willing to contemplate his existence has already built an intricate system in his mind, a nest so vast that he may not even know it, even though he travels its paths intuitively.

An ant has a colony of inner workers who are successful in helping one another in support of their queen $\{x^2\}$. They march single file up and down the boughs and branches of their mind without fear of falling. They move with singular purpose, even though they may not figuratively know where they are. **GOD** has knowledge of all things. **HE** knows all about **HIS** ants.

The queen of your colony could be your mother, your wife, daughter, a diva or the ideal image of a woman you hold in a special, elevated place in your heart. The queen of your colony might be like Sarah or Hagar. The queen of your colony might even be someone like me! An ant can unlock the secret message written in this surah of the Quran, the message herein that matters to him, once he becomes his own queen $\{x^2\}$.

*"These are the revelations of the Quran,
a glorious book;
a guide and joyful tidings to true believers
who attend to their prayers
and render the alms levy
and firmly believe in the life to come."
[27:1-3]*

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When you look at yourself through the WORDS of **GOD**, you’ll see yourself like a tree of knowledge planted in an incredible garden, field, vineyard, orchard, grove, forest and jungle. And to humbly discover the truth in that truth you’ll climb the branches of your mind as you make your way to your forbidden fruit; at first metaphorically like an ant, learning the patterns of thoughts that make you unique and, paradoxically, common.

When you look at the Quran as a guide for all believers, not just Muslims, you begin to understand the intimacy of **GOD’s** designs for you alone. There’s nothing about Tanach, the Bible or the Quran that isn’t intended to help you make your way, step by step, up to **GOD’s** throne. But the journey is long, and from within you are but an ant.

*“You have received the Quran
from Him who is wise and all-knowing.
Tell of Moses,
who said to his people,
‘I can decry a fire.
I will go and bring you news
and a lighted torch to warm yourselves with.’”
[27:5-6]*

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Moses began in Genesis by describing man like a tree. But in Exodus, he had a Burning Bush experience. You, too, have a bush that burns with cravings, desires, hungers and a passion to know yourself. Your bush isn’t *literally* located between your legs. It’s *figuratively* located between your legs. Your crotch is a symbol of a spiritual process you’re mindfully engaged in or mindlessly disengaged from. If you haven’t yet had a burning bush awakening in the Biblical sense of the WORD, you’re still opposing the magic found in Torah. You’re still trying to use your magic to fight your own magic.

If you're still trying to prove that two of the Abrahamic faiths are false, you're hyper-religious. If you're trying to prove that all three of them are false, you're an atheist. But if you're trying to prove that all three are true, you're a spiritualist.

The message of Moses is yours to tell. Our Passover for the sake of freedom should give you more reason to celebrate your struggle for liberty and emancipation. Our fire will ignite yours. The torch that was passed down to us was intended to help you find your way in the dark. Anyone who's had a burning bush experience can learn how to "*décry a fire*." With one flame all torches will be lit.

*"And when he came near,
a voice called out to him,
'Blessed be He who is in the fire
and all around it!
Glory to God,
Lord of the universe!
Moses,
I am God,
the mighty, the wise one.'
Throw down your staff.'"
[27:7]*

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The voice that described this quotation to the Prophet was that of the Archangel Gabriel. And the GOD who presented HIMSELF to Moses was the first incarnation of our Lord. GOD insisted Moses throw down his staff. When will you? Do you need to constantly appear to be leaning on an erection to look powerful? Do you *always* need to give the impression that there's a bulge in your pants? You may be a spiritual tree, but you weren't physically made to sport wood all the time...

There isn't a pill in a pharmacy that'll make you a man. There isn't a weapon in the world that'll keep "it" up high enough to make you feel virile and safe. You can sashay, saunter, strut or swagger, and it isn't going to get you from boyhood to manhood without

a struggle. Modesty, humility and grace are the only vehicles that'll get you out of the guilt you gotten yourself into.

*"And when he saw it slithering like a serpent,
he turned and fled,
without a backward glance."
[27:8]*

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Your personal re-creation of the Creation Story as recreated at the Burning Bush demonstrates GOD's power over your staff. Your staff slithers like a snake, too. The staff in his hand that turned into a snake gave Moses a slightly greater understanding of the difference between his earthly desires and **GOD's** desires for him. The Prophet's retelling of these two stories {creation and burning bush experience} are a parable in which Moses fled from his own inclination to bring Torah to life, you know where...

My mother told me, "We're not here to die. We're here to learn how to live." Those who live to die, bite and then swallow their own serpent. They don't flee from it. They keep biting off pieces of themselves until they're big and powerful enough to swallow what's left whole. And that's the last you ever see of what made them human. Then they're simply gone. They've self-dismembered with hunger and greed.

*"Moses,
do not be alarmed,
said He.
'My apostles are never afraid in My presence.
As for those who sin and then do good after evil,
I am forgiving and merciful to them.'"
[27:8-11]*

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GOD's encouragement then, as now, will lead you to great glory. Today you should be able to see that you've prayed for forgiveness, and mercy from GOD/GOD/*God*, and that's just what you've gotten. If you'd learned to pray for forgiveness and mercy from **GOD**

you'd have gotten much more. When you're ready to pray for everyone, you'll receive what **GOD** decides you deserve. Let's see what you do then with what you're given.

"We bestowed knowledge on David and Solomon.

The two said,

*"Praise be to God who has exalted us
above many of His believing servants."*

[27:15]

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Neither David nor Solomon was perfect. David waged one war after another, and Solomon was self-indulgent to the extreme. Solomon built the first temple and made it extravagant and self-serving. Yet both of them found the capacity to praise GOD. If they could, you can, too. It won't kill a Christian or a Muslim to praise GOD. And it wouldn't kill a JEW to praise GOD/*God*. Why the "hell" does anyone think he always has to be the only one who can be right? I had to go crazy to give up my arrogance about being right. Many are wrong, but more than just you may be right.

"Solomon succeeded David.

He said,

'Know,

my people,

*we have been taught the tongue of birds
and endowed with all good things.*

Surely, this is the signal favor."

[27:16] ²⁴

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²⁴ Solomon is speaking.

“The tongue of birds” refers to the language of poets as it was understood at the time. Solomon was renowned for his wisdom. If you were wise enough to learn the language of birds, {Yiddish: fagales which also means gays} you’d have been better off. It should be self-understood that it’s so much harder to be tactful than coarse, common and vulgar. It’s harder to speak in metaphor, symbols and simile than in plain words.

Tact is the result of the melding of two worlds. Coarse, common or vulgar is what you get if you don’t. The older generation is always going to be rougher than the young. On each successive generation, **GOD** employs a finer sandpaper to polish **HIS** creation.

Even an ancient Jew like Solomon could see that much. And yet, JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* insist on their crude dispositions of principles of moral superiority determined by sexuality instead of looking for more subtle, morally affirming ways of appreciating themselves. Would it be so terrible to acknowledge the wisdom of Moses {as revealed through the WORDS of Tanach}, the loving intentions of Jesus {through the WORDS of the New Testament} and the devotion of the Prophet {as presented to him through the *words* of the Archangel Gabriel in the Quran}? Would **GOD** damn you for attempting to strive for all that?...

*“His forces of jinn and men and birds
were called to Solomon’s presence,
and ranged in battle array.
When they came to the valley of the ants,
an ant said,
‘Go into your dwellings,
ants,
lest Solomon and his warriors should unwittingly crush you.”*
[27:17-18]

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The *Jinn* have been Anglicized as genies, {supernatural creatures in early Arabian and later Islamic mythology and theology}. Genies are made of a smokeless and scorching fire, but are also physical in nature, being able to interact in a tactile manner with people and

objects, and likewise be acted upon.²⁵ As such, they resemble satan who was, according to the Quran, made of a smokeless fire. People who resemble the jinn don't pray.²⁶ They live their life without communicating with **GOD**.

The jinn are magical in the sense that they use seemingly magical means to get things done. But they're banal in the sense that they don't give credit to the source of their magic. Today's genie is any genius who can fix something you can't. A washing machine repair person, an Apple Genius Bar technician or a seamstress are my idea of geniuses. You might appear to be a genie to a child. Early in the morning, you might believe a Starbucks barista is a genie who transforms you with hot, sweet magic in a paper cup...

In today's world of marketing, a genie is any salesman who'll sell you a *staff* to lean on that'll then turn into a serpent that'll swallow up others' serpents. Today's geniuses are the N.R.A. and weapons manufacturers who promise you a better life through instantaneous death... {We in the gay community saw this in the A.I.D.S. era when some knowingly infected "geniuses" seduced healthy men and transmitted the A.I.D.S. virus to them. Shysters who sell you products and services that don't do what they promise are "geniuses" who use black magic to get what they want.} The jinn are fictitious, but they're everywhere and very real.

The sales of items that look sleek and powerful and promise to make your penis appear longer, stronger and behave in the spitting image of the staff of Moses, is Madison Avenue's recipe for successful commerce through religious mockery. And it works because the low self-esteem of a man can never be underestimated.

Ants don't only worry about being crushed underfoot by Solomon's warriors. Ants also worry about been eaten by birds. Today's Syrians are like fire ants. They'd sting the Jews in a minute if they still could. But they're being crushed underfoot by Jinn and men. The Prophet warned about such problems because the arrogance of men with anal issues can't be contained in one faith alone.

“And tell Lot.
He said to his people,
‘Do you commit lewdness with your eyes open,
lustfully seeking men instead of women?
Surely, you are an ignorant people.’”
[27:55-56]

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²⁵ Wikipedia is my source for this description of the *Jinn*.

²⁶ Smoke is the fourth attribute of fire. Smoke corresponds to prayer, that aspect of fire which magically ascends from Earth to “heaven.”

Do you commit lewdness with your eyes open, lustfully seeking what gays and Jews have that has been forbidden to you? Is jealousy and envy any less offensive than lust? Would you really want to end up like Lot? Is he someone you'd like to emulate? Is Lot's lot in life what you dream of for yourself and your daughters? Is he the sort of son you'd like to sire? Is he a nephew you'd admire?

Don't tell anyone to stop doing what they're doing. Don't tell anyone to give to you that which was never yours to begin with. Mind your own business. Surely, you, too, come out of an ignorant people. Surely, the modern age should never revert to the age of Scripture.

Don't be the pot that calls the kettle black. It should be totally unacceptable for any civilized, modern individual to condone Lot's judgmental attitude toward gays after we learn he ended up committing incest with his daughters. The high-principled man who points fingers at the L.G.B.T+ community while screwing over his progeny or peers isn't admirable. His insistence on assimilating into the society of his compatriots will wrack destruction on him and on their home.

Sodom is everywhere around you. Sodom is a place where men like Lot keep the pillars of society erect for all but the gays. GOD had a different plan then. GOD tore down the tables of the money changers later. *God* is tearing down the nations of Jew-haters today. It couldn't be more evident that there's only ONE GOD. And HE likes gays and Jews. And HE's looking for good reason to like you, too.

Do you consider yourself a descendent of Abraham or Lot? Are you going to learn about GOD's magnificent ways by which he'll forgive you for your modest, individual desires, or are you going to rant and rave about gays and Jews, while men playing god rain down bombs and poisonous chemicals upon you? Get real!

*“So We delivered him and all his household,
except his wife,
whom We caused to stay behind,
and pelted the others with pouring rain;
and evil was the rain
which fell on those who were forewarned.”
[27:57-58]*

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WHOM WE CAUSED TO STAY BEHIND,
AND PELTED THE OTHERS WITH POURING RAIN;
and evil was the rain
which fell on those who were forewarned.”

The rain that poured down on Lot's neighbors the Christians refer to as “fire and brimstone.” The rain that pours down today on Muslim nations like Syria are bombs that have turned it and other places in the Middle East into a Sodom of spreading proportions.

This rain was an inhospitality towards Jews returning home in 1945, but it's an inhospitality toward Muslim women and children now. For the ignorant, *God* works in mysterious ways. But the knowledgeable can see that **GOD** doesn't do any of the dirty work **HIMSELF** anymore. People are gladly volunteering to do it for HIM/HIM/*Him*.

Lot's neighbors met the strange emissaries with hot-blooded lust rather than hospitality and warmth. Lot unwisely made the wrong choice when it came to maintaining the status quo verses finding new and better solutions. His neighbors died because they were only interested in strangers they could use and abuse. Today's residents of places where strangers are treated disrespectfully are getting just what they deserve, too. Let it be a lesson to all. Live like Lot with his neighbors; die like Lot or his neighbors; or entertain new and better ways of treating strangers. The options aren't that difficult to see.

Use your conscience to weigh your prejudicial thoughts and hateful feelings. Balance your moral intentions with insight into **GOD's** designs. Don't hate GOD, GOD or *God* because you don't like **THEIR** designs. That's like hating your whole face because your nose is big or your chin is weak. Would you solve a hearing problem or poor eyesight by beheading a man?

Use your intuition to smell the truth rather than your eyes and ears to merely draw conclusions based on superficial evidence unsupported by all the facts. It's about time everyone, including JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*, start using the nose **GOD** gave him. Biting it off to spite your face will only hurt you in the long run.

Today's rain are bombs and nerve gas procured by *Muslims* from CHRISTIANS to recreate Sodom and Gomorrah by themselves. Today's evil rain is a manmade combination of flesh, bones, blood, bombs and gases made to recreate GOD's example in Torah that *He* didn't forget to recreate for the Prophet in the Quran.

You'd think Jew-haters would do everything they could to disprove Torah rather than recreate it. What's the point the *Muslims* are trying to make: that *God* gave them permission to play god? Why wouldn't they want to prove, instead, that the Quran is a wonderful gift from **GOD**?

*"This Quran expounds to the Israelites
most of the matters over which they disagree.*

*It is, surely, a guide
and a blessing to true believers.
Your Lord will rightly judge them.*

*He is the mighty one,
the all-knowing.*

*Therefore, put your trust in God;
Yours is, surely, the path to the glorious truth!"*

[27:73-75]

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YOURS is, surely, the path to the glorious truth!”

The Quran gives man the spiritual emancipation to view Tanach and the Bible from a third perspective. It’s not the perspective of an ant, jinn or man. It’s the perspective of a bird that looks down from a higher, not greater, perspective. If you want to learn how to learn, teach your children to read Scripture with a universal perspective. Teach them to look for the glorious truth in all the faiths and **philosophies**. And if you can’t quote the Quran, find a way to express the glorious truth in your own simple way, choosing your words with a loyalty to words that your children will come to appreciate.

YOURS, dear Lord, “*is, surely, the path to the glorious truth.*” That’s the Prophet speaking directly to **GOD**, not him telling you that yours is, surely, the path to the glorious truth. He wasn’t so foolish as to give you permission to hate. He was reasserting his faith in **GOD** before you.

The problem with modern man is that he’s born with one eye, one ear and two mouths, one mouth at either end of his core body. He has to learn how to earn the other eye and ear or his eyesight will lack insight and his hearing will lack the ability to listen. And then he has to learn how to speak out of one of his mouths, and not the other...

*“You cannot make the dead hear you,
nor can you make the deaf hear your call
if they turn their backs and pay no heed;
nor can you guide the blind out of their error.*

*None shall give ear to you
save those who believe in Our revelations
and are submissive to Our will.”*

[27:80-82]

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nor can you guide the blind out of their error.

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and are submissive to **oUR** will.”

If you look at your life and you don't like what you see, it could be because you haven't yet submitted like a good Muslim to **GOD's** will. If you look at your life and you don't like what you see, it could be because you haven't yet submitted like a good Jew or Christian to **GOD's** will, either. Maybe you're substituting possessive pronouns for **GOD {MY, oUR}** with possessive pronouns that refer only to yourself {my, our}. Maybe your ego is more important to you than you think. Maybe you only care about *us* submitting to *your* will. Maybe you have a penis problem or clitoris conflict that's masking an anal issue you're desperately trying to hide by constantly covering your ass.

My mother was more of a victim. My father was more of a perpetrator. And I'm more of a martyr writing books to elucidate my relationship with **GOD**. When I look at those thoughts that leave me feeling sorry for others, I satisfy my mother's will. When I look at those thought that leave me feeling angry at others, I satisfy my father's will.

But, the man who can use both eyes and ears; the man who can speak to truth; the man who's inclusive – knows that his x^2 factor has always been dominant, and his y factor has always been submissive, manipulated or in utter denial of moral reality – this is the true martyr.

Man's fear of woman is a projection of his fear of a part of himself. The worm that can swallow up a snake may be more terrifying than he ever imagined outside the bedroom. Maybe that's a discussion that needs to happen in words in another room in the house. Maybe men are more afraid of spiritual dismemberment by women than they realize.

Muslims can't submit to *God* if they can't submit to themselves. And you can't submit to you if you're a man who's negatively prejudiced against the gift you were given by your mother $\{x^2\}$. You'll always be in a spiritual Catch-22 with yourself for which you may succumb by finding ways to punish yourself psychologically. You wouldn't need to pray to **GOD/GOD/God** to get you out of the messes you get yourselves into if you hadn't gotten yourselves into them.

GOD knows how **HE** made you, and why. Now it's time for *you* to discover how **HE** made you. You're here to learn how to live, not yearn to die. I suspect that those who continue to pursue death will find death everlasting. And I hope that those who learn how to live will find life everlasting.

For the most part, you should envy the poor and disenfranchised. They struggle with gifts they've been promised but haven't yet received. They have hope in **GOD**, even if they don't have the education to grasp the concept intellectually. They have the humility you lack. Consequently, they're learning the things you scorn to know.

If you're afraid you're moving in the direction of your fate and not your destiny, it could be because you haven't melded the wisdom of your head with the wisdom of your heart and mixed the two of them together to produce wisdom in your soul. It could be that your experiences in the world around you are signs that you're out of step with **GOD**. Perhaps you're subtly trying to tell *you* something you can't quite hear. Perhaps your wealth is repressing your poverty.

Perhaps your attitude to others aren't being questioned often enough by you. People all around you are questioning your attitude. Why aren't you? If you aren't sufficiently, morally concerned about the forces within you and their affect in the world around you, that could only be because you don't care enough about anything other than satisfying your own desires. Your spiritual safety may not yet be your primary concern.

You may subconsciously still think "care" is a four-letter word. You may still think it's feminine or gay to care about you. Men love to wax poetic about how much they love; how deeply they love; and how sincerely they love. But when it comes to caring, all bets are off. Many Americans don't vote because they don't care about the strength and efficiency of their civil governance. And they don't care how their government operates because they don't care how they operate.

And yet, many of these same people will tell you that Jesus cares. How could they possibly know about HIS caring if they don't know the first thing about caring for themselves and the world immediately around them? They're nothing more than CHRISTIAN hypocrites. They're insincere, and they don't even know or care to learn why. And yet they'll tell you that GOD has saved a place in "heaven" for them because they're the kind of guy HE likes to have around. Really? Really??

When we're young, we act, and think later about what we did. When we're middle aged, we think first and then take action before deciding from the outcome whether we've behaved appropriately, or not. But as we move into older age, we discover that we're expected to consciously engage the interplay of our inner forces to avoid mistakes in both our worlds simultaneously. This slows down our perception of time, and we perceive it as races around us. It slows down our body as our mind speeds up. And it even slows down our prayers, making our relationship with **GOD** all the more intimate and soulful, with fewer words needed to express ourselves. That's why it pays to be lucky enough to grow old.

*"The mountains,
firm though you may think them,
will pass away like clouds.
Such is the might of God,
who has perfected all things.
He has knowledge of all your actions."
[27:88-89]*

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firm though you may think them,
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Such is the might of **GOD**,
who has perfected all things.
HE has knowledge of all your actions."*

The mountains around you are firm. You can see them, climb them, paint pictures or take pictures of them. You can even listen to your voice echo through them. But these mountains pass away like clouds in your imagination. You can't hold on to a memory the same way you engage with reality. Even virtual reality is more permanent than your imagination.

If you choose to bank only on the mountains around you, like Noah's son, you'll climb the heights of human endeavors without a clue to what you're really doing, and you'll still be drowned in a flood of **GOD's** making no matter how high you think you've risen in society or how high you put yourself on a pedestal. Everyone must get through his own flood. And, eventually, everyone must endure his own Exodus. This can even be seen in the demented.

When you "assume" you force yourself into feelings of spiritual claustrophobia. You find yourself going down a dead-end street and then, having no choice, you must pull into a driveway, turn around and go the other way. Your frustrations in going mindlessly down many dead ends will lead to disappointment in yourself, and too many disappointments in you will ultimately lead you to giving up caring. There are reasons you've turned out the way you have. Spiritual claustrophobia is intended to teach you how to make spiritual U turns, so you can get out of the place you've gotten yourself into and get back to the main road.

Spiritual claustrophobia leads to a lack of caring about anything and anyone. But it's as common as the common cold. It's an inner frost that's highly contagious. The clearing of people's throats; coughing, wheezing, and sneezing – should be a reminder of the spiritual claustrophobia we all suffer when stuck in a cold, damp, dark place with no way to turn around.

When you "anticipate" you experience spiritual agoraphobia. Your presumptions about others based on what they look like externally lead you to conclude they're wrong if they don't look like you'd like them to look. Fear of definition and fearlessness of definition are two sides of the same coin.

You don't have the spiritual emancipation to fly anywhere you like, as though on Aladdin's flying carpet. علاء الدين, {*Aladdīn* means "nobility of faith"}. To become an Aladdin you must use your faith in yourself like a flying carpet. But it must follow the flight manifest {Quran} given to you by **GOD**, or you're still going to crash and burn.

GOD is perfecting all things. The subjective meaning of mountains makes them pass away like clouds {problems}. Your imagination is your greatest tool. But, like a hammer, you can inadvertently hit yourself with your imagination and cause unwanted damage to your dreams, inspiration and sense of hope. Be careful how you use your imagination.

*"I am commanded to submit to Him,
and to proclaim the Quran.
He that takes the right path shall take it for his own good."
[27:92]*

*"I am commanded to submit to **HIM**,
and to proclaim the Quran.*

He that takes the right path shall take it for his own good.”

If you wish to help the world, you’d better make sure your priorities are well ordered from within. You’d better put caring for yourself above all your other priorities. And you’d better do so in a way that’ll increase your admiration of you, not diminish it. In religious terms, you’d better make sure your own reward is your primary goal. Getting others into “heaven” isn’t your job. If you make it your job, you’re going to make life “hell” on Earth for others. And all your good deeds will have been for naught.

“To him who strays from the right path,

I say:

“I am only to give warning.”

[27:92] ²⁷

“To him who strays from the right path,

I say:

‘I am only to give warning.’”

Speak about the message of the Quran as would any emissary of Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad. Gather the young together to talk about themselves, for they’re the most curious about the meaning of “me.” And never underestimate the ant in anyone. You can be so much more industrious when you’re humble and small, and work together with others rather than when you compete with that nebulous “them” for what will, eventually, turn out to be a branch of your own tree.

You can find the invisible track that first, brave ant laid down in you using your nose. You can travel that track with thousands of ants, like railroad cars connected by mysterious links, as you make your way up from the ground of your being with trains of thought to discover the magnificent, metaphoric tree in your mind that branches out in mysterious, wonderful ways.

The ways of this world are not dependent on animals. But the ways of man are. If you don’t perceive the smallest to the largest of **GOD**’s creatures figuratively living within you as figments of your imagination, your imagination isn’t going to grow. And your imagination must grow because **GOD** is a figment of your imagination. **HE** resides in every part of you. **HE** resides in your head, heart and soul. And if the three of them haven’t been united, that’s going to have a detrimental effect on your imagination.

Never forget that there’s a serpent in your tree with two heads, not one. And the smaller head will consume the larger. The x^2 will engorge the y . If you think that won’t happen to you because you can see only one head on your staff, watch when it turns into a slithering, slinking serpent. Watch as it gets consumed by something so small that you never would have thought anything could swallow your mighty serpent. As Moses’s serpent swallowed

²⁷ The Prophet speaking

all the serpents of the Pharaoh's magicians, our GOD will swallow your GOD/*God* if you don't make peace with **GOD**.

Surah 28
سورة القصص
The Story

“*The Story*” that’s discussed in this surah is the Passover story. GOD commanded us to retell this story to each generation, and clearly, *He’s* commanded Muslims to retell it, as well. This we do to be reminded of the difference between bondage and freedom, a moral separation from evil each generation (and individual) struggles with, in his own way. The journey to freedom isn’t just a Jewish notion. It’s very much a Christian and Muslim notion, as well. But because this holy exercise in independence occurs in different outer places for us as well as inner spaces, **GOD** divided our struggle into freedom, liberty and emancipation.

Freedom is the struggle of the poor. Liberty is the struggle of the middle classes. And emancipation is the struggle of the rich. Whether you’re monetarily poor or modestly hard-working and financially comfortable, take on the struggle of the rich. Emancipate! And if you’re financially well off, take on the struggles of the poor and middle classes. Do not concern yourself only with yourself.

The Jews know very well what it means to be free. No other people have been four times enslaved and four times freed. But no one knows freedom, liberty and emancipation better than those who can pray to **ONE GOD**. It’s inevitably the disenfranchised who are most willing to learn how to pray. This is what it means to be gay regardless of the gender of the loved one you sleep with.

None of us can achieve **GOD’s** wishes if we don’t liberate ourselves from hatred of other faiths and **philosophies**. This is the moral of the Story of Abraham’s two sons: Ishmael and Isaac who met over their father’s grave at his funeral but had nothing to say to one another. Talking to our enemies is something we must force ourselves to do. So often we descend into apathy of our enemies, which always reflects the apathy we hold for ourselves. Therefore, learn to care.

We can figuratively employ our penis to pervade ourselves with a desire for goodwill if our heart is in the right place. But in the modern age, this requires not only a hardening of our heart (as GOD did to Pharaoh with Moses’s help) but a softening of it as well (as Jesus did with the hearts of the ancient Jews). We see this hardening and softening process in politics and culture wars. We see the bruising everyone’s taking nowadays as **GOD’s** designs becomes more and more obvious to those who are awakening.

I already talked about being verklempt in terms of Adam in Michelangelo’s depiction of Creation on the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Hundreds of years ago, man put out one finger and GOD responded in like kind. Nowadays, man isn’t going to do even that much. He isn’t going to lift a finger for **GOD**, but **GOD**, in **HIS** infinite care and concern for us, reaches all the way out, touching us in our breastplate, making an indentation that all can perceive, but not see. This is the hole in our chest that makes us cry out for the wellbeing of others. This is the bruise you’ll never lose. This is the feeling of being verklempt.

Our soul is a very different, spiritual organ from our head or heart. It doesn’t affect anyone other than us. Becoming soulful personalizes our experiences with ourselves to

remind us that people have the potential of becoming like angels. Being kind, loving and gentle with yourself is an amazing experience that'll draw you closer to **GOD** whether, or not, you believe in **HIM**. Then, you'll suddenly find your relationships with blacks, gays, Jews, immigrants, Muslims and women soften.

Laws don't change the way you feel about people. Laws only regulate the ways in which you're allowed to behave toward people. Civil rights and marriage equality were necessary because people were so hateful to themselves that we had to enact policies that would indirectly affect their feelings for themselves over time. Social inclusion becomes a healing experience each and every individual profits from because it leads to self-inclusion.²⁸

Sadly, people have to be force-fed inclusion. They wouldn't work on themselves if they weren't forced to sit down with people they despise. GOD wisely forbade the Jews to tolerate men who sleep with men, knowing full well that we'd someday see through HIS charade. Give 'em a tree of knowledge and tell 'em they're forbidden from eating its fruits. Then tell them that the serpent in that tree can consume other serpents. Then talk to them through a burning bush. What better way of getting them to want to learn...

And yet we all know that even though knowledge leads to wisdom, seeking knowledge isn't enough. We've also got to seek love to learn about love. And we've got to seek devotion to learn about devotion, as well. If not, we'll never repent for the hateful and careless ways in which we've treated ourselves. We'll leave this world worse off than when we entered it.

We all want to believe we'll leave this world better than we found it. Even *Islamic* terrorists share that belief with the rest of us. Therefore, we all need **GOD's** help.

The hatred some men hold for one another can't be cleansed with or without sex. Simply said, we need fewer guns and more love of penises. Even the pubescent boy who discovers the wonderful mystery of his penis when it brings the new excitement of orgasm into his life, usually shares his new, found love of himself with other boys before he does with girls. You can't change human nature. You should do more to learn to live with it.

You don't have to allow a penis to penetrate your body cavities. You should be free to say "no." But the challenge to consent is something no man can achieve without the help of lesbians. No people on Earth may be more ill at ease when near a tree with a serpent in it than lesbians. All men could learn poise from them. {Poise is greater than composure. Poise and composure are needed to achieve patience.}

Until straight men commit to peace on Earth as the only way to avoid unwanted penetration by other men, they'll leave everyone vulnerable to increased violence. This is yet another mysterious part of **GOD's** designs. Not being forced to have sex with other men must become the driving motivation for straight men to avoid war. This may sound cynical, scornful and sarcastic, but it can be done if men subjectify their penis. Their desire to penetrate must be internalized. They must learn to pierce the body armor within themselves.

²⁸ The B.D.S. {boycotts, divestments and sanctions} movement is a way to use the law as a way to control, manipulate, hate and try to destroy Israel. The product you want the Israelis to stop producing is wisdom. The wealth you detest them earning lies within them.

Christians hold irrational matters of the heart in their head while holding their head in their hands in sorrow and grief at what they've done to this world. Through Jesus, they were taught forgiveness of their own sins. Through love, they'll learn, at least theoretically, how to heal themselves of a hatred that emanates out from deep, down inside. Forgiveness of other people's sins will never be enough for a Christian.

CHRISTIAN love is no match for gay love. Gay love is a very powerful and motivating force from **GOD**, not GOD, GOD or *God*, that straight men will never be able to master. Christ's love of man was just for practice in teaching straight men to give up the hateful, violent tendencies that always bite them in the ass. In an effort to survive in this world at other peoples' expense, they project their anal issues onto others. Straight men {JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* in particular} would do far better to try to master peace using gay love as the "hell" they'll be forced to endure if they don't succeed in spiritually penetrating themselves during their lifetime. If you're a straight homophobe think of "hell" as $[y - x^2]$ and "heaven" as $[y + x^2]$.

GOD's index finger in your breastplate is a lot less painful than an unwanted penis in your backside... Those are, basically, your choices. You've got to let someone in, and since it doesn't need to be done sexually, it could be done spiritually. It may as well be the spirit of **GOD** {*Allah*}.

The Holocaust wasn't a European CHRISTIAN solution to a Jewish "problem." It was the product of 19 centuries of mounting animosity against their older, spiritual brothers. White, CHRISTIAN-Americans shouldn't indulgently pat themselves on the back for saving the lives of 500,000 European Jews by winning the Second World War. They should look into their heart at the problems their ancestors once had with Jews and the ongoing struggle we face together in helping African Americans, gays, illegal immigrants and women become free.

In the Passover story the Israelites, surely, prayed that matters between them and the ancient Egyptians would get resolved quickly and easily. But, of course, that didn't happen. It took the Ten Plagues to get the message across, and then a 40-year march to freedom that became more the beginning of HIS story than the end. What I'm praying for is that things get much better, much faster. And I can already see that my prayers are being answered. But I wouldn't be at all surprised if many people will still go through plagues in the modern age, exoduses and the rebirth of nations.

This surah is a retelling of the Passover tale through midrashim.²⁹ The Passover story helps everyone separate himself from his own ego to help get a better look at the conclusions he's drawn that got us into the moral messes we're in now. By looking back in time through the Quran on the mess the early CHRISTIANS and JEWS got themselves into, we can learn how to become more like Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad. We

²⁹ MIDRASHIM is the plural of MIDRASH. The stories of Torah have been retold by religious scholars in all three of the Abrahamic faiths through elucidation with plausible suppositions that weren't given in the first telling. When midrashim entered the Quran, Muslims accepted them as fact. Jews and CHRISTIANS accepted midrashim in their imagination as plausible assumptions. What's important to remember about midrashim is that they open Scripture to discussion of their personal importance to you.

can learn how to make the journey from ancient Egypt to modern Israel internally without killing members of any tribe. Our tribe today is called “humanity.”

The problems in the Middle East will never be solved with greater, patriotic nationalism, more wars or even through political negotiation. It won’t be solved by politicians or better managed by generals without borders. The problems in the Middle East must be solved by people of faith. The greater the faith we can place in the men and women of every faith, the sooner we’re going to see results on the ground.

Those who are disgusted by gays and/or Jews should recuse themselves from the peace table. They aren’t clean enough to be emissaries of peace. Those who believe women are getting too powerful should also disqualify themselves. Peace can only come to those who believe more deeply in Scripture. Those who still insist on further separating Scripture by forcing gays and/or Jews to make concessions to prove our worth, will, of course, get their just desserts. Such knuckle draggers are still lost in ego issues they’re playing out in national elections, congregations, communities and dinner tables. **GOD** will have it **HIS** way. All in due time. But it’d be so much better if we’d work together to help **HIM**.

I’m going to skip many of the midrashim in this surah, but I recommend you go back to the original to read them on your own. They’re charming, helpful and kind.

*“And when he had reached maturity
and grown to manhood,
We bestowed on him wisdom and knowledge.
Thus, do We reward the righteous.”
[28:14] ³⁰*

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and grown to manhood,
WE BESTOWED ON HIM WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE.
Thus, do **WE** reward the righteous.”

In the Quran, we see **GOD** using Torah and the Gospels to validate **HIS** designs. **HE** endeavors to show us the methods by which **HE** makes **HIS** decision. We can see **HIS** voice now and **HIS** voice then, side by side. **GOD**’s voices increase and magnify **HIS** message over time.

Here in America, there’s a great push for secular education on the left and a push against it in favor of **CHRISTIAN**, hyper-religious indoctrination on the right. But either education isn’t really a well-rounded education unless you’re introducing midrashim. An early education that raises people out of poverty into the materialism of the middle class; a higher education that raises the middle class out of materialism into spiritualism; and an ongoing education that raises the spiritualist’s esteem of himself – requires education on a much deeper level than anyone’s receiving today anywhere in America. Once people are

³⁰ The Prophet is speaking about Moses in this passage.

truly educated, they give up the pursuit of stuff and begin to stuff themselves with spirituality instead.

What many people don't realize is that they're a spiritual "I" in a material "it." They're in a body which is a thing given to them at conception that they're going to need a lifetime to learn how to fully appreciate how to operate.³¹ Even their love of the things they've acquired in life are projections of their feelings for their body. If you don't begin with curiosity for the thing you're all wrapped up in, you'll see yourself treat your things no better than you treat yourself.

The homeless and the stinking rich are the best examples I can offer of people who disrespect their thing. With the homeless, their disrespect is expressed with dirt, smell, disregard and dishevelment. With those who are too rich and powerful, their disrespect is mirrored in the way they treat the bodies of those they employ and their attitude of disgust for the masses. Both the homeless and the stinking rich are too tight-fisted to give more devotedly. The former refuse to give to themselves at all; the latter refuse to give to themselves via others. And even when they do give to the one(s) they hate they can't yet consciously give from the inside out consciously. You can see their attitude of ingratitude in having to give at all. It's an obligation, not a joy. (Perhaps we should put them in a room together to learn from one another.)

When GOD said in this passage, "And when he'd reached maturity and grown to manhood, WE BESTOWED ON HIM WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE" it was because Moses had been struggling to find himself for 40 years, during which time he, surely, contemplated his guilt in having killed a man. He did the spiritual work to deserve GOD's blessings.³² The harder you work, the luckier you'll get.

To receive a calling in life, you ought to be better than average. You ought to give **GOD** reason to believe you've already improved yourself somewhat, even though that improvement may be less than fully conscious. You ought to have learned to care considerably more for yourself than you were capable of previously caring.

This is no easy task. When you think about how little your parents and grandparents were able to give of themselves to themselves, you may realize how poor your first models of morality were. You're a reflection of them, although not a mirror image. Your problems

³¹ I happen to believe that life is initiated at conception but that the legal ramifications for ending an unborn life should remain in the hands of the future mother, not society. I also believe the spiritual consequences of an abortion for the future parents of the unborn child can only be determined by **GOD**. I wouldn't want anyone using his conscience as my guide when it comes to my gay lifestyle or my desire to end my life at a time of my own choosing. Abortion is just as private a matter. Some little murders just need to be overlooked. They're issues between **GOD** and the individual. I wouldn't want anyone to force me to adhere to their opinions of how my challenges with good and evil should be managed by society when it doesn't concern society as a whole. Although I don't drink or drug, I think the same should be said about inebriation. They're forms of suicide. There are technical and lawful ways to secure the safety of others from addictive personality types and destructive personality types without bringing the government into your private life.

³² We tend to overestimate GOD's anger with us and underestimate HIS blessings for being as we are becoming.

are clues to your syndromes. The more you question yourself instead of those you presently blame, the more you'll bring luck into your life.

Social status is an aspect of caring. When you feel surrounded by people who are extremely concerned about their outward, physical appearance, do your best to try to approve of what little they've accomplished outwardly rather than disapprove of all they don't yet know about what's going on inwardly. Add to what little caring there is. Don't subtract. Compliment modestly. Try not to criticize. People don't like criticism.

Demeanor is another aspect of social status. When you feel surrounded by people who aren't at all concerned about their demeanor, do your best to try to approve of what little they've accomplished outwardly rather than disapprove of all they don't yet know about what's going on socially. Add to what little demeanor there is. Don't subtract if possible.

To receive a calling in life, you ought to be better than average. You ought to give **GOD** reason to believe you've already improved yourself somewhat, even though that improvement may be less than fully conscious. You ought to have learned to care considerably more for yourself than you were capable of previously caring if you wish to care for others with a good demeanor.

From a calling, you'll get a mission, and from a mission you'll be given opportunities to improve yourself with conscious intention. You'll see something in the world around you that'll wake you up to something you can change from within. From a mission, you'll get what Moses got: an opportunity to improve himself by raising others out of the "hell" they were in. You'll do something in the world around you that'll wake you up to your habitualized guilt-ridden relationship with yourself.

(The Exodus GOD sent Moses on was HIS first example of a mission.) You don't need a mission in life to respond to each and every daily calling. **GOD's** self-help program comes in many shapes and sizes. People have been unconsciously using their own self-help program for millennia, but many today don't know how to bring it to full, spiritual consciousness. They might feel that discussing what they're doing inside with themselves would make their efforts artificial or less sincere.)

*"You were not present on the western side of the mountain
when We charged Moses with his commission,
nor did you witness the event.
We raised many generations after him
whose lives were prolonged.
You did not dwell among the people of Midian,
nor did you recite to them Our revelations;
but it was We who sent you forth."
[28:44]*

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when WE charged Moses with his commission,
nor did you witness the event.
we raised many generations after him*

whose lives were prolonged.
You did not dwell among the people of Midian,
nor did you recite to them **OUR** revelations;
but it was **WE** who sent you forth.”

In this passage **GOD** indirectly reminds us that the Prophet’s perspective on Genesis {Abraham and Keturah’s descendants through their son Midian} was a partial view of a truth that would eventually expand to include everyone. It was Y.H.V.H. {the Lord} who commissioned Moses to live Torah. It was the Lord who raised many generations after Moses with a mission. But it was *Allāh* who reminded the Prophet that he’d been given a mission even though he hadn’t dwelled among the people of Midian, i.e. he didn’t have any more of the big picture than he was given.³³

Until you come to know **GOD**, you’re going to misunderstand **HIS** intentions. You’re going to argue them from one of three internal points of view {head, heart or soul} that has been corrupted by the fourth {desire}. You’re going to miss the opportunity to improve yourself with the help of Scripture and the **philosophic** principles **GOD** brought into the Eastern world. Your desires are going to get the better of you.

The mountain has many sides. You didn’t grow up on the Eastern side if you were raised in the Western tradition. Only now are you being given the view from the southern side, the side facing the rising and setting sun from the cave entrance. This gives you a view to the occult, the hidden side that you must share with yourself. To move from the Western or Eastern sides of the mountain to the southern side, your ego must first learn how to submit to your subjective truth.

But each of us generally walks the paths our parents took, seeing the view given to them, albeit from a greater height. We’re not able to imagine what the view looks like from all sides. The Prophet was inspired by the Archangel Gabriel who added to his experience with a tailor-made plan to improve the lot of Abrahamic man.

No human being can see his own future or anyone else’s, although we all use our imagination to try. We use assumptions and anticipations to help us perceive those views of the mountain we haven’t personally visited. We look out over a panorama that was provided for us, thus giving us a panoramic vision that’s subjective. If we want to see more, we should do more. But no one can see more than **GOD** allows him to see. Visions must be earned.

The Prophet had a sufficiently developed imagination to describe **GOD’s** purview from more than a single perspective. This is what gives the Quran a texture and depth to **GOD’s** message that makes Islam a totally unique contribution to humanity. This has turned into a moral challenge for modern man that our ancestors could never have understood in a modern way.

³³ “Scholars generally consider Midian to have been located in the northwest, Arabian Peninsula on the east shore of the Gulf of Aqaba on the Red Sea.” [Wikipedia]

GOD has sent us all forth. But many don't make their way to the south side of their mountain on the journey of their life to get a perspective on why they believe the way they do. They remain facing only north and in relationship to outer reality. The great challenge for the 21st Century will be to get people to move spiritually horizontally, not just religiously vertically. People are spiritually horizontally challenged. They can't envision the many sides of their life.

*"You were not present on the mountainside
when We called out.
Yet have We sent you forth,
as a blessing from your Lord,
to forewarn a nation
to whom no one has been sent before,
so that they may take heed
and may not say,
when evil befalls them on account of their misdeeds,
'Lord, had you sent us an apostle,
we should have obeyed Your revelations
and believed in them.'"
[28:46-48]*

*"You were not present on the mountainside
when **WE** called out.
Yet have **WE** sent you forth,
as a blessing from your Lord,
to forewarn a nation
to whom no one has been sent before,
so that they may take heed
and may not say,
when evil befalls them on account of their misdeeds,
'Lord, had **YOU** sent us an apostle,
we should have obeyed **YOUR** revelations
and believed in them.'"*

The Prophet wasn't present when GOD took the Israelites on the Exodus. The Prophet wasn't present when GOD sent HIS SON to Earth. But the Prophet was presented to some nations as an apostle to forewarn them. If you don't make your way up the mountain as high as you can go toward the summit, and then go around it to observe the view from all sides, you're going to make severe mistakes of judgment that may cost you dearly in the end.

The Arab nations are politically crumbling one by one. The Christian nations are deteriorating into materialism all at once. And the one Jewish state is doing its best just to survive during these trying times without turning into just another land of mirth and money.

Many apostles have been sent and have been ignored. One, special relation to the **BOSS** was sent, and even **HE** was largely discounted. Not wisdom, love or devotion has been warning enough to make people sufficiently change their views through dreams .

The world is going through tremendous upheavals, and no one faith has the answers we need to the problems that challenge us. Each of the Abrahamic faiths has had a chance to make the case, but they've all left us disappointed with some aspects of their solutions. The answer lies in Islam, but the solution lies in you. You're the apostle who must do what you were sent here to do. You're a person with the potential to perceive a vision.

Many Muslims are running into the arms of Christianity for mercy and charity. Many Muslims nations can no longer take care of their own people; not materially, emotionally or spiritually. They're humiliating themselves before *Allah*, in addition to shaming themselves before **GOD** and embarrassing themselves before **ADONAI**.

The time has come to give up this nonsense about destroying Israel and driving the Jews into the Sea. Each of the faith was created to keep an eye on the others. **GOD** loves to work through people. People are **HIS** favorite miracle of change, transformation and transcendence.

If you don't like the miracles you've been assigned to help make this happen, killing gays and Jews isn't going to improve your lot in life. If you don't like the problems of the Western world, indiscriminately killing Jews, Christians and Muslims isn't going to endear anyone to Islam or you to **GOD**. And fighting with those of the Eastern **philosophies** isn't going to solve your syndromes, either.

Your religion is never going to change **GOD's** opinion of you for the better. Only as spirituality slowly improves your opinion of yourself will you pull the **WORD** "religion" out of the mud you let it sink into.

Materialism is a necessary part of life, but we live in a world with so many people that we're going to destroy life on the planet (regardless of our faith or **philosophy** of preference) if we don't drastically reduce the world population, pollution and animosity toward man. There isn't nearly enough love to go around because people don't care enough about themselves. Every human being in the modern age requires so much materially and emotionally that the planet can't support the present unmet need to bring comfort.

To achieve the spiritual solutions each individual needs to strive for, a drastic and dramatic shift in lifestyle must be achieved. And this is going to require all three of the Abrahamic faiths to denounce the old-fashioned idea of being fruitful biologically that motivates them to multiply literally in number. We must move the mentality of man away from the literal toward the figurative, away from the prosaic to the poetic.

*"They say,
'Two works of sorcery complementing one another!'
And they declare,*

‘We will believe in neither of them.’”
[28:49]

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Now that so many *imams* and *clerics* have worked so hard to teach Muslims to hate Jews, Christians and the L.G.B.T+ community, there’s little attraction anymore for outsiders to explore the Quran. This only magnifies the need for greater communication.

The two works of sorcery today that complement one another are the interpretations of the Quran of the Sunnis and Shiites, not Judaism and Christianity. When you put others down, **GOD** gives people reason to put you down.

Our Lord gave us gifts that we covet instead of share. What are you going to do when you can’t blame others for your luck running out? Are you going to become one of the nonbelievers who says about Tanach, the Bible and the Quran, “*We will believe in (none) of them?*” Get real! Israel is real! Are you going to try to blame what’s happened in Afghanistan, Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Libya, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey and Yemen on the Jews and Christians or on the *Muslims*?

The *Muslims* are intolerable when it comes to Jews. The **CHRISTIANS** are insufferable when it comes to gays. And the **JEWS** are rude towards us all. “*Surely, in this there are signs for men of understanding.*” [30:24 and many other places in the Quran]

GOD’s designs includes everyone on Earth because everyone on Earth has a key to some door in you that you don’t have. Until you meet every stranger as a potential friend, regardless of your preconceived notions about the tribe they belong to, you’re not going to get the key that person has that’ll unlock the secret to being you that you can’t unlock for yourself. This is a part of **GOD’s** designs.

If you deny the stranger who’ll always be there within yourself, you’re going to continue believing in fantasies, fairy tales and mythologies. You’re going to go backwards instead of forwards. And you’re going to end up having to go through more “hell” on Earth without answers.

But if you can get as far as I’ve gone at this point, you can meet every awful stranger that comes your way with a Mona Lisa smile. You can put your best foot forward even if your left testicle may be crying out for your penis to do otherwise.

*“And who is in greater error
than the man who is led by his desires,
without guidance from God?
God does not guide the evil-doers.”*
[28:50]

“And who is in greater error
than the man who is led by his desires,
without guidance from **GOD**?
GOD does not guide the evil-doers.”

Man has had to go through a separation from the euphemistic staff he materially *leans* on to appreciate the penis he figuratively *relies* on. To discover that his imagination is a necessary part of his maturation process, he should learn to divide his loyalties before he's taught how to multiply his blessings in being fruitful in non-materialistic ways. The long division is over.³⁴ Now it's time to unite from the inside in.

The wriggling, writhing serpent **GOD** turned Moses's staff into, surely, opened his mind with questions, and his heart, at first, with fear. Until you give up the personification of his staff as sorcery from satan and own the figuratively wriggling, writhing serpent or worm between your own legs, you'll never understand the reason for circumcision or the moral point of all the stories of Scripture.

Christians don't need to be circumcised. They don't need to be religiously changed from the physical way they were born. They're the adopted brothers and sisters of Christ. They're spiritual siblings through **GOD** with **GOD**. **GOD** is their spiritual **FATHER**. They get baptized instead of circumcised, even though Jesus got both. Their submersion in water is a re-creation of submersion in the river Jordan brought into their rituals through John the Baptist. Submersion is their form of submission.

The baptism of the Israelites occurred when they literally traversed the Jordan River as they crossed over into Canaan {Israel} the first time under the leadership of יהושע {savior: Joshua #1}. All Jews have been spiritually baptized through Joshua #1 from our feet up to our waist. This allows us to literally and figuratively enter Israel. Christians are ritually baptized through Joshua #2 {Jesus} from the head down to their waist. This allows them to emotionally enter Israel. And Muslims have no need to be baptized at all. They rely only on circumcision and submission to bring them through Israel to *God*.

GOD didn't allow Moses to enter the Holy Land because he wasn't clean enough after having killed a man. His hands may have appeared to be white before Pharaoh, but they weren't clean enough for **GOD** to allow him to enter Israel.

When you kill or attempt to kill a human being, it's as though you've killed or attempted to kill a part of yourself. Murder is an outward expression of a desire to commit suicide. (I should know.) The destruction of any soul corrupts your own. Those who commit murder by suicide are especially damaged souls who, I suspect, will pay a terrible price afterlife no matter how financially lucrative it may be for their family thanks to Iranian and terrorist policies that encourage murder using suicidal tactics. Blood money turns your hands a deep shade of red that no amount of soap and water can remove.

It's harder to cleanse yourself in the sight of the Lord than it may look on paper, parchment or the electronic highway. And even if you've been given 120 years in which to do so {as was Moses}, you may still not fully accomplish the task in the time allotted

³⁴ This is a pun that can be read two ways depending on how you emphasize the words “long” and “division.”

you.³⁵ Your legacy may be left for others to finish for you. The best we can all do is to warn those who play Russian roulette with their soul.

When you allow your penis to whisper into your heart, the two of them convince your mind that what you want is what **GOD**, **GOD** or *God* wants for you. And that could end up being a serious error of judgment since you can't ever know what **GOD** wants.

This error of judgment is the very definition of arrogance. You must always question your desires. The man who's led by his desires may or may not be guided by **GOD**. Even when you judge the way in which things turn out, you'll still only see some part of the entire mountain.

*“Nor did your Lord destroy the nations
until He had sent apostles to their capital cities
proclaiming to them Our revelations.
We destroyed those cities
only because their inhabitants were wrongdoers.”
[28:59]*

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In modern parlance we'd say there's a “he” in “me” and a “we” in “me.” And until all of “us” get onboard with the idea that we were made in **GOD's** designs, “I” will never know myself. And yet, I'll always be responsible for my choices and decisions. I'm not going to be able to blame anyone other than me. What others do to me lies in **GOD's** designs. I let **HIM** blame them.

GOD destroyed many Jewish, Christian and Muslim cities and many civilizations throughout history. But **HE's** always led humanity in the direction of greater understanding of our mistakes. Mistakes made and corrected lead to more wisdom, greater love and deeper devotion.

Knowledge, itself, is a great blessing, but only because it leads to comfort. Knowledge, however, isn't nearly enough. Knowledge only makes it possible to survive. Now that we're on the brink of self-annihilation, we're going to need wisdom, love and devotion to life if we're going to thrive.

³⁵ Moses lived to the age of 120. He was 40 when he killed the slave driver; 80 when he met **GOD** at the Burning Bush; and 120 when he and the Israelites reached the Jordan River where he separated from the others and died alone. His autobiography {Torah} ends a couple of paragraphs after his death.

Today, the capitals of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon are collapsing before our eyes. Iraq is already in ruin. Syria is a pile of rubble they're still busy turning into smaller stones. And Lebanon is a powder keg about to explode (yet again). And Iran is behind all of it. Are these not signs from **GOD**? Can you really turn your back on the way things are and claim that Islam hasn't been humiliated in the modern age because of its erroneous and antiquated beliefs?

Belief in GOD/GOD/*God* isn't enough anymore. If we don't come together with strangers to learn how to believe in **GOD** through communal prayer, we're going to see more of the same until this world becomes intolerable for everyone.

The false god isn't satan. The false god wiggles between your legs. It's the aspect of yourself that figuratively urges you to commit evil instead of good. It's your desires that instigate your fate. But it's also your desires that instigate your destiny!

There's no false GOD/GOD/*God*. There's only ONE **GOD**. It's your desires that have made you a victim of yourself. And when you've been a victim for a very long time, you graduate to martyr. Eventually, martyrs turn into perpetrators. And perpetrators produce more victims. It's the circle of death that we know so well that only ends in more blame.

*“Then they will be told,
‘Call on your idols!’
And they will call on them,
but they shall get no answer.
They shall behold the scourge
and wish that they were rightly guided.”*
[28:64]

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Today, no one on Earth believes in idol worship anymore. But today, JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* have turned their hyper-religious leaders into idols. They dance around those they revere and destroy other leaders in effigy. They call on their idols to destroy the other idols, but they never seem to find answers that'll last the tests of time. They never seem to find the universal Abraham. What their congregations need are spiritual leaders who can interpret Tanach, the New Testament and the Quran with a modern view of faith.

*“On that day God will call to them,
saying,*

*‘What answer did you give Our apostles?’
And on that day
such will be their confusion
that they will ask no questions.
But those who repent and embrace the faith
and do what is right may hope for salvation.”
[28:65-68] ³⁶*

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The future of those who see the error of their ways and repent lies with **GOD**. But the way to **HIM** will require that we all make amends for our mistakes. Even years before our last prophet, Malachi, it was foretold, “A TIME IS COMING – DECLARES MY LORD GOD – WHEN I WILL SEND A FAMINE UPON THE LAND: NOT A HUNGER FOR BREAD OR A THIRST FOR WATER, BUT FOR HEARING THE WORDS OF THE LORD. MEN SHALL WANDER FROM SEA TO SEA AND FROM NORTH TO EAST TO SEEK THE WORD OF THE LORD. BUT THEY SHALL NOT FIND IT.” [Amos 8:11–12]

When all today’s hyper-religious leaders give up their notion of the superiority of their religious world we’ll enter a new, great age of peace. When each of the faiths recognizes they’re no longer on a vertical climb up the mountain, but on a lateral climb around it – then the arrogance of man will end. Then self-loyalty will become the rule and not the exception, and people will be able to give others the moral gifts they’ve earned for themselves.

“Say:
‘Think!
If God should enshroud you in perpetual night
till The Day of Resurrection,
what other god could give you light?

³⁶ **GOD** will call on those who realize they’ve been idolizing themselves through hubris {arrogance at others and smugness about themselves}, greed, lust, malicious envy, gluttony, inordinate anger {rage} and sloth.

Will you not hear?"

[28:71]

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If **GOD** should enshroud you in perpetual night
till the Day of Resurrection,
what other **GOD/GOD/God** could give you light?
Will you not hear?"

Changing the way you think about yourself will only happen when you realize **GOD** is also listening to all the crap you listen to in your head. Transforming the way you feel about yourself will only happen when you realize **GOD** is also feeling all the hateful feelings emanating out from your heart. And transcending what you believe to be true about yourself will only happen when you realize **GOD** isn't buying all the conclusions you've come to about you and others.

HE knows it's all caused by your unexamined desires. **HE** made you the way you are with good reason. Now it's your turn to remake yourself in **HIS** image. And that's going to be a personal struggle that'll take you in the direction of an inner Israel that no one can literally tell you how or where to enter. But trying to get into it with knives, guns, bombs and burning kites is only a futile projection of the effort you must make within yourself. You're not an ancient Israelite. Nowhere is it written that you're an ancient indigenist defending your land. You're not a Palestinian fool. Those days are coming to a close. Move on.

You're not here to kill your brother because **GOD** favored his sacrifice as Cain did to Abel. You're not at sea without a sail or rudder as Noah was locked up with a world full of animals inside. You're not lost in the darkness of a tower colluding for power or stuck at high noon in a blaze of glorious daylight from which you cast down occasional glances at little people. You're not the sun of **GOD**.

You're in a spiritual process that mirrors the wonderful world we have an opportunity to share. Each day is a chance to learn with others. Each night is an opportunity to learn alone with **HIM** who lies inside with you and beside you throughout your dreams. You may not lie with a man as with a woman, but how many **CHRISTIANS** are cozying up with **GOD**?

*"From each community
We will seize a witness,
and We shall say to them,
'Show Us your proof.'
Then shall they learn that the truth is God's*

and the deities of their own invention will forsake them.”

[28:74]

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When you deify your desires, impulses, needs, urges and even your wants, you become totalitarian in your thinking. You move in lockstep with your brothers instead of arm in arm with him. The man who deifies his penis subjectively worships his penis in projection. He’ll pretend to be your best friend in an effort to lie about his fear of this projection. He appears to be suspiciously comfortable in his own skin, but he can’t yet see the source of his discomfort. He may know in his heart you aren’t that comfortable in your skin, either. And, therefore, he may conclude that you two are friends. But you’re only alliances, not friends. Friendship is something you begin by creating it within. Friendship requires overcoming a stranger within with love before you slap everyone on the back while grinning in their face.

Cut flowers are idols that mirror your bouquet. You’ve been cut off from your source. And so you’ve found the best way to survive for a time. But you’re going to die no matter how hard you try to void living. Remember the skull in the garden. Remember the sunset each day. Celebrate the time you have left with modest thanks to others; humble appreciation of yourself; and gracious gratitude to **GOD**.

Talk about how you feel about yourself with your brother. Don’t kill him or argue over differences of opinion. An opinion is often based upon assumptions made and anticipations not achieved. An opinion is a conclusion you’ve come to that’s based on evidence you’ve gathered from outside sources that you haven’t compared to what’s going on within you. You can’t always get what you want, but when you can’t always want what you get, it’s time to consider what it is you really need.

And when you find you have a difference of opinion with someone, ask yourself what you’re learning about you in the process. What you need to know that you don’t know explains why you’re going through what **GOD** is giving you.

You’re not separate or different from the rest of mankind. You’re a person, too. You’re subject to all the laws of the universe you hold other people up to. No good or bad deed ever goes unnoticed by our **CREATOR**. Your self-esteem rises when you can go to **HIM** and say, “I have proof positive that I’m improving because I’ve done good for others which has done me good, as well.”

When you can pray that way, you’ll be prepared for the punishments you inflict upon you that come from the arrogance of thinking that the misfortune that befalls you isn’t

initiated by **GOD**. Victimhood is very different from martyrdom. You started it. Once everyone learns that much, solving problems will get much easier. **GOD** will help you.

The penis and testicles you may really want to cut yourself free from out of frustration and for the sake of autonomy may be your own. The desire to become like a woman in order to be rid of the issues of manhood exists in many males. But **GOD** chose for us to learn how to become men and not shirk the job of doing so. Destroying your masculinity {y} is as horrid a thought as ending another man's life. If you wish to literally become a woman, by all means do so. But nobody is able to avoid the struggle to become like a woman emotionally and spiritually {x²}. The more you realize that, the more you'll make peace with the L.G.B.T+ community that has already embraced many of the faces of Eve in adulthood.

Man is a y on the outside and an x² within. Woman is an x¹ on the outside and an x² within. Men have so much in common with women. Men have myriad ways of being attracted to women with or without the human body to express that attraction. When you solve for x² you make peace with yourself and all people.

Your desire to figuratively castrate and dismember others can even become a great resource in developing a good sense of humor about you. There's nothing about being like a woman that won't teach you more about you. Use knives of wit, but no weapons any sharper than that.

*“Korach was one of Moses’ people,
but he treated them unjustly.
We had given him such treasures.”
[28:75]*

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In the 39th year of their wandering, a year before their arrival in the Promised Land {a place they could have come to in about four weeks had they gone in a straight line from ancient Egypt to Israel}, the Israelites were physically tired, emotionally frustrated and spiritually disgusted with all the exercise GOD had given them. And Korach {“ice” in Hebrew}, a cousin of Moses, rose up to reject his family's position of power and strength, and to convince the Israelites to go back to ancient Egypt even if that meant returning to bondage.

It's amazing what you can convince people to do when they're hungry, angry, lonely and tired {H.A.L.T.} You can make them not only stop in their tracks. You can make them go back to the bondage their people were once in. The Israelites were one year away from the finish line (some would say the starting line), but many were willing to throw away the fire that had been ignited within them for the ice personified by Korach. Apathy and hopelessness is an icy burn that hurts a little less than fire at first, but it destroys a man with spiritual frostbite over time.

*“But he replied,
‘These riches were given me
on account of the knowledge I possess.’”
[28:78] ³⁷*

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Every man arrogantly overreacts to the knowledge he possesses, thinking it's his alone. After consuming the sweet fruits from his own tree, he thinks himself taller, more fruitful, fertile and productive than any other tree in the orchard. Being drunk on the juice of his own fruit {testosterone} makes a man think he can climb to the top of any ladder of success around him, rather than that one, special ladder {penis} from within.

So often it's the mean-spirited and disingenuous who are the most motivated to get to the top of something from where they can look down on everyone with bitter satisfaction. But their negative, projected opinion of themselves makes it only possible for them to succeed outwardly. They're terribly underdeveloped inwardly. They're stuck in the head of their own penis.

Knowledge is a great gift when it brings success, but knowledge carries with it the burn of both fire and ice. Physically, that burn comes like the firecrackers of delights that explode with orgasm. But intellectually, the burn of wisdom is quite different from the burn of foolishness. Emotionally, the burn of love is quite different from the burn of hate. Spiritually, the difference between the burn of devotion and denial is as great as the difference between “heaven” and “hell.” And physically, the burn of an S.T.D. ought to be evidence enough that you've done something to think about seriously.

GOD tacitly allowed Adam and Eve to pursue knowledge even though HE'd warned him not to. HE'd warned him because knowledge never turns out to be enough. Knowledge will tempt you to think you can get away with something you wouldn't do otherwise. But knowledge will inevitably bring on guilt. And guilt will plague you until you learn how to advance your knowledge to wisdom, love and devotion by atoning for your errors of judgment.

Knowledge leads to guilt. And there'll be many burns along that way that you're going to use to determine good from evil, right from wrong, and better from worse. The path of colluding with others may move you through temptation to satisfaction, but the path of external gain will never lead you to cooperation for the sake of redemption. That you must choose to look for on your own.

*“And when he went out in all his finery among his people,
those who loved this nether life said,*

³⁷ Korach glorified his knowledge without acknowledging its source. He didn't see knowledge as coming indirectly from people and directly from GOD. He didn't see the evil in himself, only in those in power. Ice becomes personified most familiarly as jealousy and envy. And it's coldest close to home.

*‘Would that we had the like of what Korach has been given!
He is indeed a man of good fortune.’”
[28:80-81]*

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He is indeed a man of good fortune.’”

Competition among the spiritually impoverished who don’t yet know the roads of life causes jealousy of other people’s body and envy of their good fortune. Jealousy and envy then create hunger for other ways of getting what we want, such as hatred, vengeance and murder. These paths to autonomy are described in Catholicism as the Seven Deadly Sins: anger, arrogance, coveting {jealousy and envy}, gluttony, greed, lust and sloth.

Until you see yourself as in private school with our **TEACHER**; until you see **HIM** as bringing people into your life like good books for you to learn to read – you’re going to dance around these seven deadly sins {golden calves} rather than make your way to your spiritual destination. You’re going to cut flowers without a care in the world to what it says about your inner bouquet.³⁸

When you don’t see the consequences of jealousy and envy, you also don’t see how they numb you to your other feelings. People who don’t feel as sympathetic and empathetic of others nowadays don’t realize that coveting what others have is the cause of their emotional numbness.

We not only live in a world where material comforts and luxuries are more available than ever before. We now live in a world where you’re judged as inferior, lazy or stupid if you don’t surround yourself with goods and services that speak for you about your worth. This material accentuation of life is fine, so long as you don’t become so wanting of what others have or so calloused to those who don’t have what you have that it numbs you to the fact that everyone has feelings. People often conclude that the only way to achieve their outward goals is by disassociating themselves from others’ feelings.

Sooner or later, people discover that their emotions have been dulled by their anger, arrogance, gluttony, greed, jealousy, lust and sloth. And, more often than not, in an attempt to blame others for their hardheartedness, they make gays and/or Jews their scapegoats.

Israel represents the eternal warmth we seek, a place to go where we won’t get burned by fire or ice or worse, burn ourselves. Israel is the place you can enter. You can’t enter Jesus. HE was a person not a place. Any attempt to enter Jesus would sexually defile HIM.

³⁸ In The Story of Joseph in Genesis, Joseph interpreted Pharaoh’s dream of seven emaciated cows eating up seven fat cows. These were foreshadowings of the Seven Deadly Sins that would swallow up the seven attributes of fire: illumination, warmth, burn, smoke, mystery, sound and smell. Joseph’s civil remedy for the Pharaoh’s dream was to store grain in anticipation of physical famines. Modern man can do similarly by anticipating all his hungers and preparing for emotionally and spiritually hard times. Engaging your wisdom by procuring greater self-love and self-loyalty will fill your inner warehouse in anticipation of misfortune.

But you can enter into a relationship with Jesus, which would be no different than entering into any other relationship with **GOD**. Israel is a place within yourself you can access without worry about sexually defiling your relationship with that space. This is why purity and perfection aren't emphasized in Judaism. This is why we strive only for humanity.

Korach is the personification of one kind of burn; the emotional ice that tempts us to avoid learning; make mistakes of coveting; and advance only out of apathy for others. Any Korach who defiantly promotes cold feelings for others, especially enemies abroad or the disenfranchised at home, becomes attractive to the oppressed masses whose self-esteem is wanting.³⁹

The journey of the Israelites took 40 years. Your journey may be done in less time if your vehicle is metaphorically, symbolically and comparatively more modern than theirs. But you're going to have to learn about golden calves, strange fire and ice before you can make your way to the eastern bank of your inner Jordan River.⁴⁰

Fortune in the outer world requires responsibility to yourself, not just a reward from GOD/GOD/*God*. Fortune is a way for you to learn about the virtues and vices that shape your imagination. If you see fortune as a means only to stop working altogether, you're in some sort of spiritual bondage, in need of a spiritual Exodus. Money is only one of many vehicles you need to make your way through life.

War with Israel for the land GOD gave the Jews is a waste of your valuable time. If you claim in your heart that you're a Christian {a new and improved Jew} you'd better upgrade your idea of **GOD** and Israel, as well. And if you claim in your soul that you're a Muslim, {a new and improved Judeo-Christian}, you'd better upgrade your idea of *God*.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* spend their time arguing about GOD/GOD/*God*. They bring "hell" with them wherever they go. Modern believers are always going to keep **GOD** alive in their imagination with the promise of reaching their own Israel. They bring Israel/"paradise"/"heaven" with them wherever they go.

*"We caused the earth to swallow him,
together with his dwelling,*

³⁹ Presidents and prime ministers have the tendency to behave like Korach. They're reminders to us of the meaning of ice and how we need to commit to the meaning of fire. When you find yourself verklempt or crying out loud, know that you're melting inside. Your fire and ice are having an effect on one another.

⁴⁰ The first generation of Israelites learned about the golden calf. Aaron later learned about strange fire when his sons were killed by it. And many of the subsequent generation of Israelites suffered from spiritual frostbite by wanting to return with Korach to ancient Egypt, a place they had never even seen. The least experienced are the most prone to spiritual frostbite, whether they're literally in a desert or on a mountaintop. They're disoriented. They're going about it the wrong way.

*so that he found none besides God to protect him;
nor was he able to defend himself.
And those who on the day before had covered his lot,
next morning said,
“Behold! God gives abundantly to whom He will
and sparingly to whom He pleases.
But for the grace of God,
He could have caused the earth to swallow us.
Behold! The ungrateful shall never prosper.”*
[28:81-82]⁴¹

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TOGETHER WITH HIS DWELLING,
SO THAT HE FOUND NONE BESIDES GOD TO PROTECT HIM;
NOR WAS HE ABLE TO DEFEND HIMSELF.
AND THOSE WHO ON THE DAY BEFORE HAD COVERED HIS LOT,
next morning said,
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and sparingly to whom HE pleases.
But for the grace of GOD,
HE could have caused the earth to swallow us.
Behold! The ungrateful shall never prosper.’”

You should be thankful for the lessons you’ve learned from others but should always look for even deeper lessons in the lessons you’ve already passed. Wounds turn slowly into scars and your scars will turn into trophies over time if you maintain the attitude of always moving forward and upward at no one’s expense. You ought to frequently remind yourself of your need for appreciation of the lessons you’re teaching yourself, as well as those you’ve already learned. And you should be grateful to **GOD** for all you’re now privileged to know and all you hope to yet learn about you. If your cynicism, scorn and sarcasm aren’t transformed into modesty, humility and grace with yourself, you’re only becoming meaner and leaner, like one of the hungry cows in Pharaoh’s dream.

People who are made of ice are frostbit inside. They’re moving at a glacial pace morally and spiritually. Their hearts are frozen with bitterness and disappointment in the way things have turned out for them thus far. They’re going to have to watch their heart and witness as it suddenly liquefies when something very incidental and unimportant makes them burst into tears. Their green landscape is going to disappear beneath the sea.

When something bad happens to such people, they may be so numb to the emotional ramifications of their losses in life that they can’t process what’s happened to them. They may freeze up, becoming petty over minor things lost and selfish over what others have

⁴¹ GOD caused the earth to swallow up Korach.

materially gained. Their icy heart is focused outwardly on what “they” have that *they* don’t. They don’t know how to nurture themselves until their inner winter ends and a spiritual spring melts the ground of their being the next year.

The ice inside us all periodically melts to form raging streams that find their way into the earth or back to the sea. The ice and fire in man can even come together like a volcanic explosion of lava meeting ice that has cataclysmic consequences inside and out. Such is my explanation of what we see today in the Arab Spring. But JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will never listen to me. What desert dweller would ever believe someone who tells them that the problems in the Middle East are caused by ice interacting with fire? Those who are frostbitten will never understand what being under constant fire is doing to them.

*“He who has committed the Quran to your keeping
will, surely, bring you home again.”*⁴²

Say:

*“My Lord best knows him who brings guidance
and him who is in evident error.”*

[28:84-85]

HE who has committed the Quran to your keeping
will, surely, bring you ‘home’ again.

Say:

‘My Lord best knows him who brings guidance
and him who is in evident error.’”

Y.H.V.H. Jesus *Allāh* knows who, today, has your best intentions at heart. You should pray that **HE** teaches you to see goodness for yourself in yourself, so that you’re not attracted to the sweet delights that only infants drool over. When indulging in forbidden fruit, beware. Always ask first. Always thank afterwards. And always save the seeds so you can reproduce what you then know for the sake of all others.⁴³

To bring you home to Mecca in the modern age means to figuratively leave Mecca for “heaven” via Jerusalem and return the same way you came. Specifically, it means to go from your soul through your heart to your head where you can talk to **GOD** and come back the same way with new inspiration on how to proceed in the external world. Follow the path of the Prophet and beware the paths of mean men (perhaps like your father or brother) who misguided you in the past.

⁴² Moses can’t bring you home to Israel. The Prophet Muhammad can’t bring you home to Mecca, but they can help bring you “home” to “paradise.”

⁴³ These books are no more than seeds I’ve saved for you.

*“Never did you expect the book to be revealed to you.
Yet through your Lord’s mercy you have received it.
Therefore, give no help to the nonbelievers.
Let no one turn you away from God’s revelations,
now that they have been revealed to you.
Call men to your Lord,
and serve none besides Him.”*
[28:86-87]

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Let no one turn you away from **GOD**’s revelations,
now that they have been revealed to you.
Call men to your Lord,
and serve none besides **HIM**.”

Remember, you’re not here to make your conscience other people’s guide. You’re here to make your conscience *your* guide. The more you can guide yourself wisely, lovingly and devotedly, the more morally focused you’ll become on what really matters. This formula may even attract other people to you. It’s certainly better than following others like a sheep. You don’t need an outer shepherd. You need an inner compass.

There are no more nonbelievers. Even today’s atheists and agnostics are the ancestors of believers who believe with their eyes and ears tightly shut. But if they, too, learn to use their nose, they’ll find their way to **GOD**.

The only idols are the idols of the modern age, and you indulge in them, too. Therefore, the work the Prophet spoke of is slowly becoming internalized and personalized over time in us all. The Quran is becoming less a public display of solidarity than a rally for personal solidarity within one’s self. The more you align the forces within you, the more you’ll be able to achieve spiritual alignment with your neighbors {Iranians and Israelis}.

*“Invoke no other god together with God.
There is no god but God.
All things shall perish except Himself.
His is the judgment,
and to Him shall you be recalled.”*
[28:88]

“Invoke no other god together with **GOD**.
There is no GOD/GOD/God but **GOD**.”

All things shall perish except **HIMSELF**.

HIS is the judgment,
and to **HIM** shall you be recalled.”

Don't make your leaders into gods by consuming their opinions glutinously like fresh dates. Don't make your goals into idols you dance around like a foolish slave who've just been given autonomy but who know nothing yet of freedom. You may still think you see Jews, Christians and/or Muslims behaving conceitedly, but theirs are lessons in differentiating arrogance from pride that you must learn to differentiate in your own way.

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The essence of the 28th surah of the Quran, “*The Story*,” is that the Muslim story is a part of my story, and our story is a part of *His* story. If you personalize the story of the Exodus, you'll achieve your own Passover in your own way. You'll reach Israel; you'll make peace with the Hebru {ancient Egyptian: the one from the other side} in you; you'll make your way across a Jordan River within, and you'll enter your Land of Milk and Honey with peaceful intentions for an everlasting reward.

You can't have it all externally, but you can create your story metaphorically, symbolically and comparatively so that it lives as a sign of **GOD's** intentions to watch over you on the journey of your life. If others don't heed your advice or the model you set, simply give them warning and move on. Don't waste an inordinate amount of time trying to improve their grades if they're not interested in achieving self-knowledge. Let's just do our best to help ourselves. Our story is the most important sign from **GOD** for those of us who care enough about ourselves to look within.

⁴⁴ The arrogant are angry with others. The proud are angry with themselves. Gay pride is a clue to the possibility of your pride overtaking your arrogance. You can't achieve redemption without pride.

Surah 29
سورة العنكبوت
The Spider

If the surah on the ant introduced you to the feeling of being a part of the working class, then this surah on the spider will teach you what it means to be part of the intelligentsia. You don't need to be financially encumbered to feel at one with workers, and you don't need to be scholastically gifted to feel at one with those at the top of the socio-economic ladder who live in their head.

The spider is best known for its web. The web we weave in our mind is made up of strands that are comparatively stronger than steel. These strands are thoughts, and we use them like steel girders to construct edifices of ideas with which we build cities, states and entire civilizations. These strands of thoughts are supposed to be formed in your head and wound around your heart. They're not supposed to be formed with what comes out of your behind, as if you were literally a spider... Your thoughts are supposed to give you the framework with which to capture opportunities in the world around you that you need to survive. But many people are going through life ass backwards. It's as if **GOD** is showing us that the intelligentsia, like the spider, often think with their rear end, not their head.

Conclusions and opinions that eliminate or distort knowledge can be described as figuratively coming out of your behind. Conclusions and opinions that create and share knowledge can be described as figuratively coming out of your head. Evil people may also be extremely intelligent, but they're more like spiders than they realize. They arrogantly assume they're highbrows who think a great deal about how to get ahead, when, in truth, they're bubble bottoms with a web of opinions that are nothing more than prefabricated bowel constructed in a strategic corner of their little world to catch unsuspecting bugs. They have no idea how creepy they are in good people's opinions or how obvious they are to **ONE** and all.

Look at today's world leaders. Look at some of today's talking heads about today's world leaders. When people have the power to help the poor, weak and disenfranchised, and they don't, it's because they're weaving a web of deceit that emanates out of a fate they can't perceive. **GOD** let's spiders into our homes to teach us about our nature. Will people ever learn?

Nobody knows better about the parable of the spider than a gay man. When you're young and gay, you think with your behind. When you're middle aged and gay, you think with your penis. But it's only the princess who's been crowned queen after her mother dies who begins to use the **GOD**-given brains in her head she didn't know she had before. She realizes her crown wasn't constructed of thoughts at all. It was constructed of noble emotions with which to make peace with all men.

In other words, it's the x^2 factor that makes a man great, not y . You can use your brute strength to be strong. But you should use your physical strength to help you feel strong emotionally, as well. In sexual terms, you can't scare a man straight. He's the way he is, and if you don't like it, look within for the reason why. The problem is x^2 . The problem isn't y .

The L.G.B.T+ community has created a web of spiritual understanding of life that the whole world is beginning to recognize and utilize. The whole world is beginning to see us as a natural and integral part of **GOD's** creations. Our exclusion from the Abrahamic faiths has been a reward we can now be proud of, not a punishment we're going to endure any longer.

We look in at you as though from the top, outer ring of a stadium onto the playing field. We look at the spiders you elect into political office, and we compare them to ourselves. We look at the web of lies you tell yourself and we look in at ourselves. Some spiders are good for the environment. And some spiders are deadly. And you're going to have to determine which is which.

Straight men are welcome to behave like us or try to do better than us by using the brains in their head rather than the head of their penis, or worse, all those strands of devious deception oozing out of their butt. Use your anus anyway you choose, except to think with. But if you decide to use it to defecate on those you don't like, rest assured, we'll call you on it. When you stink, we're the first to smell it because we're so spiritually advanced that, even before you say a word out loud, we can tell the difference between your bad breath and your flatulations...

Gay men are spiders who spin love webs. We've caught many an enemy, wrapped him up and turned him into a friend. This is a miraculous gift from **GOD** that we, ourselves, are just beginning to understand from a Scriptural perspective. We're not your enemy if you're inherently good. Our love strands will envelop you with kindness, allegiance and dependability. But if you're evil, and you assume the worst of us, we'll tie you up in knots/notes you'll never get out of.⁴⁵

Each connector on your own intellectual web is a place where two or more opinions are glued together. Each of these connectors are called a conclusion. The conclusions you come to create a unique pattern of concepts you believe to be true, solely because you put a lot of hard work into spinning them. But the conclusions you come to will create a pattern that any spider can easily evaluate and criticize. And we're teaching others all the time how to do the same.

The proof won't come until we see what you do with what you catch with what you've woven. The proof will come with the conclusions you come to about what's in your best interest. We don't need to wait for you to catch and kill victims in your net. We can see what you're spinning while you spin it. And your ugly, little, hairy legs don't frighten us one little bit. We've spread many legs like yours with relish.

GOD created the humble spider to remind you about you. The Prophet anticipated your grief. The Prophet anticipated your confusion. And the Prophet anticipated your ignorance. This surah of the Quran will answer many questions you may still have about operating yourself more knowledgeably and successfully than you do now.

The problem with the Abrahamic faiths today is that the fundamentalist JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* all believe they hold a monopoly on interpretations of their

⁴⁵ "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive." Quote by Walter Scott from his poem "Marmion" (1808). This "web" is a fabrication of the mind that doesn't take into consideration the emotional and spiritual consequences of lying that make lying so evil.

faith. They don't want people coming in from other faiths telling them what Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad really meant when they quoted GOD/GOD/*God*. And the powers that be in our society certainly don't want women, like black, widow spiders, consuming their husbands and then weaving webs of opinions of their own.

*“Do people think that once they say,
‘We are believers,
they will be left alone and not be tested?’”*
[29:1]

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‘We are believers,
they will be left alone and not be tested?’”

Many a believer sits back and scorns those whom **GOD** tests, thinking himself too good to be in need of testing. He looks down on others for the liberal ways they walk, talk and act. He can see so clearly the “miss takes” others make, but he has little, to no, insight into his own mistakes.

Today's believer is an expert at metaphorically climbing over the hood of other people's open convertible to get his hands on their steering wheel. But he doesn't realize he's blocking the driver's view. Today's believer is also great at sitting in the passenger seat whispering to the driver, telling him where not to go. But he has no idea where *to* go. He's the puppet of fundamentalist, hyper-religious leaders who know little about the vehicle they're operating or where in the world they, themselves, are headed. Today's believer isn't the least bit interested in the meaning of fire or ice. He sees his journey as already having ended happily when he ate up the dogma of his faith like a dead fly. He's here in the now only waiting for his ultimate reward. And while he waits, he holds up the lives of billions of people worldwide who wish to escape webs like his.

*“We tested those who have gone before them.
God, surely, knows the truthful.
And He, surely, knows the liars.”*
[29:2]

“**wE** tested those who have gone before them.
GOD, surely, knows the truthful.
And **hE**, surely, knows the liars.”

All of us are believers being tested, whether, or not, we make a public spectacle out of the way we practice our faith. The tests are different for each one of us, and the grades each of us get reflect our spiritual education individually as well as collectively. The Syrian people have failed themselves miserably, but each Syrian has to solve that problem with

God separately. The Iraqis are moving away from the bozos at the back of the room in the hopes of pursuing a higher education, but they didn't do it without **GOD**'s help. If you think GOD/**GOD**/*God* doesn't pass out a different test to each of our faiths and then to each person in each faith, you don't know enough about our **TEACHER**. **HE** knows how tempted **HIS** students are to cheat, so **HE** confounds us in ever more clever ways.⁴⁶

When the Prophet said, "**GOD**, surely, knows the truthful and **HE**, surely, knows the liars," he was describing a relationship to our **TEACHER** that goes far deeper than many may talk about or may be consciously in touch with. If you continue to underestimate **GOD**'s participation in your life, that can only be because you know too little about your innate ability to participate in your own life. You'll want to get to know yourself more deeply to get a better handle on how **GOD** influences you. You'll want to get out of an arrogant attitude about the big picture to get a better view of it. You'll want to wake up from the long night you may have been sleeping through to see the Abrahamic faiths as steps up from GOD to GOD; from **GOD** to *God*; and from *God* to **GOD**.

People will tell you you're too serious, as they've told me. Don't believe a word of it. You're not nearly serious enough. If there isn't a skull in your garden; a crucifix in your heart; and a view in your soul to the horizon where the road meets the sky – you're not serious enough. You're not yet serious enough about being serious. You're awaiting your next drunken stupor. And because *Muslims* don't drink, they pour out Jewish blood to celebrate their glee, instead. Soon, they may start drinking it...

What do you think **GOD** thinks of you? What do you think **GOD** thought of the Nazis? Do you look to Germany as a sign of your good fortune? I assure you most Germans look at their grandparents and great grandparents as lost souls. They're scrambling to get out of the hole their forefathers dug them into. **GOD** can swallow you up as **HE** swallowed up Korach. The ground beneath your feet is only there for you when you're standing tall. Believe me, there are all kinds of earthquakes, large and small.

This is the kind of knowledge that'll help you stop dreaming as you weave your daily web. This'll bring your dreams to life with visions of reality you may never before have imagined possible. You're not a cow. You're not cattle. You're not an ant. And you're not a spider. But your nature is made up of all the aspects of Mother Nature.

When you're unevolved, you shine because of your affect in the world around you. You react and respond hotly to life, without questioning **GOD**'s greater reason for participating in helping you achieve your goals. Your self may, in large part, be in projection. If so, you depend on the world around you to trigger responses and reactions in you that make you feel alive.

⁴⁶ And if the Iranians think their relationship with *God* is so great that it'll someday be possible for them to destroy Israel, they may find that **GOD** will get in their way because we all share the same **GOD**. They should read the book my mother, Bella Roos, wrote about her life, Echoes of the Past. Her suffering would warn them against more of their own suffering!

But as you spiritually mature and then age, you should begin to see yourself shining from the inside out, like the sun. You should feel as though you're being ignited, like one of billions of stars. You should feel that all those thoughts inside you are coming together into a dense cloud that's beginning to glow. You should begin to attract the world to you differently, with a magnetism and gravity you didn't know you had before. People should begin to revolve around you because you're warm and bright. You should see yourself as a "heavenly" body with an earthly function. This is how you become a star. This is how you come to appreciate a waxing moon.

You should feel seen, not yearning to be seen. All the rejection or neglect you suffered in the past can only be made up for within. The feeling of being invisible will only dissipate when the light shining in your cave remains lit at all times. Coming to know yourself as light congealed in matter will separate you from moral darkness.

Jesus was the first visible man. But that doesn't mean we can't see through you. Even you can see through you if you try. You're not darkness visible once you're in the light. Ignite!

*"Does not God know best the thoughts of men?
God well knows the true believers,
and He well knows the hypocrites."
[29:11]*

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GOD well knows the true believers,
and **HE** well knows the hypocrites."

The Prophet blatantly describes this awareness *God* had for him. He was authentically sincere when he described what he knew about GOD/GOD/*God*. But here we are 1,442 years later, and we now ought to describe what it is we know about what **GOD** knows about us. Can you not see?

I'm explaining the *words* of the *Prophet* using spiritual linguistic tools to elucidate a process anyone with a spiritual foundation based upon a faith or **philosophy** can achieve if he wants to. I welcome you to add your own experiences to my words to reinforce or question what the Prophet said. But I'm not interested in hearing more dogmatic insistence on any one, traditional way. People who think one way may be going to "hell" in a hand basket {ark} whether they know it, or not...

GOD knows what you're thinking. HE created the Jewish people to become masters of man's mind. he gave us first step to **HIS** throne. HE knows what you're feeling. **HE** created the Gentiles to become masters of man's heart, and to raise the world up to the second step to **HIS** throne. And *He* knows what you believe to be true based on opinions that have led you to conclusions you've formulated in your soul that are based on what your head and

heart have told you. **HE** created the Muslims to become masters of man's soul and to bring us all up to the third step.

But if you insist on using your penis or your anus to guide you, you're going to be humiliated by the L.G.B.T+ community. If you think marriage equality was all we were seeking, you were naïve to our agenda. And if you think you're going to squeeze every jinn back into his bottle, you're dreaming still. The world is going to change for the better, and it's probably going to change a "hell" of a lot faster than it did in the past.

To make your way to the third step and from the third step into a personal relationship with **GOD** you're going to want to use the secrets **HE** gave us through Mother Nature. And who would be in a better position to appreciate Mother Nature than those of us who've been told we're outsiders even to that. The only way you're going to discover your own nature is by getting some distance from it.

A spider has eight legs, six joints on each leg and 48 knees. (That's a lot of genuflecting!...) At the end of each leg there are at least two small claws. A spider is a specialist when it comes to manipulating, maneuvering and influencing its environment. It even secretes oil that keeps it from getting stuck to its own web.

Now think about how straight people have treated gays and lesbians. If straights think they're superior to us, look at what we can do that they can't. Just because we creep some of them out doesn't mean they have the right to step on us or destroy our dreams. Their fear of us is a projection of their fear, disdain and disgust with their own nature, not ours. They couldn't possibly approve of the way **GOD** created the world. They're the very definition of a defiant "angel" who wishes he could be human. Smokeless fire, all of them!

We all learn about the wisdom, love and devotion **GOD** used in creating this world. We all do the spiritual dance up and down these steps to discover what we're doing at deeper levels of self-awakening. It's not the steps that are as challenging as the risers. There's such a vast distance to rise up from one step to the other. Most people get stuck on the step they were first introduced to. They can't raise themselves any higher above the riser that stops them in their tracks. And they can't descend from the top step to the middle step or to the bottom step, either. Humiliation is the only thing that will bring them down.

But maybe those who are thin ought to embarrass those who are fat. And those with character should shame those who are selfish. And those who believe in **GOD** have a duty to humiliate those who do not. Guilt is always there outside ready to knock at your door.

We all pull ourselves up by our spiritual bootstraps to the best of our ability. And we all do so with no visible tools at our disposal. It may be difficult to believe that all three of the Abrahamic faiths have something to offer in the way of spiritual tools, but the unwillingness to entertain that idea is a form of arrogance you may not have considered before. Most people believe in one of the Abrahamic faiths, or they reject them all. It may feel like a betrayal to move from **GOD** to **GOD** to *God*, or *God* to **GOD** to **GOD**, knowing, deep inside that it's all **ONE** and the same **GOD**! But what choice do you have, other than to become a worshipper of some sort of idol or material ideology?

Each of us, individually, is being tested like a Jew, a Christian and a Muslim. How have you done at improving your thoughts, feelings and beliefs lately? Are your desires for things to be the way you want them getting in your way of getting your way? Are you stepping on your own toes, without considering that your feet are made of clay? Whenever

you see an opportunity to entertain the view from another step, ask our **TEACHER** for help. You aren't expected to get straight A's in life without asking questions that are problematic and challenging.

Life only gets harder the older you get. Simplicity is something you can only view in your rearview mirror. That which you perceive through the windshield looms larger and larger the closer you get to it. Keep your eyes peeled on the road immediately ahead of you while keeping your mind focused on the endpoint. Death will become a great comfort in life if you're living life well.

What men so deeply fear about their penis is that it mirrors the shechina, the Holy Spirit and the tranquility of *God*. Men's fear of men mirrors their fear of that aspect of **GOD** that defines **HIS** masculinity and femininity ($y + x^1$). The Archangel Gabriel, the masculine aspect of *Allah*, $\{y\}$ was the tutor of the Prophet to teach him about his x^2 factor, which was in projection. This is how the Prophet went from being a boy to becoming a man in the spiritual sense of the **WORD**. But this is also why he was so obsessed with sexual intercourse with women. He was seeking something externally that can only be satisfied from within: x^2 .

*"If you disbelieve,
other communities before you likewise disbelieved.
Yet an apostle's duty is but to give plain warning."
[29:18]*

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Moses was our first prophet, but there were many prophets who came after him. Jesus was not an apostle, but **HE** chose 12 Apostles to build **HIS** church for **HIM**. The Prophet was an emissary of the Lord. He was a messenger on a very special mission that the world still hasn't come to understand. When you learn from all three, you become a disciple of the Lord. Then, you, too, will be able to "*give plain warning*" without hurting a soul.

*"Do they not see how God conceives creation,
and then renews it?
That is easy enough for God."
[29:19]*

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and then renews it?
That is easy enough for **GOD**."*

If you can't tolerate, accept and admire the main metaphor of Moses – that man is a tree of knowledge planted in a garden – you're not going to be able to see how GOD conceives creation or how **HE** renews it. That's easy enough for **GOD**, but it's going to be a lot harder for you to recreate unless you move out of your "literal only" interpretation of Scripture to pursue Scripture through parable and other forms of figurative speech.

To become worthy of "paradise," you should first become wise. Without wisdom, you'll make serious mistakes when pursuing love. And without a healthy love life, you'll make serious mistakes in swearing allegiance to your partner, family, community, country, belief system and yourself. It's all connected, like strands of a spider's web.

"Say:

'Roam the earth and see how God has brought the creation into being.

Then will God initiate the latter creation.

God has power over all things:

He will show mercy to whom He pleases.

To Him shall you be recalled.'"

[29:20]

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HE will show mercy to whom *He* pleases.

To **HIM** shall you be recalled.'

The spider builds its web without using its head. It's given the tools it needs and the instincts to use its tools with what we would call "a second thought." But man has developed enough insight to watch what he's doing as he's doing it. He's not limited to just watching what others are doing. He's not limited to just watching what spiders are doing. He has enough care and concern for his own wellbeing to consider the joy he wants to glean from his own creativity. This is the correct use of his desires. This, then, makes the natural world a clue to man's nature.

This world has devolved into a dog-eat-dog world. That's not kosher... That's not halal... We could look at all the animals in our ark and let them on and off the boat while watching more carefully what they're doing. The last thing we need is to watch as our animalistic vices multiply and our humanitarian virtues divide.

If you had to roam for 2,000 years in the Diaspora like the Jews did, you, too, would have slowly been taught to see how **GOD** brought the creation into being. **HIS** creation is much greater than your imagination has the ability at this time to picture it. But thanks to people who think differently from you, you won't roam nearly as long or as far from home to get a glimpse of the big picture.

When **GOD** was ready to return us to the Middle East in the 20th Century, **HE** brought a new age of faith into being. Man is now learning more about creation through self-creation. “*To HIM shall you be recalled.*” Hopefully, we’ll go back to **HIM** with something better in our heart than disgust for gays and/or Jews. Believe me, it’s not those who literally eat dog who disgust me.

This world is filled with so many opportunities to learn to love as Jesus, the gay-Jew, loved. It’d be a shame if you missed the opportunity to love yourself by not overcoming your disgust of those who happen to rub you the wrong way for the wrong reason. Even a spider can find good reason for being a part of **GOD**’s kingdom.

“Abraham said,
‘You have chosen idols instead of God,
but your love of them will last only in this nether life.’⁴⁷
On The Day of Resurrection
you shall disown one another,
and you shall curse one another.
The fire shall be your home and none shall help you.”
[29:24-25]

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What the Prophet was referring to when he said “*nether life*” is the world of literalism where nothing you say or do has prophetic and spiritual importance. The nether life is the materialistic world where nothing is filled with loving feeling or personalized meaning. Objective principles without subjective virtues creates the nether life. This is the underwater world a man, like a betta {Siamese fighting fish} in a bowl, staring in a mirror, fights endlessly to control.

To emerge from the curse of literalism and materialism where words only hold concrete meanings sanctified by one faith (yours) and emanating out from only one place (within you), you must use one eye to look out at others and the other to look within at yourself. You must use one ear to hear others and the other to listen to what your heart is whispering to you to do to develop your soul. You must use one nostril to intuit what others are up to and one to figure out your hidden agenda inside.

⁴⁷ Abram said this to his father, Terah.

Perceiving your two worlds simultaneously is harder than the way you live now. It brings depth and color to what you see and stereophonic intensity to what you hear. Unifying your two worlds is a challenge that'll make you much more devoted to your **CREATOR** than the way you've been up until now. It'll bring your senses alive.

The idols you've chosen are the golden calves that are in denial of **GOD's** presence that concretize your faith in materialism instead of augmenting your materialistic needs with universal, moral intentions. The idols you've chosen are like the literal gold you cling to instead of the wealth within you that'll last forever. They're the ego issues that obsess you.

I don't recommend you cut flowers for your Lord. I wouldn't fell Christmas trees in **HIS** honor. I'd use herbs and spices to augment your tastes and smells. You're like a flower, tree, herb and spice. You're a botanical idol of the Lord. You're a thing with a flame within it. Honor your nature and you'll restore the beleaguered nature we've taken from the Earth without permission.

As you progress on the journey of life, you'll hopefully discover you aren't a warrior of your faith. **GOD** didn't create the Abrahamic faiths to battle one another for moral high ground. If you don't like the way another person is living his life, use that example to live your life differently. People aren't moral embers you can simply stamp out because you don't want to look at them glowing in the dark. That darkness lies in you.

This sort of moral discussion will inevitably come back to the State of Israel. *Muslims* don't want to believe that they've been so wrong about something so concrete as a piece of the Earth **GOD** gave to the Jews. They don't want to admit to all of humanity that they've made a mistake of humungous proportions because they don't want to rectify their error of judgment in the sight of the Lord. They shun shame and they defy humiliation. {Welcome to the **CHRISTIAN** club!... They'll embrace you with open arms if you hate all the people who make them feel guilty.}

The Holocaust said more about what the **CHRISTIANS** didn't want to admit about the nature of **GOD**. They should have humbled themselves before **GOD** and asked forgiveness and mercy of **HIM**. And now the *Muslims* are having to face the facts about what they're doing to this world. They'll eventually have to humble themselves before **GOD**, which will be even more humiliating. But if it's any consolation, the **JEWS** will have to do the same. They, too, are guilty of crimes against our humanity. {Welcome to the world club!} Just ask the L.G.B.T+ community. We don't forget a "thing..."

It shouldn't be surprising that most of the Iranians refuse to believe the Holocaust ever happened. They may anticipate their own humiliation before the Lord by looking at the humiliation the **CHRISTIANS** had to go through, and then looking for a way around it. The Iranians deny the Holocaust because they hope to be able to deny their own imminent humiliation for their hatred of gays and Jews. Perhaps they unconsciously think they can put off these aspects of guilt that many in the Far East don't even bother to deal with.

Perhaps they're hoping they can avoid the humiliation that only true believers go through when dancing around golden calves. What an inconvenient truth that is! ⁴⁸

I remember going to an orthodox synagogue, study group where I felt baited by the rabbi to come out of the closet because he spoke derogatorily about a gay issue in Scripture while staring straight at me. And when I did stand up and come out before his Old Testament, study group, the animosity of the JEWS in the room raged to the surface. They told me to get out and pray elsewhere. Such are the things that happen when people dance around the words of Torah like an ancient idol. They don't see how full of feces they are. And Torah is just the beginning of **GOD's** instruction, not **HIS** final **WORD**. They, too, will eventually pay with humiliation. We had 100,000 gay men who died to make America great again. Their efforts will not go in vain.

Idol worship can occur in anyone in any era. And it always ends with the same negative results. There develops a fracturing of the faith in that community and reverberates throughout society. Idol worship is an icy wind that freezes something in those present in the room. The hatred in those who hate produces cynicism of those who love dearly leaves a shill up the spine of every good person.

One golden calf can produce thousands, even millions of Korachs. Every form of renunciation of **GOD** creates another maniac who tries to take his tribe back to a pharaoh they've already escaped from. This isn't a Jewish tendency. This is an Abrahamic propensity and a human predisposition. Don't be cynical. Remain hopeful. But don't "help" your enemies. Model better behavior, instead.

Protect yourself from materialists and hyper-religious nuts. They'll try to drive you to cynicism. Your cynicism will destroy your ability to believe in magic. And your inability to believe in magic will become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

You'll never be able to look back on your life and blame the way it turned out on anyone other than you. Even the sorcerer's apprentice knew he'd been the cause of the mess he made. He couldn't blame the sorcerer or his book of spells for what had happened. The apprentice obviously didn't get all three volumes of the sorcerer's magic.

The wind goes through everyone like the wind went through the golden calf that made it bellow. The shechina, Holy Spirit and tranquility of *Allah* blows through you, too. And you bellow out loud when faced with lessons that force you to choose between GOD/GOD/*God* and **GOD**. You may be able to hear this emptiness inside others. But when you learn to take the Quran personally, you'll hear the wind bellowing through you, too. You'll hear the emptiness inside you, and you'll conclude you've chosen idols instead of **GOD**. You've chosen defiance instead of wisdom, love and devotion. So you must become defiant of your defiance. You must apply the errors of others to you. You must personalize the world's problems. You must see every individual as a mirror brought to you by **GOD** to help you help yourself.

My father wasn't a bad man. He just wasn't an awakened individual. He didn't understand how great a struggle he was in with himself. And because he couldn't perceive

⁴⁸ "An Inconvenient Truth:" 2006 American documentary film directed by Davis Guggenheim {half Jewish} about former United States Vice President Al Gore's campaign to educate citizens about global warming." [Wikipedia]

his struggle internally, he projected it around him to awaken to it indirectly slowly over time. But he never realized how he created more problems than he solved doing it that way. And he never associated his cardiological problems with his bad heart. This isn't uncommon. Each generation becomes a little more aware of this tendency.

Either the fire shall be your "home" or the fire shall burn at home. Either you'll become a spiritual pyromaniac burning people you don't like, or you'll learn how to burn within yourself instead. The fire you ignited with faith that gave you the reliance on GOD, GOD or *God* you've enjoyed until now may now be burning your house down. The "*nether life*" may have made you materialistic and inclined toward the literal in ways you can now no longer control. You may be so fixated on the world around you in some instances that you have no awareness that you have lost some connection to your world within.

The material world is like tinder in some ways, and you're like a living match. If you play with fire without realizing it's fire, you'll, surely, get burned. And if your neighbor plays with fire and that fire jumps over the fence to your house, you'll get burned if you didn't install a sophisticated, spiritual sprinkler system in your home.⁴⁹

Those who desire to destroy the government because it's too big; push gays back in the closet because we're employed by satan; and chain women to the kitchen and/or the bed posts because they're too emotional to be allowed in any other rooms in the house – are terrified if you claim you can put out flames in your house or attempt to help your neighbor do the same. The unstated and unexamined goal of those who are monetarily rich and externally powerful is to keep you believing in that "ol' time religion," even if they're atheists at heart. They don't want you gaining moral control over matters of faith.⁵⁰

*"And when Our messengers brought Abraham the good news
they said,
'We are to destroy the people of this town,
for its people have done wrong.'⁵¹
Abraham said,*

⁴⁹ Think of a spiritual, sprinkler system as a form of self-love that turns on automatically when you overheat with anger and disgust at the way another person is living his life and affecting yours. Think of that sprinkler system as loyalty to a greater cause than just yourself. Because you know that your emotional wellbeing is more important than your moral offense at others' transgressions, you have to recreate the rain that replenishes the land. This internal shower is intended to cool you off, as well as protect your inner home from the flames you, yourself, are inadvertently fanning. This'll keep you from becoming emotionally uptight and spiritually anal-retentive. The anal-retentive, like monkeys at the zoo, throw their feces at those outside the bars of their cage.

⁵⁰ Your faith is a culmination of your thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires. Your faith in you will unify your faith in GOD/GOD/*God*. You don't have to pray in a synagogue, church and mosque to do what's fair (although it wouldn't hurt...).

⁵¹ The good news the messengers brought was the imminent birth of Isaac. The bad news was the imminent destruction of Sodom.

'Lot dwells in it.'
'We well know who dwells in it,'
they replied.
'We shall deliver him and all his household,
except his wife,
who shall remain behind.'"
 [29: 31]

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In Torah, Lot's wife looked back at where she'd been all her life as they were fleeing Sodom, and she was turned into a pillar of salt. In the Quran she's described as the old woman who remained behind. Either way, a moral interpretation for this rendition of the story must be sought.

When you think of the stories that originated in Torah as only applying to you and your kind, you turn Jews into your enemies. The JEWS who do this turn gay-Jews into their enemies. The CHRISTIANS turn non-whites into their enemies. And the *Muslims* turn anyone they feel like into their enemies.

And when you think of the stories that originate in Torah as applying to no one, you turn everyone you personally hate into your enemy. This is what the Russians have done. They may have allowed the practice of Christianity back into Russia, but they still behave like atheists, without a reward after life. We see the same behavior in North Korea, Venezuela and Canada. ⁵²

Salt is a biblical sign of wisdom. Only the rich could afford salt in the ancient world, and only salt could preserve meat. Salt became synonymous with immortality because people could only see the human body as flesh on bones. The preservation of the body after life was achieved by the ancient Egyptians using secret formulas that consisted of fancy

⁵² If you reacted emotionally just now to the idea that Canada is self-destructive, then, by default, you're agreeing that Russia, North Korea and Venezuela are all cut from the same cloth that has huge moral holes in it. Your heart is thinking for you, thus proving that wisdom of the heart is real. Of course, Canada isn't dedicated to destruction and separation. That was just a test.

salts that preserved the meat on the bone, but the concept of preserving the essence of the individual required the spiritual essence in salt: wisdom. This was the secret the Israelites possessed that the ancient Egyptians feared. This was why they insisted on keeping the Israelites in bondage.

In today's world, Lot's wife personifies the wise, old woman who finds herself alone after family life is behind her, and her children have moved on to live lives of their own. She, who questions what it was all for, may ask why **GOD** has made her a witness to destruction of the values she subscribed to despite her efforts to instill them in her children and grandchildren. She may become a witness to community enterprises and family values that have been collectively discarded in favor of the autonomy of individuality, the first step toward appreciating hard-won freedoms. She may come to see the faith-based tradition she leaned on all her life being pushed out of the mainstream into the fringes of society where she finds herself relegated, as well. If so, she then becomes like a pillar of salt, a tower of strength and wisdom that can't be moved. She stands still. She can't budge morally as she watches everything around her come tumbling down. Therefore, she feels quite alone.

Old men and women in every generation have watched the world become so different to the one they grew up in that they feel, over time, more like pillars of salt than pillars of society. As the young speak truth to power, the aged shake their head with doubts. Neither understands the other. Neither can perceive the deeper meaning of their **WORDS**.

*“And Korach, Pharaoh, and Haman!
Moses came to them with veritable signs,
but they behaved arrogantly in the land,
powerless though they were to escape Us:
and in their sinfulness,
one and all,
We smote them.”
[29:39]*

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In the Quran, Haman #1 he was the man who was closest to Pharaoh, who Moses invited into monotheism. Pharaoh and Haman #1 called Moses a sorcerer and a liar and rejected his call to worship GOD. Haman #1 was commissioned to build a tower for Pharaoh, so Pharaoh could make his own way to god.”

Haman #2 was the main antagonist in The Book of Esther in the Hebrew Testament. He was a (later) enemy of the Jewish people during the Persian empire of Xerxes I (486-485 B.C.E.). The Prophet introduced Haman #1 in his retelling of the Exodus. {There was no advisor (Haman #1) to Pharaoh who was mentioned by name in Torah.}

There were those who revolted against the creation of Judaism {Haman #1} and those later who felt they could make their way to god without Judaism altogether {Haman #2}. Neither Haman #1 nor #2 was correct in his assumption. Both stand today for the same erroneous principle that reverts to idol worship and plots that involve enslaving and/or killing Jews.

Judaism is an intrinsic part of **GOD's** designs. We're essential to it, even if we're a very small part of it. We can't be pushed aside as **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* have been doing for millennia. The two of them always end up fighting over **GOD/God** instead. When it comes to matters of faith, "In for a **PENNY**; in for a **POUND**." ⁵³

I can't tell you what **GOD's** designs are. But I can tell you what the *aren't*. It *isn't* a plan that'll tempt or force anyone to convert to another belief system in order to draw closer to **GOD**. It *isn't* a plan where you get to pick and choose who you want to be seated next to you at **HIS** table. We're all guests at **HIS** table. It's not for us to plan the seating arrangements or the menu.

Let's assume, for the sake of discussion, that this surah on spiders is also a reflection on Christian symbolism as an integral part of **GOD's** plan. It, therefore, includes spiders in the symbolic sense of the **WORD**. Let's assume that the shape of the container you have now isn't necessarily going to be a part of your physical appearance after this lifetime. Let's assume that the way you metaphorically move through your lessons will mirror your appearance after your lifetime. If you don't stop thinking with your behind, you may actually end up looking like a spider with a huge bubble butt. Have you taken a close look at the face of a spider recently? I suggest you take a look at a spider face online. It's not a face anyone I know would want to kiss...

Life is like a yardstick. The taller you grow, the greater your reward will be, as measured on that yardstick. I doubt there's going to be one "heaven" and one "hell" with an either/or destination for everyone. It's going to be measured out individually. If you don't grow, you'll get just what you deserve. Would you like to end up looking like a spider at a garden party?

Korach becomes a warning in both Torah and the Quran of what **GOD** has in store for those who wish to defy the wisdom of Moses, the love of Jesus and the devotion of the Prophet. But people are so determined to please **GOD**, **GOD** or *God* that they become people pleasers in order to do so. They become inconsistent, hypocritical and contrary in their effort to please everyone except the deepest, most profound and poignant part of themselves. They either don't question their actions, or they become incapable of taking

⁵³ Once you realize the importance of wisdom {penny} you become even more dependent on love {wisdom of the heart} to transition your conscience into a loyal soul. You're in for a **POUND**.

wiser action. Because they ignore the moral components needed to achieve **GOD** consciousness, they lie to themselves. They turn themselves into spiders. And when things don't work out their way, they say GOD/GOD/*God* isn't fair. I suggest they take a second look at their yardstick.

You must seek to know and love yourself in order to know and love **GOD**. There simply is no other way to believe in the loyalty you offer others if you don't use the Quran in conjunction with Torah and the Gospels.

Your loyalty to Scripture isn't going to be enough. You must know many kinds of hyper-religious people. They're often adamant about their opinions about the past. They have very strict rules about how to live in the present. And they're often superstitious to the point of petrified of the future. They can give their loyalty to others, and even to GOD/GOD/*God*. But many of them can't give their loyalty to themselves. When it comes to their own future, their thoughts and feelings scatter like leaves in the wind. Only those who are increasing their loyalty to themselves through wisdom, love and devotion to **GOD** aren't as worried about the changes their future will offer. They're not cynical. They're hopeful.

*“Those who serve other masters besides God
may be compared to the spider that builds a web for itself.
Surely, the spider's is the frailest of all dwellings,
if they but knew it.”*
[29:41]

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may be compared to the spider that builds a web for itself.
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if they but knew it.”

It's only human beings who see the spider's dwelling as frail. The spider doesn't think so. The spider has evidence to the contrary. The spider believes his home is ideal for the body and lifestyle he's been given. The man who serves his material needs to the exclusion of his spiritual needs will discover for himself the strength of the web he's woven and how it'll serve him when the storms heading his way hit home.

Don't be afraid of spiders. Don't be afraid of people who weave intellectual webs unless their webs are constructed with deceit, falsehoods, hatred or denial. The Prophet is most correct in stating that the spider's is the frailest of all dwellings. Those of us who can use our imagination to shelter ourselves from the storms within are so much more secure in the long run than those who only use their desires to give themselves what they think they want here and now. The nature you have is the nature you get. Marvel at the ability of the spider, or you might end up one. Don't lie to yourself.

The Prophet had his imagination opened by *God* through the spiritual process he called “recital.” He was literally given a cave in which to learn about the meaning of his life. That

cave corresponded to an inner space that was also dark, cold and filled with creepy creatures. There he had the space he needed to explore his being from a whole new point of view. He was, even then, in the modern sense, a citizen of the world.

This makes Prophet Muhammad's book essential to mankind, not just to Muslims. This makes submission to **GOD**'s will imperative if you can do so without submitting to the will of men who weave webs of deceit because they know what's best for you. This makes the Quran a third piece of a spiritual puzzle that you should admire yourself for exploring.

It's precisely because **GOD** gives us no objective evidence for **HIS** existence that our devotion to **HIM** must be secured on the tenuous threads of faith that correspond to the efforts of a spider to build a web. We can't afford to construct our spiritual dwelling on patterns of thinking that aren't strong enough to support our spiritual weight. We can't afford to build an intricate pattern of disparate beliefs that are linked together by conclusions about GOD, GOD or *God* that aren't tied to the same facts.

Reality must be our guide, not opinion. Ideas that are cruel or oppressive; behaviors that are based upon a desire to ridicule, scorn and deride; or the urge to take over the world to validate your unique, penis problem or clitoris conflict – will distance you and your compatriots from **GOD**. Outer reality is for practice in coming to understand your anal issues. No one's butt is any cleaner than the others.

*“Thus, have We revealed the book to you. ⁵⁴
Those to whom We gave the scripture believe in it,
and so do some of your own people. ⁵⁵
Only the nonbelievers deny Our signs.”
[29:48]*

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I have a close, gay friend who's an atheist. He comes out of the Christian tradition, and I often tell him that he's one of the most charitable Christians I've ever met. It irks him to hear it because he has such a low opinion of people of his family's faith. But he should admit he's a good person whose intentions are usually for the very best.

I, myself, am a believer, yet I believed my eyes when they told me I was ugly. I believed my ears when they told me I was unlovable. And I believed my intuition when it told me my bad luck was because GOD/GOD/*God* had it in for me. Needless to say, I had to

⁵⁴ Thus did *God* reveal Torah and the Gospels to the Prophet.

⁵⁵ He's saying that deep down within, the Jews and Christians believe in the Quran. They understand that nothing that powerful, beautiful and magical could be accidental.

reconsider what it means to believe. To believe, you only need to give up cynicism, even when you see ugliness or horror.

GOD isn't punishing me for anything I did in the past. **HE** motivates me with negative reinforcement at those times when **HE** feels sticks would work better than carrots. **HE**'s looking toward my future, not toward my past or my present.

Nowadays, many righteous nonbelievers deny the signs from **GOD**, and many people who affirm **GOD**'s, **GOD**'s or *God*'s signs are horrible human being who want nothing but spiritual regression in order to exact revenge on everyone for them having been born.

It isn't hard for **GOD** to separate out one of us from another. It's only hard for us to separate out the parts of ourselves. But it's vital that we do for the sake of progress. Progress is a view of your inner world that includes everyone who shares the inclusive view of wisdom, love and devotion for all of humanity. Progress increases your self-esteem, making it more difficult for men like Korach to convince you to go back where you came from.

GOD speaks about **HIMSELF** in this passage in the first-person plural {**WE** revealed; **WE** gave; **OUR** signs} to make **HIS** point about the ultimate unification of all hunches, suppositions, guesses, hypotheses, theories and beliefs. **GOD** gave Scripture to Jews; Scripture to Christians, and Scripture to Muslims to indicate that there would be a development in our understanding of the **WORD** so we'd learn to process Scripture in ways that would achieve progress.

*“Is it not enough for them
that We have revealed to you the book
for their instruction?
Surely, in this there is a blessing
and an admonition for true believers.”
[29:51]*

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This world has been created for animal life. Man finds himself in an animal outfit that makes it possible for him to survive and compete with other animals for a share in the bounty of the Earth. But our survival, unlike that of the rest of the animal kingdom, depends on us evolving morally. What sets you apart from other human beings is the degree to which you behave like a human being in the best of ways or an animal in the worst of ways.

*“Countless are the beasts that cannot fend for themselves.
God provides for them,
as He provides for you.
He alone hears and knows all.”*
[29:60]

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HE alone hears and knows all.”

There are many who behave like beasts of burden because they’ve been treated like beasts of burden. And so were their parents and grandparents before them. There are many who behave like they’re in a herd, moving always with the pack because that’s how they were taught to follow their leader. There are many who behave like predators from a pride, and that’s how they hunt for their prey. And there are many who dive underground or run up a tree when the wild cats are out hunting because they were only taught how to escape, not fight back.⁵⁶

GOD provides for all **HIS** human creatures because **HE** wants them to elevate themselves out of their unconscious, animalistic nature to a higher, more “heavenly” nature. **HE** has a plan for each one of his creatures; a unique plan that no one can possibly anticipate, not even the creature involved. **HE** alone hears and knows all.

*“The life of this world is but a sport and a diversion.
It is the life to come that is the true life:
if they but knew it.”*
[29:64]

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A sport is a game you play in which there’s a winner and a loser. A sport is generally played on a team, although there are sports like swimming, karate, tennis and golf that are played with the emphasis on competition with yourself. And there are games that increase your skills, such as crossword puzzles, Sudoku, video games, card games and gambling.

⁵⁶ Needless to say, as the child of Holocaust survivors who weren’t fighters, I was taught how to flee predators, not fight them. But that didn’t stop me in looking for my way to find my voice.

Anything you do to divert your attention away from **GOD** in favor of chance is a way to avoid the moral questions of your life in favor of spending your time playing games. Drinking, drugging, eating, playing games and shopping are diversions, although people try to elevate these activities in an attempt to divert themselves all the more from focusing on the feelings that comes with mixing an exotic drink; experimenting with a designer drug; discovering a new restaurant; watching sports; and finding a sale.

To turn the pursuit of the x^2 factor in me into a mystery I'll enjoy pursuing, I make it a game of sleuth. For me, hide-and-go-seek is the game that best describes the pursuit of me. I see the evidence for my x^2 factor everywhere around me. I see the verbs, but not the noun. I see my desires, but not the person who wants what *he* wants.

Trying to eliminate sports and the games people play has been attempted numerous times by hyper-religious fundamentalists. Music and dance have been declared diversionary tactics by rightwing CHRISTIAN and extremist *Muslims* who felt there was no spiritual necessity for either. Even the ultra-orthodox JEWS seat men and women separately in synagogue to avoid their penises and clitorises from playing games with their mind during worship (as if that hinders anyone's imagination...).

Sex is the most popular sport of all, and the fundamentalists are constantly trying to keep men and women from playing with themselves during prayer. If you're an orthodox JEW, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim*, the problems of penises $\{y\}$ and clitorises $\{x^1\}$ may be most on your mind when you're in your house of prayer since that's what you most abhor talking about with your GOD, GOD or *God*.

But it's not that the rest of us have better things to do while praying. If you don't search for your x^2 factor with **GOD's** help while in prayer and contemplation, why would you expect to come across it by chance? The whole point of uncovering and recovering your relationship with yourself is to draw you nearer to **GOD**.

Keeping people from being motivated by their desires never works for very long. Marriage is a vow to play by the rules, but some men get bored with the game of lust if they can't cheat on their partner from time to time. Keeping gays and lesbians from marrying doesn't change our nature, and it does nothing to reinforce the importance of playing fairly. But it's so much easier for religious fanatics to blame the L.G.B.T+ community for the problems straight people find between their legs and in their home life. Apparently, we're ruining their life and debasing their GOD/GOD/*God*...

Jews nail a mezuzah onto their front door to remind them of the difference between their house and the world; between their inner world and their outer world; their *external* home and their *eternal* home. (We're all born nude. But I think that only those who discover how they're made will return home dressed in all their finery. The rest may go back looking like a combination of the animals they figuratively emulate.)

When a Jewish man gets married or has sex for the first time, he figuratively claims to be ready to learn the reason for the mezuzah on his door at a deeper level of reality, through a new experience that seemingly melds his two worlds into one. This is far from the case. He's as challenged as any gay man to separate the x^2 he's betrothed to from the x^2 he's in search of.

This, too, is a penis problem, one with clitoris undertones. This, too, is about a serpent that loves to get swallowed up by the mouth of a worm. In truth, sex exacerbates the

difference between our two worlds in a magnificent way that produces a hunger called lust. This appetite is so overwhelmingly desirable that men even write poems and songs about it. And yet, this craving is so fragile that it seldom lasts long unless your curiosity is great enough to explore one other person: you.

The more often a Jew touches the mezuzah as s/he enters and leaves her or his home, the more habitual the experience may become. Fingers will easily forget what they're reaching for, or why. You may kiss your fingers before or after having kissed your mezuzah, but not even your lips may always be thinking about what they're doing. And they're even closer to your mind than your fingers...

Thinking about **GOD** as you enter and leave your home is a ritual that ought to deepen over time. If it becomes shallow and routine, it loses its importance. It empties rather than fills the significance of the sign on your door. And over time, signs emptied of meaning through habitual ritual become golden calves. They go from rite right to routine. They go from meaning to meaninglessness; from the mystery of **GOD**-consciousness to the GOD, GOD or *God* consciousness that ends in dancing around what others have been given that you don't have.

The same can be said of your husband or wife. The lust that once brought you together can, over time, become banal if you've become banal. We call this habitualized lust "companionship." But companionship is an art, even though people approach lust as a science. You start out learning about the science of sex. If you're lucky, you continue to discover the art of loving: companionship in bed and throughout.⁵⁷

When people discover their marriage has lost lust but gained companionship, they often don't question what's happening. They react with disappointment instead of curiosity. They may seek lust outside their marriage in secretive thoughts rather than seek a deeper exploration of the meaning of "like" through companionship within themselves. They criticize their partner instead of looking for ways to express their likes by overcoming the habitualized relationship with someone else that mirrors boredom with themselves. Liking the one you're with (your partner) mirrors loving the one you're with {yourself}. Both can become banal and downright unpleasant unless you find more and more personal reasons for doing what you're doing for another person.

Give up on finding love anywhere but inside. Jesus brought love to you alone. Don't share it with a soul. Instead, endeavor to like everyone you're with. That'll keep you busy for a lifetime. But in trying to like other people, you'll come to love yourself. {And that is probably the most profound thing I'll ever have to say.}

Self-sacrifice is a dead end. It'll send you "home" nude, rude and crude. You'll see yourself turning into a frankenstein monster on the outside instead of wholly human on the inside. You'll become a holy combination of the worst of the Abrahamic faiths instead of the best in them.

The life to come is indefinable because each of us is creating our own individual future. Therefore, it's no one's business to define for anyone else how to fill life with spiritual meaning. **GOD** has an uncanny ability of making meaning out of everything we think, feel,

⁵⁷ I recommend a book I've read many times called The Art of Loving (1956) by psychoanalyst and social philosopher by Erich Fromm (Jewish). It may help you discover more about companionship from within.

believe and desire. If we're open to keeping our promises to ourselves, and others, we open ourselves to the possibility of working directly with **HIM** on making meaning out of what was previously mere existence. There are no diversions you can blame on others when you make self-study your primary area of expertise.

*“When they embark,
they pray to God with all fervor;
but when He brings them safely to land,
they serve other gods besides Him,
showing ingratitude for Our favors
and reveling in wanton ease.
But they shall learn.”
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and reveling in wanton ease.
But they shall learn.”

Think about **GOD** singing a song to us, a song with melody, harmony and lyrics. To the extent that you can sing back what **HE** sings to you, you can pass your class in spiritual music. And to the extent that you can sing it out loud, you can fill this world with song.

When **GOD** said, “*They shall learn*,” **HE** was presenting some with a threat and others with a promise. **HE** was talking out of both sides of **HIS** mouth. In describing the process by which people bring other gods with them on their journey, as a child brings along a teddy bear wherever he goes, **HE** was inferring that *their* ends will justify **HIS** means. **HE** was inferring **HIS** first, middle and last names in with **HIS** message.

When GOD presented HIMSELF to Moses at the Burning Bush, HE said, אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה {I-HE-E ASHER I-HE-E: will be, riches, will be} he was implying I AM THAT I AM. i.e. what will be will be determined by how you behave. And Moses got the message.

What the Prophet was stating in this passage was that the people were not getting the message. What will be, will be determined by how you are, not just by how you act. What you do will inform you of who you are. If you want to change who you are, you're going to have to work very hard from the inside out and from the outside in.

There comes a point in time when the child is willing to give up his pacifier, comfort food or the status symbol that reassures him of his superiority over other children. He's willing to motivate himself to do what needs to be done without a god in his mouth to suck

on, the sensation of a god in his belly he's digesting or a god {penis} near at hand to lean on like a staff.

There comes a point in time when a child isn't a child anymore. He's become a very, very young man on the cusp of puberty. His mind begins to think about beauty in a new, personal and utterly private way. He begins to separate brawn {y} from beauty {x²}. He begins to discover the difference between **GOD** and GOD, GOD or *God*. And if you tell him you have the answer to those kinds of questions, the institutions of faith will say that you're evil personified. They don't want you to grow up any more than any parent wants his child to leave him forever.

We understand the need for children to lean on material comforts in order to achieve spiritual goals, but we also know that if they don't continue to evolve into and through this process on their own, they're going to indulge themselves to the detriment of themselves, and others. They're going to show ingratitude for **GOD's** favor, and revel in wanton ease.

*"Those who fight for Our cause,
We will, surely, guide to Our own paths.
Surely, God is with the righteous."
[29:69]*

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WE will, surely, guide to **OUR** own paths.
Surely, **GOD** is with the righteous."*

If you think about the numerous trails up the many sides of a mountain; if you think of **HIS** paths as the seven attributes of fire; if you think of roads as leading to the gates into Jerusalem; if you think of **HIS** paths as the seven levels of "heaven" in Islam – you'll realize there are many paths to GOD/GOD/*God*, even though some of them may no longer be available to you because of your experiences or your time of life. Your options may not be as numerous as they once were. Your world changes, leaving some options, sadly, behind. This, too, is a part of **GOD's** designs.

Judaism, Christianity and/or Islam aren't the only paths up the mountain. Maybe learning to walk through fire isn't something that intrigues you. Maybe Jerusalem doesn't hold your imagination in a holy way. But if you believe in **GOD**, you must believe what the Prophet said in this passage. "*Surely, **GOD** is with the righteous,*" whether they know it, or not.

If **GOD** could give a spider eight eyes and eight legs, surely, **HE** has the ability to give you a greater perspective on **HIS** realm than you may be able to perceive today. Surely, out of all the gates into Jerusalem, there must be one with your name on it. Maybe you just can't quite see it.

Surah 30
سورة الروم
The Greeks

The Greeks are a curious people today because the Greeks were a curious people thousands of years ago. About 300 years before the Common Era, the Greeks were so curious about themselves that they commissioned rabbis to translate Torah into ancient Greek. The Greeks were curious about themselves when the Apostles Paul, Andrew and John preached to them and lifted them out of indigenism. The New Testament was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic {a combination of Latin and Hebrew} and ancient Greek.

So it shouldn't be surprising that one of the surahs of the Quran would be dedicated to "*The Greeks*." And yet, it *is* somewhat surprising that the Greek civilization spanned 1,400 years, from 800 B.C. to 600 C.E. The Greek empire ended with the Muslim conquest of the Byzantine {Christian} Empire in the 7th Century C.E., which coincided with the spread and domination of Islam. That, I find curious!

*"The Greeks have been defeated in a neighboring land.
But in a few years
they shall themselves gain victory:
such being the will of God before and after."
[30:1-2] ⁵⁸*

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such being the will of **GOD** before and after."*

The rise and fall of the many civilizations in and around the Mediterranean has been attributed to **GOD** by the faithful; to mercantilism by the tradesmen; and to scientific exceptionalism by the intellectually precocious. There are many ways to look at Western history to affirm or deny the mystery of your own story.

Monotheism began in the Middle East with the Jews, even though monotheism has since been carried around the world to more than 54% of the world's population. Here are the exact percentages: ⁵⁹

⁵⁸ "The Greeks were defeated by the Persians in Syria in 615 C.E. The Prophet Muhammad's sympathies were with the Christians, not with the Persians. But both sides were so depleted that a few years later, Persia ended up in another war that brought them under Muslim rule." [Wikipedia]

⁵⁹ Statistics provided by the Internet

Religious Groups

Monotheists 54%, **Reincarnationists** 20%, Ethno-religions 10%

Monotheists

Christians 33%, Muslims 21%

Reincarnationists

Hindus 13%, **Buddhists** 6%

Ethno-Religions

Chinese 6.3%, tribal 4%

Non-religious groups

Non-religious and agnostic 11.9%, anti-religious and atheist 2.3%

Jews

1/10th of 1% of the world's population or 0.001% of the world's population. Jews are, of course, monotheists, too. {gay-Jews make up about 0.0001% of the world's population. And yet, until this world is safe for us, it won't be safe for anyone. Apparently, **GOD** sees us as important to **HIS** designs, too.}

*“Lightning is yet another of His signs,
inspiring you with fear and hope.
He sends down water from the sky,
and with it
He quickens the earth after its death.
Surely, in this there are signs for men of understanding.”
[30:24]*

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The correlation of rain with survival; rain with life; and “*water from the sky*” with the mystery of **GOD's** signs – isn't hard to make if you understand the classical elements: earth, water, wind and fire. From a holistic, spiritual perspective there's a direct correlation between the classical elements and the inner forces:

earth	land	thoughts	Judaism
water	sea	feelings	Christianity
wind	sky	beliefs	Islam
fire	spirit	desires	spirituality

In this sense, lightning is yet another of **GOD's** signs. Lightning is the fire we've been able to can; put in wires and send into our homes to power the machines that make our lives so much more comfortable than life was for our ancestors. Surely, the Prophet was correct then (and is still correct today) in saying that lightning should inspire us with both fear and hope. Lightning is a reminder of the flame within us that shocks us with pain and suffering into recognition of the spiritual reasons for having faith.

Death is a form of spiritual drought, but the rejuvenation of life on Earth comes with rain. For those with a poetic soul, it's easy to find faith in the signs **GOD** brings us, in part, thanks to answers science gives us. Science actually compliments religion; but religion rarely compliments science. Ask the Catholic Church, if you don't believe me. ⁶⁰

*“Turn to Him and fear Him.
Be steadfast in prayer
and serve no other god besides Him.
Do not divide your religion into sects,
each exulting in its own doctrines.”
[30:31]*

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The sectarian differences in Christianity divided and formed the three major Christian faiths: Eastern {Greek/Russian} Orthodoxy, Catholicism and Protestantism. These factions

⁶⁰ In the early 17th Century, the great, Italian, astronomer Galileo Galilei was prosecuted by the Catholic Church for observing the “heavenly” bodies and declaring that they didn’t revolve around the Earth. From a scientific point of view, he was right. From a poetic and spiritual point of view the Church could still claim to be right. It’s taken four more centuries for man to acknowledge the propensity for the religious institutions to make themselves the center of the entire universe while science moves us all further from the center of the universe above our heads. The truth that challenges us to account for the differences between our inner world and the external world must be sought. It isn’t going to be handed to us if we aren’t as curious as an ancient Greek to seek it out. Today’s Evangelicals are making the same mistake with Creationism as the Catholics did during the Age of Enlightenment.

caused friction and disharmony in Christianity, and, indirectly, throughout the Western world. Only with the recent peace in Ireland did sectarianism cease between Catholics and Protestants. But religious tensions in the Ukraine between the Russian Orthodox faith and the pro-Western Protestant factions are still causing political turmoil in Europe today within Christianity.⁶¹

Sectarianism is the cause of the friction in the Middle East, not the reintroduction of Judaism in 1948. The excuse that there's sibling rivalry between the sons of Ishmael and the sons of Isaac has never been rational or realistic. This sibling rivalry emanates out of differences in belief that can, and must, be reconciled if peace is to be attained.

Today's friction between Sunnis and Shiites stands in defiance of the message of this passage of the Quran. (*"Do not divide your religion into sects, each exulting in its own doctrines."*) And yet, their Abrahamic older brothers did so, too. And today's infighting between Jews and JEWS doesn't set an any better example.

Israel was struck, as though by lightning, when an ultra-orthodox JEW assassinated the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, Itzrak Rabin, in 1995. July 30, 2015, an ultra-orthodox JEW killed a teenage girl marching at the Jerusalem Gay Pride parade. The impression that the ultra-orthodox JEWS aren't dangerous is a ruse. But they're especially dangerous because they give license to the CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* to behave dangerously, too.

All forms of social denigration and distain create reactivity in the individual that ripples out like concentric waves as when you throw a stone into a pond. The difference is that the religious extremists create ripples they don't realize are setting examples for other immature, little boys to do the same. But the little stones that these boys are throwing nowadays are being ejected by submachine guns. If you wish to enter "paradise" and enjoy the blessings of **GOD**'s oases, you're going to want to grow up and stop being complicit in the murder of innocent beings. In America, you're going to be judged for the murder of the innocent if you're working with the N.R.A. and the politicians paid to support them.

The efforts of Jews and Christians to help Muslims is admirable, but without religious leaders from all three Abrahamic faiths working together on these political problems at their source, in the head, heart and soul of the faithful, the world's problems won't be resolved. The world's problems will simply be turned into financial opportunities that'll create blood money that'll create "hell" for many more.

The problems caused by big business are far older than secularism or psychology. Therefore, these problems must be addressed with **GOD**-consciousness. Those who insist we give people the license to kill because GOD, GOD or *God* gives them the autonomy to do so, will, of course, pay a terrible price for their ignorance and greed. Making money at the cost of others is as evil as killing people with your own hands. **GOD** sees your intentions, and **HE** sees the excuses you've got lined up to defend yourself. I wouldn't expect the rich to be found in "heaven" in any greater number than the poor.

⁶¹ Many prefer to look at these differences as political. I prefer to look at them as religious. Religious problems can only be solved with spirituality. And spiritual differences can only be understood as syndromes.

The Quran begins with the second surah, “*The Cow*.” It continues to describe man like cattle (Surah 6), bees (Surah 16), ants (Surah 27), spiders (Surah 29) and elephants (Surah 105). Do you really think the Prophet is talking only about the natural world? He’s talking to you about *your* nature. He’s warning you about the nature you’ll be stuck with if you don’t mend your ways. A man who is part cow, cattle, bee, ant, spider and elephant would find himself in a “hell” of his own making unless he were able to unlock the secrets of his nature and evolve while he has the chance. This is why the Prophet continually states throughout the Quran that his job is only to give warning.

Judaism is fortunate in so far as we’ve already learned from the **TEACHER** how to live in relative harmony with those in our faith who believe differently from the way we do. I can tell you that my feelings for ultra-orthodox JEWS aren’t fond, in light of how they treat gay-Jews, but I’d never contemplate killing them! I’m quite content to ridicule, scorn and deride them for their exclusionary ways whenever I get a chance.

If you joke about my sex life, I’ll joke about yours. If you ridicule me for what I do in bed, I’ll ridicule you for being so fruitful that you’re multiplying the human race out of existence. But if *I* can’t laugh about my sex life, *I’ve* got the problem. How could anyone possibly imagine sodomy without that thought putting a grin on his face?

But the recent decision in April 2017 of some ultra-orthodox JEWS to try to sacrifice defenseless goats at the Temple Mount is simply outrageous. Some JEWS would love to go back to the animal sacrifice practices of 2,000 years ago rather than face the guilt in their own heart. They’d love to try to do a third time what GOD took away from us twice before. If you want to kill animals, internalize your impulses.

There are utter fools in Judaism. But they can’t be compared to the hateful in Christianity or the disloyal in Islam. Fools, haters and the disloyal venture where angels {beautifully disguised human beings} dare not tread.⁶²

These are the reasons why I advocate for people in the Abrahamic faiths to pray together. When you pray with strangers you learn things you wouldn’t otherwise know. When you learn you grow. And when you grow you prosper. But there’s a great chasm between the prosperous externally and the prosperous internally. Clearly, I’m one of the prosperous internally. Clearly the religious extremists are not.

*“Corruption has become rife on land and sea
in consequence of mankind’s misdeeds.
[He has ordained it thus]
so that they may taste the fruits of their own works
and mend their ways.”
[30:41]*

⁶² The original quote is “Fools venture where angels dare not tread.” It was first written by English poet Alexander Pope in “An Essay on Criticism,” which appeared in 1711. He probably didn’t consciously think he was talking about Jews or that he was comparing himself to an angel, but we get the point. Anyone who used the expression then may have been calling himself a good Christian and the Jew a fool.

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Corruption is another word for cheating (#7) stealing (#8) lying (#9) and coveting (#10). People corrupt one another in order to augment their awareness of their almost constant thefts from themselves. Breaking the Ten Commandments to kill isn’t the only way to bring evil into the world. Cheating ourselves out of wisdom; stealing love out from under ourselves; and lying to ourselves with denial are much more common ways of doing so.

It’s easy to covet something we can’t put into words about ourselves. Only once we see what hypocrites we are by stealing our own inner wealth out of our own hands will we consider how corruption in the political, business and personal realms around us are mirrors that reflect the corrosion and rust of our own mettle.

The corruption on land is the mental abuse you exact upon yourself with obsessive thoughts. The corruption at sea is the emotional abuse you exact upon yourself with compulsive feelings that pollute your heart. What are you then to do when it comes to drawing conclusions about you? Do you really expect this world to look any better than it does when you look at the results of the inner forces at work in those who don’t question their beliefs, or lack of belief?

Stealing from yourself is what the Creation Story in Torah is really all about. The theft of Adam and Eve is a description of the inner theft each of us committed in infancy and have been habitually doing ever since $\{y - x^2\}$ or $\{x^1 - x^2\}$. And yet we maintain outwardly that knowledge of our self will lead to the wisdom, love and devotion we seek. Are we hypocrites or simply fools?

Each of us is a different creation of **GOD**’s image of **HIMSELF** in **HIS** imagination, and each of us is paradoxically, uniquely identical to all others because we all come from the same **SO**URCE. This is why the Prophet made the assertion that men should taste the fruits of their own works and then mend their ways. You can’t make amends for eating forbidden fruit if you insist you didn’t steal it and aren’t still appropriating it from yourself.

When you can use parable to describe your relationship with yourselves, you open yourself up to **GOD**’s designs. You suddenly find yourself walking through the seven attributes of fire without getting as badly burned as you had before. That’s when you realize this world can be like “heaven” and “hell” depending on how you behave toward yourself.

Your future lies in *your* hands, not **GOD**’s or other people’s hands. If you endure your own impatience in getting your needs, wants and desires gratified, so be it. **GOD** has ordained it thus, so you may taste the fruit of your own works and your own ways. If you can’t see what you’re doing wrong, how can you stop it?

*“It is God who drives the winds that stir the clouds.
He spreads them*

*as He will in the heavens
and breaks them up,
so that you can see the rain falling from their midst.
When He sends it down upon those of His servants whom He chooses,
they are filled with joy,
though before its coming,
they may have lost all hope.”*
[30:48-49]

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The Prophet is describing a moral aspect of life using the weather as a parable for **GOD**'s designs. The wind corresponds to the lessons of devotion **HE** teaches through incidents and accidents we have no control over. The clouds correspond to your personal problems that conceal your heart and create shadows over the ground {in your mind}. The reaction of the wind and clouds in your life releases a torrent of unhappy emotion {rain} that cleanse you of guilt, filling you with reasons to feel alive, thereby bringing you more hope for a better tomorrow. Your land is nurtured and you become fruitful anew. ⁶³

Science has given us answers to *how* the forces of nature work, but it's not the role of science to describe *why* the forces of nature exist. That's the realm of spirituality. It's people of faith, not people of science, who don't question the wind and the clouds in the sky which causes the rain to fall down to the ground. It's people of faith who don't question why there's too little or too much rainfall {sorrow} within themselves, and why they should leave science to decide about matters of rainfall around them.

The weather around us should bring up questions about the weather within us. That's fair. It's unfair to blame the weather around us on those you disdain, like blaming the gays for tornados and hurricanes and Democrats for the fires in California as **CHRISTIANS** do. The multiple meanings that come with contemplation of life unleash the imagination of the wild child within. Such irresponsible children are taking over the running of governments, institutions and the military. Do you like what you see?

⁶³ But if you use this parable to suggest that the Jews are trying to take over the planet, you're paranoid and too spiritually ill to be included in the conversation. Seek help!

Until you get in touch with your inner child, you may make a fool of yourself publicly before strangers or, if you're lucky, privately before those who know you well. Take yourself more seriously and you'll discover how to take yourself more personally. If you don't, there'll be "hell" to pay.

*"You cannot make the dead hear you,
nor can you make the deaf hear your call
if they turn their backs and pay no heed;
nor can you guide the blind out of their error.
None shall give ear to you
save those who believe in Our revelations,
and are submissive to Our will."
[30:52]*

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and are submissive to **OUR** will."

My spiritual exploration of this piece of **GOD's** puzzle {the Quran} is primarily for my own personal growth. If my intention were entirely to change the world, I wouldn't need to write down my advice. I could simply convince the world that I'm right by playing the same power games everyone else is playing. But my goal is primarily to change my worlds. I really can't affect how things will work out for anyone other than me.

I throw stones into my own lake and watch the ripples as they affect me. I know the affects at my shoreline are in **GOD's** hands, even if my exasperation with others sometimes reaches a feverish pitch. I know that if **HE** wants my interpretation of Scripture to reach the masses, **HE** can make that happen. And if it doesn't, I'm content knowing the world doesn't deserve it just yet. Maybe some time after I'm dead my **WORDS** will be compared to **GOD's WORDS**.

I'm chagrined not to see many Muslims in sitcoms in the U.S. on TV, only in the news. "The Shahs of Sunset" is the only show I know of that addresses Jewish/Muslim social issues in America. I'm saddened to hear people talk seemingly so knowledgeably about how to wage wars and negotiate peace. They seem to know so little of the beliefs of their enemies. I regret that the children of today will look back on my generation as I did on the generation before me that created the Second World War. Violence seems so futile and unnecessary.

The answers for the first half of the 20th Century seem obvious now. And the answers to the first half of the 21st Century seem even more obvious to me. Since no one is exploring the Quran as I am, and since no publishers are interested in investing in what I'm suggesting, I'm writing to myself and for myself. I need to make peace with my enemies within in my own way. That seems the only way for me to improve and grow.

Fortunately, I don't drink, drug or smoke. Fortunately, I don't meddle with my future by speculating and gambling. Fortunately, I have a wonderful partner with whom I share satisfying sex. But all this is the result of having created a great partner from within.

I'm far too entertained by living in the moment to worry unduly about those things that are far in the future or out of my control. I do what I can and stay out of the results. After more than 67 years of feeling like my brother's keeper, I no longer feel I'm anyone's keeper. Let them keep themselves to the best of their ability. I'm too busy to do more than learn and teach whenever possible. What will be, will be. I have enough faith in that.⁶⁴

I'm a retired ballet dancer/English teacher/business owner who cooks his own food; exercises daily and maintains a normal height/weight distribution. I don't like to masturbate, watch porn or obsess on having sex with other men. It's not that I've suddenly been blinded to the good looks of others. It's that I can't imagine sex being good enough with anyone other than my guy. My external appetites are being adequately sated. Now I can focus all my greed, gluttony and lust on myself and my writing.

Religious life with my boyfriend compliments our sex life. We pray and cum separately, together. And I can say, for my part, that my relationships with **GOD** and my best friend have never been better. I feel like I'm growing closer to the two of Them every day in many ways. And I really wish this intimacy for everyone.

But it all begins with understanding how I operate myself. When I talk to myself, I'm in an I/you relationship. When I talk {pray} to **GOD** I'm in an I/**YOU** relationship. And when I sense I'm getting responses to my prayers, I conclude I was unconsciously speaking to **GOD**, but am now listening to **HIS** responses in the deepest part of my soul that I can access this day. **HIS** responses, however, don't come in words. They come in **WORDS**; abstract signs I had to learn to interpret. These books are a translation of those signs.

The ancient Jewish homophobia that came out of a reaction to the ancient indigenist world doesn't apply to the world of believers we live in today. The fear of idol worship is far enough behind us, and we're close enough to **GOD** that religious **JEWS** don't need to rally anymore around the negative beliefs we once had in common: homophobia, xenophobia and misogyny. We should be able to do better together.

Those **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* who live using the certainty principle are doing the exact opposite. Dogma doesn't interest me in the least. I live with the uncertainty principle, adding certainty to uncertainty wherever it may come. I live with the principle of syndromes, not answers to questions or solutions to problems. The world is slowly becoming more tolerant and peaceful. **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* are having a harder and harder time rationalizing their feelings of victimization.

⁶⁴ If you were to suggest that I'm digging my fate, not building my destiny, because I'm not doing more externally, you're missing the point. The only way to do more externally is by doing more internally.

I can't make the dead hear me. Nor can I make the deaf hear my call, whether, or not, they can see my mouth moving. I can't guide the blind out of their moral mistakes any more than I can convince anyone with his eyes closed to open them. We're all on our own, doing what we can to help one another through this experience in 3D that can be quite baffling.

This was the message of Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad, and this is the message I'm reiterating in my own way to you. You've got to get to **GOD** by yourself. Traditional faith will only bring you so far up the mountain. The last trudge from your base camp to the summit you're going to have to take on your own. ⁶⁵

I'm writing this in the hopes that those who believe in **GOD** will come to believe in **HIS** revelations for all the Abrahamic faiths, not just one or another of them. I'm not a crackpot who plans to end up in a mental institution a third time. Been there; done that! If people don't see the pictures I'm painting with words, it's only because they don't have an imagination developed enough to do so. I can't help that.

It's my job to discover how I can become more submissive to **GOD's** will. I'm not willing to give up my boyfriend, my money or my land in Israel to please anyone, especially not anyone's GOD/GOD/God. And I don't think I'm going to need to. I think I've got a good sense of **GOD's** designs and how I can work within them.

*“God creates you weak:
after weakness He gives you strength,
and after strength infirmity and grey hairs.
He creates whatever He will.
He is the all-knowing,
the Almighty.”
[30:54]*

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HĒ is all-knowing,
the **ALMIGHTY**.”

⁶⁵ What appears to be your summit within is merely as far as you can see today. As you continue to climb, you'll discover your mountain appears to continually grow with you until middle age. And then you'll be privy to see a breadth and expanse you couldn't have imagined before. After that, it's all downhill. And what a trip that is! You'll cautiously put one foot in front of the other, or you'll come crashing down. Going south is such a privilege.

GOD gave Noah the rainbow as a sign of hope. But each of us will discover each and every color in that rainbow for himself, including the black of guilt and the brown of moral filth. The rainbow in your heart may appear after each and every storm by day, but can you see the rainbow in the dead of night or on a really smoggy day? That marks the distinction between those who profess to believe and those who really believe.

For many, life rises to an apex of hope when they're young, and then it begins to descend into despair as they age and approach death. They aren't optimistic or hopeful. They began life emotionally weak. They became emotionally stronger, but only by giving up some of that strength, and replaced it with cynicism, pessimism and scorn. They slide down the slope of their inner rainbow long before they get old. Old age only made their hopelessness obvious.

If you can't find hope in the way life is unfolding in the 21st Century, you don't really know enough about the rainbows you embrace and profess to understand. You need to get out and observe more nature. Colorful are those who care enough to include themselves.

*“In this Quran
we have set forth for men all manner of arguments.
Yet if you recite to them a single verse,
the nonbelievers will, surely, say,
‘You preach nothing but falsehoods.’
Thus, God seals the hearts of ignorant men.”
[30:59]*

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A single verse will tell you nothing about the Quran. Even all the verses of the Quran will leave you in ignorance if you don't use what you've learned from the Old and New Testaments. Today's JEWS aren't nonbelievers. Today's CHRISTIANS aren't nonbelievers. Today's *Muslims* aren't nonbelievers. Yet in their heart, they all preach that the others preach nothing but falsehoods. *“Thus their GOD/GOD/God seals the hearts of ignorant men.”*

Ignorant men are men who ignore themselves; they're not men who ignore one another. The way to overcome ignorance isn't with a college education. As Mark Twain so aptly put it, “Cauliflower is nothing more than cabbage with a college education.” There are all sorts of vegetables out there that are very impressed with the way they've grown; but they're still only like vegetables in a world **GOD** filled with forbidden fruit. The way to become wise is to use your knowledge to question yourself. This is like picking fruit. It

brings up feelings of guilt, resistance and even defiance. But none of us was made any differently than every other Adam. We're just more aware than he was of what's going on in the garden around us.

Heroes ascend out of our inclination to ignore ourselves. Those who take heroic measures ascend to great heights within themselves, whether they can talk about it, or not. Why would **GOD** give you the freedom to control your mind; the liberty to open your heart; and the emancipation proclamation found in all three of the Abrahamic Scriptures to lead you back to **HIM** – except to see if you'd use them? ⁶⁶

We live in the 3rd dimension, not the other two. You're expected to use all three ways {length, width and depth} to make your way through your experiences. If you don't cherish life, it could only be because you disapprove of **HIS** other two religious paths or that you're ignorant of them all. ⁶⁷

Those who don't want an intimate relationship with themselves will scorn you for having one. They'll claim you preach falsehoods because they have no idea where you're coming from. They'll claim length, width and height from which to look down on you. They won't seek depth.

GOD seals their mind, making them think they have to play tricks on themselves to learn. **GOD** seals their hearts, not letting them into a part of themselves, paradoxically, so near at hand. Like Pharaoh, their heart is eventually broken from having become brittle with lack of use. They learn self-pity intimately and secretively, but they develop no sympathy or empathy for others. They have no way of going from bread to wine, from the exterior to their interior. They're stuck outside their own hard heart, looking in. This was a recipe for disaster in the past. This is a recipe for disaster today, tomorrow and forever.

“Therefore, have patience.

God's promise is true.

Let not those who disbelieve drive you to despair.”

[30:60]

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Patience with yourself is the balm that patience with others doesn't attain. You can't move anyone faster than you can go. But you can slow yourself down to move at the speed of **GOD**. {**HE**'s not known for moving terribly quickly...} And yet, when you're impatient,

⁶⁶ The spiritual, emancipation proclamation is “I'm better than I was before.”

⁶⁷ Those who claim to cherish life, while insisting that the Second Amendment can't be touched in any way, have penis problems. Their insistence on gun rights resembles a teenager's insistence on his mother not holding his penis even though he can't yet aim it directly into the toilet bowl himself... There's something perverse about his distrust of her. What could he be concealing?

you get the impression that it's **HE** who's moving so slowly that you you're surpassing **HIM**.

Try not to become despairing of the challenge in being you. Try to see the humor in the ways you distract yourself from your inner work. Many are suffering more than you are, but they have even less idea how difficult it is being themselves. They'd jump at the chance of knowing what you know if they could add it to what they know.

"GOD's promise is true." When you can use a little patience, you can become a little more serious. Being serious isn't a bad thing. It means your soul is deepening.

Your inner infant must be held by your inner child. Your inner child must be given a pat on the back by your inner adolescent. And that young man must hear in words what he's doing right. {That's composure.} Those words must come from your inner, young adult. {That's poise.} And then the mature adult in you must look back on these parts of yourself with the distance that comes with spiritual perspective. Therein lies the secret to patience.

Impatience with women, fat people or the effeminate are clues to your syndromes. Personalize the weaknesses you see in them, and you'll discover the ways in which you're still treating yourself like a man with a hole in his behind out of which is coming all sorts of ugly and embarrassing "things."

Surah 31

سورة لقمان

Luqman

Luqman was a man of wisdom, a sage who was the grandson of a sister or aunt of Job.
⁶⁸ This surah moves away from the man with intellectual knowledge of the big picture {spider}, to the man who uses his knowledge to produce wisdom in his soul. In essence, the south side of the Judeo-Christian mountain is Islamic. And the whole mountain rests upon an indigenist continental shelf. Only when you're curious about the side of the mountain that came to the Prophet Muhammad can you then develop interest in the enormously greater mountain that came through the Prophet Muhammad to us all. The knowledge of Luqman produces the wisdom that comes from a combination of knowledge, love and devotion. This wisdom asks a man to question whether his loyalties are first to **GOD**, man, woman, child or to himself.

Because **GOD** needs nothing from us, it would behoove us to give all our loyalties, allegiances, dependability, faithfulness, fidelities and steadfastness to others. But because people often take our loyalty for granted and abuse our good will, we should ask ourselves whether, when, and how to withhold our loyalty wisely. And because we can't give something we haven't first received from ourselves, we:

1. Produce loyalty for others and give it away.
2. Have loyalty taken from us externally in order to learn to discover what we've lost.
3. Risk giving loyalty again in order to receive it in a new way: more gratefully.
4. Look to see if what we're giving is being in some way returned to us or spread elsewhere instead.
5. Recognize that loyalty emanates out from within primarily for ourselves, not others.

This is so morally difficult and complex an issue that you'll ultimately realize you can't do it without **GOD's** help. Sometimes, you'll see yourself projecting your loyalty onto others. Other times, you'll see it emanate out from within to you and then through you to others. And so, we return to the moral issue of loyalty to our self, and what that means that may be different from love of our self.

Although self-love emanates out of our heart to others, self-love must be perceived in action through matters of brotherhood, community, faith and nationhood. If we don't have external evidence for our self-love, we're left in doubt of our place in the world and our spiritual progress. But since we're so conditioned from childhood to express our love only to those around us, our love only goes so far before we're worn out trying to love everyone we meet. We're often stretched beyond human endurance to love others more than we presently do.

⁶⁸ "The Book of Job is one of the writings in Ketuvim, one of the three divisions of Tanach [Torah {instruction}, Ketuvim {writings} and Nevi'im {prophets}]. The Book of Job addresses the theme of GOD's justice in the face of human suffering – or more simply: why the righteous should have to suffer, too." [Wikipedia]

Self-loyalty is the result of that painful stretch. Our loyalties began with those we loved when we were young. But as we aged, we gradually learned to give our loyalty to our self over some others. Only then do we experience the loyalty we need that we can then choose to share with **GOD**.

Expansion of our love leads to an expansion of our loyalties. Having positive feelings for people we don't know is the consequence of having developed positive feelings for the people we know well.

Sympathy is self-love stretched beyond yourself to those you know. Empathy is self-love stretched beyond yourself and those you know to those you don't know and wouldn't otherwise care about. But pity is self-love finally bestowed in the third-person upon the one who deserves it the most: the s/he in thee.

When you can watch the evening news and shed tears for people you don't know, you know you're becoming empathetic. And when you know you're empathetic, you're moving out of your heart into your soul to explore the meaning of loyalty to all mankind. But that's still not enough to connect with **GOD** soulfully. You're still not ready to pray. You're only able to pray in a predetermined way. Only with self-pity will you be able to pray in a new way.⁶⁹

If you were taught as a child to love those who loved you, you ended up loving them, whether you knew how to love yourself, or not. The heart opens to the external world, which then responds in like kind, filling you with love that pours in from without. This process isn't only ongoing. It's self-fulfilling. It produces an openness and access to more directions love can go in that leads you to believe you're a kind, loving person for more reasons that just because you're sympathetic to those you know and empathetic toward those you don't know. Ultimately, you end up loving yourself simply because you're so sympathetic and empathetic of yourself {pitiable before **GOD**}. This is the first reward in life every good student of life has earned and knows he's earned. When you're worthy of pity in your own eyes, you become worth of acknowledging the pity in **GOD's** eyes.

Jews in the Middle East, blacks in America and the L.G.B.T+ community most everywhere on Earth have had a hard time achieving self-love because of the prejudice, discrimination and distain they feel from those around them. Many have had no option other than to give up on self-love and replace it with cynicism and extreme caution instead.

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The home of self-loyalty lies in the Quran, not the Old or New Testaments, but cynicism about religion has spread everywhere on Earth, especially to Muslim nations.

⁶⁹ I know this process may seem unnecessarily complex and confusing, but don't worry about doing a thing. Just make sure you can intellectually follow my train of thought. The stations where you need to get on or off will be yours alone. Once you're on the right line, going the right way, you can make as many stops as you like in that direction.

⁷⁰ My father used to tell me that he didn't care about anyone other than his family. And I believed him, although I scorned him for it. I knew that was a terribly unfortunate, emotional place to have gotten stuck. If you can only love those you know well, you've only achieved sympathy. Many world leaders are like my father. They haven't been able to push themselves toward empathy. And, consequently, their loyalties come into question by their constituents.

When the Prophet Muhammad spoke about **GOD** sealing the hearts of ignorant men, he was lamenting what he could see had happened to the Jews and Christians and what he worried would happen to his own people.

Nevertheless, it's possible to become wise, loving and loyal to yourself if you believe in **GOD**, even if you're extremely cynical. But if you only believe in GOD, GOD or *God*, your loyalties will always remain in question. Your loyalties will be divided in your head, heart or soul. If you choose to believe in **GOD**, you must choose to believe in all of **HIM**, not just the GOD, GOD or *God* you were taught as a child from one of the three Scriptures.

*“Such is creation:
now show Me what your other gods created.
Surely, the nonbelievers are in evident error.
We bestowed wisdom on Luqman,
saying,
‘Give thanks to God.’
He that gives thanks has much to gain.
But if anyone denies His favors,
God is self-sufficient and glorious.”
[31:11-13]*

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There's an argument you can make that **GOD** is neither wise nor loving, and, therefore, **HE**'s not devoted to mankind. The earliest of these conclusions comes from the flood. For GOD to have been so upset with humanity that HE flooded the world might leave some to conclude that that had been a very unwise decision on HIS part.

For Christians to claim that Jesus personifies the ideal man because HE symbolized GOD's love begs the question whether *tough* love is also love, or whether *tender* love is the only love that can be called “true” love. It begs the question whether mercy and forgiveness can come out of tough love, or whether they're only the product of tender love.

These are good questions because they address the question of *God's* loyalty to man. How can *He* be loyal to us if *He* holds priorities that might conflict with our needs?

Trusting **GOD** depends on seeing **HIM** as wise, loving and devoted to our every spiritual need. If you can't trust **GOD** for that much, you're going to conclude **HE's** working against you when things go materially bad for you or when you feel emotionally unlucky. To maintain your faith, you should expand your faith. But to expand your faith, you need to expand yourself. This makes life a Catch-22 with many spiritual twists and turns that may keep you from seeing what's around the next bend.

This is why the uncertainty principle is so important to spiritual growth. This is why you may prod yourself emotionally to behave in ways that are more appropriate to learning, even if you don't feel the feeling that's best associated with a particular instance. This is why man is engrossed in syndromes but thinks he's got problems.

Out of wisdom comes love. And out of love comes devotion. You can't understand the world around you without perceiving the wisdom of **GOD's** ways from within. For Muslims to believe that *God* is devoted to all of mankind begs the question whether *His* devotion is to everyone or whether *He's* partial to Muslims. It begs the question whether **HIS** devotion is first, and foremost, to **HIS** designs or whether **HIS** designs are more important than what people perceive to be **HIS/HIS/His** design.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims are going to have to embrace the modern era to learn more than they've learned until now. The conclusion that **GOD/GOD/God** is partial to one religious tribe is the presumption that's caused every war on Earth. It's the risk every nation takes when they go to war. It's the same risk every gambler takes when he places a bet.

Adam ate from the Tree of knowledge. That brought not only guilt into the world, but also death. You're that tree of knowledge. You know guilt even if you deny it. And you'll come to know death even if you don't admit it. You've been planted like a seed in a garden. And when you reach a certain point in your understanding of yourself, **GOD** will harvest you from **HIS** garden. **HE'll** figuratively eat you, leaving only your physical peel behind.

Eating the bread and drinking the wine *embodies* the body and blood of Jesus in the Greek and Russian Orthodox Christians. Eating the bread and drink the wine *symbolizes* the body and blood of Jesus in Catholics. Eating the bread and drinking the wine *infuses* the body and blood of Jesus in Protestants. You can embody, symbolize and infuse **HIS** message in your heart without competing with Christians.

GOD will one day consume your spirit in a similar way to how Christians consume **HIS**. It behooves you to decide from day to day whether you're becoming sweeter or bitterer over time. Are you becoming salty or bland? Are you a delectable delight or just bowel in a bread bowl?

So many people seem to worry whether they're hot in bed, but they give no thought to whether they're spiritually spicy in a flavorful way or just a mindless combination of tastes that have been mixed together thoughtlessly. Have you become a savory, mouthwatering dish over a lifetime, or have you become tough, dried out, brittle, pasty or tacky? You're the chef. You decide what you taste like and what you need to add.

When you look at the history of Christianity, you see European savagery let loose through their conquest of the indigenists of Africa, the Orient, the Americas and the Middle East. Not until *God* came to the Muslims in the 7th Century, were the Muslims able to defend themselves from the CHRISTIAN colonization of the Middle East and retaliate with outposts of their own in Spain and the Balkans.

The conquest of the Philippines by *Muslims* in the 14th Century and CHRISTIANS in the 15th Century, and the greater religious domination of the New World by Protestants and Catholics (and even the Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska and California) ought to give you pause concerning the unfolding of **GOD's** design, not whether, or not, **HÆ** has one.

The indigenous peoples of the world today who believe in one of the Abrahamic faiths or spiritual **philosophies** of the world, number greater than 85% of the world's population. And still, the Jews, who were first introduced to monotheism, number no more than 1/10th of 1% of the world's population. Everyone today ought to question whether GOD/GOD/*God* is wise, loving and devoted after what humanity has been through in the past 5,780 years. The more we question **HIS** intentions, the more wisdom and direction we should be able to glean from our communal history.

This brings me back to the Creation Story in which man stole knowledge from GOD. Let's assume for a moment that all of us are spiritual thieves who have something we not only don't want to give back. We walk around with something inside of us with the attitude that we now own it. In truth, knowledge wasn't ours to begin with. Knowledge was given to us by thieves {Adam and Eve} who had no right to hand it down to their progeny, Cain and Abel. Knowledge is a hot {in the sense of stolen} topic.

Assuming we're all thieves who have no intention of relinquishing what we were given and what we've since taken all the more of, we ought to be more, not less, open to experiencing and reflecting upon our feelings of guilt {embarrassment, shame and humiliation}. We ought to be embarrassed when we're by ourselves, ashamed when with others, and humiliated in every house of prayer before our **CREATOR**. We ought to be able to admit we were totally wrong from the start. And we ought to admit we need a deeper understanding of Scripture to help us get it right.

But you can't use Scripture if you aren't a spiritual sculptor. You can't carve yourself like clay if you don't believe you're anything like clay. You can't chip away at your imperfections if you're nothing like stone. And you can't polish yourself if you can't appreciate your veins as though they were intrinsic to the marble of your making.

Do you commend yourself for being well prepared for life's unexpected inconsistencies? Do you commend yourself for being so composed, poised and patient much of the time? You may not be able to change the world around you, but you can respond to it with inner compliments and criticisms that'll improve your relationship with you. This is what self-intimacy looks like. This is how self-love leads to self-loyalty slowly over time. This is what realistic looks like.

You're a work in progress, a sculptor with his clay in his hands. If some unseen force hit your arm and you damaged your own masterpiece, the least you could do is to apologize to your clay. It should be no surprise if you've been in a foul mood for decades. I might feel like unhappy clay in your hands, too, if I were you.

Be nicer to your innermost clay. You're only going to find that you'll dry out, get brittle and flakey if you don't keep yourself moist with regrets and apologies for how you've treated you at times.

A man is, more often than not, in denial of his guilt and defiant when it comes to the most precious possession he has: knowledge. What he's stolen is, after all, the most precious of all his possessions.⁷¹

Man likes to think he can possess people and pets rather than focus his possession on himself. He likes to project his delight in having knowledge onto external places and things. And he concludes that the laws of man will justify his behavior, when, like a spider web, the laws are written with a multitude of devious intentions to catch what some men want.

Without gay people, the one group of people who've been historically rejected and excluded from all three of the Abrahamic faiths, it seems unlikely that any of the three stooges of faith would credit the other two for holding their place in **GOD's** overall designs. Each would continue to insist, as many still do, that they're the stooge that's right while the other two stooges are wrong.⁷²

All men of faith believe in the Creation Story. In that story, GOD created human beings because HE had something in mind HE was withholding right from the start that HE described HE grew on a tree in a garden. Why would HE have tempted man to pick knowledge to begin with by telling him it was forbidden? Why begin the story of faith with a theft if modern man is so advanced that he doesn't ever plan to give thought to the essence of his own creation? The knowledge of Christ's wisdom of the heart and the Prophet's knowledge of *God's* designs to humanity collapse in upon themselves without the knowledge of GOD'S wisdom as presented by Moses.

GOD's designs for today begin with each of us considering ourselves a thief who ought to acknowledge that there's something we've taken from ourselves that isn't ours, something that belongs to **GOD**, even if we believe GOD is wise, that HE loves us, and that *He's* devoted to us despite our transgressions. This is something we should acknowledge rather than just dismiss with platitudes by begging for forgiveness and mercy; platitudes that are often hollow and insincere.

It wouldn't be loving of you to dismiss your own wisdom. And it wouldn't be loyal of you to dismiss your wisdom and self-love. You need all three. The ease in dismissing any of the Abrahamic faiths in favor of the one you happen to belong to is arrogant on your part. And yet the fundamentalists in each of the Abrahamic faiths vociferously make the claim that they have the one and only true faith.

The most difficult spiritual exercise I've had to work out has been self-loyalty. I was so conditioned to seek the approval of those I put on pedestals that I didn't want to put my loyalty to me before my loyalty to them since I'd already put their love for me before my

⁷¹ Dementia, Alzheimer's and other brain malfunctions are so terrifying because they force you to give back the knowledge you've amassed. They rob you of your sense of self.

⁷² Larry, Moe and Curly Joe were the names of the Three Stooges. I recommend you watch a few episodes to see what hyper-religious slapstick looks like when expressed as Abrahamic farce.

own. Putting my spiritual goal of self-improvement before everything else was the only way I could prioritize my efforts without being unfair.

This was very difficult to do because it brought up moral conundrums I had to work out slowly. I couldn't simply excuse, forgive and exonerate others for their weaknesses. I had to use their weaknesses as messages from **GOD** that would motivate me to explore my own. That was the hardest proof of my submission to the *words* of the *Prophet* as presented by *God* in the Quran.

*“Do not treat men with scorn,
nor walk proudly on the earth:
God does not love the arrogant and the vainglorious.
Rather let your stride be modest and your voice low:
the most hideous of voices is the braying of the ass.”*
[31:18-20]

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Although we live in a culture and a time in which we consider it useful and even important to be proud of our accomplishments and speak well of ourselves, we may not yet know where to draw the line when it comes to telling others what they should and shouldn't do. This makes us gossips and meddlers. This makes us think we know the answers to the questions on other people's tests in the school of life. {Sometimes we may. And sometimes we may not.}

We all like to learn if it makes us feel positive about ourselves. But we resent knowledge thrust upon us if it's delivered in a way that makes us feel stupid, excluded or inferior. I'm particularly shaken by new knowledge that makes me feel that I've lost my grasp on reality. I need to feel that I hold reality in my hands.

Having wisdom slipped into my back pocket when no one is watching makes me feel cool. Having it placed before me like in a doggy dish makes me feel cold. Learning and teaching should be achieved cautiously, or they backfire. There should be classes just in learning how to learn from yourself and in teaching you how to teach yourself.

Don't treat people with scorn. Scorning those who know less than you isn't just a JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* trait. It's a universal trait. We behave scornfully when we want to teach people what we know that they don't know. In other words, scorning others is a subtle way of saying that they haven't thanked **GOD** for what you already have. None of us ever has enough. The more you have, the more you need.

Instead of scorning people, I've learned instead to laugh at them inside. I know they're going to be tested by **GOD** sooner or later. I know this because I have faith that **HE** is

everyone's **TEACHER**. And because I know I know more than they know, I'm bemused by what I've been through that others will learn over time.

This doesn't have to trigger scorn or condescension. In fact, if it does, that's a sign that I haven't completed my lessons on that topic. Laughter without spite; a Mona Lisa smile with a gleam in your eye – these are the signs that you've passed the test on the topic the other person has introduced.

So when the Prophet said not to treat men with scorn, at first, I reacted defensively to protect myself with a rationalization for the need to scorn others in order to teach them to awaken. Even though other people's grades aren't going on my report card, and even though there's a **TEACHER** in class who can discern the passing student from the failing student better than I could ever possibly do, I need to do my best to make our classroom safe for everyone to learn. Smiles, not frowns; laughter, not scorn – these are the ways to do just that.

GOD is devoted to each and every one of us. But **HIS** loyalty to the student who wants to help his classmates help themselves is greater than **HIS** loyalty to the student who helps only those he likes or loves. As a previous teacher, that much of **HIS** designs I can easily fathom.

The **JEWS** and **CHRISTIANS** scorned one another for 2,000 years. But thanks to our spiritual ancestors' devotion to **GOD**, we now live in a modern world where Jews and Christians, at least theoretically, know they mustn't scorn one another any longer. We live in a modern world that has recreated the State of Israel and a state of grace between the land of Israel and the emotional and spiritual ramifications for the Israel within Judeo-Christians.

Many **JEWS** and **CHRISTIANS** hold deep-seated scorn for one another and *Muslims*. They want to see Muslims fail so they can pronounce the *words* of the Quran false. But **GOD's** designs are too great for that. When you hear their scorn, you ought to internalize it. You ought to be offended and then saddened by it. You ought to take such insults personally. Didn't we learn from the Holocaust that scorn of Jews only created pain and suffering that the whole world had to endure? Today's scorn of our Abrahamic Muslim brothers is no different.

If I hadn't learned to pray together, learned to learn together, work together and even, in some instances, have sex together – I wouldn't appreciate what our **TEACHER** taught one class that **HE** hadn't taught another.⁷³ If I hadn't been curious enough about what others knew, it would have affected my own grades adversely.

"The most hideous of voices is the braying of the ass." In other words, I'm going to pay a price for being inflexible, obstinate, recalcitrant, scornful or stubborn with myself.

⁷³ Those who have sex together do so for physical pleasure, as well as to awaken the wisdom, love and loyalty in themselves. When I was a young man, I sought to have sex with men who would increase my knowledge of the world. {Perhaps that's why I didn't catch AIDS.} And that, it seems to me, made all the difference.

And the more inflexible, obstinate, etc. I am in terms of brotherhood, the greater a price I'm going to pay. I can't say what that price is, but I can guarantee me that no matter how good I've convinced myself I am, there'll be "hell" to pay if I don't, at least, question whether and where I'm still a hypocrite.

Luqman is the ancient ancestor of every modern man who wishes to use wisdom to construct the foundation of his beliefs. Luqman is the ancient sage who went beyond his thoughts and feelings by accounting for them in his conscience, albeit a conscience that wasn't as developed or soulful as those of some today. Instead of learning new ways to rationalize his behavior before others, Luqman questioned his negative desires. This produced the self-loyalty that makes it possible for you today to *"let your stride be modest and your voice low."*

אִיּוֹב {Job} was an example in Tanach of a man who gave the appearance of wisdom through the benchmarks in society: a life materially well lived and social interactions that lauded him respect amongst his peers. But a man can't just hold external blessings that include, family, friends, political power and social position and consider himself blessed with all of **GOD's** grace. He ought to account for what he's doing to himself in the process of learning about life. He ought to prove that he's not behaving like a hypocrite inside or outside. This requires seeking wisdom, asking good questions and searching for an ever-greater connection to **GOD**.

That, Job couldn't do. When his external world was taken away, his world within began to collapse. He didn't discover what he was missing internally until he lost what he'd had externally. He couldn't rebuild internally on a better foundation until he saw the world around him crumble to dust. That was GOD's, tough love as expressed in Tanach.

*"He that surrenders himself to God
and leads a righteous life
stands on the firmest ground.⁷⁴
To God shall all things return.
As for those who disbelieve,
let not their nonbelief grieve you.
To Us shall they return
and We will declare to them all that they have done.
God has knowledge of their inmost thoughts."
[31:22-24]*

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⁷⁴ Literally "grasps the firmest handle"

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GOD has knowledge of their inmost thoughts.”

When I think about the metaphor the Prophet used to imply grounding {*to grasp the firmest handle*}, the implements with handles in the world around us that come to mind are cups, tools and human hands.

A cup is a container with a handle. A tool is an extension of a hand just by adding a handle. We were given hands in order to grasp life in literal ways. But our hands have figurative extensions as well.

When you can grasp the firmest handle, you can hold yourself. You’re not worried about being possessed by evil spirits. You’re not worried about being overwhelmed by people with nefarious intentions. Your grasp is figuratively firmly held by your penis, for it’s your desires you have most to be concerned about.

Shaking hands with strangers creates a spiritual bond that no container or tool with a handle can give you. And yet, it’s important to remember that the ancient Jews used to grasp one another’s inner thigh {penis} as a sign of loyalty when taking an oath, thus symbolizing a congruity of desires that went beyond anything they sexually yearned for from one another.

This, of course, would be wholly rejected in modern times because we hold that our desires are personal and private. We believe that our **WORD** has the ability to grasp the intensity and depth of our good intentions without having to grab one another’s crotch to confirm this truth. And yet, we have all sorts of sexual epithets to describe people who can’t be trusted because their word isn’t good.

Our parents were figuratively the first firm handle we grasped as a child. But we later learned there were other handles we needed to hold in life, some of them firmer than even the hand our parents literally gave us when we were young. In that sense, our humanity may be considered by some to be our firmest handle. We need other people in order to grasp the meaning of our own existence. But not even people are strong enough at times to give us the handle on life we’re seeking. Idealizing humanity is just another golden calf. If you can’t grasp yourself, you won’t be able to hold onto anything or anyone outside yourself.

Even some atheists and agnostics, in their own unconscious ways, reach out to **GOD**, the **FATHER**, that the well-known gay-Christian artist, Michelangelo, described in his fresco of Adam reaching out with his right index finger to touch **GOD**’s right index finger. **HIS** is the firmest handle in the Christian sense of the **WORD**. **HIS** is the hand that reaches out

for our hand to give us a helping hand.⁷⁵ This was the message Michelangelo conveyed 600 years ago that's still, for some, news today.

The spiritually infantile only know how to grasp GOD's/GOD's/*God's* hand. The spiritually childish don't want to hold **HIS** hand at all. They want to do everything themselves. The spiritually adolescent reach up for something else of **GOD's** they'd mischievously like to grasp instead, only to discover that they become obsessive and compulsive over some other things in life instead... The young adult figuratively raises and then shakes his empty hands in the air with cynicism and frustration, wishing he had what he's missing. And the mature, older adult places a hand on his own heart and pledges allegiance to something he knows in his heart he can't literally touch, hold or grasp.

To **GOD** shall all things return. In other words, that which you've stolen from you still lies in **HIS** hands. **GOD** can lose nothing; nor can anything be taken away from **HIM**. **HE** can only allow you to have what you want from you, or not.

The knowledge I give and receive from me must be judged on a daily basis for the wisdom, love and devotion with which I use it. But even I know that holding on to me can't be done successfully without reaching out to **GOD** for a helping hand.

I can't believe in **GOD** if I can't believe in me. I can't love **GOD** if I can't love me. And I can't be devoted to **GOD** if I can't be loyal to me. I am the alpha and omega of my life.

Just as there's a transformation of guilt in us all {embarrassment is transformed into modesty; shame into humility; and humiliation into grace} – applied knowledge must be transformed into wisdom, love and devotion to create pure knowledge. Life is easier and harder than it looks for those who are passionate about using their life to learn how to be good to themselves.

*“As for those who disbelieve,
let not their nonbelief grieve you.
To Us shall they return
and We will declare to them all that they have done.”
[31:23-24]*

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let not their nonbelief grieve you.
To **US** shall they return
and **WE** will declare to them all that they have done.”*

⁷⁵ Although depicting images of GOD is frowned upon in Judaism, and graven images of *God* are forbidden in Islam, Christianity offers pictorials about GOD I can use to grasp **HIS** full intentions even if I have to recreate their images in my imagination. **GOD** knows, no one can turn off a good imagination!

Here again, the Quran answers questions that Judaism poses and Christianity ponders. We're all disbelievers in so far as we take what we know for granted. We're all unconsciously increasing our knowledge day-by-day without questioning what we should do with our feelings. The Quran suggests that the knowledge and feelings we have will be judged in accordance with what we've done with them to better ourselves. *"To GOD shall they return, and HE will declare to them all that they've done."* [Quran 31:24]

But if you don't know how to operate your head, you won't do well operating your heart and soul. Take for example the thoughts you have about what you think others are thinking about you. This is your mind's way of looking at you through someone else's eyes. This is your way of feeling negative feelings about you that you wouldn't otherwise feel. This is a combination of your head and heart working together to get you to consider other points of view that you might not have otherwise considered.

Unless you can consciously access your soul, where you can explore your thoughts and feelings from a morally, independent perspective, you won't have enough information about how you operate to operate yourself successfully in all instances. Would you drive a car with one eye closed, without mirrors or without a windshield? The Quran is vital to your moral wellbeing.

It's not enough for me to strut about with foregone conclusions about my relationship with your GOD/GOD/*God*. Assumptions about guarantees that one faith have given me are useless by themselves. If I decide to use my body like a bomb to blow people up, that's a decision based on knowledge I have of *God*'s designs for which I expect to be judged as loyal, even if what I've done wasn't loving or wise. If I decide to use my gun to kill people, that's a decision based on knowledge I have of GOD's designs for which I expect to be judged as loving, although my actions aren't loyal or wise.

Using my head to trick people into spending their money to enrich me; or using my heart to trick people into loving me for reasons that aren't earned; or using my body and soul to hurt people – are just bad uses of my desires for which I should expect to be judged very harshly.

Muslims have a lot to learn from Jews and Christians, but I don't want to boast about what I know just because I happen to be a gay-Jewish outcast of the Abrahamic faiths. Pride is my worst vice, and pride is my greatest virtue. Decide for yourself how you plan to behave. Let you be your own judge.

The L.G.B.T+ community scorns the three Abrahamic faiths behind their back, as straights do with one another behind our backs when they call us perverts and ban us from praying with them as we are. The fact that the three faiths still have the audacity to scorn us with derision, prejudice and violence is only more evidence that they're not yet ready to learn from the greatest tutors the **TEACHER** has ever sent on how to love their fellow man as they love themselves. That, too, I presume, will cost them in the long run. The moral mediocrity of some straight people is becoming more evident all the time. Expect things to get a lot worse if they don't get a lot better faster.

Just because the Constitution guarantees us the pursuit of happiness doesn't mean there isn't anything greater to reach for in life. If you're having problems learning from African Americans, Jewish liberals or women, do you really think you should be scorning gays on top of all that scorn? What makes you think any of us deserves to be the butt of your jokes?

Do you really think anyone's pursuit of happiness will more likely be achieved by putting people down?

It's only through the metaphor of life as a school that any of us is going to progress. It's only in class with classmates who want to get "a head" that I learned to show my work; correct my mistakes; and work my way through harder and harder lessons. When I use the abilities I was naturally endowed with, and when I proudly show the **TEACHER** the skills I taught myself – then I always find myself in better positions to move on to harder lessons. I don't expect to graduate with honors without the school of life getting progressively harder. In this way, I've discovered the difference between the men and the boys. And that has nothing to do with the size of my penis or where I choose to put it.

When I discovered the difference between the man and the boy in me, I was suddenly appalled to discover that I'd been attracted to and sleeping with people who were biologically legal, but emotionally and spiritually grossly underage. Not all perverts literally have sex with children. Some perverts are consciously looking for sex with people who are emotionally or spiritually much too young for them. And that brought me new, personal meaning to the **WORD** "abomination."⁷⁶

Everyone wants to claim to be the tallest tree in the grove, but few want to do the hard work of growing through the wind, sleet and snow to branch out admirably. Everyone wants to know more than everyone else, but not everyone wants to suffer through learning about himself to make a difference that no one else may see. I suppose we all take the attitude at times that no one could possibly know more about us than ourselves. But then we may do little to prove it.

The Jews in America fought *against* slavery during the Civil War. The **JEWS** in America fought *for* slavery during the Civil War. The American **JEWS** thought that slavery was fine, so long as Americans adhered to the laws given by **GOD** in Torah concerning the owning of slaves. The American Jews argued that slavery was an abomination under any and all circumstances; that it must be abolished entirely. Today, I'd say that I'm the owner of one slave whom I'm doing my best to emancipate.

Today, the Jews argue that homosexuality is permissible if the **L.G.B.T+** community adheres to all the laws straight people adhere to. The **JEWS** argue that homosexuality is an abomination under any and all circumstances; that the **L.G.B.T+** community must be separated as inferiors in **GOD's** eyes. In Israel, the **JEWS** resist the move toward marriage equality while the Jews are doing their utmost to include us in every way.

CHRISTIANS understand and agree with the **JEWISH** moral connection between slavery and homosexuality as **GOD** given. Christians and Jews understand that we're all striving for a happy union with ourselves. I haven't heard much yet from Muslims to give

⁷⁶ Traditional believers in the Abrahamic faiths believe it's an abomination for a man to sleep with another man. Modern man believes that's far less grievous than breaking any of the Ten Commandments. Modern man believes some abominations should remain between the individual and **GOD** alone. These become penis problems and clitoris conflicts that we all hold in our own way until we discover our individual anal issues. But until you admit there's a hole running all the way through you, you're probably going to insist that you're different and special. That's really dense!

me the impression that their moral evolution has advanced enough to appreciate these issues without denigrating Israel at the same time. If you're Muslim, speak up!

*"If all the trees of the earth were pens,
and the sea,
replenished by seven more seas,
were ink,
the words of God could not be finished still.
Mighty is God,
and wise."
[31:26-27]*

"If all the trees of the Earth were pens,
and the sea,
replenished by seven more seas,
were ink,
the WORDS of **GOD** could not be finished still.
Mighty is **GOD**,
and wise."

Without the main metaphor of Moses, this passage couldn't be fully unpacked. When you see yourself as a tree and your mind as your pen, and when you see your heart as the seven seas of emotion – you're not just swimming in a human body filled with biological liquids – you connect the world around you to the world within. Then you can envision writing out a message to the world with your pen, using your emotions as your ink.⁷⁷

This is the essence of the metaphor of Judaism and the symbolism of Christianity reconstituted in the Quran as a simile. Man has been given a mind that is like a pen filled with a substance that's *like* ink that he manufactures in his heart. And the world is *like* a piece of paper on which he writes the meaning of his life with feelings made manifest by his desires. He need only look at his desires consciously to anticipate what he'd like to write next.⁷⁸

It's only when you combine the Abrahamic faiths that they make any real sense at all. The atheist who claims the believers are all insane and unreasonable is, in a way, correct.

⁷⁷ Most men partially understand this metaphor. They see their heart as their inkwell, but they see their penis as their pen. They scribble on people. They're little boys who think very highly of themselves because they have a crayon in their hand and someone to doodle on.

⁷⁸ When I watch some pundits on TV talking about politics, I can anticipate what they're going to say by their political affiliation alone. Their desires are spelled out by the company they keep. This is why such pundits have little to offer me morally. They're motivated by loyalty to their tribe without much else to speak of. This is the meaning of a "yes" man. I prefer a "know" man.

It's only the true believers who can add $1 + 1 + 1$ {Judaism + Christianity + Islam} to arrive at the correct answer {1}. Only they can prove to me that they're sane. Only they will make their way consciously before **GOD**.

*"You were created but as one soul,
and as one soul
you shall be raised to life.
God hears all and observes all."
[31:28]*

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and as one soul
you shall be raised to life.
GOD hears all and observes all."*

In Judaism, some rabbis talk about man and woman as half-souls that come together to make one soul. But the son they create may come to feel that he's diminished because he's less than his father because he's part female. And the daughter they create may come to feel that she's diminished because she's less than her mother because she's part male. All men and women struggle to believe that everyone is one soul even if they believe they've been created by two half-souls that made one. And so men and women often come together to try to create oneness by making a baby, and then that baby grows up to repeat the process. What futility! *"You were created but as one soul,"* but only if you're consciously aware of that. *"You shall be raised to life"* if you understand life.

When you look at someone and determine that he's male, you expect to see certain culturally determined proofs that that person is aware of his y chromosome and can display it in socially appropriate ways. And the same can be said of someone you perceive of as female with her x¹ chromosome.

But when you meet someone who's sexually ambiguous, questioning or who challenges the gender norms of that society, it may make you feel that you want to know if that person is biologically male or female. That yearning isn't about them. That urge reflects an uncertainty about what makes *you* feel like a man or a woman. See if this mathematical depiction helps:

Gender

	External		Internal
Male:	y	+	x^2
Female:	x^1	+	x^2

Sexual Attraction

Straight	y {male}	+	x^1 {female}
Gay	y {male}	+	y {male}
Lesbian	x^1 {female}	+	x^1 {female}

A happy and successful union with another person:

$$x^2 + x^2$$

What makes a relationship successful is the complementarity of two people's inner worlds. Two people who love one another can be described as in an $x^2 + x^2$ {soulful} relationship. The Prophet is implying that the question of the oneness of humanity is mirrored in the ONENESS of **GOD**. But you can't achieve oneness with another person or **GOD** if you haven't first achieved it within yourself.

For this, most of us look for a relationship with another person that will teach us more about ourselves. Only with ONENESS from within can you share that sense of oneness with anyone on your way to discovering your ONENESS with **GOD**. This is what $x^2 + x^2$ looks like.

But even this depiction of a romantic relationship is far from adequate because we don't know ourselves well enough to anticipate many of the problems that can occur over time. A rigid society in which people can't divorce for legal or economic reasons doesn't solve the mystery of x^2 {self-discovery}. It only exacerbates it as a problem. Therefore, the theoretical, spiritual goal that each of us must reach for is individuality. And this is a goal, paradoxically, we must all help one another reach for together.

To be raised to life infers that we're born experientially low and slowly raised up over a lifetime with experience that informs us with knowledge. It suggests that this ascent takes us up through new experiences from which we grow. It's the duty of those who have more knowledge to reach out and lend others a hand in the form of modeling righteousness. It's our response ability that makes it possible for us to become a firm handle that others can grasp if they're so inclined.

"GOD hears all and observes all." Therefore, we must use our ears and eyes to hear as much as we can and see as much as we can within our self { x^2 }. We must listen to the monologues we create for the actors we hire who perform certain roles on the stage in our mind. We must force ourselves to turn these monologues into dialogues. And we must bring even more actors on stage to turn those dialogues into open-ended conversations. This is the personalization of talk therapy.

The more we can use the world around us to reflect upon our perception of our self, the more we can come alive; come to know **GOD's** designs for us; and do what we can to make this world a better place in the future than it was for an elite few in the past. In this way, you can solve for x^2 in your own way and communicate from your soul.

*“You people!
Fear your Lord,
and fear the day when no parent shall avail his child
or any child his parent.
God's promise is, surely, true.”
[31:33]*

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and fear the day when no parent shall avail his child
or any child his parent.
GOD's promise is, surely, true.”*

When parents turn their children into projections of their inner self, they lose touch with their own inner world; their x^2 ; their soul. And when children turn their parents into projections of their inner self, they do the same. Sadly, many children grow up to have children and then compound this problem, turning it into a syndrome that society has to solve en masse.

But because every society is composed of one dominant faith, everyone is left wanting. Over time, the whole society may become depressed, frustrated and in denial of aspects of reality they need to explore. They may resort to sanctioned, external comforts such as certain foods, drinks or drugs to soothe themselves. In some societies, many become atheists or agnostics to avoid greater conflicts within themselves. They may give up looking for **ONE GOD** because the **GOD/GOD/God** of their society has let them down. They become cynical and hopeless because that's the only conclusion they have left to come to. Such are the sociological mistakes that lead to national disasters and world wars.

When you can raise your curiosity about the way you think, you can watch your thoughts, as you can imagine **GOD** would. You can observe your feelings as you can imagine **GOD** would. And you can scrutinize your beliefs as you can imagine *God* would. By having separated your ideas about **GOD/GOD/God**, you're then free to separate your inner forces. By uniting your ideas about **GOD**, you're then free to unite your inner forces. And by doing so you develop a vibrant imagination.

An inner **ONENESS** with **GOD** is easy to describe, but hard to create in yourself with yourself. It requires that you use your imagination like a tabernacle, a baptismal river and a cave with a fire within it. It requires that you go within to that place where thoughts contained by one inner actor interact with other inner actors. This changes your play. This moves you from one scene to another with a new script in a fresh, new light. This makes

you the playwright of your own production. This makes it possible for you to look at the characters of Lot, Job and Jonah as creations by playwrights who were inspired by GOD to influence and magnify your impression of yourself.

The inner spot figuratively under your breastplate is your cave in your mountain. It's the tabernacle with inner walls you must penetrate with WORDS spoken to yourself through the voices of many actors, and consciously spoken simultaneously before the Lord.

This is the inner, second Temple where Jesus prayed, upon which Muslims built a mosque from which you now peer at that which happens within you. This is the inner, Temple Mount where all you believe today moves out of you and up to our Lord. This is the spot in your inner world you'll be excavating like an anthropologist of the soul all your life. This is the **ROCK** upon which the foothills of your mountain range rests. This is the way in which **GOD** makes **HIMSELF** known to all three of the Abrahamic faiths, in successive appreciation of one another.

The Black Stone of Mecca, or *Kaaba* Stone, is a Muslim relic, which according to Islamic tradition dates back to the time of Adam and Eve. It is the eastern cornerstone of the Kaaba, the ancient sacred stone building towards which Muslims pray, in the center of the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

The rock in Mecca is not the same as the rock in Jerusalem. The rock in Mecca is the external foundation upon which Islamic faith in *God* rests. The rock in Jerusalem is the internal foundation upon which all faith in **GOD** rests. You can see now why CHRISTIAN and *Muslims* have been secretly fighting over Jerusalem for millennia. Even the JEWS are still fighting with the Jews over this rock.

In this holiest of holy places {**ROCK**} that you can only access with your imagination, everything you say to yourself is something you honestly and sincerely believe, or a part of you'd never have said it. And everything you perceive yourself saying in gesture or silence is something you may be refusing to say to yourself verbally because you're surreptitiously hiding it from you in fear of what you {or **GOD**} might think of that opinion.

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Herein, lies the wisdom that originates from this Surah on Luqman. This is the wise view of the interconnectedness of humanity that makes the Abrahamic faiths dependent on one another for spiritual sustenance. There's no way anyone could ever achieve an understanding of this aspect of **GOD's** designs without the help of loving and supportive voices within that understand you better than you realize.

With this kind of opening up to yourself comes an embarrassment before others you never realized you felt. It's a nudity in public you experience privately. It's not shame at your behavior that others judge, or humiliation before the Lord. It's the lowest level of guilt

⁷⁹ The habitual gestures and signs we use to communicate to ourselves may not be because we disapprove of our opinions, but because we want to reassure ourselves of them. I, for example, have a habit of touching my nose when I want to convey my agreement with some conclusion I've come to.

{embarrassment}. And it happens within you with you alone. You're just a human being created by **GOD**.

Your love is "heaven"-bound and :heaven"-sent. Your ability to teach yourself to love you better will make it possible for all the actors in your mind to contribute to your development without excluding any actors because of his faith {Jew} or lifestyle {gay}.

The desire to fight to the death for one belief system is inherent in some men because they're too afraid of sharing their penis with an inner actor they can trust and make peace with. They need instruction to learn do so. They need to be retold about the birds and the bees. So long as they're afraid of sharing their penis with one man, they'll be afraid of all men, especially those strangers entering and exiting "heaven" through different gates.

Surah 32
سورة السجدة
Adoration

Now that you've completed Surah 31, which I subtitle "wisdom of my soul," you're ready to consider the importance of adoration as an eternal feeling of thankfulness you can appreciate as emanating out from yourself. Adoration of the Lord is something you approach personally. Otherwise, you may just end up becoming servile to others and obsequious in your relationship with your present understanding of your Lord.

A tree of knowledge {male} can't love a tree of life {female} and thereby hope to transfer that love directly to GOD. He must learn more about the love of the one man who's the great mystery in his life: himself. And the same goes for a woman. Even a Jewish, Christian or Muslim male who professes to love his GOD, GOD or *God* purely, knows he must come to know, love and express his devotion to himself before he can bestow it on anyone else. He knows there isn't a puppy or plant on the planet that doesn't play a part in his redemption.

It was adoration the Israelites imparted on the golden calf they created with their own hands. That's why GOD must have forgiven them for it. HE anticipated that the course of knowledge ne'er would run smooth.⁸⁰ Once you move through the self-adoration of your infant for itself; your inner child for candy; and your adolescent puppy love for others – you're ready to share your projection of your love onto other human beings and nature with yourself.⁸¹

Moving into this projection can take days or decades. Many seem to fail to consciously approach this projection at all. It's all about intention. The question is what you really want to know about GOD's love and how to connect that to HIS wisdom and *His* devotion to you.

*"This book is beyond all doubt
revealed by the Lord of the universe.
Do they say,
'He has invented it himself?'"*
[32:1-2]⁸²

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revealed by the Lord of the universe.

⁸⁰ Shakespeare: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Act 1, Scene 1

⁸¹ It's too easy to love animals and plants and rocks instead of people. You'll only participate in destroying the environment unless you intermix your loyalty to yourself in with your love. You won't have anything of value to donate to the world if you can't first see it in you.

⁸² They looked at the Prophet Muhammad as a cult leader who invented Islam. They didn't see him as a spiritual continuation of a conversation GOD was having with humanity.

Do they say,
‘He has invented it himself’?”

I don’t believe the profundity of the Quran can be fathomed without fathoming the many aspects of myself. I don’t think I can love life any more than I can love me. I can’t be loyal to life any more than I can be loyal to my quest for knowledge about me. This pronouncement isn’t a trick created with fonts. This is a subtlety of reality that’s beyond all doubt revealed by the Lord of the universe. If I can’t find the truth in the Quran, I’ll never find it in Tanach, the Bible or in me. If I become so terrified of *Muslim* terrorists that my disdain for them bleeds over into all Muslims or it inures me to all things Jewish and Christian, I’ll become incapable of controlling the effects of my heart on my conscience.

Judaism had to learn how to protect itself from Christianity, and Christianity had to do the same with Islam. But there’s no reason for us to reject the other faiths if you find good reasons to learn from them through self-discovery. Of course, the RABBIS, PRIESTS, PASTORS and Ministers in the past insisted Muhammad invented Islam. What else would they say to maintain their ego in the face of a ^{GOD} who might reveal more to a non-Jew

through the name of *Allah* than **HE** had through the names Y.H.V.H. and Jesus?

When I achieved conscious awareness that my thoughts were figuratively being formulated in a metaphoric cave in a mountain, I perceived for myself that the Prophet didn’t invent Islam. **GOD** invented Islam, using **HIS** last name. But that doesn’t mean, as many *Muslims* insist, that this name will replace **HIS** other two names. It simply means *Allah* is **HIS** last name, just as you’re called by your first, middle or last name by various people in your life.

In this country, women sometimes change their last name when they marry or remarry. Sometimes they choose a hyphenated name that includes the family name of their father and their husband. Sometimes children are given hyphenated last names that include the family name of both parents. “Surely, in this there are conspicuous signs.”

*“Surely, it is the truth from your Lord,
so that you may forewarn a nation
whom none has warned before you,
and that they may be rightly guided.”*
[32:3]

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whom none has warned before you,
and that they may be rightly guided.”

GOD's names are open to interpretation and arrangement. "What's in a name? That which we call a ROSE/ROSE/*Rose* by any other name would smell as sweet."⁸³ Therefore, the morality inherent in each of **GOD's** names must be arranged and rearranged in order to find the most moral order to create the WORDS we need to guide us. We can't know for sure when to let our head, heart or conscience be our guide. It takes experience and practice to behave better today than you did yesterday. And the same can be said of tomorrow. Life can sometimes feel like a very long test in a very hard school.

We're now living in a time when Muslims need to forewarn each and every nation on Earth what matters of their faith are doing. It's not enough for Christian nations to come to the aide of Muslim nations or to the aide of Muslims in Christian nations. Now is the time for Muslims to help themselves by modernizing their faith despite where their *God* planted or transplanted them in this world.

Now is also the time for JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* to learn from their Abrahamic brothers how to follow in the footsteps of the first, Abrahamic man: Abraham. The fear that the Iranian Shiites will consume Islam and the fear that the Sunni Muslims of Iraq and Syria will overrun Islam is like the fear that one mountain will overshadow another. It's an illusion that comes only at certain times of day.

Which of the Islamic mountains is the true mountain? None of them! The true mountain has a Jewish base and a Christian summit. The true mountain is the mountain that sits upon the indigenist, continental shelf. The true mountain is the mountain the Muslims are learning to fly over so they can get a modern worldview of their own faith from the sky. Come down the south face of the mountain and you'll find the Prophet Muhammad waiting for you at the end of your climb.

Adoration of ourselves can't come when we're fighting shadows in an effort to decide which mountain in our imagination is bigger and better than all the rest. Only a breastfeeding infant thinks about things like that. A grown man is expected to use his mind with a more expansive view on what's before him.

Are the wars in the Middle East merely contests for female chests with full breasts? Which faction would you like to see win the prize for size? I maintain it's just the length of men's silly, little penises flopping around without them being able to do much about it. I maintain they're infants that are still being held in their **MOTHER's** arms. (I've seen enough Muslim penises to know what makes them special... And, I assure you it's not their length or width. It's the soul of a man that makes his penis ordinary or distinct.)

The soul of Islam can't be found below your belt. It's an obscenity to even go there looking for revelations. It's a projection of a jealousy and hatred that has nothing to do with other men. It's a loneliness every man has to fill by himself.

The man who thinks there's so much below his waist that he has enough for two or more people is thinking with his penis. And he'll end up discovering a hole that goes all the way through him. He'll find out that there's a vacuum, a hunger, that he needs to fill. And what he fills it with will make all the difference.

My guilt at the size of my thighs; my guilt at the length of my legs; my guilt at the girth of my chest, the bulge in my arms and my potbelly – these are all projections of my penis.

⁸³ William Shakespeare, "Romeo and Juliet," Act 2, scene 2.

These are all shadows I cast onto my own mountain at certain times of day. Life would be one long day without shadows or night without light if man weren't consumed by guilt at those times that are unique to him.

*"It was God who in six days
created the heavens and the earth
and all that lies between them,
and then ascended the throne.
You have no guardian or intercessor besides His.
Will you not take heed?"*
[32:4]

*"It was **GOD** who in six days
created the 'heavens' and the Earth
and all that lies between them,
and then ascended the throne.
You have no guardian or intercessor besides **HIS**.
Will you not take heed?"*

When I acknowledge the **ONE GOD** who created the world and that all life on it has been brought to us under three holy names {as well as Anonymously}, I see myself fighting over individual desires, not Israel, whether, or not, GOD had a SON; whether, or not, I think the Sunnis or Shiites are the greater Islamic power in the Middle East.

When I realize my parents can't get me out of the mess they got me into, I don't look to the past to solve the problems of the future. This is a problem for well-educated, young people of all faiths and **philosophies** to solve. This is a problem men who are consumed with other people's anal issues aren't going to be able to handle. A hole is a sign of something missing you need to fill yourself. All your appetites are telling you this. I'm telling you, too.

*"He governs all from heaven to earth.
And all will ascend to Him in a single day,
a day whose space is a thousand years by your reckoning."*
[32:5]

*"**HE** governs all from 'heaven' to Earth.
And all will ascend to **HIM** in a single day,
a day whose space is a 1,000 years by your reckoning."*

We need everyone's knowledge and experience to solve today's problems. But each of us should apply all that he knows to the problems he has to solve for himself. We all extend

the metaphor of ourselves as a tree; we all expand the symbolism of ourselves as a container; and compare and contrast our challenges to all the abilities others have. A ditch-digger can become a genius if he shovels ideas from one part of his mind to another using the determination and dexterity with which he's trained his body to move dirt.

When we all come to realize that the Prophet was speaking about subjective time when he stated that a day would take up the space of a 1,000 years, we'll speak more respectfully about our struggle to live in objective time. Space and time will become four topics of discussion {inner and outer}. And teaching our inner child to contribute subjectively and objectively will become a communal challenge.

My plight with the dead didn't end when they died. In my heart, my ancestors are still crying out from the grave for me to solve the world's problems they inherited but couldn't solve. The dead won't rest in peace until the living work in peace. But the living won't work in peace until they work for peace within. And that won't happen until we admit we were created by and are serving the same Lord.

Facing your final exam lies in your hands. Death is a required course in the school of life. Nobody leaves this world without enrolling in and passing this class. Most of my worries about the dead and honoring their wishes lie in my angst in passing this class in which 6,000,000 students are figuratively sitting beside me, looking over my shoulder at every answer I write/right. Nobody fails this class, but nobody can claim to take this course more than once, either. Nobody knows everything.

Why would anyone kill anybody for any reason? Why would anyone behead a man who holds a different opinion or cut off his hands for stealing? Would removing his head change his opinions? Would removing his hands end his urge to grab for more? Those who rail like an infant to get what they want will make their way through spiritual adolescence until they graduate spiritual high school and admit that this world really is like the schooling they attended earlier in life.

There are no spiritual shortcuts. You can lead a "horse" to water, but only the "horse" can know whether it needs to take advantage of the situation and drink. A "horse" will simply buck and bray without understanding what you're trying to do for it. Use everything in the outer world to make sense of everything within.

You can crisscross time in your mind. You can move forward or back a 1,000 years in a moment if you use your imagination. But it's in your imagination that your spiritual work begins. Time will transport you anywhere you've been or wish to go when you come from your heart. The cave *God* hollowed out in the breastplate of the Prophet is where he learned to recite the *words* given to him by the Archangel Gabriel. That place in inner space corresponds to the cave Abraham bought from the Hittites to bury Sarah.⁸⁴ What **GOD**

⁸⁴ "SO EPHRON'S FIELD IN MACHPELAH NEAR MAMRE – BOTH THE FIELD AND THE CAVE IN IT, AND ALL THE TREES WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THE FIELD – WAS DEEDED TO ABRAHAM AS HIS PROPERTY IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL THE HITITES WHO HAD COME TO THE GATE OF THE CITY. AFTERWARD ABRAHAM BURIED HIS WIFE SARAH IN THE CAVE IN THE FIELD OF MACHPELAH NEAR MAMRE (WHICH IS AT HEBRON) IN THE LAND OF CANAAN. SO THE FIELD AND THE CAVE IN IT WERE DEEDED TO ABRAHAM BY THE HITITES AS A BURIAL SITE." [Genesis 23:17-20] [Wikipedia] The Cave of the Patriarchs, also called מערתה המכפלה {The cave of MACHPELAH} is known by Muslims as the Sanctuary of Abraham or the Ibrahimi Mosque

gives to the Jews thoughtfully, **HE** gives to the Gentiles emotionally, and then to hospitable Muslims spiritually.

*“They say,
‘Once lost into the earth,
shall we be created afresh?’
Indeed,
they deny they will ever meet their Lord.”
[32:8] ⁸⁵*

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Those who claim to love their **CREATOR** may also claim to love their mother. Those who claim to love their mother may also claim to love their wife and children. But how many today proudly claim to love themselves? They don’t know that the source of their love emanates out from an inner world they haven’t bothered to explore. They look for love around them, and then are disappointed because the love of others doesn’t satisfy a deeper need.

*“Would that you could see the wrongdoers
when they hang their heads before their Lord!
They will say,
‘Lord, we now see and hear.
Send us back and we will do good works.
Now we are firm believers.”
[32:11-12]*

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{Arabic: الحرم الإبراهيمي}. It’s a series of subterranean chambers located in the heart of the old city of Hebron in the Hebron hills. This earth belongs to us. It was bequeathed by Abraham to Isaac. [Wikipedia] Muslims living there are squatters.

⁸⁵ Literally: deep in their heart

Now we are firm believers.”

It’s too late for those martyrs who died with dirty hands. It’s up to **GOD** to deal with them as **HE** sees fit. There’s nothing you can do for them except make peace with the Jews, Christians, Muslims and all other good men, women and children on the planet.

If you find the courage to do good works, you’ll risk being called a hypocrite. But at least you’ll then have the opportunity to use the accusations of others to question yourself all the more. Nothing will come to you that won’t challenge you to improve. Nothing of value will come easily.

*“Had it been Our will,
We could have given every soul its guidance.
But My word shall be fulfilled.”
[32:13]*

“Had it been **OUR** will,
We could have given every soul its guidance.
But **MY** WORD shall be fulfilled.”

GOD could have made it so much easier for us had we been more willing to make it more meaningful for ourselves. But we insisted on taking morality to the limits we see when we look back at our history. We see how our ancestors lied and cheated to get ahead in the world around them. And we see the same problems today. It seems that 90% of the news today is about stealing. Eight percent is about killing, and about 2% is about doing good. Only the morally deaf and blind are so dumb that they can’t see that they’re justifying their own material ends with dubious means at their disposal, including excusing powerful people for crimes that would have put less powerful people in jail.

We live in the 3rd dimension where **GOD** comes to us in three aspects: **GOD** {length}, **GOD** {width} and *God* {depth}. How do you think you’re going to do when you graduate this school and find yourself in a place where **HE**’ll have four aspects to **HIS** nature: length, width, depth and time? If you can’t get through your lessons here without cheating, how do you expect to be prepared for the “worlds to come?”

Everyone will receive fair recompense for his efforts. You’ll discover what you’ll get if you hang on to Leviticus 20:13 with all your might.⁸⁶ Your blood will, surely, be on your own head, just as I suspect it’ll be for me. You have no excuse for hating me or presuming my loyalty to life is any less real than yours. You have no reason to treat me like a second-class citizen. My outcome lies in **GOD**’s hands. Why treat me as though you were god?

⁸⁶ “IF A MAN HAS SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH A MAN AS ONE DOES WITH A WOMAN, BOTH OF THEM HAVE DONE WHAT IS DETESTABLE. THEY ARE TO BE PUT TO DEATH; THEIR BLOOD WILL BE ON THEIR OWN HEADS.” [Leviticus 20:13]

Does it look like **HE**'s treating me wrathfully? Does it look like **HE**'s forbidden me from eating the fruits from my own tree? If you want what I have, just ask. My books are full of ripe fruit for the picking.

When you read Leviticus 20:13, you may imagine your teeth growing into fangs and your eyes growing bloody red with a desire for revenge. If you don't perceive the monster in you emerging, you're that monster. The rest of us can see what such words do to us. We yearn to know more. You may only yearn to do GOD's, GOD's or *God*'s work for him. Such is Scripture misapplied.

There's only one reason why fools would insist on killing gays, and that reason is revealed in Leviticus 20:22-24. { "KEEP ALL MY DECREES AND LAWS AND FOLLOW THEM, SO THAT THE LAND WHERE I AM BRINGING YOU TO LIVE MAY NOT VOMIT YOU OUT. YOU MUST NOT LIVE ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOMS OF THE NATIONS I AM GOING TO DRIVE OUT BEFORE YOU. BECAUSE THEY DID ALL THESE THINGS, I ABHORRED THEM. BUT I SAID TO YOU, YOU WILL POSSESS THEIR LAND; I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU AS AN INHERITANCE, A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO HAS SET YOU APART FROM THE NATIONS." }

The land given to the Jews was taken away from everyone's, indigenist ancestors. The land given to my Israelite ancestors was later twice stolen from the Jews. The land given back to us by the United Nations will never be taken away from us. And the land given to me personally through my inheritance from my paternal grandmother is a miracle she achieved before the Holocaust that's deeply meaningful to me.

I own land in Israel, I, a gay-Jew! And I pray at the Wailing Wall! There, I married myself. And I was ordained a rabbi there, I, a gay-Jew! If GOD would allow me to do that, what does it say about you? Surely, the times have changed, and Scripture must be fulfilled despite the ranting and railing of JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*.

My Jewish ancestors were driven out because GOD decreed that they were hypocrites who didn't appreciate the gift they'd been given. But they weren't thieves. GOD gave them that land, and GOD allowed them to let it slip through their fingers. We're not making the mistakes our ancient ancestors made by making the same mistakes a third time. Once you know the GOD/GOD/*God* of our ancestors you can never go back, only forward.

The fundamentalists in the Abrahamic faiths hate gays because that's the only way they'll be able to rationalize taking Israel from the Jews or living amongst the Jews with enmity in their heart. And that, of course, includes the fundamentalist JEWS. So long as the fundamentalists justify their enmity with Torah, they'll kill anyone in their path to get what they want.

The fundamentalist JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* have all made themselves believe that the Jews, CHRISTIANS and Muslims who don't believe gays are perverts are, themselves, perverts whom *their* GOD, GOD or *God* hates. These religious fanatics are trying to spread their hate, exclusion and recrimination to anyone and everyone who doesn't agree to hate as they hate. They'll do anything to project their blame on their serpent or the devil, just to deny their anal issues. And they'll all continue to use Torah to condone their hateful behavior, regardless of how anti-Semitic they are. Superstition consumes them with irrational fears that are projections of their self-hate run amok. And

there seems to be no way to make them see reason, not in their lifetime, and certainly not from the grave.

What would be the point in **GOD** forcing you to believe as **HE** does? What could be **HIS** reason for keeping you from thinking for yourself? What good are empty words of devotion to our **ONE GOD** if you show no devotion to using your life to improve yourself in *your* eyes? Why ask for **GOD's** love and mercy if you refuse to give it to you, the one person who's most in need of it? You've been given two worlds, but you can't fix either one without fixing the other.

The rain of fire and brimstone on Sodom in Torah could have happened anywhere then, and it can happen anywhere today. When Abram bargained with GOD over how many people to save in Sodom, he was living somewhere else at the time. The 2017 massacre in Las Vegas could have happened anywhere (and has). But when the 20,000 people in that crowd were in the throes of bargaining with **GOD** over life and death, they were bargaining for themselves as well as those with them there and then. It was personal and public.

To watch the news and *not* cry over what's happening to the poor, disenfranchised and unfortunate victims of insane killers is a sign that you can't bargain with GOD, as did Abram. But you're not stuck with the GOD, GOD or *God* of your forefathers. You aren't better than Abram. If you don't yet have feelings for every human being on Earth, you're out of touch with your x^2 factor. There are now 7.2 billion reflections of you in today's mirror of life.

To insist that the world can be fixed by excluding the L.G.B.T+ community is insulting to **GOD**, and unholy. It insists you've gleaned the depth of **HIS**, **HIS** or *His* WORDS, WORDS or *words* without questioning them. It infers that **HE** evolved over time, but you don't need to.

Mark Twain said, ““When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.” If you think you've got your Scripture all locked up, it's you who are 14 and your old man is still way beyond your ken.

*“We will inflict on them
the lighter torment of this world
before the greater torment of
the world to come,
so that they may perchance
return to the right path.”
[32:21-22]*

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the lighter torment of this world
before the greater torment of
the ‘world to come,’*

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return to the right path.”

The school of life is a metaphor I have the luxury of embracing or rejecting while I’m alive. But when I die, all metaphoric bets are off. I may have to do all the homework then that I avoided here and now. I may have to make up the assignments I never turned in. But at least then, I’ll see why I was quizzed and tested with the misfortunes I had to endure. Answers will come that I can’t see now as my syndromes become more apparent.

When the school of life doesn’t come to life in life, we may have to wait until after life to complete it. Nothing should stop us from learning about ourselves in the grave even if that takes an eternity for us to complete our study of ourselves all on our own. This is the essence of the concept of “hell” made personal.

Most prefer to endure the torment of this world through the recipe given to them by their faith alone. Few prefer to consciously choose to torment themselves with questions that get their homework done in time for their tests. This is the essence of the concept of “heaven” made personal.

I can’t tell what I’ll get to look like in the afterlife as the result of going through that final classroom door: feathered, scaled, hairy – or bare bottomed, with or without a tail. I can’t tell what my eyes will look like: beady, cold, sorrowful, confused or kind. I can’t say whether my ears will be pointed, floppy, rounded or simply holes in my head. Just imagine the selection of noses from snouts to muzzles to proboscises I might be given.

These are the aspects of the ways in which my psychological nature may be used to earn a physical representation of my earthly nature after I’m finished here. But if I end up looking creepy, like a spider, would that be any more than the poetic justice I deserved? Could I claim to have earned my wings if I came out of this life looking like a fly?

And what about reptiles? How many people aren’t afraid of snakes and disgusted by worms? There’s a snake in your tree or worm in your apple. If you wish to kill snakes and step on every worm you see after the rains, what do you think your reward should be for doing that? Forget for a minute how that makes you feel. Instead, imagine how that will make you look.

*“We gave the book of Moses
(never doubt that you will meet him)
and made it a guide for the Israelites.
And then they grew steadfast and firmly believed in Our revelations.
We appointed leaders from among them
who gave guidance at Our bidding.
On The Day of Resurrection your Lord will resolve their differences for them.”
[32:23-24]*

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Don't worry about us {Jews}. **GOD** will provide an afterlife for us that'll be as fair as yours. Worry instead about your own future as you watch what *Muslim* men are doing to Muslim women and children today. Do you really think Muslim women and children will blame the Jews and Christians for what *Muslim* men are doing to them? Surely, Muslim grandchildren won't look back on the past and blame us. Today's enemies of the Muslim world are those *Muslims* who are unwilling to choose the Quran as their guide. They merely mouth the *words*. They can't see the *words* coming alive before their eyes. They see only death and destruction through blind obedience to the literal *word*.

The guide Moses was for me hasn't always been sufficient for my needs. I've stopped judging myself for learning from others and started judging myself for not learning from *me*. I'm steadfast in my beliefs and in **GOD's** revelations. I only wish to live in peace with other men. If that offends anyone's hyper-religious sensibilities, they can take their issues to our **CREATOR**. **GOD** appointed religious leaders from amongst us, all who've been given the power to guide themselves in how to do **HIS** bidding. That's called inner democracy. Vote or don't vote. You're telling us whether you count or don't count.

The religious fundamentalists in the Abrahamic faiths only want to divide us. On the Day of Resurrection our Lord will resolve our differences for us all.

*“Do they not know how many generations We have destroyed
before them?*

*They walk among their ruined dwellings.
Surely, in this there are conspicuous signs.
Have they no ears to hear with?”*

[32:25-26]

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Have they no ears to hear with?”*

Have you seen pictures of Syria, Gaza, Iraq and Yemen these days? Have you seen the garbage piling up in Lebanon among the ruins of their glorious past civilizations? They walk among their ruined dwellings without looking within. Surely, in this there are conspicuous signs.

Are the world's anti-Semites {neo-Nazis} going to wait for the Iranians to destroy Israel for them? What will be left after the anti-Zionists {*Muslims*} have left Jerusalem in ruins? What will remain after the Christian and Muslim holy sites will also be pulverized. What will the anti-Semites say then about the GOD/GOD/*God* they think is theirs alone. If Jerusalem is destroyed, Israel will see to it that Rome and Mecca will be totally destroyed and left in ruin, too. Do you really think the JEWS are without spite? Vengeance is a dish best served cold.

And what of the afterlife? Is everyone so willing to gamble that he knows so much about **GOD's** designs that he can claim to have more wisdom than the Jews; more love than the Christians; and more devotion than the Muslims? What will they say when there's nothing to see in this world except symbols of spite on all sides? Is Abrahamic self-adoration of today's GOD/GOD/*God* so great that JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* can hope to achieve eternal life with the grades they have now? Do they really think their chances look better in the afterlife than Syria looks today? They should start dressing now for "hell." It's only going to get hotter.

I write for anyone who has an 8th grade education. After all, I was a junior high school English teacher. If you haven't entered puberty by the age of 13-14, you need to be woken up. And if you haven't entered puberty by the spiritual age of 13-14, you, too, need to be woken up.

Islam in the 21st Century, like CHRISTIANITY in the 20th Century, has turned this world into a horror story. For the past 100 years, it's been clear that religion has lost its grip on the human psyche. And yet, the horrors our ancestors went through in the name of their GOD/GOD/*God*, today's extremists insist on repeating, while we all mindlessly claim that there's only **ONE GOD**. Just think how we could clean up the planet literally and morally if we'd all work together.

What's the point of *Islam* without self-adoration? And what's the point of Islam with it? If you read Torah to glean the wisdom from the WORDS of Moses and you read the Gospels to gain the love of Jesus Christ, that'll only focus your beliefs all the more on the devotion to *God* that comes from the *words* of the Prophet.

Self-adoration is but a means to a greater end. Self-adoration is a means to achieving humanity for all human beings.

The one good thing about dancing around golden calves is that it teaches you how to dance. I believe **GOD** wants us all to know how to dance.

*"They ask,
'When will this judgment come,
if what you say be true?'"*
[32:28]

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'When will this judgment come,*

if what you say be true?"

The part of man that asks this question is the "I" in his "it." It's the ego that believes it exists independently of a **CREATOR**. But our **CREATOR** gives us lessons that challenge us to recognize that our "I" isn't self-created. It's only self-propelled, like the gravity in the Earth that holds the moon nearby as the two of them orbit about the sun because of the sun's gravity.

Your ego is nothing more than the magnetic force created by the existence of your head, heart and soul. Your ego is what makes you behave like a "heavenly" body, dancing through space and time, clueless to space and time.

Never forget who created the "heavenly" body you find yourself in. Never forget that the universe is a clue, like nature, to your spiritual nature. The judgment from **GOD** that the egotistical speak about with defiance and disbelief will come when they learn the meaning of the universal **WORD** "death."

Most of us are more like asteroids circling the sun. We watch the rich and powerful, like planets, rotate slowly as we cascade willy-nilly around our heart. We tumble and crash into one another while those who see themselves as gigantic, "heavenly" bodies twirl majestically in orbits that appear to be so much more fixed than ours. We're humbled by our place in the universe while they have the size and gravity needed to attract moons to revolve around them. We're small and seemingly insignificant. When we're captured by a planet's gravity we burst into flame, never to be seen again.

Your imagination can move through inner space to any place. You can recover your place in your solar system, your galaxy and your universe within. You can come to perceive yourself as anything your heart desires. The only thing standing between you and freedom, liberty and emancipation is the mindless autonomy of your penis or clitoris. It counts pluses {+++} and minuses {---}; nothing more.

When there are three gods to choose from, you associate yourself with god #1, #2 or #3. We gave each one a different name, and your tribe swears your god is the only god. You believe with all your heart and soul that your god believes in you {"you" third-person plural} alone. But it's only when you believe in **ONE GOD** that you find a way to believe in you {"you" third-person singular}.

When I doubted **GOD's** participation in my life, I gambled with my future. I didn't await further evidence of **HIS** presence and the way things would turn out for me during my life. I didn't look more deeply into the present because I didn't want to go back to the past in my mind to correct the mistakes I'd made. That would have humbled my ego. That would have felt like submission, not erection. That would have chipped away at the rock at the core of my being. Therefore, I only looked forward to doing more of what I please while ignoring the moment in which all my decisions were being made.

The here and now was too uncomfortable a place for me to reside for very long. But as my future got shorter and as the grave got closer, I begin to suspect that I might have been living under the wrong metaphor of life. I might have tried to win {sport}, master {craft} or arrive {journey} instead of simply learn {school}.

I wasn't going to get any wiser, any more loving or generous of spirit by sitting on my laurels or backside. Life is hard work, and anyone who tells me otherwise wants to steal

something out from under me. If I wanted to adore myself, I was going to have to start from the inside at the source of all attraction in the core of my being {soul} and work my way out. Wisdom of my soul was going to be harder than it looked.

Those who wait until their outsides are crusty and old; those who wait until they're belching out anger like lava – may be severely disappointed with the smell and the mess they'll have to clean up in the last subjective minute of life {which might take years}. Why should **GOD** adore you for all eternity if you haven't done a thing to clean up the world around you or your world within? What have *you* done for *you* lately?

Surah 33
سورة الأحزاب
The Confederate Tribes

The unification of the tribes of the Arabian Peninsula under the Muslim banner is still going on to this day. The unification of the tribes of Europe under the Christian banner is still going on, as well. And the unification of the Twelve Tribes of Israel are secretly still being pursued for understanding and unification for Jews as we speak.

The depth of GOD's/GOD's/*God's* devotion to man is beyond any man's ability to fully fathom. Cutting out the hypocrite in each one of us requires us to plunge the spiritual scalpel in deeper than any of us may want it to go. But this self-inflicted cut must be done with tough love in order to glean the tender variety. If not, someone or some circumstance will plunge that knife into you for you.

The burn of this incision might be universally described as "hell" on Earth. Or it might be described as the pain and suffering the innocent must use to question themselves, should they survive. The anticipation of this burn by removing every egotistical desire in one's being now rather than in the afterlife is a constant reminder to Jews, Christians and Muslims that exclamations of generic wisdom, love or devotion aren't nearly enough to make sense of life. Each of us must look deeper into our imagination than our parents ever thought necessary.

The school of life gets harder the longer you're enrolled and the higher your aspirations take you. The students around you only get smarter. The school day only gets longer, and the requirements for the degree in peace with yourself you're seeking only gets broader. In this way, each graduate in his graduating class raises everyone's standards with greater degrees of prominence than those seen before.

The issues of life don't just center around your head, heart or soul. They're aspects of the methodology by which each of us addresses the real issue. Man's head, heart and soul are projections in the outer world of how **GOD** created everyone in **HIS** images. But each layer of creation, like the flesh and bone of our physical container, should be explored, advanced and digested like forbidden fruit for spiritual edification. We're spirits discovering the magic inherent in the containers we've been given.

I use the verb "digest" because the greatest taboo in the civilized world isn't the consumption of forbidden fruit in the religious sense. It could be argued that cannibalism is the greatest taboo on Earth. Cannibalism is a physical consumption and digestion of human beings that takes us into our imagination to a place far more intimate than carnal or secular knowledge will ever go. Consuming human beings is more odious than sleeping with relations or members of the same gender because sex should be viewed as a sign of physical attraction while cannibalism is only a sign of jealousy and envy. Cannibalism is the forbidden hunger to shortcut the exploration of reality by attempting to physically ingest the attributes of others.

Cannibalism is seconded by incest. People who are sexually attracted to members of their own family are secretly attempting to infuse or be infused with the virtues of those closest to them. That, too, is a shortcut to achieving virtues. Homosexuality is a far less grave "sin" than either of the other two when it's between consenting adults. Homosexuality is a mirroring of physical, emotional and spiritual virtues in someone of

the same gender rather than the opposite gender. Homosexual and heterosexual attractions can be described algebraically as such:

Heterosexuality:	$x^1 + y$
Gay homosexuality:	$y + y$
Lesbian homosexuality:	$x^1 + x^1$
Male to female transgenderism:	$y \pm x^1$
Female to man transgenderism:	$x^1 \pm y$

The physical consumption of human beings was only practiced when hunger for spiritual awakening couldn't be satisfied because the WORD of **GOD** hadn't yet been brought to their distant, indigenist shores. The only morally appropriate extension of cannibalism going forward are organ transplants.

Sexual intercourse with a family member is only engaged in when hunger for spiritual insight can't be satisfied because of the dogmas of faith and the lack of faith in that household. The only morally appropriate extension of incest are laws of succession and inheritance. When we see people abuse their power with nepotism, we're watching them approach the boundary of incest.

Homosexuality and other forms of gender exploration and discovery are projections of the mystery of one's own hungers that are then projected out into the world. Big deal... Sex with members of your own gender will reveal the mystery of your relationship with you, no different from sex with members of the opposite gender. Either way, you'll discover more about your x^2 factor without breaking the taboos of cannibalism or incest.

The reason why cannibalism isn't addressed in Tanach, the Bible or the Quran might be because the taboo against eating human beings is so great that it doesn't need to be argued. It goes without saying. Only those believers in the direst of environmental compromises resort to cannibalism to stay alive. And only those whose beliefs are so useless to understanding themselves resort to incest.

Sex with members of your own gender isn't a taboo that needs to be defended anymore. If homosexuality makes you sick to your stomach, lie down until you're feeling better. Don't barf all over the rest of us. And don't blame your upset on Scripture.

We use the metaphor of the digestive process to describe our accumulation of knowledge. We bite into a new idea; chew on a thought, swallow a theory; stomach an opinion; have the guts to take action; and behave like an asshole. These terms are in our languages because they were initially introduced to the world through extensions of the Creation Story through the main metaphor of Moses. And they were passed on to the world through the ancient Jews as they interacted with indigenists, and later, ancient Christians, Muslims and others. What makes anyone today smart is that s/he thinks with their spiritual, digestive process, not with their clitoris or penis.

Rip out the metaphor of the spiritual, digestive process in man and you'll find yourself with a container without purpose. You'll become a zombie with a head that can't think for itself. You'll become a monster {Nazi} who's hatefully prejudiced and determined to keep other people in line because he hasn't broken the projection of achieving spiritual control over his desire for revenge. You'll find religious fanatics who are determined to destroy this world in their frustration to get out of their body with the kind of status they think they need to herald them into the "world to come." When you eat forbidden fruit, you open

yourself up to extensions of the metaphor of man as a tree to include the many, metaphoric meanings that come from having been given a human encasement of your spirit.

Many indigenists throughout history literally ate people or sacrificed them to their gods. That included sacrificing parents, children, babies and slaves. With the spread of monotheism, cannibalism was wiped out and the metaphoric consumption of the spiritual power found in peoples emerged as real. Some indigenists once believed that certain parts of the human body held greater power than others, and those special parts of their enemies {including the penis, testicles, breasts, biceps, heart and brains} were consumed to augment the virility or strength of the consumer.

Today's tyrants and terrorists might be considered uncivilized by our standards, but it should be noted that they haven't yet reverted to cannibalism. And that says something about them. They're "believers" in ways that seemingly resembles the ways people like you and me believe. Granted, the Nazis melted down Jewish bodies to make soap and made lampshades out of their skin. They also used Jewish hair to line the boots of U-boat crews. But, as far as we know, Hitler didn't serve fillet of Jew to his guests.

And the reason for this was because the Nazis saw themselves as "civilized" human beings. They believed they held CHRISTIAN standards that made them better than Jews. The Nazis rounded up the Jews and disposed of them in ovens, but they probably didn't go so far as to eat the remains. Lack of hunger, I imagine, would have been the final argument they might have used to justify not eating Jews had they been any more insane.⁸⁷

So, in describing Judaism, Christianity and Islam as civilized standards that separate believers from nonbelievers, it should be noted that none of these faiths, in and of themselves, or the standards they treasure, are, individually, anywhere near the zenith of **GOD's** designs. We're all being led out of animalism into humanity. We're all learning to conquer our hungers metaphorically, symbolically and through simile. Any and all behaviors that single out groups of people as being inferior to others leads those who see themselves as superior in the direction of cannibalism. People who love people don't kill or eat people. They savor them...

Many people today still behave as though their head was detached from their shoulders. They make claims with their mouth of their undying love; claims their heart won't ever be able to certify. And don't get me started on their loyalties. You'd think some people have no souls at all when you look at the way their allegiances move like lifeless clouds that block the sun.

GOD's plan is to distribute humanity's, unique powers worldwide, not to covet them in one faith. What we should be able to agree on is that **GOD** disseminates **HIS** powers in such seemingly odd ways that it's virtually impossible to figure out how and why **HE** awards people the powers they have.

The only thing we can say for certain is that some people will die in old age looking forward to a reward. Some people will die young and innocent, unable to complete their hopes and expectations. (And those of us with faith believe they'll receive a compensation

⁸⁷ There were vicious and untrue rumors in ancient times in Europe that Jews killed Christian children every Passover to use their blood in sacrificial ceremonies. These lies were told to rally anti-Semites to take out their frustrations on Jews rather than on their corrupt religious and political leaders.

for what they weren't allowed to finish.) And some people will receive a just punishment for all the homework they didn't do and tests they were absent for.

The three great gifts of power of the 20th Century were the atomic bomb, computers and vaccinations. *Islamic* terrorists want to get their hands, on atomic bombs to destroy the Jewish and Christian civilizations out of anger at having to learn. They use our technology against us to create destruction and havoc. And they scorn vaccinations as black magic that will sicken and kill their children.

Bad people around the world are stealing and misusing Western technology out of laziness. They copy us in order to steal more from us. Many aren't yet capable of producing original work that'll benefit humanity. They don't care the least little bit about punishments after life. They're loaded with blame, reasons and excuses to justify their crimes.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are refusing to allow their children to get vaccinated in their demented belief that their GOD/GOD/*God* will magically protect them today in ways HE/HE/*He* didn't in the past. They're afraid of modern medicine because they're afraid of modernity entirely. They'd rather rely on their leaders to think for them and heal them with their "charisma."

Power is forbidden fruit projected out onto the material world. Power is the undiluted secret of life that's produced physically in the testicles. But external power is only the visual evidence of the source of all the power mankind is seeking to infuse in himself. It is inner power people need. But it's only external power most people seek.

A man might hate the thought of the power other men have attained, while still loving the thought of attaining his own power. The thrill of his own power may excite him no end, but he doesn't always have the good sense to appreciate the fact that **GOD** gave some power to every man, even though he's been taught to modestly hide the sign of his power {testicles} from view when in public.

GOD also gave every woman power, although biologically the sign of it {ovaries} is very well concealed from view. This ought to give you pause to think about why the male and female containers of power are shaped somewhat differently and behave somewhat differently.

If you're a male and contemplate your power, you may discover that you were jealous of your father's power {y} and envious of your mother's {x²} when you were a child. If you're female, perhaps you'll discover that you were jealous of your mother's power {x¹} and envious of your father's {x²}. That which you most want in the way of a container and contents were given to you by two people you may conclude still have what you most want.

Instead of learning about power incrementally at appropriate times in life, you may have stripped power from your parents to learn how their power felt. You may have stolen knowledge from them rather than asked for it or waited until it was conferred upon you. Or because they were so irresponsible, you may have had power thrust upon you before your time.

Zionism is a perversion of power according to many men with penis problems. They see Israel as a sign of Jewish determination to dominate the world, to infuse our seed in everyone. Many see us as talking heads trying to control the hearts and souls of all others. You'd think 7.5 million Jewish men {15 million men and women} had gotten together to

hatch a plan by which they were going to take over 7.2 billion of the rest of you using their testicles and ovaries. That's absurd, unless you're terrified of anyone with balls.

Jewish power isn't perverted and dangerous any more than gay power is perverted or absurd. If you're terrified that the Jews will try to literally and figuratively castrate every man on Earth, or find some way to render men powerless, what rationale will you use for gay men? We have absolutely no desire to castrate men or dismember them. We like their penis and testicles just the way they are, connected to the rest of them. Those who don't believe the Jews want to teach wisdom; those who don't believe the Christians want to teach love; and those who don't believe the Muslims want to teach loyalty, devotion and hospitality – won't believe that gay men want to teach self-knowledge.

When you compare the murder, crime, rape, kidnapping and corruption rates, as well as the educational opportunities, percentage per capita of museums, theaters and bookstores and respect for the L.G.B.T+ community in Israel to the rest of the world, it's a long way to second place in terms of peace. The only way straights are going to improve their standards outside Israel is by asking themselves what the Jews and gays are doing that they can imitate. Imitation is the greatest form of flattery. ⁸⁸

Jews and gays aren't violent by nature. We're more evolved than that. If you want to get your testosterone working more for you to give you more power, you're going to want to get a grip on your fear of own scrotum and stop trying to squeeze other men where you have no right to grab.

Fear of power is more prevalent than you might think. All the power grabs you've learned to recognize around you are mirrors of fear, not power. If you're not afraid to smell your baby's behind, you shouldn't be afraid to figuratively use your nose to make your way through your nether world to the source of your own stinking thinking.

The Republican Party is now leaning toward corrupt men {y} and the Democratic Party is leaning toward righteous women {x¹}. Until you look at how you covet what each of your parents gave you, you're going to mindlessly lean in one or the other direction. And in doing so, you're going to support Jews {women} or JEWS {men} in their quest to repair America and Israel. Is that all you want to do with your vote? Because that's how those parties are divided right now. Neither understands the full meaning of x², although the Democrats have made far greater strides in that direction.

The only way for a true believer to achieve power is to ask **GOD** for it. But that's a humbling experience because it admits you don't have a monopoly on **HIS** attention. The challenges from climate chaos, pollution, and the need for further advancements in medicine and technological, to say nothing of your personal goals of love and prosperity – all depend on your relationship to **GOD**.

Even the atheists and agnostics are leading the world through tolerance to acceptance, and from acceptance to admiration of all humanity. We all have a duty to include everyone in **GOD's** designs. We have a duty not to allow immorality and apathy to move us backwards instead of forwards.

⁸⁸ Imitation is what the world is doing technically, medically and militarily. Imitation is what students of life do to improve their work habits internally. There are so many examples of people with good grades around you. Make sure you're availing yourself of the learning opportunities you're being given by our **TEACHER**.

This is the 33rd surah of the Quran out of 114 surahs. Yet, visually speaking, we've gone about two-thirds of the way through the Quran. If you think of the first 13 surahs as the infancy, childhood and adolescence of Islam, then this surah looks at the adulthood of the Muslim plan from the heart in an attempt to achieve a sense of universal power and hold on to it with *God's* help. If everything in the Quran up until now was the arch up the left side of the rainbow of hope over time then this surah is the apex at the top before the descent on the other side. This surah corresponds to the summit of Islamic awareness. Everything from here on out will require enormous faith in yourself to appreciate everything that happens to you as lessons from **GOD**, not from GOD, GOD or *God*. Everything from here on out will be about going south.

This surah on the confederate tribes literally corresponds to a battle in 624 C.E. Today I prefer to internalize that battle with figurative understanding to increase the power of my WORDS. I can't afford to only externalize my own battles any longer, and I certainly can't afford to ruminate on past glories.

The struggles of life aren't between the nonbeliever and believer in me. All my struggles today are between the inner voices of my x^2 factor that conspire with my desires. The more my mind can bring their efforts to consciousness, the more I can weigh the moral efficacy of the stranger within me with regard to matters of my soul. This turns my appreciation of my inner actors into a dynamic series of plays and one-man shows I find fascinating. Many a character within me may still be conspiring against my better interests without me even knowing it yet.

If I begin the discussion of differences of opinions with confrontations that occur on battlefields, I ought to remind you that gays and Jews are motivated to deescalate confrontations with others by internalizing them because we're so small in number. Christians and Muslims are always going to rely on their numbers as their greatest strength, when numbers aren't the source of anyone's power.

To solve problems, we need to perceive their cause internally. We need to use our inner eye to open our eyes to new possibilities. We need to look at how words describe processes within us that mirror what our senses do for us. The power of WORDS is an inner experience. It has nothing to do with the power of speech. Many can speak. Few seem to be able to communicate with themselves using well-chosen WORDS.

I'm a WORD machine. The power of life figuratively lies in my testicles, and that power is figuratively expelled from my scrotum through my penis to my heart. My desires conspire with my feelings to infiltrate my thoughts, sending newly formed WORDS out into the external world we share. I figuratively penetrate souls with my WORDS.

Spiritual Linguistics is the topic of a discussion of a process that may not herald a hopeful future, but it will help you see things more realistically. It's the beginning of a resolution of a conflict that might herald the destiny of all mankind. Just as the individual must make his way up the mountain, all civilizations and faiths must teach their citizens how to create WORDS and figuratively link them together to form visions that'll convey new messages within for a new era.

A singer does this in song. A sculptor does this with clay. A painter does this with colorful shapes on canvas. If you don't have their skills of this process, how are you going

to learn to speak? How are you going to make your life meaningful? How are you going to infuse your power into everything you do? Obviously, you need more WORDS!

Islam is on a trajectory of self-discovery that'll require freedom and liberty in order for them to achieve the emancipation they need to run their countries in the new age. Muslims won't stop killing Muslims until they ask themselves what it is they're trying to eradicate in themselves.

The problem with the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* is that they don't want to imagine themselves as WORD machines. They're literalist interpreters of Scripture in order to avoid their inner world. They only want to populate the world with WORDS, WORDS or *words*. I've said that they all have penis problems. What I really should have said is that they all have testicle problems. All they can produce in the way of power are WORDS, WORDS or *words*. They can't communicate with one another because they can't communicate with themselves. They aren't in touch with the forbidden fruit that's making its way through their spiritual digestive system.

Unfortunately, the men who run the world today don't understand that the plan is to spread the good news, not dominate the news with bad news. Those who only want to build their own tower to power; erect their penis; and penetrate the "heavens" with it to screw with **GOD** and **HIS** intentions – will find themselves living out the tower of Babel story in Genesis, as many in the past have done before. The externalization of that story is what every young man strives for in society before he learns how to internalize his own power as an Abraham in a new day and age.⁸⁹

All of the Abrahamic faiths have a sense of doom that hangs over them like a Damocles' sword. Man now knows what's literally inside of him. He's literally filled with organs, sinew and bone. But he's literally and figuratively full of feces, and everyone knows that about him, too.

Because of all the intellectual, emotional and figurative knowledge we've amassed, there isn't a human being on the planet over the age of seven who isn't suspicious of other people's intentions. The question is how we're going to learn to do something positive with that knowledge. That requires communication. And communication requires a profound understanding of the power of WORDS. Otherwise you won't be able to listen. You'll be distracted by every shiny thing in the external world that captures your imagination.

A poet isn't just a wordsmith. A poet is a priest. A poet is a spiritual leader who uses the profundity of language to inspire people to pray more effectively. A poet who's an atheist is a literalist or a naturalist. He's a closet JEW. He's a closet CHRISTIAN. He's a closet *Muslim*. But he isn't a spiritualist poet. **GOD** sees all. Can *you* not see? It doesn't take eyes to perceive.

For any human being to agree to the beneficence of **GOD**'s design, he's going to want to listen to himself more closely, not necessarily to some others. **GOD** sees all. But **HE**

⁸⁹ Abraham was the first character in Torah who held a mature relationship with his CREATOR. The grave mistakes he made in his life were mitigated by GOD, making his life story a teaching tool for all of us in the Abrahamic faiths. Abraham is a euphemistic name for a modern man who wishes to relive that tale in his own, unique way.

also hears all. And if you begin to listen to yourself, you'll begin to question yourself more and point fingers at others less. "**GOD** *has knowledge of all things*." Therefore, I've decided I should learn about everything, beginning with the "it" I find myself in. And then I should learn about the "it" hanging down from it.

Until you can take the personal pronoun "it" personally, you'll remain distant from "it." All the problems in this world can be reduced to a problem with the WORD "it." Until people discover the many uses for the WORD "it," they're going to continue to project their intentions externally without perceiving the source of their power or the delivery system of that power.

It's only in imagining me penetrating the mystery of me that I realize I have nothing to fear but my fear of myself. I can't allow me to abuse myself {overeat}, scorn {neglect} or berate {martyr} myself for being alone and in bad company. I can't allow the wild child within to disrespect me. When I figuratively become the y that penetrates my own x^2 , I receive my own power with conscious awareness of **GOD**'s designs for me.⁹⁰ I overcome my fear of being parentalized, and I replace my inner mother with an inner adult. I become an emissary of peace with me. I marry myself with a devotion I was never able to give to another living human being, or **GOD**, before.

Up until now, we've mainly seen this kind of intensity in dictators, murderers, adulterers, thieves, liars and the certifiably insane. They've been the most obvious examples of what happens to personal power when it's used unreasonably. If I'm truly guided by wisdom, love and loyalty to myself, and **GOD**, there's a good chance I could actually make a positive difference in this world if I weren't jealous of the way **GOD** physically created others or envious of the way **HE** guides them to fill themselves with riches I don't possess.

But to narrow this jealousy and envy to its source, I had to look at my parents, and what they gave me that I scorned as being beneath me to accept and admire. Look at what you cringe at in your mother and father, and you may see what it is you wish you had and could use freely if it didn't have their names on it. Therein may lie the rub.

Man's mind is like a tree. His feelings are like a field of wheat and a vineyard of grapes. But, over time, his heart becomes constrained with cynicism. He feels burned and moves on to another part of his heart where he doesn't have bad memories. But this emotional diaspora within reduces his options to feel. It may even make him grouchy, hopeless and bitter over time. If he started out feeling like a king in a castle, he may end up feeling like a gay man in a closet. But this is the figurative place from which to come out into his soul.

⁹⁰ Women may be figuratively doing this with less *sturm und drang* than men. Their clitoris conflict may be less difficult to overcome than our penis problem. They may be more naturally able to perceive themselves as an x^2 being penetrated by an x^1 . The taboo of self-penetration for men may be much greater because of the externalization of our reproductive organs and the taboos of our religious ancestors in sex between men. Therefore, women may have less difficulty overcoming the taboo of using their imagination. But this is just speculation.

*“God has never put two hearts
within one man’s body.”
[33:3]*

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This is an interesting comment because it corresponds to an even greater truth that comes to us through matters of emotion: I can’t be everywhere at the same time. I can only be in two places at once, one literal and the other figurative. I can only be in one place in outer space and in one place in inner space in each moment of time. And that’s a truth I’ve already confirmed for myself and described in detail to you.

Psychologically speaking, I can have two hearts even though I shouldn’t. I have my mother’s heart in me, and I have my father’s heart in me. And the two of them are often in disagreement with one another, just as my parents once were.

I can move through feeling many conflicting ways in quick succession about myself. I can feel many contradictory feelings. I can even love **GOD** with all my might while hating myself terribly. And the next moment I can feel altogether differently.

In Scripture it says, “**GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.**” [2 Corinthians 9:6-7] But through Islam, we can see that many people give with a dispirited attitude that gives us the impression that they do have two hearts within them. Even money can divide your heart in two.

GOD never literally puts two hearts within one man’s body, but figuratively it’s clear that we do sometimes feel as though there are two hearts beating against one another within us. This passage is, therefore, a test. Just as in Leviticus, **GOD** infers that we should question what **HE** says.

The way I feel at each moment is the way I feel until I feel otherwise. I can feel like the Jews. I can like the Christians. I can feel like the Muslims. I can do so because I’m empathetic, not because I believe the dogmas that still run their faiths.

I feel like my heart is Jewish. I’ve opened my heart to Christianity and Islam, but **GOD** never literally puts two hearts within one man’s body. I’ll always feel Jewish. The only difference between my gay-Jewish heart and a **JEWISH** heart, **CHRISTIAN** heart and a *Muslim* heart is that my heart is open to them, while their hearts are closed to me. And that gives me an enormous, spiritual advantage. That makes it possible for me to watch me grow.

I literally have only one body, but I figuratively fill it with many kinds of spiritual accomplishments. I literally have only one heart, but it corresponds to a myriad of figurative ways in which I successively express my feelings because I’m sympathetic and empathetic in myriad ways. This is the essential truth that came out of Christianity when it compared what it had been given by **GOD** from what the Jews had been given by **GOD**. This is a truth I chose to surrender to without giving up my own faith-based knowledge of **GOD** in my pursuit of knowledge of **GOD**.

That said, man also has only one head and one soul. He should endeavor fill that head with myriad kinds of knowledge and he should fill his soul with all sorts of loyalties. A man is spiritually a cavernous container with room inside his cave for an enormous amount of plunder from the world around him without realizing how destructive and dangerous that can make him. He's a thief right from the moment he's born, and the only thing he has with which to defend himself is the way he chooses to use his inner wealth in the outer world.

Your deeds count for a great deal. Until you decide to work for good deeds for you, you're going to want to comfort yourself with your good deeds for others. And if you have a history of thefts, misappropriations and questionable achievements, you're going to want to make amends to many others before you'll be able to strive for redemption.

GOD presented **HIMSELF** to humanity using **WORDS**, whether you only believe in the **WORDS** of Moses, the **WORDS** of Jesus or the *words* of the Prophet. Whether you quote the Old Testament, New Testament or Quran, you're a believer in **WORDS** by virtue of the fact that you use them, whether, or not, you're in the habit of thanking **GOD** for each and every **WORD** you've learned. If you dismiss all the figurative meanings words hold for you by dismissing metaphors, symbols and signs, all communication would end without you having a clue to why.⁹¹ You'd become like an infant or like my mother as she is today.

When experts try to figure out why some people go insane and commit mass murders, they don't give thought to the possibility that some people give up on communicating with the world. They isolate themselves within and use **WORDS**, **WORDS** or *words* to justify their feelings instead of learning to use **WORDS/WORDS/Words** to create new **WORDS**. They use the external world to get it up. But they invariably conclude that the only way to fill the world with the bounty of their semen is with ammunition they can discharge from high-powered rifles that'll insure that they've finally done something in life that's fruitful and will multiply their intentions in their **GOD's/GOD's/God's** eyes. They go insane.

The problem with the religious fanatics in all three of the Abrahamic faiths is that they insist on literal interpretations of those passages of their Scripture that they're uncomfortable with, while allowing for figurative interpretations of those passages they're at ease with. They're hypocrites, picking and choosing passages that validate their prejudices and tastes. They don't use Scripture to learn about themselves. They use it to control others so that their own prejudices won't be exposed.

*"Name your adopted sons after their fathers;
that is more just in the sight of God.*

⁹¹ Keep in mind that Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad quoted Moses. Moses, obviously, never quoted them. The **WORD** of **GOD** was passed along to Jesus. The **WORD** of **GOD** was passed along to the Prophet Muhammad. And now the *Word* of *God* has been passed along to you. Why wouldn't you expect to find yourself in a conundrum with **GOD**, **GOD** or *God*? But your self-doubts aren't symptoms that you're going insane. Your self-doubts are symptoms that you're finally thinking.

*If you do not know their fathers,
regard them as your brothers in faith
and as your cousins.”*
[33:5]

“Name your adopted sons after their fathers;
that is more just in the sight of **GOD**.
If you do not know their fathers,
regard them as your brothers in faith
and as your cousins.”

An adopted son isn't the same as a son by blood. But there are physical, emotional and even spiritual alliances between fathers and sons that need to be explored and studied in all families, not just blended families. As a father, the way you treat some of the children in your life is also the way you're going to treat some adult strangers. You're going to treat them condescendingly, conditionally or with suspicion. And since hospitality is one of the richest rewards of Islam, the tradition of embracing adopted sons with spiritual hospitality and goodwill mirrors the way every individual ought to embrace adopted sons. Practice being a good example for others to model, and you'll eventually be allowed to model that behavior within yourself with you.

Christians claim to be the adopted sons and daughters of **GOD** through **GOD**. Therefore, they should be seen as our Jewish adopted brothers and sisters because they're spiritually adopted by one Jew {Jesus}. As adopted relations of ours, Christians should give up the right of return to the Holy Land, but we, as Jews, can't deny them the joyous opportunity of being included in the brotherhood of man under our **FATHER**'s reign. Nor should we presume any of us have any less right to participate in **HIS** unfolding designs for man.

The Prophet wisely told Muslims to name their adopted sons after their fathers, which is a manner of behavior in blended families and tribes that they should also employ outside their tribes. Not doing so risks being accused of behaving like a hypocrite. If the sons and daughters of Isaac accept the sons and daughters of Ishmael as spiritual family, simply because we share the same spiritual father {Abraham}, then Muslims should accept us as family, too. And Muslims should accept Christians as adopted sons of **GOD** through Jesus, as well. In this way we'll be able to blend our wisdom {**GOD**}, love {**GOD**} and devotion {*God*}, and make **GOD** proud.

Abraham is regarded as the spiritual father of everyone in the Western faiths. But since we don't have any historical or Scriptural evidence to conclude that **Hindus**, **Buddhists** and **Taoists** are Abrahamic brothers, the Prophet wisely infers that we regard some not as brothers, but as cousins. {cousins are at least twice removed from the origin of any bloodline.}

If Abraham is the spiritual father of the three Abrahamic faiths that include brothers {Jews}, half-brothers {Muslims} and adopted brothers {Christians}, then the people of the Eastern half of the globe should be regarded as our spiritual relations, twice removed. Men like the **Buddha** (563-483 B.C.E.), Confucius (551-479 B.C.E.) and Zhang Daoling

(Taoism, 142 C.E.) should be seen as ancient, spiritual cousins of Abraham in the sense of being unconscious participants in **GOD**'s designs for today. ⁹²

We're the beneficiaries of the secret of inner space. They're the beneficiaries of the secret of inner time. Therefore get to know your whole family. The family tree of mankind is a branch of your own tree.

*"We made a covenant with you,
as We did with the other Prophets;
with Noah and Abraham,
with Moses and the son of Mary.
A solemn covenant We made with them,
so that he might question the truthful
about their truthfulness."
[33:7-8] ⁹³*

*"We made a covenant with you,
as WE did with the other prophets;
with Noah and Abraham,
with Moses and the SON of Mary.
A solemn covenant **WE** made with them,
so that he might question the truthful
about their truthfulness."*

This is the most important passage in all of the Quran because it reveals the truth more accurately than any other. If Muslims would read this passage before and after every prayer service, they'd be reminded of their enormous responsibility to humanity. And they'd take themselves a lot more personally before they make pronouncements about them being able to take their Quran seriously.

The continuity of covenants beginning with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob through the prophets that inevitably arrive at the coming of Jesus {the SON of GOD} aren't just details of **GOD**'s designs that were simply nullified with the arrival of the Prophet Muhammad. The Prophet's covenant with *God* was an extension of the previous covenants; roads that led to other roads. Once you've built a third story onto your house, would you tear down the second story, ground floor or destroy the foundation? Most men are truly mad!

⁹² "Although it's extremely difficult to ascertain when Abraham lived, there's some evidence that he was born somewhere in the range of 1852-1872 B.C.E.) and, as rumor has it, died 175 years later (1677-1697 B.C.E)." [Wikipedia]

⁹³ *God* made a covenant with the Muslims so that the Prophet might question the truthfulness of everyone, not just Muslims.

*“Muhammad is the father of no man among you.
He is the apostle of God
and the seal of the Prophets.
Surely, God has knowledge of all things.”
[33:40-41] ⁹⁴*

“Muhammad is the father of no man among you.
He is the apostle of **GOD**
and the seal of the prophets.
Surely, **GOD** has knowledge of all things.”

The Prophet didn't leave a lineage of direct, blood relations to take his place. {And that's surprising considering how prolific his sex life was.} If he was biologically sterile in some way, he certainly made up for it by being spiritually virile. He left a lineage of spiritual followers in the Middle East with virtues and vices who did the best they could to improve the world as it was then with the knowledge at their disposal. He was described as the seal of the Jewish prophets and as the apostle after the Apostles. But he, in no way, utilized the metaphor of GOD as our FATHER.

GOD **EVLHEK**

For the sake of not arguing about the Prophet's contribution to universal spirituality, I call him an emissary of the Lord. Because Moses is the greatest of all the prophets of the Jewish people, only if you're Muslim or if you hold the Prophet Muhammad in great respect, should you call him “the Prophet.” His task was different from any previous prophet.

The process of self-improvement can't be accomplished without WORDS. WORDS are the building blocks of reality. **GOD's** WORDS have been recorded in Scripture, but man's feeble ability to recreate **HIS** WORDS have been recorded in history. Today, only those who believe in **GOD** care what **HE** thinks of them. Therefore, those who believe in **HIM** should express their feelings for **HIM** using WORDS privately {prayer} and publicly {truthfulness} to alter their perception of themselves, rather than to try to alter the perceptions of others. Pushing GOD/GOD/*God* into people just doesn't work anymore. You can improve yourself without forcing **GOD** into other people's lives. ⁹⁵

It's only those who wish to be at the front of the classroom close to the **TEACHER** who need to know **HIM**. The rest of the class isn't interested, nor do they need to be. They're going to learn what they need to learn just by living life. They're going to get the grades

⁹⁴ The Prophet Muhammad left no male heirs.

⁹⁵ Those who don't care to think about the creation and development of their self prefer to wait and be surprised at the end to see what they accomplished in life. Those who want to enjoy every single reward as it's conferred upon them prefer conscious contact with **GOD** along the way.

they work for. And those of us near the front shouldn't worry about our souls. If we motivate everybody to take good care of his body, head and heart, they'll improve naturally. They'll become soulful in their own incremental ways.

The idea of "hell" as a punishment after life for sins committed in this lifetime has been reduced over millennia thanks to the hard efforts of all our collective ancestors, communities and family members. We live in an age that strengthens our belief in the wisdom, love and devotion of **GOD** as we achieve it individually, whether that occurs consciously, or not. What was once a burning fire for those the institutions of faith determined were guilty of sin has been reduced to self-improvement assignments we each hope will replace our individual acts of evil, today, whether they were intentional or inadvertent.

Only the least enlightened among us still believe that perversion of justice comes from sexual expression between consenting, unmarried adults. Only the unexamined mind uses its conscience as other people's guide. Pleasing **GOD** doesn't correlate to denying anyone the sexual delights they fantasize about if they're unmarried. It's only once committed to one person in a monogamous relationship that most people agree to consider how their thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires might hurt the one they love, thereby causing conflicts of interest that bring up the hypocrisy of promising to do one thing, while doing another.

*"Prophet,
We have made lawful for you
the wives to whom you have granted dowries
and the slave-girls
whom God has given you as booty;
the daughters of your paternal and maternal uncles
and of your paternal and maternal aunts
who fled with you;
and any believing woman who gives herself to the Prophet
and whom the Prophet wishes to take in marriage.
This privilege is yours alone,
being granted to no other believers."
[33:50] ⁹⁶*

⁹⁶ "Muhammad was married to 13 women, including 11 at one time. He relegated them to either consecutive days or (according to some accounts) all in one night. He had sex with a 9-year-old girl and married his adopted son's wife (after arranging a quick divorce). On top of that, Muhammad had a multitude of slave girls and concubines with whom he had sex – sometimes on the very days in which they watched their husbands and fathers die at the hands of his army. So, by any realistic measure, the leader of the world's most sexually restrictive religion may have also been one of the most sexually indulgent men in history."

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If you want something akin to the sex life the Prophet had, I strongly recommend you don't get married. Marriage is a verbal commitment that should echo through your mind to your heart and from there into the depths of your soul. If you want sexual autonomy, there's plenty of opportunity to have it nowadays. If Muslims envy the sexual freedom Jews and Christians enjoy in Western societies, they should change the social and cultural priorities in their nations. What each and every Muslim does in Muslim countries in the future will depend on the degree to which each of them envies the lifestyles of those living in the East and West. That isn't something a government or society should legislate.

Although I'm perfectly willing to admit that homosexuality isn't quite as normal and common as heterosexuality – serial monogamy, polygamy, pedophilia, rape, incest and cannibalism are abnormal behaviors of increasing severity. Therefore, I suggest that we stop after homosexuality at serial monogamy and leave it up to the individual to reconcile with **GOD** personally and directly over his/her sex life.

Although I'm perfectly willing to admit that Judaism isn't as prevalent as Christianity and Islam the desire of **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* to eradicate Judaism and homosexuality from the face of the Earth is aberrant, abnormal, deviant, peculiar and unnatural. The hyper-religious are very, very sick and need help.

Some people want what other people want without asking themselves whether their own life might not be better without it. If Moses could kill; Jesus could attain perfection; and the Prophet could have any sexual desire gratified – there, surely, must be a part of me that asks, “Why can't I?” More than wisdom, I'd love perfection and more than perfection, I'd love eternal, sexual gratification. I wouldn't mind in the least if “heaven” were an eternal orgasm, provided it could be with a man. My hungers are the very essence of my motivations.

[Wikipedia] I'd add that Muhammad was just a man, no different from any other, and, as such, needed motivation, as would anyone else, to do *God's* bidding. *God* understood that and rewarded his penis in ways that his head, heart and soul needed in order to motivate him to do his work. But today, it's time to break up the “old boys' club” by recognizing that **GOD** isn't a part of such motivations. Men thinking with their penis is wearing us all thin.

But what I *want* doesn't make me who I am. What I pursue is what makes me who I am. I know I'll receive a reward commensurate with what I've strived to accomplish because I'm pursuing my deepest, spiritual needs.

Sticking my nose in your busyness isn't my idea of a virtue. So long as you don't hurt anyone, I'm fine with you doing whatever you wish to do. But once anti-Semites, anti-Zionists and homophobes start telling me *I'm* behaving like an animal, I need to speak up.

I've got insecurities, worries and a need for connection to society that makes it undesirable for me to be violent. I constrain my outer actions thanks to inner impediments that are the result of my upbringing, faith and prior choices. I look within to know how to behave without. I ask myself whether short term indulgences will bring me the kind of happiness I anticipate getting from long term goals.

Israel is the safest place on Earth to be a Jew. We've got to have a nation of our own. History, past and present, proves my point. The hyper-religious aren't yet modern enough to let us live in peace. Once I don't have to worry about being killed in the name of GOD, GOD or *God*, the hyper-religious will stop coveting Israel and start enjoying their Israel within.

Because I've gained freedom, liberty and emancipation from my experiences, my unfulfilled desires decreased considerably in number and intensity over time. I discovered what was on the other side of wishing I had what I was missing. I now know what emotional strength I've derived from persevering through lack and loss. I've arrived at pride.

I'm proud of Jews, CHRISTIANS and Muslims. I'm proud of the L.G.B.T+ community. I'm especially proud of young people nowadays. I'm proud of my friends, as flawed as they are, because they all have gifts I don't have. But that's only possible because I'm proud of myself. I've moved through my jealousy and envy at what I was missing to pride in what I've got. And what a difference within that makes!

What difference does it make to anyone but you what you do in bed with the one you love? If others think they were brought into this world to become **GOD's** penis-police, *their* mind is stuck between *your* legs. They're thinking with *your* penis, not with their own head. And it's becoming all the more obvious that that kind of thinking is creating more pain and suffering in the Middle East, making more *Muslims* believe that Jews, Christians, Muslims and gays are less valuable in the new age. And that's simply not true.

The "paradise" of the next world can't be found in your bedroom with one person after another or with many at the same time, even though the "paradise" of this world can. I've found peace of mind through my love for one man alone: myself. My boyfriend and I have a monogamous, sexual relationship that we use for practice in attaining that end. Learning to love life only through our penis {desires} and/or only through our anuses {possessiveness} would leave us looking desperate and foolish as we age. That would leave us feeling more and more distanced from ourselves.⁹⁷

⁹⁷ I've introduced a new concept here: the anus as the figurative locus of the desire to acquire, collect, control, dominate have, hold, influence, keep, occupy, own, possess, retain, seize and take. This accentuates the meaning of undulating the hips as an advertisement of these characteristics. It also gives meaning to the idea of behaving like an ass by clutching something you ought to let go of {constipation} or letting go of something you ought to hold onto {diarrhea}.

*“It shall be unlawful for you (Muhammad)
to take more wives
or to change your present wives for other women,
though their beauty please you,
unless they are slave-girls whom you own.
God take cognizance of all things.”
[33:52]*

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GOD takes cognizance of all things.”*

After marrying 13 women, it's no wonder *God* had to set boundaries for *Muhammad*. No penis knows when to stop. Every man needs to set boundaries for himself or his lust will outweigh his good judgment. His anus {possessiveness} will overcome his penis {desires}. He'll become greedy and domineering without understanding how he was made. You don't have to be gay or Jewish to have learned that much in life.

As a young man, I watched as many of my generation and lifestyle succumbed to A.I.D.S. The lessons of moderation took a severe toll on gay men. They were humbled by their hungers. Most today have learned from their experience. But those whose base hungers are dominating their decisions are still perpetrating great suffering upon themselves.

The question for me is whether I've learned to love my gay brothers despite their hungers, not despise them. The question is whether I've taken their lessons personally and decided not to behave like a penis {aggressively} or an anus {passively}. That's not a gay lesson. That's a human lesson.

Tanach made more sense at the time it was written than anything previously recorded. But the Jews who first read it aren't like the Jews of today. We've changed since then. We've had experiences with Christians that have transformed the way we feel. And we've had experiences with Muslims that have caused us to transcend our previous loyalties in wonderfully, new ways. Isn't the same true for everyone in the Abrahamic faiths? Hasn't **GOD** spread **HIS** designs despite man's desire for complete separation of the faiths? The same can be said of his hungers. We all hunger for many of the same things.

You can think like a Jew, feel like a Christian and believe like a Muslim without converting to any new faith. To get out of your head you only need the WORD "HONOR." To get out of your heart you only need the word "*respect*." Honor everyone. Don't try to love them. Respect everyone. Respect is nothing more than patience added to composure and multiplied with poise.

*“It shall be no offence for the Prophet’s wives
to be seen unveiled by their fathers,
their sons,
their brothers,
their brothers’ sons,
their sisters’ sons,
their women,
or their slave-girls.
Women fear God;
surely, God observes all things.”*
[33:55]

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What was true for the Prophet’s wives is now up for debate. Some Muslim women worldwide veil themselves, but many don’t. Personally, I think each Muslim woman should decide for herself what she wants to do in that respect. I find it as outrageous that male *Muslims* would make that determination for them as I find it outrageous that *CHRISTIAN* men would decide for Christian women whether, or not, they can or can’t have abortions.

Women who fear who they are, are righteous regardless of what they’re wearing or carrying. Women who might fear who they’re becoming within may make great teachers for those men who can only externalize their fears. When your life-giving organs are internalized, as they are in women, you may find yourself with skills that are different from those whose life-giving organs are externalized. In other words, women may have something in common with men $\{x^2\}$ that men might do more to emulate.

Jewish men created laws 200 years before the birth of Christ in Israel that insured the literacy of women. They realized then that when a woman is educated, her children benefit from her knowledge. And then the man who fathered those children leaves an even greater legacy to the world. After their forefathers’ bondage in Egypt, Jews wanted to build pyramids of their own but didn’t have the wealth and manpower to do so. Consequently, they chose to make their children their pyramid instead. And they buried as many of their virtues as they could in their offspring.

What was true about sex for the Prophet in his day is up for debate today. Just because the Prophet indulged his sexual fantasies doesn't mean every other man on Earth has to do the same. We all have sexual desires. Far be it for me to point fingers at any man for the way he behaves in bed or in his mind. Making my conscience my guide, and not yours, has been as hard for me as it is for everyone else. At one time, it was easy to allow me to succumb to my temptation to judge others for not living up to my standards. But what good are my standards if I inflict them on you? Surely, the one who needs to maintain my standards is me. People don't do well when prodded. They only do well when inspired.⁹⁸

The problem in projecting your standards onto others comes from the infant who doesn't have the luxury of language. That infant has no boundaries. It can't distinguish between where its world ends and another person's world begins. My inner infant is my responsibility, not yours. I wasn't brought into this world to be anyone's penis police or babysitter. If I don't like the way someone is leading his life, I tell myself simply to use that person as a bad example, and then I feel pity for them. I need to deal with my infantile tastes, preferences and opinions, not tell others not to have them. A more direct way to express my meaningful opinions is by becoming a good example, not by putting down bad examples of sensuality, passion or suggestiveness.

*“Believers,
do not behave like those who slandered Moses.
God cleared him of their calumny,
and he was exalted by God.
Believers,
fear God and speak the truth.
He will bless your works
and forgive you your sins.”
[33:70-71]*

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and forgive you your sins.”*

There are many in the Abrahamic faiths and many who've come out of the Abrahamic faiths who still slander Moses. They have no respect for the creation of monotheism or for

⁹⁸ Suggesting people do as you do may inspire them. But suggesting *you* do more as *you* do will inspire *you*. That's the secret to unending surges of inspiration.

the spiritual flowers on every tree of knowledge that make religious life blossom and bloom with increasing delight in **GOD**'s unfolding mystery of creation in Israel, and elsewhere.

*“We offered our trust to the heavens,
to the earth,
and to the mountains,
but they refused the burden
and were afraid to receive it.
Man undertook to bear it,
but he has proved a sinner and a fool.”*
[33:72]

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to the earth,
and to the mountains,
but they refused the burden
and were afraid to receive it.
Man undertook to bear it,
but he has proved a sinner and a fool.”

This world is a mirror of your inner world and the “world to come,” but the world we share has turned out to look more like a house of mirrors that each of us has to find his own way through. Each person you meet is a twisted reflection of some part of yourself you ought to look at. There’s no single reflection of you in which you’re going to see yourself perfectly mirrored. Whether you prefer to use the gifts of Moses, Jesus or the Prophet Muhammad to peer into the meaning of your being, you’re not going to see more of you until you achieve the humility to see parts of yourself in everyone else.

We’re all sinners in those ways we don’t know any better, and often fools in those ways we do. We still do as we please until we receive warning from within. When this warning happens to you, then you know your guilt is real. The Prophet gave his perspective on self-reflection, It could contribute to your awakening and awareness.

The reason so many teenage members of the L.G.B.T+ community are at risk to commit suicide is because there’s no one around them to teach them the **WORDS** “please” and “thank **YOU**.” They’re terribly guilt ridden without knowing why, and neither the straight community nor today’s L.G.B.T+ community has the ability to talk about it. The words “thank **YOU**,” “thank **YOU**” and “thank *You*” just won’t do. The hypocrisy in the Western world is just too great. If you can’t please yourself and thank yourself and **GOD**, you may drive yourself to suicide, too.

“The Confederate Tribes” described 1,400 years ago anticipated the confederate tribes we see unfolding within us today. These tribes no longer follow any religious ideology, sexual lifestyle or social tradition. The confederation of world thinkers today doesn’t

correspond to the dogma we hear in any one of the Abrahamic sects. Open your eyes and ears and the voice of your intuition will be raised in volume.

It's not that religion has become passé. It's only extremist, religious ideology that's become passé. This, the 33rd surah of the Quran, is the turning point in submission to **GOD's** will. But that submission will have to become personal and private in order to become meaningful. It'll have to happen in the synchro-mysticism of your interface with yourself before it becomes meaningful in the world we share. No one can go there with you to make meaning of your existence. We can only set good examples or bad.

Surah 34

سورة سبا

Sheba

שֶׁבַע {SHEVA} is the WORD for seven. Although the Queen of Sheba was a woman who visited King Solomon in Jerusalem, the interpretation of sheba as a place has become passé even though there are Arabic interpretations of this ancient, geographic location. Moving forward, we need to look at sheva as a place in inner space that we all have equal access to.

Seven is the transformational number of Scripture, the number of the attributes of fire we find in life:

<u>Attribute of Fire</u>	<u>Personal Attribute</u>
1. Illumination	Wisdom
2. Heat	Love
3. Burn	Purification
4. Mystery	Mystery of the self
5. Smoke	Prayer
6. Sound	The call to help {mission}
7. Smell	Intuition

When you imagine these attributes as abstract places that are ignited with eternal meaning, sheba becomes a euphemism for the soul. And when you talk about going to this place in inner space, you come to understand the literal Israelite journey to the Promised Land; the Christian pilgrimage in search of love; and the internalization of the Muslim idea of hajj.

Every individual is on an exodus, pilgrimage and hajj. Everyone has a beginning, middle and end. Everyone leaves one place in inner space for another, but in an ironic twist of fate, ends up in a third. Everyone wisely sets forth; lovingly seeks roots; and devotedly embraces the unexpected outcomes that cause us to blossom and bloom in new and unexpected ways.

Jerusalem is one of the externalizations of sheba. The soul is the internalization of sheba. Hence the religiously uninformed have a problem with the State of Israel, a problem created by their GOD/GOD/*God* that they must figure out spiritually and solve fairly. Until you seek to overcome your exclusionary tendencies, you're going to get caught up in lessons that'll challenge you to choose to express your dislikes about others to yourself rather than to them.

The question of how you got to where you are now in your life; the question of where you're going after you depart from this life; and all the negotiations in between that you make to get past the inner edges of your relationship with you – are all spiritual journeys, pilgrimages and hajjes that should recall the concept of sheba {soul} searching. All literal places correspond to figurative places you haven't attained that may bring up feelings that are embarrassing, shameful and humiliating if you're honest, sincere and authentic with yourself.

*“The nonbelievers declare,
‘The hour of doom will never come.’*

*Say:
‘Yes, by the Lord,
it is, surely, coming!
He knows all that is hidden.’”
[34:3]*

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Doomsday isn’t a Muslim invention. Nobody is more consumed with the “*hour of doom*” than the gays and Jews. You can’t be such a small minority with such a precarious history of being hated by the world without constantly concerning yourself with feelings of doom and gloom. And yet, we’ve managed to survive in some parts of the world, and even thrive. Our stories are a meaningful part of the history of miracles in the face of utter disasters. Collectively, gays and Jews are the very personification of good luck, while individually, there’s no apparent difference between each of us and everyone else.

The “*hour of doom*” not only came and went many times for gays and Jews. It’s comes back again in each generation. In fact, the “*hour of doom*” is here even now, hidden in some, seemingly insignificant action our enemies are always plotting against us. It often feels as though optimism, hope and joy mask the hour of our doom.

Doomsday isn’t only a concept that comes out of Middle Eastern hyper-religious thought. Atheists and agnostics aren’t any more hopeful than those of us who believe in **GOD**’s judgment of us. Atheists and agnostics mask their emotions as much as anyone else when it comes to social acceptance and an unforeseeable future.

Jews may have more reason to be frightened by a world that has continually found reasons to hate us. Christians may have more reason to be angry at a world that refuses to admit that love conquers all. And Muslims may have more reason to be sad about disloyalty being so rampant. But we all have our individual reasons to be filled with a sense of anxiousness and dread.

In fact, doomsday is a concept **GOD** uses to keep us on our toes. **HƎ** knows we’d stop trying if there were only a garden of delights to beckon us into the “world to come.” So **HƎ** sends clouds into our inner world to cast shadows over our sunny days and to release torrential floods of feelings upon us that force us to grow. It’s actually good for us to battle our inner nature as well as the nature of those around us. It makes us contemplate the mystery of the connections between our world within and the world we’re learning to share.

The world has modernized significantly since the writing of the Quran. What looked like doomsday to them then doesn't faze us much anymore. We have our own troubles to contend with: war, population, pollution, climate chaos, atomic annihilation, financial insolvency, etc. The end of life on this planet is now in our hands, and there are enough crackpots in all three of the Abrahamic faiths who can't wait to push the button to prove themselves right that the answer to all the world's problems will be magically solved on doomsday.

Those of us with a head on our shoulders, whether, or not, we're Jewish; those with forgiveness in our hearts, whether, or not, you're Christian; and those who believe the best is yet to come, whether, or not, they're Muslim – need to harness the Abrahamic faithful to make a positive difference in this world. But that'll only happen if our clergy, not just our politicians, artists and musicians, rally with us. Some of the most irresponsible, fanatical and suicidal men on Earth can be found in today's religious, extremist leaders in all three of the Abrahamic faiths. And if the rest of us can't argue Scripture better than they can, we're going to have "hell" to pay for it right here on Earth.

*"He will, surely, recompense those who have faith
and do good works;
they shall be forgiven
and a rich provision shall be made for them.
But those who strive to confute Our revelations
shall suffer the torment of a harrowing scourge."
[34:4-5]*

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and do good works;
they shall be forgiven
and a rich provision shall be made for them.
But those who strive to confute **O**U**R** revelation
shall suffer the torment of a harrowing scourge."

If you have hindsight, insight and foresight, the only thing that's stopping you from making a difference in your future is awareness of your personal power. But you might want to think about becoming more powerful from the inside in before you start running around trying to become powerful from the outside out. You might like to unite with other peacemakers to use the belief system GOD/**G**OD/*G*od gave you to influence the institutions of your faith.

*"Truly,
those who deny the life to come are doomed,
for they have strayed far into error."*

[34:7]

“Truly,
those who deny the ‘life to come’ are doomed,
for they have strayed far into error.”

It could also be argued that those who deny the “life to come” and those who don’t deny it are both doomed. Whether you affirm or deny what others tell you will happen after you die is literally immaterial. (You’re going to die.) In the end, the only thing that matters is the evidence you leave behind that you can call on to show **GOD** you had the courage, strength and conviction to use yourself like a crowbar {penis} to affect positive change in a world that often looks like nothing at all will move people towards peace. By this, I believe, you’ll be judged.

Without producing daily evidence of your efforts, you should see yourself as doomed. With evidence, you should see yourself as destined. And you’ll perceive the difference between the two in subtle increments by the feelings you have every morning of every day of your life when you wake up with yourself feeling dead, dread or wed.

*“On David
We bestowed Our bounty.
We said,
‘Mountain and you birds,
echo his songs of praise.’”
[34:10]⁹⁹*

“ON DAVID
WE BESTOWED OUR BOUNTY.
WE said,
‘MOUNTAIN AND YOU BIRDS,
ECHO HIS SONGS OF PRAISE.’”

If you think of gay people as European Jews thought of gay people in the past, you, too, will look at gay people as **GOD’s** little birds. The Yiddish word for gay man is “faygele” which means “little bird.” Many gay people don’t consciously trudge up spiritual mountains as straight people do, bent on reaching the top. Many gays have been given the gift of spiritual flight. We just don’t use it through the faith that rejected us.

Ours is a sort of journey, pilgrimage and hajj, too. We have the ability to soar through this world in ways that some straight people envy, and many fear as much as some fear flying. Like Jews, we were created in **GOD’s** image in very limited numbers. And like Jews, we’re challenged to discover our nature with few role models to look up to.

⁹⁹ David’s song of praise are the Psalms in Tanach which are attributed to having been written by him.

We're the little birds who sit on some of your shoulders, whispering in your ear. We're the seemingly carefree spirits who try to help in various, seemingly queer ways. If you refuse to use our power, we simply give it to someone else who will. *On David*, GOD *bestowed HIS bounty*. And, as we all know, he shared that bounty with Jonathan. ¹⁰⁰

*"To Solomon
We subjected the wind,
travelling a month's journey morning and evening."
[34:11]*

"TO SOLOMON
WE SUBJECTED THE WIND,
TRAVELLING A MONTH'S JOURNEY MORNING AND EVENING."

The wind describes the invisible force in us that **GOD** uses to create change from within at unexpected speeds. Some Jews refer to the wind in Hebrew as the soul. Some Christians refer to the wind as the Holy Spirit. And the Muslims refer to the wind as the power of *God Himself*. We literally see the effects of the wind around us, but we can't literally see the wind. We literally see **GOD's** participation with us in the past, but we can't literally see it as it's happening now. Those who don't ask themselves which way the wind is blowing may find themselves going against the wind rather than with the wind at their back.

Solomon was known for his wisdom. He harnessed the wind within, subjectively travelling a month's journey morning and evening. In other words, he grew faster than other people because of the influence from GOD that helped him learn more quickly about the meaning of life. Using inner knowledge to produce wisdom is an ergonomic way of benefiting internally in the same way that harnessing the wind produces electricity from wind turbines externally.

The Jewish concept of the shechina; the Christian concept of the Holy Spirit; and the Muslim concept of the tranquility of *God* - all allude to the force of the wind, but none of them describe how to benefit from all three. ¹⁰¹

¹⁰⁰ The love between David and Jonathan is a tale from Tanach that suggests they might have shared a love that was physically consummated. [1 Samuel 18]

¹⁰¹ The breasts of GOD {EL SHADDAI} feed our head with wisdom: shechina. The Holy Spirit of GOD moves the feelings of love in our heart, just as water currents create waves. And the tranquility of *God* brings peace to our soul through loyalty which comes as softly as a summer breeze. Perhaps you can now begin to see why Islam geographically borders on the **philosophies** of the Far East where tranquility is such an important part of their piece of our universal puzzle.

*“We said,
‘Give thanks,
House of David.’
Yet few of My servants are truly thankful.”
[34:12]*

“WE SAID,
‘GIVE THANKS,
HOUSE OF DAVID.’
Yet few of **MY** servants are truly thankful.”

It’s hard to be thankful to people who’ve been blessed with more than you. It’s hard to be appreciative of yourself, as well as grateful to **GOD**. Life is harder than it looks and thanking those who don’t treat you with the respect you deserve is a hard concept to live with.

But if you don’t develop inner strength through struggling with others peacefully, how are you going to be grateful when the wind is at your back? If you want to improve your life, you’re going to need to work very hard from the inside in before you’ll see results from the inside out. Only the truly faithful are willing to put their work into pleasing **GOD**.

If you do, you’ll discover **HE**’s there within you; **HE**’s at the top layer of your skin where your hair stands up on end. **HE**’s/**HE**’s/**He**’s in all three Abrahamic places and inner spaces at once. **HE** emanates out from every soul on Earth.

*“For the natives of Sheba
there was indeed a sign in their dwelling-place:
a garden on their right and a garden on their left.
We said to them,
‘Eat of what your Lord has given you
And render thanks to Him
Pleasant is your land and forgiving is your Lord.’”
[34:15-16]*

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there was indeed a sign in their dwelling-place:
a garden on their right and a garden on their left. ¹⁰²
WE said to them,
‘Eat of what your Lord has given you

¹⁰² The garden on the right is Judaism. The garden on the left is Christianity.

and render thanks to **HIM**.
Pleasant is your land and forgiving is your Lord.’”

The WORD for GOD that’s closely related to sheba is שכינה {SHECHINA}, which means “dwelling.” It’s not a term that occurs in Tanach but comes from rabbinic literature. The root WORD is often used to refer to birds nesting and nests. And the WORD itself is related to the WORD מִשְׁכָּן {MISHKAN} which is the Tabernacle the Israelites carried GOD in during the Exodus.

For those of us who understand we’re living in two worlds simultaneously, it isn’t hard to see that there’s a potential garden in both our worlds, external and internal, a dwelling place out there and in here. **GOD** created the world around us and planted us here as though this were a garden. But people of faith divided the garden into three. To unite the external world as a garden, we’re going to have to do so first within.

Otherwise, you’re simply going to till your own garden and curse the weeds in your garden as plants out of place. But who are you to decide what plants are in place and out of place in the world we share? Israelis are not plants out of place. They’re trees right where they belong. For your gardening efforts I believe you’ll be judged.

To become a gardener like **GOD**, I work to blossom and bloom with **HIS** will. I strive to know where and when to sow and where and when to reap in my effort to discover the mystery of the garden **HE**’s creating within me. This is the essence in the Arabic number {seven} and name “*Shēba*.”

With the WORD “EL SHADDAI,” you can come to the breasts of GOD and know the milk of human kindness that comforts and nourishes us all. With Y.H.V.H. you can come to know the fire that will motivate you to go on a mission. With the Holy Spirit, you can feel the spirit of **GOD** and know **HIS** love. And with the tranquility of *God*, you can prepare for your first step into the **philosophies** that’ll bring you understanding of why you’re so impatient. Combine all three, and you’ll discover why you’re so important to **GOD**.

*“We punish them for their ingratitude:
do We punish any but the ungrateful?”*
[34:18]

*“**wE** punish them for their ingratitude:
do **wE** punish any but the ungrateful?”*

The question is rhetorical. Cain began such questioning of GOD {AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER?}. And *God* turned the question around in the *Quran*, giving it back to us: “*Do **wE** punish any but the ungrateful?*” Surely, you can see that the moral questions of the meaning of life have moved into a new era in which all our questions are moving in a more mature and personal direction. Man is aging. He looks back on the past with middle aged eyes that see things from a distance.

You're your brother's keeper in the sense that you're your own brother; you're your keeper; and you'll be punished for your lack of thankfulness, appreciation and gratitude if you don't keep yourself in accordance with the highest standards set by this time in which we live.

We all become ungrateful to **GOD** when we're unwilling to be our own keeper. None of us stands high enough on the mountain to see it all. We're all on an individual journey to the top. And the Abrahamic leaders we were given {Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad} gave our ancestors the three views that we're now reaching for alone, together.

But we're not yet there. And we're not going to get there without gays and Jews participating in that hike uphill and back down. Some won't be able to fathom the plan because they're incapable of loving all people wisely. They'll insist that their devotion lies for their tribe alone. Others will insist that their devotion lies for a portion of their tribe {the portion that discriminates against gays and/or Jews}.

My personality depends on my attitude. But most people think *their* attitude depends on *my* attitude. It doesn't. My attitude depends on *my* attitude, and *your* attitude depends on yours. You aren't going to saddle me with your personality problems. The more you live with a bad attitude, the more *you're* going to suffer for your lack of thankfulness, appreciation and gratitude, not *me*.

You might like to consider substituting the word "*gratitude*" with "attitude." ***wE*** *punish them for their bad* attitude: *do wE punish any but those with a bad* attitude? Then you might like to substitute "attitude" with "altitude." ***wE*** *punish them for their low* altitude: *do wE punish any but those with a low* altitude?

Fortunately, most of the youngsters of today are far enough up all sides of the mountain that they're ready and able to argue the meaning of Scripture with hyper-religious leaders with a bad attitude and low altitude. No longer are young people willing to remain subjected to the dogma the hyper-religious leaders hold in their outer world or the sociological mess they've made of the institutions of their faiths.

The Abrahamic faiths ought to consider and agree to the following seven principles for the Western world:

1. Gays are legally and spiritually equivalent {±} to straights. **GOD** will decide the moral fate or destiny of each member of the L.G.B.T+ community, not straight men and women. **GOD** didn't create straights to be our guardians or religious guides.
2. Men and women should marry and divorce whomever and whenever they choose. **GOD** will decide the moral fate or destiny of each divorced person. **GOD** didn't make married people to be the guardians or guides of divorced people.
3. Abortion is an issue that should be determined by the woman who's pregnant. She should decide the fate or destiny of her unborn children. **GOD** will decide the moral fate or destiny of the mother and father of lives they create that one or both of them don't want. **GOD** didn't make us guardians of their unborn children.

4. All the land **GOD** gave the Jews must be returned to the Jews, and any land held by the Jews in or around Israel that wasn't originally given to the Jews by **GOD** must be returned to the Muslims or Christians who legally owned that land before. **GOD** will decide the moral fate or destiny of each Jew/JEW, Christian/CHRISTIAN and Muslim/*Muslim*. **GOD** didn't make anyone to be the guardian or guide of anyone else.
5. All the JEWS should embrace gay-Jews. Gay-Jews are no different from the slaves spoken about in Torah. Both topics have been modernized and internalized. Move on.
6. Women need to be ordained at every level of Abrahamic worship if the health of the Abrahamic faiths is going to be improved. **GOD** decides the moral fate or destiny of each woman, not man.
7. Israel will negotiate political peace with its neighbors after laws have been permanently put in place in Muslim countries and Israel to protect the marriage equality of Jews, Christians, Muslims and gays. **GOD** decides the moral fate or destiny of each nation, not religious leaders.

*"Our only aim was to recognize
those who believed in the life to come
and those who were in doubt."
[34:21]*

"OUR only aim was to recognize
those who believed in the 'life to come'
and those who were in doubt."

That, surely, was **GOD's** goal 1,400 years ago, and I doubt **HIS** goal has shifted since then. Nowadays you can get any sort of religious perspective online at the touch of a button thanks to modern, technological ingenuity. We have all the evidence about **GOD/GOD/God** even if the evidence for that assertion may still be hard to see when looking up from our computer screen at the world around us.

The Jews and Muslims ought to stop scorning the Christians for their 3 in 1 beliefs. **HE/HE/He** obviously works in three mysterious ways. And everyone ought to open his house of prayer doors to the highest levels of female leadership and welcome the L.G.B.T+ community in as long-neglected brothers and sisters. The **WORD** of **GOD** is greater than a couple of outdated passages from Leviticus. **GOD** will decide your moral fate or destiny.

"Say:
'Who provides for you from
the heavens and the earth?'"

[34:24]

“Say:
‘Who provides for you from
the ‘heavens’ and the Earth?’”

And then answer, “**THEY** do!” And if that doesn’t feel right, say, “**HE** does!” And if that doesn’t feel quite right yet, say, “HE does! **HE** does! *He* does.” And if you can’t say that, imagine the words, but say nothing.

Once you realize how blind you’ve always been to **GOD**’s designs for you, it won’t really matter how you spell the name of your **CREATOR** or the font of the pronoun you choose to use to speak about **HIM**. You know that in your mind you don’t generally imagine words literally spelled out. You only hear them. And if you really think carefully about the words you use when speaking to yourself, you may even discover that you’ve created many shortcuts to self-expression that include abstract symbols that stand for words that you can’t literally say out loud.

If you think of the metaphors you live by as sand; the symbols you live by as rain; and the beliefs you live by as cyclones, hurricanes, monsoons, tornadoes and typhoons – you’ll understand why the dreams you have at night aren’t limited to everyday thinking. After you’re through flying around inside experiencing thoughts, feelings and beliefs in your dreams, it’s hard to come back down to earth to explain what you went through in words the morning after. Your inner, atmospheric experiences are indirectly warming up like the planet. But that’s something you can learn to pay closer attention to.

If you think about **GOD** as a **COMPOSER** rather than a **CREATOR**, you can imagine the words you produce in your mind as your unique and special lyrics, and the feelings you produce in your heart as your own special melody. Now imagine going back 100, 200 or 500 years to replay the writings and songs of your ancestors. You may resonate with your ancestors’ world from your lofty perspective so much higher on the mountain. But try to listen to modern, classical music; jazz improvisation; or heavy metal music. It might be that your ear is only well-adjusted to the music of today or that your ears can only tolerate music of the past. There may be a dissonance or discord between the lyrics and melody of the song within you and the music around you. You may be old-fashioned or avant-garde in your own special way. The only way to modernize your thinking and feelings is going to be from the inside in. Forcing yourself to participate with every modern, creative endeavor without updating the internal equipment on which you play it isn’t going to improve the fidelity or profundity of how you experience what you go through.

If you want to control the imagination of a man, explain to me how you’re going to do that? Are you going to insist that the world is 6,000 years old by changing the science books to fit your dogma? Are you going to outlaw scientific inquiry and its accomplishments to make man more indifferent to his physical comforts? Are you going to refuse vaccinations? Or is the tool at your disposal fear of the afterlife in a world where people aren’t intimidated by that anymore?

If emotions are all you’ve got in your arsenal, the Jew in me says I can use my awe to fight your fear. And the gay man in me says I can use my paranoia to fight everyone’s

fears. There isn't a fire in your arsenal I don't have in mine. I can fight fire with fire because I know the difference between the hot burn of passion and the freezing cold burn of apathy.

"Say:

*'You are not accountable for our sins,
nor are we accountable for Your actions.'*"

[34:25]

"Say:

'YOU are not accountable for our sins,
nor are we accountable for **YOUR** actions.'"

GOD isn't accountable for our sins; but we're accountable for our actions. The Jews and Christians don't have to clean up the mess the *Muslims* made in the Middle East. The gays don't have to clean up the population explosion the straights have created that's ruining the whole world. And women don't have to babysit grown men who can't take care of their own inner infant, child and adolescent.

GOD is going to do what **GOD** is going to do, and each of us simply has to be prepared for **HIS** judgment upon us. What's fair may or may not necessarily look just or merciful. We'll see what **HE** decides to do to each one of us.

We all have a tendency to want to raise our fist, like Beethoven, to **GOD**, claiming we're too great a composer of **GOD's** "heavenly" music to have to lose our ability to hear it. We all wish to see ourselves as outside the system. We all wish to be treated like exceptions to the rule. Half our prayers are pleas for exceptions to the rules. How many people are praying to be shown the way not to behave like an exception to the rule?

How many believers really believe they're not responsible for the actions **GOD** has allowed to occur? How many are blaming gays, Jews, blacks, Muslims or women instead? Everyone is banking on **HIM** not allowing him to be as unfortunately treated as **HE's** allowing others to be treated. Would you really want to be gay, Jewish, black, Muslims or a woman in a world like we have today?

Everyone is denying *his* part in **HIS** designs. But acts of **GOD** are all allowances by **HIM** with reasons behind them, even if you aren't willing to look for your part in **HIS** designs. It's so much easier to wipe away your guilt in an effort to substantiate blame of others.

I know the indigenists didn't believe they were responsible for **GOD's** actions, but I thought the whole story of the Passover was supposed to be a reminder that **GOD** will allow even the heart of a pharaoh to be broken if he gets in the way of **HIS** designs.

A true believer should always question what happens to him in terms of **GOD's** best intentions for everyone. You work with **GOD**; **HE** works with you. You work against **GOD**; you work alone.

None of us are exempt from our own wrath. The fact that **HE** loves us and is devoted to us doesn't mean **HE** won't allow us to get angry with ourselves if we don't try a little harder every day. In that sense, **GOD** loves everyone. But **HE** doesn't *like* everyone to the same degree. Your wrath is something you should fear much more than **HIS**. **HE's** slow to anger. You're not.

Unconditional love is great. **GOD** made sure we all came to believe in **HIS** unconditional love for us. But there are also boundaries **HE** sets if, and when, **HE** chooses. If you like unconditional love without boundaries, I think you're headed for "hell" on Earth or something much worse after your time here {eternal regrets}. That's the place you should go if you're only interested in experiencing autonomy without limits in your lifetime. But if you find yourself with borders, boundaries and limits that weren't there before, get used to discovering what they're there for. You're here to learn about your love for you. And you couldn't accomplish that without **GOD's** direct and indirect {human} help. **GOD's** hands are often in man's hands.

You can't have Israel without borders. You can't have civilizations without frontiers. You can't have freedom without restrictions. You can't have liberty without regulation. You can't emancipate and evolve without institutions of faith that adhere to the limitations inherent in **GOD's** designs.

*"We have sent you forth to all mankind,
so that you may give them good news
and forewarn them.
But most men have no knowledge.
They ask,
'When will this promise be fulfilled,
if what you say be true?'"*
[34:27-28] ¹⁰³

*"**WE** have sent you forth to all mankind,
so that you may give them good news
and forewarn them.*

¹⁰³ *Allāh* sent forth the Archangel Gabriel to tell the Prophet Muhammad about *God's* designs. And **GOD** is doing the same with you today. If you only believe in **GOD/GOD/God**, you're a terrorist in disguise.

But most men have no knowledge.
They ask,
‘When will this promise be fulfilled,
if what you say be true?’”

What people should be asking is, “When will this promise be fulfilled, if what **YOU** say be true?” But people have no idea what they’re saying because they don’t listen to themselves.

People divide their life into two categories: those issues determined by fate and those that become the fulfillment of their destiny. There was a lot more fatalistic thinking in my philosophy of life than I realized until I expanded upon the possibilities of my destiny. I heard the music of Beethoven within me. Therefore, I had my fist raised to **GOD** in defiance of my fate. I couldn’t raise my open hands to **GOD** like Gershwin, with hope for a New York-like destiny.

I know I didn’t choose the body I’ve got. I can only do my best to keep the body I was given healthy, clean and as attractive as possible. I know I didn’t choose the crazy family I’d been given. I can only do my best to teach, help, support and console the strangers I’ve met since. I can’t change the way I lived my life without the inspiration I’ve since received from **GOD**. Therefore, now I can only model a better way to be me and stay out of your hair.

Moses said man is made of clay. The rabbis added that there’s a flame inside man, thus turning us into ovens in which we’re always cooking up something inside. Jesus said man is made of bread that’s soaked up wine. I interpret that to mean that man is an empty container filling himself with a divine substance called love. Honor the process. Combine that with what the Jews said, and you’ve got a man who’s an oven baking spiritual bread inside himself to break bread with the world.

But the Prophet said that man is made of impatience. And the more I chip away at my impatience, the more impatience I find beneath it. Respecting myself is the only way through my impatience.

With the WORD for GOD “EL SHADDAI,” you can come to the breasts of GOD, and know the milk of human kindness that comforts and nourishes us all. With the Holy Spirit, you can feel the spirit of **GOD**, and know **HIS** love. But with the tranquility of *God*, you can prepare for your first step into the **philosophies** that’ll bring you understanding of why you’re so impatient with life itself: Combine all three, and you’ll discover why you’re so important to **GOD**.

Leave people alone to make their own way to their idea of “heaven” or “hell.” What difference does it make to you if they divorce, have an abortion or sleep with members of the same gender? How will that affect your journey through life or destination in the hereafter? Your children already don’t agree with your rendition of morality. Instead, look at how other people’s behavior makes you feel about you. You’ll be amazed at how impatient you can become when you see people do something you wouldn’t do (especially something good). Why is that?

Religious people feel that if they don’t shape my decisions or force me to make the decisions they’d like me to make, they’re going to be punished by their GOD, GOD or *God*

for their lack of participation in the teaching process. This is an all too common behavioral style from the past that's still going on today.

My ego is something I need to recognize, moderate and, ultimately, learn to control with tranquility. The word "**nirvana**" means "extinguished." **Nirvana** is the smell of the flame after the flame has gone out. My ego corresponds to my penis before and after orgasm. It's either soft or hard. My esteem is either low or high. Therein lies the power of my intuition. Therein lies the power of the smell of an extinguished flame.

Other people don't need me, but once I've gotten what I want in the moment, I don't need me either. And so other people's neglect or casual dismissal of me is a mirror of my own. Converting people to your faith is something you need to do because your ego has been spent. Your life-giving juices have been excreted. Your flame has gone out. Converting other people will only give you the satisfaction of a cigarette after sex. It's really a pretty pathetic and dirty thing to reach for. And **CHRISTIANITY** and *Islam* have a long history of doing so. Hasidism, the conversion force from Jew to JEW is equally unsavory.

My relationship to myself is a complex combination of inner forces that'll take me a lifetime to learn to use effectively. In modern parlance, imagine my ego as my penis; my superego as my mind; and my id as my heart. In this way, I'm able to translate Scripture into psychology, and psychology into Scripture. This process makes me soulful and hopeful.

If the Quran was *God's* promise of wisdom, love and devotion, then the New Testament was the consequence **GOD's** wisdom and love. And if the New Testament was **GOD's** promise of wisdom and love without devotion, then the Old Testament had been the consequence of **HIS** wisdom without love or devotion.

But "THE LORD GOD SAID, 'IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE MAN TO BE ALONE. I WILL MAKE A HELPER SUITABLE FOR HIM.'" [Genesis 2:18] Therein we see **GOD's** love for man and *God's* devotion to man. They were made to be our helpers. **GOD's** designs only becomes evident in retrospect once you've learned, whether or not you attribute your knowledge to others or to yourself. To understand **GOD's** WORDS you ought to compare and contrast the Quran to the Bible and Torah. And you ought to include Jews, Christians and Muslims, not exclude them.

Lack of love becomes the root of all emptiness. A heart that doesn't beat with a constant, loving rhythm is the first sign of emotional death. And whether people consciously realize it, or not, every little sign of that death is expressed as fear. When people are alone and feel empty inside, they feel the need to make others afraid of what they're going through. They feel the urge to intimidate and bully those around them because in their misery lies the terror of being dead within themselves. This is a death from which love would have to awaken you. **GOD** knows, I can't do anything about it!

Lack of loyalty, however, becomes the root of all onliness. A soul that isn't shaped on all sides with loyalty to wisdom and love is the first sign of an eternal, spiritual death. And whether people consciously realize it, or not, every little sign of that death is expressed as paranoia. When people are alone and feel "only" inside, they feel the need to frighten themselves. They feel the urge to frighten someone inside of them for their lack of self-

loyalty when the source of their misery lies in their terror at how they're unconsciously humiliating themselves.

There's plenty of good news when it comes to your potential for freedom, liberty and self-emancipation, but there are also good reasons to consider yourself forewarned. Life goes deeper into your inner affairs than you might think. Life is about the consequences of emotions and lack of faith that force you to wrestle with your id, ego and superego to prove to yourself that you're an adult who can behave like an adult, regardless of the unpleasant emotions you go through being you.

Some seek love externally in life. Others are content to seek an antidote to onliness. Few know of the emptiness inside that goes beyond words, an emptiness they may try to fill with money, property and prestige because they haven't found the WORDS to master the spiritual process.

The sense of "heaven" and "hell" you experience day-to-day may not always be in your hands, but it's within your grasp. Like an infant, you can clumsily grab hold of life if you allow your intuition to guide you. You don't have to settle with what you see and hear. You can pay attention to what you figuratively smell like inside.

Israel means to wrestle with GOD. But why wrestle with HIM? Are you looking for a reason to limp? ¹⁰⁴ Israel means to wrestle with **GOD**. But why fight **HIM**? Your fight will only crucify *you*. And Israel means to wrestle with *God*. But why believe only what you were taught by people who aren't any more joyous about life than you are? Your life is within your grasp. Therefore, humble yourself to yourself, and your life will be yours to have and to hold.

Life is a process in which you go through the present to discover the importance of the past. Then you contemplate your past in anticipation of a better future based on lessons once learned that you can then compare to the lessons you're now learning. But if you've so intimidated and bullied you that you can't even admit to yourself how unloved and disloyal you sometimes make you feel, you're poor indeed. This is a poverty you may not yet be able to imagine about you, although you can probably see it in others.

All that you know, **GOD** has taught you. There's nothing you've eaten from your tree of knowledge that **HE** didn't condone, even if it was bruised fruit, inedible bark or poisonous leaves. How you use that knowledge is now up to you. But if you have a healthy fear of humiliation from the Lord, that'll keep you from becoming blasé to the metaphor of life as a school and you as a student of life all your life. You'll chose to learn about you rather than get distracted by boasting to others about how you've mastered the externals.

If you don't use the knowledge you've gleaned from experience to develop wisdom, you'll be responsible for that poor choice, too. But you can't hope to develop wisdom of the heart without wisdom of the head. And without wisdom as the result of I.Q.

¹⁰⁴ In Torah, Jacob wrestled with a stranger the night before he had to meet up with his brother, Esau, 20 years after he stole from him. The next day, Jacob knew he'd have to fight Esau or apologize to him. From his struggle with a stranger the previous night, Jacob was left with a limp. If you're observant, you can often see this limp in others. You can see in their frailty what **GOD** has allowed them to go through.

{Intelligence Quotient} and E.Q. {Emotional Quotient}, you won't be prepared to glean S.Q. {Spiritual Quotient}.

Life isn't a ladder we go up and down anymore, as Jacob perceived angels doing in his dream. Today life can be seen more like a waterwheel we ascend and descend repeatedly as our spiritual apparatus grinds the grain in our mill to make flour with which to bake spiritual bread. The spiritual process of learning better from worse begins as an emotional journey that connects us to this powerful, spiritual apparatus our parents began the construction for us when we were a child. Like a river headed downstream, we're drawn out of our feelings into a spiritual process that'll contribute to our understanding of **GOD's** designs if we complete the work our parents began that society should be helping us at all times to make more real.

You honor your mother and father {5th Commandment}. You don't love them. You save your love for you. **GOD** asked you to honor them because **HE** knew you'd come to realize how fallible, frail and forlorn they were. You learn from their example. You use them as witnesses and then as models of what not to do. And, finally, you use them as models of what to do.

When I raise my standards for myself, I help raise them for us all. When I overcome my fear of my enemies and then peer into their eyes, I finally see a part of me I'd been trying to avoid. I'm reminded of an onliness I avoided and thought that avoiding indifference would solve my problem for me. There are no problems in the external world that can't be brought to consciousness if you view them as syndromes.

To conquer fear of shame, you first need to recognize it. Then you need to dive into it as though into a river. You need to swim upstream through your cascading thoughts until you reach the source of that river bubbling up from the ground of your being high up in the mountain. There, in the rarified air, you'll discover your fear of humiliation by your Lord. When you realize you can use your curiosity to strengthen yourself in this way, you'll know you know the meaning of the **WORD** "trust" from within. And you'll trust that there isn't any feeling you feel that you need to fear.

The invention of the wheel that's such an integral part of our lives is a mirror of the spiritual waterwheel within you. Your thoughts are powered by your feelings. Your feelings are powered by the gravity of life. And the bread you break with others is the result of the mill within you where you grind the grains of love into flour.

Our adaptation of nature to create machinery that powers itself is the result of millennia of inspiration we shouldn't take for granted. We're in an ongoing, seamless spiritual process that's better understood by including Eastern **philosophies** in with Western religious thought. It's not just a question of simply going straight up to **GOD** in "heaven" or straight down to "hell" without **HIM**. It's also a question of timing. Timing is a mystery you can't depend on that's very, very real.

Discerning right from wrong is a complex, circular process we go around again and again within as though in a washing machine, before we come away morally clean. With a little self-cleansing, we can use our increased love of ourselves and devotion to the pursuit of wisdom to gain greater insight into the weave and pattern of our well-worn, soiled, spiritual fabric that regularly needs laundering.

This spiritual fabric is akin to your skin.¹⁰⁵ It covers you. It holds you together. This **GOD**-woven fabric is your best friend. Skin diseases may feel like rents in your fabric. Every rash may leave you a little more brash; every blackhead may feel like a volcano filled with pussy lava; every wart, a reminder of an evil intention that bores into your soul.

“Say:
‘Your day is already appointed.
Not for one hour can you hold it back,
nor can you hurry it on.’”
[34:29]

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‘Your day is already appointed.
Not for one hour can you hold it back,
nor can you hurry it on.’”

Impatience with the way it is, is a common problem among infants, children and adolescents. Impatience often becomes less problematic the older you get. The most patient of all people are sometimes those who are about to die. But on our way to the end, we all discover more about the need for patience with our self, which leads to greater patience with the inner workings of others. Without the shechina, the Holy Spirit and the tranquility of *God* you’re only going to get more and more impatient as you age.

The young are worried about survival issues. They generally have no power, little experience and insufficient insight. Every decision they make appears to them to be a life-and-death issue. But as they age, that pressure dissipates slowly. In old age, they suddenly find themselves worried about neurotic behaviors. The pattern of their snowflake has been magnified. Humiliation looms larger than it did before. Many layers of their onion have been peeled away. They now are who they say they are, as unattractive as that may look and sound.

The young worry about life. The old worry about death. The young worry about externals. The old worry about internals. The young worry about others. The old worry about their **GOD/GOD/God**. And if you reverse the process, and tell the young to worry more about death, and the old to worry more about life – there’ll be those who’ll curse you till your last dying breath.

“Your day is already appointed.” In the 24-hourly increments by which we measure time here on Earth, that poetically refer to the length of your life as a day. Each day is a repetition of the one day you’ve been given to experience being you. Herein lies the fate in the way you were conceived and will die.

¹⁰⁵ THE LORD GOD MADE GARMENTS OF SKIN FOR ADAM AND HIS WIFE AND CLOTHED THEM. [Genesis 3:21] Your spiritual garment is like skin. It fits you perfectly. But like your skin, it, too, can be rent asunder.

It might be more effective to say you were conceived of like a snowflake that has only one season to live. A snowflake isn't just a frozen drop of water with a unique pattern. It's an element of change which, when combined with other snowflakes, has a profound effect on the landscape in certain places, at certain temperatures and in a certain season. But it will melt. It will lose its shape and return to the ground or the sea.

The young will always need to be consoled because the world will never turn quickly enough for them. They don't realize that life is like gears of a car. Each decade you figuratively add another gear to your transmission, making the ride of your life smoother if you're going about your journey the right way. But the smoothness of your ride has less to do with material wealth than with your ability to use your mind over matter.

*“Then those who deemed themselves mighty
will say to those who were despised,
‘Was it we who debarred you from God’s guidance
when it was given you?
No.
You yourselves were wrongdoers.’”
[34:32]*

*“Then those who deemed themselves mighty
will say to those who were despised,
‘Was it we who debarred you from **GOD**’s guidance
when it was given you?
No.
You yourselves were wrongdoers.’”*

The mighty commend themselves for achieving political and financial strength in a world that would crush them if it could. The self-despising berate the mighty to avoid taking responsibility for a spiritual process that's forcing them to face their own weaknesses in other ways. And all those who can't figure out how the system works stick as close as they can to their hyper-religious leaders who promise to do their “thinking” for them.

In truth, **GOD** probably finds us all mighty and despicable, but **HE** gives us lessons at each stage of our life that'll both humble and strengthen us over time.

Without insight, you'll never achieve hope. But without hope for yourself you'll never achieve insight. You're in a spiritual Catch-22 that you can't get out of without talking to yourself and sometimes screaming inside at **GOD** because **HIS** system is as hard as steel and as transparent as gorilla glass. **GOD** knows us far better than we can ever say we know ourselves.

Straights who think they're mightier than gays; whites who look at themselves as superior to blacks; Muslims who call Jews pigs and apes – are all slowly discovering what it means to feel both mighty and despised. They're all preparing to meet their **MAKER**

with the kind of ambivalence and challenge the Prophet spoke of in this passage. “*Was it we who debarred you from **GOD**’s guidance when it was given you?*” Or was it you?

Divine justice comes to us all, not only to the victor or the vanquished. Divine justice can’t be achieved by using Scripture like a cookbook. The instructions in any one of Scripture aren’t sufficient to meet all of your spiritual, nutritional needs anyway. You need to modify your recipes with new, cooking tips for the new age to suit your individual tastes.

The WORD “RINA” {joyous song} figuratively alludes to a song **GOD** sings to us, that we sing back to **HIM** as best we can. Every song is made up of three elements: lyrics, melody and harmony.

We live in a time when the lyrics {Torah} and melody {Gospels} are finally being sung in unison. Call that **SCRIPTURE**. People think and feel, and they can now talk about the interactions of their thoughts and feelings without undo embarrassment and shame at what it took to get here.

But many of today’s harmonies {Islam} still sound cacophonous; noise that has no relationship as yet to the song endeavored to be sung. If you think you can leave this world crying out with the same noise you made when you came into it, you’re going to be very disappointed when you’re finally forced to take the time to listen to yourself. Harmonies come from the Quran. If you want to learn to sing, you should put more effort into the study of *God*’s harmony.¹⁰⁶

*“We have been given greater wealth
and more children
than the faithful.
Surely, we shall not be punished.”
[34:35]*

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and more children
than the faithful.
Surely, we shall not be punished.”*

It’s so easy to compare and contrast myself to other groups of people and come away boastful. But if extremist **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* think they can compose a song made up of just lyrics, melody or harmony, they’re going to run into religious, political or familial cacophony down the line. After **GOD** gave **HIS** WORD to all three of the Abrahamic faiths, you’re going to have a hard time giving credit where credit is due if you

¹⁰⁶ The feeling of being verklempt is the feeling of joy, a bittersweet contraction of your head and heart that reminds your soul what it’s all for. This experience may come and go quickly, but it’ll affect your mindfulness {head, heart and soul} profoundly.

try to cut anyone out of **HIS** designs. Be realistic. Plan instead for humiliation. Plan to die gracefully. The Prophet has given you clear warning.

It's better to be conscious of how you operate than not conscious of it. If you're conscious of how possessive you are, you can acknowledge your desire to hold others back, and then not act on it. If you're conscious of how territorial you are, you can acknowledge your desire to keep others out, and then not act on it. People are different to one another, but only by minute degrees.

Rewards come from **GOD** serendipitously. Punishments you bring upon yourself. And if you punish or have punished others, you're going to want to make amends in full before you can expect to become the beneficiary of **GOD's** rewards. Consider everything a test. That's just makes common sense. Why would **HE** want perpetrators around **HIM**? Surely, **HE**'s already got a place set aside for people like that...

There are many ways to be "FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY." [Genesis 1:28, 9:7] But the two conventional, figurative ways of being fruitful and multiplying are by making money and making babies. But people turn their money and children into golden calves that they dance around, and then they blame the Jews for doing so, too. Or those with the most money and children see themselves as the most blessed. They presume that self-improvement and making amends don't apply to them. They think they're good enough just the way they are externally. They see no need to go within.

"Say:

*'My Lord gives abundantly to whom He will
and sparingly to whom He pleases.'
But most men do not know it.'*

[34:36]

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*'My Lord gives abundantly to whom **HE** will
and sparingly to whom **HE** pleases.'
But most men do not know it.'*

Most people will eagerly agree when you tell them that life is a school and **GOD** is our **TEACHER**. But few will extend that metaphor to examine their grades, work habits and their cooperation with the class. There's no need for a believer to worry unduly about his transcript when he graduates if he applies himself on a daily basis to each and every assignment, lesson, homework, quiz and test. It's those who never awaken to their classroom setting with all aspects of their **TEACHER/TEACHER/Teacher** who then find themselves spiritually and scholastically falling behind the rest of us.

How many will tell you they've experienced something that was greater than anything they could have possibly imagined or anticipated? How many have put their hope in a hope

that goes beyond anything they can put into words? How many have the faith they need to overcome their fear of fear? ¹⁰⁷

Pop culture in America is predominantly GOD without the trappings of the Church. American pop culture is so popular worldwide because much of it represents the Christian doctrine of love without religious dogma.

Science, on the other hand, is the notation of notes of **GOD's** designs for those who can sight-read the lyrics, melody and harmony of **HIS** music but can't hear it. Faith in GOD, GOD or *God* for those who can't read musical notation is commonly referred to as "the handwriting on the wall." Despite our scientific and technological comforts, man is still incredibly primitive when it comes to everything that matters most.

GOD actually gives abundantly and sparingly in more obvious ways than most people wish to think. People are so consumed with blaming one another; doing their best not to help one another; cheating, lying and stealing from the unsuspecting – that they don't realize **GOD's** ways are more obvious than they think.

Faith works miracles if you believe. But if you believe, you're going to be left with reasonable doubts that, like gravel on a hill, will make it easy to ascend {grow up}, but difficult to descend {grow old}. Still, it's better to face your doubts, slip and fall than sweep them under the rug.

*"Neither your riches
nor your children
shall bring you one jot nearer to Us."
[34:37]*

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shall bring you one jot nearer to US."*

It's interesting that we easily accept the idea of **GOD** referring to **HIMSELF** in the first-person plural {**WE**}, but we don't like the idea of **HIM** referring to **HIMSELF** in the third-person plural {**THEY**}. If not for the Christian concept of three gods in **ONE**, we may not have thought to connect the first, second and third-person pronouns to achieve the complete concept of **GOD**. And then the WORD "US" as used in this passage would be meaningless to us.

¹⁰⁷ What I'm implying when I state "fear of fear" is an apprehension of taking words more to heart. What I'm implying is that you may still have a defense mechanism in place that protects you from some ideas because you're not quite ready to let them fully in. And that's fine if you're consciously aware of it. The more ideas pile up outside your fortress wall, the easier it'll later be for you to climb over your own defense mechanism to make your way inside as though a mysterious stranger let you in.

It's not your money or your offspring that bring you closer to our **CREATOR**. They may bring you closer to other people, but **GOD's** judgment of you is a moment by moment occurrence based on much more than how you were fruitful and multiplied in the world you share with the rest of us. It's the inner improvements you make to yourself that make all the difference to **HIS** assessment of you. If you're determined to help the external world, make sure you use your experiences with others to help yourself grow above all else.

“Say:
‘My Lord gives abundantly
to whom He will
and sparingly to whom He pleases.
Whatever you give in alms
He will recompense you for it.
He is the most munificent provider.’”
[34:39]

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and sparingly to whom **HE** pleases.
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HE is the most munificent provider.’”

Charity is especially endearing to **GOD**, probably because **HE's** so charitable in **HIS** dealings with us. If you, like me, have as mean-spirited nature, you're going to want to learn how to give, in those special ways **HE's** given you to give. Not everyone can comfortably give up his *money*. Not everyone can comfortably give up his *honey*. Find the way you can comfortably give and do so with all your heart and soul. There's little point in giving if it feels like sacrifice. Give only to learn. It's more valuable to give with a sense of relief in what you'll learn from it than a sense of dread. Dread is a sign that you aren't will to give for any reason.

Sacrifice should make you feel like a martyr, not a victim. Giving up something your ego has your heart invested in is only possible if you realize your ego is not your amigo. Doing what's best for others, even if it isn't best for you, can only be reconciled with **GOD's** designs if you're willing to *learn* more about you than you want to *teach* others a lesson.

We may not deserve all that we have. But we're all learning to receive **GOD's** charity to us and pass it along to those we deem deserving in the ways we can. That is, in itself, a

lesson, in godliness. If a thief can learn to give to others shrewdly, you can learn to give to yourself wisely.

*“To the wrongdoers,
We shall say,
‘Taste the torment of the fire,
which you persistently denied.’”*
[34:42]

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wE shall say,
‘Taste the torment of the fire,
which you persistently denied.’”*

Who doesn't already know the literal burn of fire? Who doesn't already know the figurative burn of fire? Who doesn't know the blessings in the lessons from them both? Everyone has reasons to feel burned by JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. Some people even have reason to feel burned by gays. Each of us is a fire burning at many temperatures all at the same time. The “world to come” has been brought down into the world we know. What was once two worlds, one now, one after life, has become two worlds, one outer, one inner. The followers of only one Abrahamic text must catch up to bring them into the modern era. There's no literal word of GOD/GOD/*God* that doesn't correspond to a figurative WORD of **GOD**.

You never know if you're going to burn with self-righteous indignation; with guilt; or with the frostbite of emptiness and onliness. When you're lonely without a reason to feel loss you're “only.” You never know in advance what you'll learn about yourself when you make self-intimacy your goal.¹⁰⁸

*“Those who have gone before them
likewise denied Our revelations.
They were ten times as prosperous and mighty:
yet they rejected My apostles.
And then how terrible was the way I rejected them!”*
[34:45]

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likewise denied OUR revelations.
They were ten times as prosperous and mighty:*

¹⁰⁸ Those who speak of self-intimacy are deluding you and themselves if they don't also speak about their intimacy with **GOD**.

yet they rejected **MY** apostles.

And then how terrible was the way **I/I/I** rejected them!”

GOD’s forgiveness and mercy are virtues we’re all counting on. We know we don’t have the self-love to excuse, forgive and exonerate ourselves. We all have good reason to believe the “*hour of doom*” is upon us. And we all want to believe that the “*hour of doom*” came and went in biblical times and won’t be back. It’s only when we take the “*hour of doom*” personally that we realize that it came and went many times in our lifetime, too. If you have a sense of this already, you know the dread of getting a sense of it again. But if the **TEACHER** hasn’t yet chastised you with the feelings of fear, horror and doom, what would motivate you to change your ways?

The feelings of doom and dread are **GOD** given. **HE** worked a lifetime {yours} to produce these sticks to make you uncomfortable. If you feel beaten with a stick, don’t try to avoid your punishment. You’re the greatest indicator you have that you need to reflect on something you’re doing, thinking, feelings, wanting or believing that you need to change in some way. Attitude over time leads to altitude.

Doom and dread are signs from **HIS** chisel that your marble is being emotionally sculpted into a masterpiece. Why would you complain about each and every whack your heart takes? Don’t you want to leave the rock you’re made of to come alive?

Hunger, death threats and homelessness motivate some people to embrace life, while these punishments compel others to give up trying entirely. Not even death has to feel like rejection if you’re awakened enough to the joy of learning about you. Death could come as a welcome relief or even like an award ceremony in which you feel greatly honored.¹⁰⁹

The cynic says it’s all a hideous joke. The artist says it’s all a craft we learn to master. The sportsman says it’s all about winning. The scientist says it’s all occurring on automatic pilot. The pop-culture singer says it’s all one big song about feelings. But the true believer says it’s a school he’s bound and determined to graduate *summa cum laude*.¹¹⁰

“Say:
‘One thing I would ask of you:
stand up before God in pairs
or singly

¹⁰⁹ The L.G.B.T+ community changed life in America for all Americans by changing the way in which we “do” death. The A.I.D.S. crisis forced us to turn death into celebration and silence into solitude. If you don’t fear death today, it’s because of the brave, gay men who changed their attitude about death long before you had to think about dying. {Who knows how many of the Jews in the Nazi ovens died with such conviction to the importance of their life?}

¹¹⁰ “*summa cum laude*”: Latin: with highest praise and honors from others. What we all want is to graduate life *summa cum laude*, with highest praise and honors for ourselves.

*and ponder whether your compatriot is truly mad.
He is sent forth only to forewarn you of a grievous scourge.”*
[34:46]¹¹¹

“Say:
‘One thing I would ask of you:
stand up before **GOD** in pairs
or singly
and ponder whether your compatriot is truly mad.
He is sent forth only to forewarn you of a grievous scourge.”

The Prophet’s forewarning must be taken personally to be taken seriously. There’s no point in Islam fantasizing about turning the whole world Muslim, although it does make sense that Islam forewarn the world of the consequences of excessive self-indulgence through materialism. Let’s let Christianity teach us to love ourselves. Let’s let Islam teach us to put universal limits in place around that love through a greater sense of devotion to ourselves. And let’s let the Jews judge us for our success in doing so. Let’s let the L.G.B.T+ community and the women in the West work on peace between the nations. And let’s let those in the Far East work on achieving shalom {self-fulfillment over time}.

If you only live like an outsider to society or allow yourself to feel like an outsider to the modern world, (a modern world created primarily by Judeo-Christians), you’re going to get more frustrated with what seems to be unfair. Believe me, what you get when you look at the outside without contributing to change on the inside is exceedingly fair. You’ve got to get involved in the world within you to make progress in improving the world around you.

Frustration is the natural consequence of being stopped from getting what you want. Carl Jung said that **GOD** was anything that got in his way. In effect, he was stating that all frustrations come from us getting in **GOD**’s ways. When it’s possible to postpone my goals; approach them more patiently; or approach them from new directions – I reduce my frustration, which, in turn, lessens my melodramatic reactions {fear of fear} to everything that seemingly gets in my way.

Judaism was terribly frustrated by Christianity for 2,000 years because of **CHRISTIANS** who insisted on hating Jews despite the teachings of their Scripture. The goal of teaching Christians to love Jews became much more of a conscious goal for Jews than for Christians. But we can now look back on the path of peace between these two faiths to see that it was so slow in coming because neither understood the importance of the Quran. **GOD** isn’t enough.

GOD

¹¹¹ Torah was an autobiography written by a man who stood before **GOD**. The Gospels were a biography written about **GOD**. But the Quran is a universal commentary in the first, second and third-person with **GOD/GOD/God** as his **WITNESS**. When the Prophet referred to himself as mad, he was being self-deprecating. You should be so mad...

Jews and Christians haven't attempted to use their wisdom and love to enhance Muslims' appreciation of *God's* devotion to life. JEWS and CHRISTIANS have used warfare, negotiation and international law to manage their frustrations with *Muslims*. It still doesn't occur to any of them to use Scripture to solve everyone's syndromes. Clearly they've left the problem for women with the help of the L.G.B.T+ community to do the "dirty" work for them.

Wisdom and love are like brothers. People in the modern world are proud that they can use their head and heart in tandem. If you're interested in helping each and every individual in the modern world develop a head and heart using your soulful regard for **GOD**, you ought to be able to teach JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* how to take baby steps into a modern future. But those baby steps may need to come at times with some ridicule, scorn or derision, or the religious fanatics will just continue taking giant steps into the past.

Teaching people that the direction of **GOD's** throne lies ahead of them can't be accomplished so long as they're unconsciously consumed with fear of their fear of their past. The goal of universal peace can only be achieved if you address your guilt to **GOD**.

"Say:

'I demand no recompense of you:

keep it for yourselves.

None but God can reward me.

He is the witness of all things.'"

[34:47]

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'I demand no recompense of you:

keep it for yourselves.

*None but **GOD** can reward me.*

***HE** is the **WITNESS** of all things.'"*

People can't compensate for me for having to go through my lessons in life alone, but they can frustrate me until I recognize that everything and everyone who gets in my way will ultimately release their tenacious, neurotic hold on a world I, too, thought I needed to have and hold. If I till my inner garden, my outer garden will bloom. If I search within for personal meaning regarding my frustrations, my frustrations will become spiritual waterfalls I'll jump over like a fish on my upstream quest for understanding the source of my fears.

The ultra-orthodox JEWS; the holy roller CHRISTIANS; and the fanatical *Muslims* who debate having to kill, needing to kill and wanting to kill – are all trying to use Scripture to force me to do what they want me to do. If they were really interested in **GOD's** message, they'd spend their time living it, and stop spending their time promoting it.

To live my life my way, I go to a place called “sheba.” I find the seven gates in my rampart, the seven windows in my wall, the seven roads that meet at the same circle. I internalize my journey to sheba. It can’t be found around me. You’d see your journey more clearly if you contemplated the rays shining out from a flame.

Surah 35
سورة فاطر
The Creator

This is a surah that certainly makes more sense if you have a firm grasp on faith. If I'd been still debating whether there was or wasn't a god, I'd have found everything up through the 34th surah of the Quran on sheba impossible to believe.

Sometimes we all need to wait for a stranger to come along to help us see something we were too close to, to see our part in it. If we can't accept a little help from the strangers our **CREATOR** brings into our life, we're suffering from a defense mechanism that's keeping us separate and distant from others to a detrimental degree. We're creating an inner atmosphere of exclusion and, ultimately, one of superiority.

Those who don't believe in a god are, in a strange way, at an advantage to those who only believe in one GOD, GOD or *God*. Once you can accept that the outer world is always going to be expressed in a messy way, you'll be able to translate that experience through the internal, unification process called "spirituality."

The true believer is more defended against other faiths than the atheist and agnostic who don't subscribe to any of them. The atheist has no personal reason or investment in hating Jews, Christians, Muslims or gays. And the agnostic has no dogma to cloud his curiosity about spirituality. Only those of *little* faith suffer from psychological problems with strangers that emanate out from a disdain of themselves. They can hear others speaking about prejudice, but they can't take the topic personally.

*"The blessings God bestows on man
none can withhold;
and what He withholds
none can bestow
apart from Him.
He is the mighty, the wise one."
[35:2]*

*"The blessings **GOD** bestows on man
none can withhold;
and what **HE** withholds
none can bestow
apart from **HIM**.
HE is the mighty, the wise **ONE**."*

The blessings of the Quran can't be unlocked without the wisdom of the Jews and the love of the Christians. And Muslims aren't going to be able to bestow the blessings *Allāh* has given them until they learn to appreciate the gifts brought to them by their older,

spiritual brothers. **GOD's** designs have a purpose, and history is a clue to the mystery of **HIS** many manifestations. *Muslims* will continue to plague Muslims with disloyalty, disharmony and inhospitality until they can all embrace Western history and the blessings of the modern age.

Nor can the blessings of the Quran be utilized without appreciation for the unique vision given to the L.G.B.T+ community. Each human being has been poured into a material container, a container we had no choice about. You're an x^2 in a y or an x^1 . What you physically look like; how your family is morally behaving; and the culture, faith and language you were raised in – are all aspects of the influences on your nature you had no control over. You only had control over your reactions to those circumstances.

Your sexuality is also something you didn't choose. You might be more curious about your y or x^1 than your x^2 . Or you might be more curious about your x^2 than your y or x^1 . Finding answers to the mystery of your being through sex is a personal matter, not one to be determined by your religion.

You can't go back to change your past. You can only come to appreciate it {increase its value}. You should take nothing within you or that has happened around you, now or in the past, for granted because, if you do, you'll create evil in the world around you in an attempt to deny what happened to you in the past.

That said, there's still a lot you can do to earn a place in the "world to come." But you can't use hatred, prejudice and violence to retaliate against the hatred, prejudice and violence you suffered in the past. Your prejudices against gay people speak volumes about your relationship to yourself, not us. Until you learn to operate you as you would a beloved automobile or computer, you're not going to appreciate the subtleties of how anyone else was made. Spirituality is the only answer to your syndromes.

*"Let not the life of this world deceive you,
nor let the dissembler deceive you about God.*

'Satan' is your enemy:

Therefore, treat him as an enemy.

He tempts his followers so that they may become the heirs of hell."

[35:4]

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nor let the dissembler deceive you about **GOD**.*

satan is your enemy:

therefore, treat him as an enemy.

he tempts his followers so that they may become the heirs of 'hell.'"

I think the word "*dissembler*" is an apt way to describe what we do to ourselves over time. The child takes off the back of a watch to observe the gears, or he pulls the wings off a butterfly to watch it squirm. The youngster learns how to reprogram his computer. The adolescent looks under the hood of his first car. The middle-aged man is tempted to take his marriage and career apart when he sees they're not working optimally. And the old man

tinkers with himself in the hopes he can put himself together after a life of assembly and disassembly of the people, places and things around him.

Ultimately, we all admit to having once been broken; are now coming unsealed; or will be punctured like a tire that'll release all the air inside us on our last day, thus extinguishing our flame. It's not satan who's doing our dirty work for us or to us. We do it to ourselves. The more we figuratively use our penis or clitoris {desire} to resist modernity rather than bring our future to life, the more we're going to see what we're figuratively exuding from our left testicle or ovary {death}. The more we become aware of all the ways we dissemble rather than assemble ourselves, the more we realize how much work we still have to do. And then we may choose to fantasize about the meaning of life rather than learn to replace our broken dreams with a vision that includes an end we can always keep in sight.¹¹²

*“The nonbelievers shall be sternly punished,
but those who accept the true faith
and do good works shall be forgiven and richly recompensed.”*
[35:6]

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but those who accept the true faith
and do good works shall be forgiven and richly recompensed.”

The words “*true faith*” are an oxymoron in this passage, intended to test your faith. All faith is true. There's no such thing as false faith, only faith misapplied to the world we share because of prejudices built upon ignorance. Nobody nowadays believes in any god other than **GOD**. The only thing open to question are the questionable ways people treat themselves and one other.

Why should we ridicule the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*, but not the fat, drug or alcohol addicted, the sexually obsessed and the gambler? Why are the latter illnesses, while the former are belief systems? There are physical, emotional and spiritual illnesses and dependences that must be acknowledged. If JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* were able to control their own nature, they wouldn't point fingers at others' natures. They wouldn't all be calling my gay behaviors immoral and then killing one another out of frustrations they can't adequately explain.

Perhaps you can now see why the modern age hinges on Leviticus 18 and 20. When a man refuses to sleep with even one man {y}, he refuses to sleep with himself {x²}. And when he refuses to sleep with himself {x²}, he can't envision or improve himself {y + x²}. He remains stuck in his head regardless of his faith in his idea of GOD/**GOD**/*God*.

¹¹² Circumcising a penis or clitoris only rids you of unwanted flesh. But your imagination will never stop thinking about what's missing and how to get it back. This recovery process must be done figuratively. Why else would GOD/*God* have ordained it thus? Why else would GOD have been circumcised *for* you?

If it's an abomination for you to sleep with a member of your own gender, don't do it. Then you won't have to reconcile that "evil" with your GOD, GOD or *God*. But if you think you're going to point a self-righteous index finger at me, you're sadly mistaken. Point that finger at yourself. You've got enough to atone for without wasting any more of my time accusing me of my transgressions.

Muslims don't hold a monopoly on *Allah*. CHRISTIANS don't hold a monopoly on Jesus. And JEWS don't hold a monopoly on ADONAI. **GOD** is too smart to let anything like that happen. The question of faith is always one of moral interpretation. Your interpretation of your behavior towards others is paramount to your interpretation of your faith in your future. Therefore, I suggest you examine what you believe to be true. Your time to atone and then redeem yourself is running out, same as mine.

Muslims were given the last name of **GOD**. They weren't given *His* last and final name. There'll be more names for **GOD**. One of **GOD**'s names is your name. And your name isn't going to be the last and final name for **GOD** either. **HE**'s continuously reinventing **HIMSELF**. Each generation exemplifies **GOD** evolving for us to give us pause to what's happening here on Earth. Did you ever have a teacher you understood better by the end of the course? That has nothing to do with the subject matter.

All the wars against Israel are crusades and intifadas that mirror worldwide internal struggles **GOD** has allowed to be externalized through projection so we may discover what it is we truly want to believe. Your pain and suffering is moving you in the right, moral direction if you make good use of it. But if you feel like a martyr, perhaps you need to question your relationship to x^2 {that aspect of yourself you share with us all}.

Most people have focused most of their efforts externally instead of internally. And that turns them into martyrs instead of soulful individuals. Most of what they're struggling with out in the world are moral issues they could have addressed internally had they been more interested in becoming self-aware.¹¹³

*"God leaves in error whom He will
and guides whom He pleases.
Do not destroy yourself with grief on their account.
God has knowledge of all their actions."
[35:7]*¹¹⁴

"**GOD** leaves in error whom **HE** will
and guides whom **HE** pleases.

¹¹³ Most people spend their time becoming more aware of others in order to profit in some way in the world around them. Few seek awareness within in order to profit being themselves before **GOD** as their **WITNESS**.

¹¹⁴ This is *Allah* speaking to the Prophet through the Archangel Gabriel.

Do not destroy yourself with grief on their account.
GOD has knowledge of all their actions.”

Just imagine how it would sicken the Prophet today to know that *Muslims* are committing suicide for **GOD**’s sake. There’s absolutely no reason to kill even one of **HIS** creations in an attempt to create a better world for us all. If radical *Muslims* looked at themselves through the eyes of the Prophet, the wars in the Middle East would end immediately. They’d be ashamed of themselves. And they’d graduate to the topic of self-humiliation.

Come to the table of brotherhood where Jews, Christians and Muslims sit together with their gay brothers and sisters. Your disgust with anyone at this table has nothing to do with **GOD**. It’s merely an issue you’re going through with yourself.

*“God sends forth the winds
which set the clouds in motion.
We drive them on to some dead land
and give fresh life to the earth after it has died.
Such is the resurrection.”*
[35:9]

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and give fresh life to the earth after it has died.
Such is the resurrection.”

This is an interesting passage because the second sentence could be written in one of two ways {“we drive” or “**WE** drive”}. I’d like to suggest that “**GOD** *sends forth the winds* {devotion, hospitality, loyalty} *which set the clouds* {human problems full of negative feelings that rain down} *in motion.*” And then we {humanity} drive our problems to dead lands {places without faith} to give fresh life to the earth within us where our faith has succumbed to disappointment. In this sense, the miracle of life is renewed as **GOD** wills it. Such is the resurrection.

The meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus can come to you in your lifetime, whether, or not, you’re Christian. The reason for a resurrection doesn’t have to appear to you after you’re dead. Giving your life to love is a form of martyrdom in which your reward comes to your heart through the feeling of joy in just getting to be you struggling to be you. The Resurrection of Jesus also turns justice, fairness and objectivity into the external rewards

of mercy and forgiveness that are connected to the rewards we seek from **GOD** from within.

Making peace with yourself is going to require mercy and forgiveness, which you're then going to need to give to the world, or not. Believing in the power of love isn't a form of surrender. It isn't a form of humiliation or failure. Love is the universal form of resurrection in which you resurrect your faith through your good deeds each day in new ways. Thus, resurrection is a natural process by which we can all achieve greater self-esteem. Resurrection isn't just for Christians anymore. It never was.

*“But those who plot evil
shall be sternly punished;
their plots will be brought to nothing.”*
[35:10]

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Those who plot evil shall be sternly punished in their lifetime with disregard for what really matters to them in life. Their waste of time will cost them dearly in the future and after life. It's in that sense that *“their plots will be brought to nothing.”* They'll have little to show internally for how they used their time on Earth.

You can't take “it” with you. {But you need to decide what it is that you've projected all the way into the “world to come.” “It” could be money, sex, health or happiness. “It” doesn't only have to be about a serpent hanging down from a tree.}

The plight of today's radicalized JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* has only created a mood of helplessness and hopelessness, a scourge that's spread from one end of the religious world to the other. What once began as a story of ancient, Egyptian indigenists fighting with **GOD** to overcome plagues has now turned into a story of international thieves fighting with **GOD** to take over the world. These thieves use people, abuse people and profit from pain and suffering. But their plots will be brought to nothing within. If you do your utmost to oppose the thief you've discovered in you, your morality will be fought on all fronts externally, as well as internally. If you work at mind over matter, I believe you'll see results that will make an eternal difference.

If you think those opposed to universal healthcare are any less spiritually radicalized than those who oppose the State of Israel, you're living out a fantasy of yourself as innocent of a crime. If you think you can restrict the upward mobility of blacks or eradicate gay rights, you're no less evil than an anti-Semite or anti-Zionist. Picking and choosing whom you're going to hate isn't going to leave you with much of a moral platform to stand on within yourself before **GOD**. That's why eradicating self-hate is the greatest and most important struggle of them all. It's your love of you that you're stealing out from under yourself. Your esteem of you is more valuable than you may realize.

*“No female conceives or gives birth
without His knowledge.
No man grows old
or has his life cut short
but in accordance with His decree.”
[35:11]*

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without **HIS** knowledge.
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or has his life cut short
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“**GOD** sees all and knows all.” **HE** also permits all evil to occur. If you don’t like what **HE**’s permitting to occur to you, get in line with the rest of us... Do more good! We Jews didn’t like living 2,000 years in the Diaspora. We gays don’t like being the pariahs of the world. A lot of people didn’t like the Second World War. I’m sure Palestinians haven’t enjoyed being treated like hot potatoes by their Muslim brothers.

GOD’s designs are beyond anyone’s individual control. The best we can do to create and insure peace and stability is to create inner peace and stability as well. It doesn’t take a genius to understand that much.

*“The two seas are not alike.
The one is fresh, sweet and pleasant to drink from,
while the other is salty and bitter.
From both you eat fresh fish,
and from both you bring out ornaments to wear.
See how the ships plough their course through them
as you sail away to seek His bounty.
Perchance you will give thanks.”
[35:12]*

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In this passage “*the two seas*” are the two emotional realms of the heart called happiness {sweet} and sorrow {bitter}. Happiness is fresh, sweet and pleasant to drink from, while sorrow is salty, even to the point of becoming bitter. Your heart is like a sea of fresh water and your heart is like a sea of salty tears. Anyone who tells you Christianity promises you a life of only happiness and an eternal life after life in “heaven” filled with only happiness is a deceptive conniver. Don’t play the fool.

We all endure feelings that are irrationally bonded with other feelings you wouldn’t choose to have simultaneously. Some feelings are hot and spicy like fire engine red. Others are cool and bland like aquamarine. Some feelings are as black as guilt. Others are as brown as dirt. If your idea of “heaven” is pure white on white, you’re not in the light. You’re blinded by the light.

The second half of this sentence is a bit more difficult to unpack. From both seas “*you bring out ornaments to wear.*” The ornaments you bring out of both seas {feelings} are the emotional decorations you adorn yourself with to celebrate your destiny or justify your fate. Like seashells, pearls and mother of pearl – when you wear your heart on your sleeve, you adorn yourself with your feelings. Good cheer and the joy of an outreaching hand are products that come out of the sea of happiness. But by justifying your fate, you dress yourself in the equivalent of shark’s teeth, seaweed necklaces and salt packs for your wounds. You make evident your disappointment, martyrdom, aura of injustice, self-righteous indignation, cynicism and scorn.

You can see what emotional ornaments others are wearing, and they can see yours. You can feel seen or concealed. You may be able to override your negative circumstances by not looking deeply into them for emotional awakening. “*See how the ships plough their course through them as you sail away to seek HIS bounty.*” In other words, you may be able to see how others are faring as they navigate through happiness and sorrow, but it may be far more difficult for you to see your journey as no different from theirs in this universal, emotional respect.

Most people simply sail through their circumstances instead of diving down into them to question what they’re for. They’re unaware of what they’re going through spiritually because they’re merely skimming over the top of their feelings instead of learning to descend into their self-empathy or apathy. They think **GOD’s** bounty can be achieved elsewhere, over a distant horizon where greater fame and fortune will solve their needs, when the emotional and spiritual challenge is right before their eyes.

People look for material consolation from emotional grievances. They sue others for financial compensation for deep, emotional losses that can’t be measured with money. Their grievances grow. They gnaw. They chafe. Their wounds fester. But they don’t heal.

*“No soul shall bear another’s burden.
If a laden soul cries out for help,
not even a near relation shall share its burden.”*

[35:17]

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It’s not the fault of the Jews or Christians that Muslims living in the Middle East are burdened by as harsh a reality as they are today. We didn’t do this to them. Satan didn’t do this to them. **GOD** didn’t do this to them. They let this happen to themselves. **GOD** simply got out of their way and allowed *Muslims* to do as they pleased by trying to cleanse the Middle East of Jews, Christians, Muslims and gays. And Muslims did little to stop them. Does it say anywhere in the Quran that *Allāh* gave the Arab lands to them? Did it say anywhere in the Bible that **GOD** gave Arab lands to the Christians? The only land **HE** gave to any of the Abrahamic faiths is Israel. *“Surely, in this there are conspicuous signs.”*

“No soul shall bear another’s burden.” [Quran 17:14] Your grades can’t be transferred to anyone else’s report card. You need to develop empathy and regard for yourself above all. You need to model morality to the best of your ability by treating yourself more charitably.¹¹⁵ Then you need to be able to describe your successes so that others can realistically recreate what you’ve done, if they so choose. Life is like a math class. Show all your work. Just spouting off the right answer won’t do. You’ve got to apply that answer to yourself.

*“The blind and the seeing are not equal,
nor are the darkness and the light.
The shade and the heat are not equal,
nor are the living and the dead.
God can cause whom He will to hear Him,
but you cannot make those who are in their graves hear you.”*
[35:19-20]

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but you cannot make those who are in their graves hear you.”

¹¹⁵ I was debating whether to say that you need to treat yourself with more “discipline.” But I chose the word “charity” instead. With charity you’ll develop discipline. With discipline, you won’t develop charity.

The biologically “*blind and the seeing are not equal.*” They’re as different in that one respect as day and night. The spiritually blind aren’t equal to those who can spiritually see. That’s not a question of arrogance. It’s simply a matter of fact.

Shade from the sun and heat from the sun aren’t equal. Anyone, even the blind, can sense the difference. But the pleasant illumination of wisdom in contrast to the heat that’s like the noonday sun can be sensed. **GOD** gives us shade and warmth to help us differentiate between the gradations of wisdom and love.

If you’d like **GOD** to listen to you, you’d better start saying something **HE**’d like more to hear. **HE** can ignore you just like you can ignore yourself. What you send around will come back around. The boomerang affect may be slow, but it can be very morally effective over time. So, don’t bother to describe to me how frustrated you are. Life is harder than you think.

“*The blind and the seeing are not equal.*”. Shade from the sun – the pleasant illumination of wisdom of the heart in contrast to the heat of the noonday sun – tough love – aren’t equal. When I wanted **GOD** to listen to me, I had to start saying things **HE** wanted to hear. Before that, **HE** ignored me just as I ignored myself. What I sent around came back around. The boomerang affect may have been so slow that it took a lifetime to feel it, but it was very morally effective. Therefore, be good; keep right; and try to do better.

The *Muslim* has no idea where the world within him ends and the world around him begins. He washes his feet before praying, but he has no feet with which to take him through the journey of life. He’s spiritually crippled. He figuratively walks on stumps like many of his victims. He hasn’t earned the feet he has. He arrogantly takes what he’s been given physically for granted {assuming he even has the ability to feel and believe down to the bottom of his soles}. He may never learn.

GOD blesses the man with feet of clay. **GOD** blesses the man who fills himself with love. *God* blesses the man who washes his feet with awareness of the waters of self-love. **GOD** blesses the man who looks up at the sky and down at the ground and perceives the inner universe he’s here to conquer with self-knowledge.

*“Your only duty is to give warning.
We have sent you with the truth
to proclaim good news
and to give warning;
for there is no community that has not had a warner.
If they disbelieve you,
know that those who went before them were also disbelieving.
Their apostles came to them with veritable signs,
with scriptures and with the light-giving book.
But in the end I smote the nonbelievers:*

and how terrible was the way I disowned them!"
[35:21-26]

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But in the end I/I/I smote the nonbelievers:
and how terrible was the way I/I/I disowned them!"

During the 700 years before the creation of Islam, the Jews and Christians each had their own spiritual issues as well as collective issues with one another. The Jews were busy writing the Talmud.¹¹⁶ The Christians were busy spreading the Gospel throughout Europe. And the religious distance between the two of them grew. With the creation of Islam, *Allāh* brought a third aspect of **HIS** nature into the realm of man; not to replace the other two, but to supplement them.

If you think your whole life isn't on film; if you think you aren't going to have to watch the move "My Life" when you leave here – then you have no idea how educational "hell" might be. Imagine how embarrassing, shaming and humiliating your life story might be on the big screen in your own viewing room in "hell," especially at those moments when you didn't think you were being recorded. And imagine there are tape recorders and other machines inside you recording every thought, feeling, conclusion and desire you have now, whether, or not, it corresponds to an action you took or are going to take.

Your life is richer, baser and more profoundly complex than you might have imagined. But you're not going to discover that for yourself unless you can get out of your head to discover the amazing world below your neck. Until you expand your feelings for yourself down to your toenails, you aren't going to be able to give more of your heart to anyone. And until that happens, you'll remain banished from your soul. You'll be on the road from your head down to the "hell" in your heart, a road that's paved with good intentions. Getting out of your heart by choosing to make your way to your breastplate is a road paved with evil intentions not realized that could, ironically, make you soulful.

¹¹⁶ "The תלמוד {TALMUD} consists of writings that expound broadly on the Hebrew Testament. Talmud is over 6,200 pages long and contains the teachings and opinions of thousands of rabbis {dating from before the Common Era through the 6th Century C.E.}. The Talmud is the basis for all codes of Jewish law and is widely quoted in rabbinic literature." [Wikipedia]

The road out of your head to your heart is paved with good intentions made real in the outside world. But the road from your heart to your soul is paved with bad intentions you didn't realize in the outside world. You only allowed them to affect you. This is the path of the martyr, not the nonsense the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* purport.

My book is the road to "hell" for those who wish to read all about it rather than die and then go through it. My book is a challenge. It's hard. But think about how much easier it is than having to go through "hell" externally rather than internally.

Many hyper-religious people live in glass houses of their own making, believing their inner world is concealed by a black curtain from **GOD**, and others. They think the ends they believe in will justify their means. But only the true believers truly believe their means will be justified in the end.

*"In the mountains
there are streaks of various shades of white and red,
and jet-black.
Men, beasts and cattle have their different colors, too."
[35:27-28]*

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The streaks of various shades of white {purity and devotion} seen in mountains; the blood red of anger at a world we're commanded to love; and the jet-black of guilt {that leads us in the direction of wisdom if we don't get lost} – are the primary emotional aspects of a spiritually colorful, Abrahamic life.

Are you behaving like a man who's got better things to do than search for himself before **GOD**; a wild animal that only expresses its nature through emotions that are determined by self-will? Or are you behaving like domesticated cattle that do what they're told mindlessly without questioning a thing? How liberally are the feelings of purity {white}, rage {red} and guilt {black} being used to paint your inner canvas? How willing are you to take ownership of all the emotional colors you're painting with inside where no one, but you, can see your works of art?

*"From among His servants,
only those who fear God
know that God is mighty and forgiving."
[35:29]*

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only those who fear **GOD***

know that **GOD** is mighty and forgiving.”

The universality of fear only becomes apparent to modern men when they realize their desires are easier for others to see than they think. Men who fear GOD/GOD/*God* behave like wild beasts or domesticated cattle. Men who fear **GOD** are like angels in disguise. You can’t achieve an understanding of the might and desire of **GOD** to forgive you if you’re stuck thinking about HIM/HIM/*Him* as most of today’s believers do.

If there were more fear of **GOD**, JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* would behave a lot better toward one another. Those who warn the fundamentalists today are, for the most part, outsiders to their faith. Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad were consummate, individual models of the outsider’s point of view. Today, you can be a useful outsider, too.

When you get up in the morning, you’re in the presence of GOD. You may at first feel afraid, confused or guilty over matters you can’t even reach inside to touch. Dawn is just your beginning when your light is still pale. It may not yet pierce you consciously as it spreads across the land. But by noon, you may feel as though you’re in the presence of GOD. You may feel much more connected to the world around you, to the love of life and the possibility of doing good works. Your day may be as enchanting as the noonday sun that leaves a warm, shimmering glow without shadows. But by dusk you’ll come to know *God* as you face cool, elongated shadows, impending darkness and fear of this being your last day on Earth.

Your knowledge of **GOD** is greater than you may consciously believe it to be. Once you make your way out of your head through your heart and into your soul, you discover what you’ve learned in life and what it is you already know. You come to realize that many of the restrictions and impediments you’ve suffered were set in your path by you, not **GOD**. But if you wish to find your way from here and now through freedom, liberty and the joy of self-emancipation, **GOD** will be by your side.

*“Those who recite the book of Allah
and attend to their prayers
and give from what We gave them,
in private and in public,
may hope for imperishable gain.
He will give them their rewards
and enrich them
from His own abundance.
He is forgiving
and bountiful
in His rewards.”*

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It may be uncommonly rare for a gay-Jew to recite the book of *Allāh* and attend to his prayers. But I’m uncommonly rare.¹¹⁷ I didn’t know how uncommonly rare I was until I compared and contrasted myself to others. Only then did I realize that there had to be more than plus (+) and minus (-), or 0 and 1. There had to be a multiplicity of ways to perceive myself and see the reasons for my creation. But could I be that different from you and still be rare?

The history of monotheism in the Western hemisphere can be looked at like a problem of addition in your inner world:

1	Jew	head
1	Christian	heart
<u>1</u>	<u>Muslim</u>	<u>breastplate</u>
1	Modern man	full of peaceful desires

Or it can be seen as a problem of subtraction in the outer world:

-1	JEW	head
-1	CHRISTIAN	heart
<u>-1</u>	<u>Muslim</u>	<u>soul</u>
-3	Fanatics	full of selfish desires

There’s an expression in Jewish circles that “For every two Jews there are three opinions.” That was a polite way of saying that we can’t even agree among ourselves. But inside every Jew, there really are three opinions. These are the opinions of his head, heart

¹¹⁷ Your inner world is like a house with windows. Where you look out, I have the uncanny ability of placing a mirror over your window to force you to look at yourself instead in those places where you project yourself onto me.

and soul. This is his Israel, his struggle with **GOD**. This is no different than what's going on inside of you.

If you feel like you're a "-3 man," it's time for you to look at what subtracting has done to you. Contrasting {-} yourself to everyone has only separated you to such a degree that your own head, heart and soul won't speak to one another anymore. You're going to want to learn to compare {+} yourself to others.

It's time for ancient fundamentalists living in the modern age to walk out of spiritual kindergarten, enter the first grade and learn to add. Anyone can tell you what you get when you subtract. You get blame, disappointment, loss, martyrdom, resentment and victimhood. It's time everyone gives up his insistence on subtraction {exclusion} and learn to add {inclusion}. People need to learn more about the inclusivity of "heaven" and profess less about the exclusivity of a "hell" they have no intention of ever having to take personally. So many belong to a religious sect or cult. When are they going to join a human race they can win because they'll be the only person they're racing against?

At this time the radicalized in all three of the Abrahamic faiths see GOD/GOD/*God* as the LEADER/**LEADER**/*Leader* of an exclusive club for anyone who does just as *they* say. Perversion of justice means nothing to them so long as their members don't copulate with a member of the same gender or have an abortion. What kind of morality is that? They think they're doing everything right so long as they repress women and interpret their Scripture with ironclad, dogmatic, literal rule. When you internalize morality, things appear quite different.

*"Praise be to God
who has taken away all sorrow from us.
Our Lord is forgiving and bountiful in His rewards.
Through His grace
has admitted us to the eternal mansion,
where we shall endure no toil,
no weariness."
[35:35]*

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When you can look at the metaphor of your body as having been created in **GOD's** image, you'll see your body as a synagogue, cathedral and mosque in which you've been

placed to learn to play and pray. When you see yourself as a home and a vehicle all wrapped up into one, this world becomes a trailer park, and you become nicer to the people you now call trashy neighbors.

Jesus embraced trailer trash because HE knew that HIS earthly home was also HIS vehicle to HIS eternal home. So, don't tell me that when the Prophet talks about our eternal mansion, he didn't think about what it was like living in a cave.

Don't wait for an eternal mansion. Make this world your home away from "home." If you don't get comfortable in the body you've been given, you won't be any more comfortable when you're without it.

*"Or have We given them a scripture
affording them evident proof?
Truly,
Vain are the promises the wrongdoers give each other."
[35:41]*

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affording them evident proof?
Truly,
Vain are the promises the wrongdoers give each other."*

GOD gave us three Scriptures that were meant to be used as one: a textbook on wisdom, a laboratory experiment on love and a test of devotion. You'd think by now all believers would realize that this world is a school. The vanity and greed of our hyper-religious leaders have been misdirected because they were poorly guided by their Scripture. Instead of becoming vain in their love for their own body; conceited about all they've learned about life; greedy to keep what they have; and learn more – many of them can only agree on the perversion of gays and the need for marriage to be between one man and one woman. Truly, vain are the promises the wrongdoers give each other.

If you take a recipe for making bread, cut it into three pieces and give one piece of the recipe to three bakers, you'll get three renditions of bread from which you won't be able to determine what bread ought to really taste like. Each is going to fill in the missing instructions with his own dogmatic rendition.

You're first going to want to use your imagination to dream about bread. Secondly, you're going to want to put your faith in me because I hold the whole recipe. But then you're going to realize that in order to talk about what bread really tastes like, you're going to have to bake bread for yourself.

*"They solemnly swore by God
that if a Prophet should come to warn them,
they would accept his guidance
more readily than did the other nations."*

*Yet when someone did come to warn them,
they turned away from him with greater aversion,
behaving arrogantly in the land and plotting evil.
But evil shall recoil on those that plot evil.”*
[35:42-43]

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Moses had to practically drag the Children of Israel to Israel after their 39th year wandering in circles in the Sinai desert. Jesus couldn't get more than 5,000 people together at one time; hundreds of thousands of Jews weren't interested in HIS message then, and millions scorn it still. ¹¹⁸ And the Prophet Muhammad filled the Quran with passages about how reticent the indigenists on the Arabian Peninsula were in embracing his message in his day, not realizing what *Muslims* would do with his *words* thereafter.

If I think homophobic, masoginistic, racist and xenophobic feelings aren't covering up my own anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, I know less about human nature than I think. And I'm fantasizing if I think **GOD** doesn't see what's in my heart. How could I possibly love Jews unless I can speak favorably about the land your **GOD/GOD/God** gave us.

Adam was the first religious man, but we all know that the first human beings were African. The way some white people treat blacks is reminiscent of how Jews were treated by **CHRISTIANS** in the past. If white **CHRISTIANS** think Jesus is a new and improved Adam given only to them by **GOD**, they haven't understood HIS message of love.

There was nothing wrong with the first Adam. He was as human as the rest of us. Adam was the first human being created in **GOD's** image of **HIMSELF**. The followers of Jesus aren't superhuman. They may come from their heart instead of their head because of their tradition, but that doesn't make them superior to anyone. They were simply made in **GOD's** second image of **HIMSELF**. And those who come from their soul instead of their head or heart aren't better than the rest of us, either. They were created in *God's* third image of *Himself*. If you can't keep up with **GOD**, don't blame me. I have enough work keeping up with my own images of myself.

When it comes to business, man comes from his head. When it comes to business, he lives life through the metaphor of a sport he's got to win at all cost. When it comes to love, he comes from his heart and penis. When it comes to love, he lives life through the

¹¹⁸ To this day, when the Jews hear the word "Jesus" they cringe. Yet when they speak derogatorily about any other Jew, they feel guilty. Wasn't HE a Jew, too?

metaphor of a skill he's got to master so as not to become a slave to someone else's desires. But when it comes to death, man has no option other than to come from his soul. When it comes to death, he ought to live life as though it's a journey with a beginning, middle and end.

And because he often doesn't see how he's fragmented his experiences he may sometimes come to the conclusion that life is more like an insane asylum. He doesn't see it as a school in which he's a lifelong pupil. He doesn't see himself humbly surrounded by tutors working for **ONE TEACHER**. He doesn't care about every little quiz he takes and grade he gets. And he doesn't think about the department he's chosen to explore in life or the degree he's earning toward that end.

In fact, he's often more interested in belittling the students who are doing well than belittling himself for doing poorly. He'd rather ruin other people's grades than improve his own. In this way, life looks more like a classroom where the greatest number of students have chosen to sit at the back of the room. Few are eager to sit in the front row. ¹¹⁹

Man is filled with presumptions that stem from ego issues that he endeavors to massage with his penis. {But his ego is not his amigo!} His presumptions assume the way he wants to believe reality was constructed. There's no evidence for that assessment anywhere to be found except between his legs in his anus. He's holding on to something inside that was never his to begin with {forbidden fruit}. It's time to let "it" out. It's time he relaxes his anal sphincter and starts to think with his head, heart and soul.

I'm not anyone's toilet. Don't use me as a place to evacuate your bad thoughts, smelly feelings and disgusting beliefs. You haven't been spiritual toilet trained if you use gays or Jews as toilet paper. If you need toilet paper to wipe yourself clean, take your needs to **GOD**. Don't presume **HE** created us for that task.

Not Moses, Jesus or the Prophet Muhammad brought all of **GOD's** message into the world in a completed form. Their messages need to be augmented by each one of us. Their messages can't be carried only by the poor, gay-Jews, African Americans, old women or the disabled. These are messages everyone needs to carry in order to unite us cooperatively.

There isn't a person on Earth who doesn't have something useful to add to the world we share. But there isn't a person on Earth who doesn't have something to subtract from it either. Therefore, beware!

*"If it was God's will to punish men for their misdeeds,
not one creature would be left alive on the earth's surface.
He respites them till an appointed time.
And when their time comes,
they shall learn that God has been watching all His servants."*

¹¹⁹ If you're an experienced public-school teacher, you surely know you could give most of your students their final grade just by where they chose to sit the first day of class. They inadvertently tell you how much they want to learn by how close they want to sit to you to ask their (humble) questions. The precocious will always pontificate from the back of the room.

“If it was **GOD**’s will to punish men for their misdeeds,
not one creature would be left alive on the Earth’s surface.

HE respites them till an appointed time.

And when their time comes,
they shall learn that **GOD** has been watching all **HIS** servants.”

There were plenty of places to hide from me inside me. And when I thought I could hide in a crowd of like-minded haters, I did that, too. I became an expert on blending in by sharing prejudices with others. But now that I’m closer to the core of my inner world where I can see every inner force at play as though I were looking through a clear globe right to the other side of my inner world, it’s harder to listen to the prejudices and presumptions of others without cracking a smile or frown. Most people just want to cover their anus with a sheepish grin. They’re unconsciously ashamed of what’s coming out of it and the embarrassment, shame or humiliation that might follow.

My life may look objectively linear each day as I wake up in the same bed under the same roof at the same time. But subjectively, my inner world is spherical, not linear or circular. Each day, I wake up in an objective place that’s subjectively moved a tiny bit higher. I’m never in the same place twice. I’m ascending. But that’s because of the hard work I did consciously the day before.

I’m not looking to recreate the classroom, mismanagement debacle we see happening in the Middle East today. Theirs is a “hell” on Earth we already went through in this country having had a Civil War at home and having saved Europe from the Holocaust they brought upon themselves. I’m going to graduate this school with the diploma I deserve: a Ph.D. in me! I’m planning to shake the **TEACHER**’s hand when it’s all over. I don’t plan to reach out to **HIM**, miss, and grab some *thing* else...

President Obama is the Lincoln of the L.G.B.T+ community. He set us free by allowing us to marry. If others think they’re going to figuratively send us back to the plantation, I swear as **GOD** is my **WITNESS** that they’re going to pay for their hate for the rest of their life and for what will feel like an eternity thereafter. And the same goes for *Muslims* who think they can try to take away the land **GOD** chose to return to us in the modern age. There’ll be “hell” to pay for the **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* worldwide if this nonsense doesn’t stop! And I’m not the only emissary these days who’s saying so.

There *is* a **CREATOR**. **HE** didn’t create the world and then pick up the newspaper and let the world run itself. **HE** put much too much effort into making man in **HIS** image to sit back and let us do anything we’d like with this world. Any true believer knows that much just on faith.

This surah is entitled “*The Creator*.” The Judeo-Christian **CREATOR** you may believe in isn’t all there is to know about **HIM**. If you don’t believe in our *Creator*, too, you may

have to forfeit some important joys in life. And if you don't eventually come to believe in our **CREATOR**, it'll be your image of yourself where your problem will emanate out from.

Surah 36

سورة يس

Ya Sín

This surah, “Ya Sín,” is called “the heart of the Quran” by Islamic scholars. It opens the reader to the love *God* has for all *His* creations (including me). Matters of the heart are available to anyone who has a beating heart. The perceived exclusivity of *God*’s love for straight Muslims is what’s causing all the problems in the Middle East. No one should exclude himself, or others, from his *GOD*’s/*GOD*’s/*God*’s love. But that won’t happen until everyone feels included in our **GOD**’s love.

*“This is revealed by the mighty One,
the Merciful,
so that you may forewarn a nation who,
because their fathers were not warned before them,
live in heedlessness.”*
[36:2-4]

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the **MERCIFUL**,
so that you may forewarn a nation who,
because their fathers were not warned before them,
live in heedlessness.”

GOD had to create three Abrahamic faiths for each to keep an eye on the other two. And, as we’ve seen, there’s been no paucity of embarrassment, shame or humiliation conferred by anyone upon the others. Just as an apple has a peel, meat and a core, so, too, are you like fruit, having been created with a heart that has the equivalent to a peel, meat and a core. Nothing else but awareness of this truth would get a man to clean out the rot that’s been decomposing inside over a lifetime. If not for the mysterious ripening that occurs to most, we could say that all human being are rotten to the core.

The Jews are *GOD*’s chosen people. We’re like a bushel of apples. The Christians are *GOD*’s chosen people. They’re like a bushel of pears. The Muslims are *God*’s chosen people. They’re like a bushel of apricots. The L.G.B.T+ community is like a bushel of many fruits and nuts. We’re also **HIS** chosen people. But if you think there’s only one bushel of “rotten apples” in this world {Israel}, it’s you who’s rotten to the core. Pests, blights and time affect everyone, not just the enemies you’ve chosen to persecute. We’re all like trees planted in an orchard.

Men are the scourge the Prophet is referring to in the Quran. The “scourge” is code for “hater.” There are no nonbelievers left to speak of. It’s not indigenists who run the world.

It's men who believe in a GOD/GOD/*God* who are ruining it for the rest of us. They're banking on "their" GOD/GOD/*God* destroying all the manifestations and evidence of our **GOD**. They're Abraham's argument with his father made manifest. Each idol is trying to destroy the other idols. People can't really believe there's only ONE **GOD** after all the effort they've put into creating their idols and then blaming their enemies for theirs. They worship their GOD/GOD/*God* of choice because they profit from worshipping that idol above the others.

The time has come for the L.G.B.T+ community to forewarn the nations that all our fathers and forefathers were sufficiently warned in the time in which they lived. The warnings of today are different. Global warming; growing totalitarianism through the impoverishment of the masses in comparison to the increasing wealth of the few; pollution; irresponsible encroachment into the natural world – these are the warnings of today. If you think sodomy is the cause of our troubles, you're truly insane.

Today's straight men love their idols too much and themselves too little. They're prejudiced toward their own penis and revolted by their own anus. Even those who don't claim that the Jews or the gays are the living embodiment of satan still dance around themselves like a donut made of sweet bread dipped in icing. They dance around their own hole.

Today's cosmopolitans proudly proclaim they can read, but, they sure can't read the handwriting on the wall! Infants with weapons in their hands are still infants. Their opinions only count because they back them up with the threat to kill, not because they're right.

Peace between the nations won't occur until every man changes his attitude about his own penis and anus. His testicles will continue to produce the foul, spiritual mixture of good and evil that's permeated this world with such intimidation and disrespect for all **GOD's** creatures. Until men see the light, they'll scratch their head and wonder why this day is more like night. And then they'll go back to the opinions of their father and his father's father by blaming someone else for the darkness. Open your eyes and you'll see that what causes the darkness is guilt!

Most men's fruits are figuratively shriveling up and falling from their tree. Their fruits will rot on the ground, and they won't even notice what's become of them. Worms will gorge themselves on what little juice is left in them. Men won't waken or become aware of what's happening to all their precious opinions about life until they're willing to reflect upon what's coming out of their penis and anus. Guilt won't enter their heart to help them express how they really feel about themselves until they choose to allow more guilt in. As Socrates said so long ago {400 B.C.E.}, "The unexamined life is not worth living."

*"We have bound their necks with chains of iron
reaching up to their chin,
so that they cannot bow their heads.
We have put a barrier behind them
and covered them over,*

so that they cannot see.”
[36:7-8]

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reaching up to their chin,
so that they cannot bow their heads.
WE have put a barrier behind them
and covered them over,
so that they cannot see.”

The haters won't be able to bow down. They won't be able to look back. They won't even be able to see the truth within as they stare straight into it. And yet, when they close their eyelids in denial of reality, they'll feel a sense of impending doom and discomfort they won't be able to put into words. Their fears will never go away. In fact, as they get closer to death, it'll only get incrementally more intense. You'll be able to see by the wildness in their eyes and the loot in their hands how desperate they've become.

*“You shall cite,
as a case in point,
the people of the city to which Our messengers made their way.
At first We sent them two messengers,
but when they rejected both.
We strengthened them with a third.
They said,
‘We have been sent to you as apostles.’
But the people replied,
‘You are but mortals like us.
The Merciful has revealed nothing;
you are, surely, lying.”*
[36:11-14]¹²⁰

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¹²⁰ Muslim scholars suggest the place may have been Antioch, to which, we're told, Jesus sent two disciples, and then a third.

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The first city to which **GOD**'s messengers made their way was Jerusalem. Those Messengers were Moses and Jesus. The third messenger was the Prophet Muhammad. But the religious world has rejected all but one of Them. People have been fighting ever since over which ONE/ONE/One is right.

The indigenists of the Arabian Peninsula called the disciples of Jesus liars, but the Prophet had no difficulty siting the enormity of **GOD**'s design, including *God*'s use of Jews and Christians to make *His* point. Yet there are those who still insist that those who are good are evil and those who are evil, good.

There may be billions of emissaries of the Lord, each with his own slightly different mixture of good and evil. Yet, because no two people can be in the same place at the same time, we all see this world from a slightly different perspective in the now. The only way to fully agree with one another is from our internal perspective on ourselves.

*"The people answered,
'Your presence bodes but evil for us.
Desist,
or we will stone you
or inflict on you a painful scourge.'"*
[36:16]

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The believers resisted **GOD**'s designs then, and they resist it still. Men resist helping their brothers because the dogmatically inclined in each of the Abrahamic faiths proclaims the illegitimacy of the others. The "stones" they throw today are mines, barrel bombs, chemical weapons and missiles. How much more testosterone do men need to exhibit around them before they're ready to surrender to the power in the way **GOD** made them within? Until they stop fighting over their faith in GOD/GOD/*God*, they're going to continue to fight over real estate, unreal states and lifestyles. And **GOD** will continue to confound them until they admit to themselves that they're utterly insane.

Insanity is the scourge of the haters. Sanity is the balm of those wise, loving and devoted to **GOD**. And the gap between the two is getting wider and wider. You're going to have to choose which side you want to be on. You're going to have to yearn to feel chosen. And you're going to have to give up vacillating over the moral importance of what you're choosing. Insanity is a painful and horrifying condition once you contract it. Take it from one who knows.

It's easy to claim GOD had no right to complain about one little piece of jewcy fruit taken from HIS garden. It's easy to call HIM petty. It's easy to call the Jews cheap. It's easy to call the gays perverted. It's easy to see your enemies as conspiratorial soldiers conscripted into the army of the anti-Christ. Everyone sees parsimony, paucity and plots in the making. But how many look for the source of them within?

I know I'm getting exactly what I deserve. If I want my life to get any better, I ought to better prepare myself for a lot more work. Sanity is harder to achieve than I used to think. That much I know.

*“They said,
‘The evil you forebode can come only from yourselves.
Will you not take heed?
Surely, you are great transgressors.’”
[36:17]*

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The people were closer to the truth than they realized. But those who use fear, horror, panic and terror to try to control others can't turn the truth around. They can't turn their window into a mirror. They can only project their utter disgust of themselves onto others as they eject another stone from their penis at their adversaries.

Using Muslims, Christians and Jews as glory holes or toilets isn't going to make JEWISH, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim* “truth” any more real. Quite the contrary; it's only going to teach the rest of us not to act so abysmally toward ourselves and one another. There's nothing that teaches people more thoroughly than a bad example.

“Will you not take heed?” Surely, those who know something about life need to learn more. The moral conclusions they come to are outdated, twisted and perverted because their beliefs don't go far enough. And if they insist the WORD/WORD/*Word* of GOD/GOD/*God* can't grow to be united into ONE WORD, it's they who won't unite themselves. The WORD of **GOD** is only becoming more powerfully apparent.

If they insist that words have finite meanings and that each singular definition lies with them alone, they'll be humiliated by the movements of world-class athletes; crushed by the weight of the WORDS of poets; blinded by the paintings of artists; and shouted down by

the music of life every musician composes with black notes on black bars. The haters will be whittled down into shavings by sculptors and imprisoned by architects of magnificent ideas. There's no hope for the morally blind. They argue against wisdom, love, devotion and are willing to fight over those things we see as common sense. And for that, I believe they'll be forced to pay a terrible price.

Sometimes you may feel like Helen Keller. You may feel blind, deaf and dumb. But if your heart is in a good place, you'll be given insight. If your mind is clear, your listening skills will improve. And if your soul is concerned about brotherhood with all mankind, your speech will be established. But if you think your senses are already telling you all you need to know, you'll leave this world with all the sense of an animal, vegetable, mineral or insect. Grow up or die small!

I sometimes want to kill every human being on Earth who dares smile when I'm feeling low... My heart tells me that the days of the happy should be numbered if they don't think as I think; feel what I feel; and believe what I believe to be true at any particularly low moment I'm having... Even my head, heart and soul can be easily invaded and controlled by my penis and imaginary clitoris. I'm a sucker to my desires, impulses, needs, urges and wants. But at least I wish it were otherwise at those moments when I can see how exasperated I am with me. I'm not unconscious to my faults.

Surely, I've been a great transgressor in having tried to kill myself. Surely, **GOD** has as much reason to teach all three of the Abrahamic faiths, just as **HE** had reason to guide my head, heart and soul away from my transgressions against myself. Surely, my circumcision didn't go far enough in removing the source of my moral conundrums. My penis envy is as great as the next man's. But if I could find **GOD**, the GOD/GOD/*God* fearing can, too.

If I were to concede that "paradise" is a place only for straight men and sexually inexperienced women, white CHRISTIANS or one sect of *Muslims* – a place where Jews and gays would forever be forbidden from entering – I'd deserve to be treated like the Nazis were treated by their grandchildren. I'd deserve what today's Muslim grandchildren will someday say about their parents and grandparents.

Time will tell. The closer to death I come, the more I move out of ominousness to a sense of peace and tranquility at what will come next. Space and time won't last forever. My opinions about me have had to change. The higher my attitude, the higher my altitude. Never go back down to a level you've been to before.

*"If it is the will of the Merciful to afflict me,
their intercession will avail me nothing,
nor will they save me.
Indeed,
I should then be in evident error.
I believe in your Lord,
so hear me."
[36: 23-24]*

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Even though humanity seems to have left the 20th Century kicking and screaming, and reacting, not responding, to the century in which we now live, hope hasn't died. I've put my hope in those who reached adulthood in the 21st Century. They're going to solve the problems swept into their century, as though swept under a rug. They're going to save what's left of this planet from man.

Those of us who love modernity are the meek who are poised to inherit this Earth in anticipation of the “world to come.” Those who wish *we'd* never been born may wish *they'd* never been born when they die. This world is a “paradise” in the making, a *pardes* {orchard}, in anticipation of the garden of delights for those of us who've worked our anuses off to improve ourselves. We're trees planted in a holy meadow. We're herbs growing in pots. We're going the right way.

*“Alas for My bondsmen!
They laugh to scorn every apostle that comes to them.
Do they not see how many generations
We have destroyed before them?
Never shall they return to them:
all shall be brought before Us.”
[36:27-29]*

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wE have destroyed before them?
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all shall be brought before **US**.”

No one is innocent, and yet no one is totally guilty, either. No one is all wrong, and yet no one is completely right. Everyone is complicit in many unseen, moral ways on various levels of reality. Everyone excuses himself, blames his neighbors and begs **GOD** to settle the score in his favor. All the problems of this world come with three sides. There never were two sides to any issue. Once you discover the moral triangle **GOD** has constructed, the Jewish Star of David with six points will make more symbolic sense as two intersecting triangles. The Cross will infer a crossroad. And the Star and Crescent will come to life as

an expression of your inner universe. You'll see so much light coming out of you that you'll finally concede that you've exploded into a star.

*"Let the once-dead earth be a sign for them.
We gave it life,
and from it produced grain for their sustenance.
We planted it with the palm and the vine,
and watered it with gushing springs,
so that men might feed on its fruit.
It was not their hands that made all this.
Should they not give thanks?"*
[36:30-35]

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Science can tell you *what* happened and *when*. But it can't tell you *why*. Religion can tell you *why*, but it can't tell you *how*. You've got to unite the two like left hand and right to create tools that'll work together to help you grasp the meaning of your existence. But if you can't give thanks to everyone; appreciate yourself; and give gratitude to **GOD** – you're a sad sack of potatoes. You've been growing with your head in the ground, not reaching for the sky.

*"We have ordained phases for the moon,
which daily wanes
and in the end appears like a bent, old twig."*
[36:38]

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which daily wanes
and in the end appears like a bent, old twig."

The symbol of Islam is the waning, crescent moon. Going south on the mountain is like identifying with a waning moon. The waning, crescent moon is "*like a bent, old twig*." But

if you identify with the twig, why wouldn't you identify with the whole tree? If you love the twig, but hate the tree, aren't you using your mind as your own worst enemy? What good are your roots that you wrap around your **ROCK/ROCK/Rock** if you dare not grow?

Gay men have been derogatorily called faggots: a bunch of branches, disconnected from the tree. How is that any different from a "*bent, old twig*." What would you do with fire if you knew how to ignite it? **GOD** needs to be cautious, indeed!

If your body has been bent over with hard work until you appear to be as broken and beleaguered as a twig on the ground, aren't we all doing something wrong? Maybe becoming crippled in old age was unavoidable 1,400 years, but there are many today who don't appear outwardly to be like a "*bent, old twig*," and yet you can perceive that within them, they are.

If you're a **CHRISTIAN** who curses **GOD** by insisting African Americans must have stumbling blocks put before them when **GOD** told you not to put stumbling blocks before the blind {Leviticus 19:14}, why would you put stumbling blocks before the blacks? Isn't that the original, American sin? If you follow leaders who want to go back to those days and those ways, do you really think you deserve the secret to fire and eternal life?

If *God* ordained the phases of the moon to remind you of a twig, why would you waste the gift of life promoting and condoning the suicidal principles that suicide bombers employ? Isn't that the original *Muslim* sin? Can't you see how burned such people become?

And if you're not proud enough of your conscience to use it like a man, but, instead, insist on the abomination of gay-Jews, isn't that the original **JEWISH** sin? You may not be afraid of "hell," but your brilliance doesn't yet shine for all to see in the dark. We ought to need to squint as you pass by, but we don't. You're not as bright as you think you are.

The "world to come" is too important not to take heed of these **WORDS**. I'm an emissary, too. I believe this world is a school where each of us is either earning an honorable diploma or flunking out. It's not that hard to perceive people's grades even when they're making a great effort to hide them from themselves. It's not even difficult to see what degree they're working to attain once they leave elementary school. The religious world is a junior high school filled with pupils who see themselves as college graduates. They walk around with caps and gowns clutching diplomas that signify nothing – delinquents and dropouts pretending they know.

Every once in a while, you meet what they call "an angel in disguise." That person is a university student in the school of life. They may be fat or thin. They may be a man, a woman or someone in between. They may be an adult, a child or an infant in another's arms. But your nose knows. You smell fire. You smell something they, themselves, might be unaware of or are even trying to hide. You smell someone who has a future in being themselves.

Try to look for the best in people and copy that. They'll be flattered that you do, and you may even be able to change their mind about how they feel about you if you don't use infantile, childish or juvenile methods to promote yourself. Try to even learn from others' mistakes.

But when the bozos at the back of the room start to jeer and joke in code about the gays and the Jews, the blacks and the disabled, the disenfranchised and the financially encumbered, it's probably time to turn around in your seat and speak your mind candidly, but respectfully. They're disrupting our classroom decorum. They're distracting you from the **TEACHER**'s lesson on the board. There's no excuse for that. So long as you don't take their behavior personally, the **TEACHER** won't stop you.

Those who aren't here to learn about themselves are eventually going to get burned. It would be better that they burned for a moment from the spark you tinge them with, than you protect them from the conflagration to come.

*"We gave them yet another sign
when we carried their offspring in the laden ark.
And similar vessels We have made for them to voyage in.
We drown them if We will:
none can help or rescue them,
except through Our mercy
and unless We please to prolong their lives awhile."
[36:39-44]*

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except through **OUR** mercy
and unless **WE** please to prolong their lives awhile."**

The first vessel every man makes for himself is figuratively an ark to float through a sea of disappointments and emotional turmoil in puberty. The second ark is a basket like the one in which baby Moses floated helplessly down the Nile before he was aware that he was destined to make a major difference in this world.

These are the first baskets of beliefs we all hold that rock and pitch us helplessly down our streams of consciousness early in life. But every baby Moses figuratively has a sister like Miriam who watched where her little brother came ashore. Surely, there's a sign in this concerning the sanctity of women. Surely, you can't be so arrogant as not to see that **GOD**'s designs for men have a special place for women, a place that men can no longer decide or determine for them

*"When they are told,
'Have fear of that which is before you and behind you,*

*so that you may be shown mercy,
[they pay no heed.]
Indeed,
they turn away from every sign that comes to them from their Lord.”
[36:45-46]*

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‘Have fear of that which is before you and behind you,
so that you may be shown mercy,’
[they pay no heed.]
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they turn away from every sign that comes to them from their Lord.”

The signs that come from the Lord often create doubt, fears and questions. Unresolved fears increase until they turn into apprehension. Apprehension grows to become alarm, and alarm sounds loudly in every direction to signal dread. Dread descends into chronic anxiety, which, in turn, produces physical distress. And distress slowly becomes a warning that may cause inexplicable panic. Ultimately, panic reaches a crescendo of nervousness called terror which produces terrorists. The Lord has the right to terrorize us. JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* don't. **HIS** motives aren't theirs.

If you wish to tell the world that you're terrified, do so in words, in art or in good deeds. Picking up a gun to express your terror is a form of self-rape. It's a penis problem that's penetrated your heart and soul which you act out on others. Use your head instead. Use the example set by gays and Jews. Seek peace. It won't seek you.

We ask ourselves why we live with terrorists in our midst who try to punish us for what we believe. Terrorists are living with physical, emotional and spiritual cancers that are going to eat us all alive if we allow prejudiced people to have their way. The fruits of their labors are morally rotten. They're colluding with the worst people on Earth. Their interpretations of Scripture glorify their left testicle.

The emotional outcomes of your world within will have their effect on the world around you. There's no way for 7 billion people to feel terrified of one another without creating an enormous, negative affect on the planet. To change the weather around us we're going to have to change the weather within. The world is heating up, so we all need to cool down by working out our classroom management issues with ONE and all.

The homeless aren't the only people on the planet who may believe they're empty vessels. The techies walking around San Francisco aren't the only ones who parade around with self-importance, thinking they, alone, have figured out how to operate a complex machine. To become important, you only need to see your importance in actualizing your spiritual goals, not only your material goals. **GOD** will see to it that you have sufficient people around you to help you morally if your goals are virtuous. You may or may not need more tutors in the external world. But you definitely ought to learn to tutor the one you're with.

*“On that day
no soul shall suffer the least injustice.
You shall be rewarded according only to your deeds.”
[36:44]*

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The deeds you do for others may be evidence that you could change your mind, transform your heart and transcend the previous beliefs you held about the meaning of your life. But your deeds for others are more important than even that. They're outward expressions of your inner being. They prove to you that you have the experience you need to transfigure yourself.

Your motivations for doing good deeds for others becomes evidence of your importance. If you're not making an effort to become a V.I.P. from within, you aren't going to repair both your worlds more or less at the same time, and you're going to slip in the world you're neglecting.

When you die and watch the movie of your life, you won't always remember what you were thinking at the time; how you felt; or what it was you believed. But your deeds will be concrete evidence of why your life turned out as it did. You'll be able to use the video of your life to prove to yourself how big a piece of “paradise” you deserve. You'll be able to use the video of your life to prove how far you got in recreating the recipe for fire. Therefore, watch everything you do very carefully and question your motives at all times. And when you get burned ask yourself what you can learn from your injuries.

*“On that day the heirs of paradise will be busy with their joys.
Together with their spouses,
they shall recline in shady groves upon soft couches.
They shall have fruits therein,
and all that they desire.”
[36:54-57]*

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Together with their spouses,
they shall recline in shady groves upon soft couches.
They shall have fruits therein,
and all that they desire.”*

The spouse referred to in those days isn't the same as the spouse now. You're your own spouse today. You're wedded to yourself, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, for a lifetime. Your body is your beloved. And the heirs of “paradise” are those who'll rejoice within themselves without their spouse {body} before **GOD** someday. The best in us

already see ourselves as wed to the spouse we deserve. But not every match will have been made in “heaven.” Many a match has been made in “hell.” ¹²¹

You can still become an heir of “paradise.” You can still have the fruits the Prophet speaks of. These fruits aren’t forbidden. But they do emerge internally before anyone sees them externally. You’ve got to befriend yourself in order to pick these internal fruits of your labors. You don’t look the way you’d like on the outside with good reason. Therefore you’ve got to pick yourself with the best of intentions, not the worst of resentments. ¹²²

When you infantilize others, you’re really infantilizing yourself. When you parentalize others, you’re really talking down to the child in you. When you belittle others, you’re punishing the adolescent in you. And when you scheme and collude against those who are trying to help, you’re only hurting your adult self.

You can make peace with your penis or clitoris, or you can continue the sword fights or sword swallowing act with yourself until you’re figuratively full of holes; bleeding inside at the horrible person **GOD** has forced you to spend a lifetime with. I strongly believe your miserable marriage for a lifetime won’t get any better when you’re dead. It would be better to learn to love the spouse you’re with.

Explore the Jewcy fruits you’ve got. Pick yourself regardless of whatever else you choose to pick in life. You can’t break bread with others if you can’t enjoy the fruits of your own labors. You are the alpha and omega of your entire life.

If you’ve been intimidating others all your life, you don’t have to dish out that abuse any longer. But if you’ve been intimidating yourself, instead, welcome to *my* club... Either way, you might like to begin by responding to external intimidations by asking yourself whether you may have internalized other people’s bad examples {particularly those of your parents}. They may have taught you to become the perpetrator, victim or martyr you are.

But you can stop running away from ancient authoritarian figures by turning around within and facing the one who you’ve abused the most. That’ll make outcomes with your enemies much easier to achieve. Don’t bother to try to forgive others. Forgive yourself. Don’t excuse yourself. Any extra forgiveness you have for you will runneth over onto others. This is what Jesus did.

Jacob received an inheritance from his father, Isaac, that he didn’t feel was commensurate with his worth. So, he stole his brother Esau’s inheritance to augment what he had. He figuratively dismembered his father’s delivery system of justice and castrated the source of his father’s power to love himself the way he thought was his due. And so, perhaps, did you.

¹²¹ Men should be particularly concerned that they may be forced to return to this world in a different body than the one they have now, wed to themselves in another way in another day and age. They may not even be so lucky as to return in human form. They may have to go through the **Reincarnation** process to repeat evolution and try to surmount their prejudices against women another way. There’s no guarantee for anyone that he has the “answer.” All I can say is that I recommend hell *on* Earth as an option for anyone who’d prefer “hell” *after* Earth.

¹²² Intentions are positive forces you have within you to *help* others. Resentments are negative forces you have within you to *hurt* others. Intentions and resentments are forces within you that work for or against you.

There's a bully in everyone. Only the victim changes. Some externalize their victim. Other's internalize him or her. If you use your desire to bully those who don't want to do what you want, you ought to look at the source of your strong-arming. You may find that you're even harder on yourself than you are on others.

Use the best in you to stop you from gratuitous indulgences, whether projected out on others or applied to yourself. There comes a point when you won't be able to tell self-indulgence from brutality. You won't be able to tell autonomy from tender love. Motivate yourself with CHESED {loving kindness} instead. And if that doesn't work, give up. Love isn't the only answer. Wisdom and devotion can work wonders, too.¹²³

*"On that day We shall seal their mouths.
Their hands will speak to Us,
and their very feet will testify to their misdeeds.
Had it been Our will,
We could have put out their eyes:
yet even then they would have rushed headlong upon their wonted path.
For how could they have seen their error?"*
[36:61-65]

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Those Muslims with feet of clay will be able to testify to their own misdeeds when they can run away from war-torn zones. But those who've washed only their feet before prayer will come to see the dirt they've left within themselves that must still be washed away. Those who've spent a lifetime running away from the Lord will be easy to spot. Their mouths will be sealed, but what they've done with their hands will speak for them.

Run after yourself and when you catch up with you, ask yourself why you've always been in such a hurry. You may suddenly see yourself behaving a little like a religious extremist. You may suddenly hear yourself quoting Scripture as your reason for not lifting a finger to help someone in distress you didn't previously identify with: you. When your mouth has finally said enough, and your ears have finally opened to listen to what you're

¹²³ I don't say love isn't the only answer to offend CHRISTIANS. A good Christian will understand that sometimes wisdom or loyalty can do what love can't. Sometimes patience, composure and poise is all you can offer people. But, in fact, in doing so, you've also offered them a part of your faith.

saying to others, your hands will begin to speak for you. And your feet will testify to your misdeeds by standing still.

Someone who thinks with his indiscriminate desires rather than his head, heart and soul is usually described using a derogatory word for penis. But someone who thinks with his anus is a collector of bright ideas for others who doesn't bother to apply them to himself. He can chew on many thoughts, swallow those that serve his intentions to get ahead, but then not let those ideas run their full course to benefit himself internally. He'll develop nondescript resentments over time. It's as if his whole body morally rejects his own actions. He goes through a tunnel of rejection in which he squeezes out all that he knows about others in order to leave only what he's left knowing of himself. But he may still refuse to apply that knowledge to the one who deserves his love.¹²⁴

Such a man behaves kindly to others without caring how self-serving his kindness to them is. He thinks it's "them" or me. So, he figuratively defecates on himself, and then quickly cleans up the mess before anyone sees what he's done. You can smell him a mile away. An anus is great at keeping its secrets. The only one it can't keep secrets from is you know **WHO**.

Every bad penis seeks out a dirty anus. Sooner or later, all the president's men get sick and tired of bending over to one another like bent twigs. Their desires to treat others habitually disrespectfully affects their luck. They get seriously sick and tired. They get seriously poor from within. Or they get seriously threatened. Granted, there are quite a number of bad penises and dirty anuses out there. It's such a pity. A little spiritual soap and water and douching goes a long way.¹²⁵

When you watch your hands typing, playing the piano, feeding a baby or tying your shoes – your hands are talking to you. When you dance, kick a ball or play sports – your feet are testifying to your love of life. If you don't see your extremities as messengers from **GOD** bringing you good news, how can you possibly hope for the rest of you to become a messenger of peace?

Not only do black lives matter because all men are created equivalently {±}, but your life matters. The evolution of your awareness isn't going to stop just because you say you've had enough good news. Time waits for no man. What you perceive as good or evil news externally could turn out better if you were more willing to work harder within. You might then see for yourself that **GOD** hasn't given up on you. Evil isn't what they taught you at synagogue, church or mosque. You're old and experienced enough to know better.

Yet even now you rush headlong upon your desired path. The direction of this world is going in the direction of every man having to discuss his wisdom, love and devotion with **GOD** as his only **WITNESS**, whether, or not, his behavior is sanctioned by an institute or religious sect, or not. Those who refuse to elevate their head, heart and soul with a conscience motivated by learning are going to severely diminish their opportunities in the

¹²⁴ You must complete the spiritual, digestive process to see yourself as a derogatory word for an anus from the inside, out. Even a gay man can love an anus from the outside, in...

¹²⁵ It's almost amusing that the Nazis thought they could clean themselves with soap literally made out of Jews in light of the fact that the JEWS still think they can take Scripture literally.

“world to come,” to say nothing of the millions of minute heartaches they’re going to inflict upon untold numbers of people in this world.

If you have faith in GOD/GOD/*God*, use it to unite your ideas of “them” into **HIM**. There’s only **ONE GOD**, and it’s about time you get to know **HIM** {**THEM**}. Don’t go to mosque on Friday at noon; synagogue on Friday night or Saturday morning; or church on Saturday night or Sunday – professing your faith only through the faith of your father or mother. We’ve got enough professors of faith and professors of prophets, saints and the Prophet. Let’s all agree to become emissaries of peace.

Let the Abrahamic faiths begin this by promoting the goal of a 3-day weekend for everyone! The only thing stopping us from doing so is superstition. People are afraid of themselves. They’re afraid of looking any deeper into themselves for fear of finding flaws in **GOD’s** handiwork. They refuse to see themselves as a work in progress. But as even the Nazis knew, “work will set you free.”

*“Do they not see how,
among the things Our hands have made,
We have created for them the beasts of which they are masters?
We subjected these to them,
that they may ride on some and eat the flesh of others;
they drink their milk and put them to other uses.
Will they not give thanks?”
[36:70-73]*

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We have animals we use as vehicles; animals we use as food; animals we use to give us comfort and companionship; and animals we keep in zoos just to gawk at in wonder. And still we don’t see ourselves as animals with a spirit capable of being more than one thing when viewed from within. We’re cruel masters of the animal kingdom and equally unwise masters of ourselves. Man won’t give thanks for the animals because he resents being like all the animal kingdom wrapped up in one. He doesn’t want to perceive himself as anything other than an angel in disguise. How wise was the Prophet to explain this to us, and how stupid are people still!

*“Has He who created the ‘heavens’ and the earth
 no power to create others like them?
 That He, surely, has.
 He is the all-knowing Creator.
 When He decrees a thing
 He need only say,
 ‘Be!’
 and it is.”*
 [36:81-82]

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If GOD had wanted Israel to go to the Christians, couldn’t **HE** have ordained it thus?
 If *He*’d wanted hundreds of millions of Muslims to destroy the 8 million Jews in Israel,
 couldn’t *He* have achieved that by now? Many are still grossly out of touch with **GOD**’s
 designs. Clearly, they should read Scripture from an outsider’s perspective. Clearly, they
 should give the L.G.B.T+ community more of a chance to lead.

GOD need only decree a thing for it to be. And yet many things you want and have
 prayed for haven’t come to pass. Surely, who you’re becoming isn’t yet clear to you.
 You’re obviously like a flower that doesn’t know how to get from bee_y to bee_{x1}.

The Jews understand the meaning of two words for Y.H.V.H. that the JEWS,
 CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* don’t. Those words are השם {HASHEM} and המקום
 {HAMAKOM.} “Hashem” means “THE NAME.” And “Hamakom” means “THE PLACE.” **GOD**
 is in every name. And **GOD** is in every place.

If you hate the word “Jesus” or “*Allāh*,” it’s you who’s got the problem. If you can’t
 love Israelis you’re fighting **GOD** and **HIS** designs. **HE** lies in every name and every place.

The ancient Native Americans used to dress up like animals who were celebrating the
 rain to let it be known to their gods that they needed more rain. Modern man is no different.
 He presumes **GOD** needs hints, pleas and supplications for **HIM** to realize what he wants.
 Could it be that **HE**’s wisely ignoring man’s prayers to give him a chance to change his

mind? (It'd be a lot wiser to ask for help changing your inner world than focus only on the world we share.)

Now that the gays have gone through the humiliation of having been tolerated; the shame of still having to ask to be accepted; and the embarrassment of needing to prove we're worthy of admiration – you're going to see a lot of changes around here. If you think we're just a bunch of interior decorators you're wrong. There are lots of designs we have to change deserving interiors.

*“Glory be to Him who has control of all things.
To Him shall you all be recalled.”*
[36:83]

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To **HIM** shall you all be recalled.”

I don't think many Jews or Christians have read the Quran, mostly because they've been prejudiced by their faith not to look too deeply at other pieces of **GOD's** puzzle except for **Hindu** yoga and **Buddhist philosophies**. Those fads are now permitted... But Muslims may not have explored Tanach and the Bible beyond superficial acknowledgement of the quotes found in the Quran, for the same reason. They've been prejudiced by their faith. It took me 63 years to read the Quran, and I lived for a couple of years in Israel, a place surrounded by people who study the Quran!

I say, there's a method to **GOD's** madness. I'd like to suggest that you're going to need to get a lot madder before you're going to be able to discover the true meaning of sanity. If there's anything about the modern world all our ancestors would, surely, be able to agree on, it's that the world they knew has gone stark, raving mad.

The problem with love is that we now know it'll drive you crazy if you let it. The only way to understand the universal principle of love is by personalizing it. And you can't claim to know anything about the universality of love without experiencing your love for you. Love emanates out from within.

Love is utterly irrational. You're sad before love comes and after it leaves. But you probably didn't associate your sadness with your highest aspirations for yourself. You probably didn't associate your desire for companionship with your desire for companionship with yourself. You didn't see your relationship with you as the source of all the love in your inner world. And you didn't see your understanding of Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad as helpful in this regard. You were prejudiced against one, two or even all three of Them.

Therefore, I'm going to quote myself in the first paragraph of this surah. Hopefully you'll hear something in my words you didn't hear the first time:

“This surah, ‘*Ya Sîn*,’ is called ‘the heart of the Quran’ by Islamic scholars. It opens the reader to the love *God* has for all *His* creations (including me). Matters of the heart are available to anyone who has a beating heart. The perceived exclusivity of *God's* love for straight Muslims is what's causing all the problems in the Middle East. No one should

exclude himself, or others, from his GOD's/GOD's/*God*'s love. But that won't happen until everyone feels included in our **GOD's** love."

Surah 37
سورة الصافات
The Ranks

The idea that **GOD** created ranks isn't new. Just as a ladder must have *rungs* with one above and below the other, the masses must arrange themselves in *ranks*. The arrangement of these ranks was previously determined by power, wealth, geographic origin, sexual preference, gender, skin tone, physical beauty and personality attributes. People didn't know of any wiser ways to provide themselves with rungs to raise their station in life other than by making babies to combine attributes they thought would be successful to society in the future. They gambled on being fruitful by producing a stronger stock. But what we now have is a world in which we're multiplying ourselves out of existence.

The rungs of the ladder that used to be made of newborns who personified hope should be turned into ranks from within. We should give people tools to better themselves without resorting to baby-making, as they did in the past. We should give them mirrors of themselves that won't disappoint them as much as their children have, or someday will. We can't continue to use reproduction as the spoon that stirs the pot.

It's not that the Jews are better than the Christians because **GOD** chose us first. It's not that the Christians are better than the Muslims because **GOD** chose one before the other. If that had been so, **HE**'d never have needed to create the Orient where **philosophies**, not faiths, predominate. The fact that each half of the world looks down on the other is only more evidence for the need for ranks you can recognize within yourself.

The essence of **GOD's** designs are beyond any of us to proclaim. But it's foolish for any believer to deny **GOD** has a plan that'll eventually draw the past into the present with an ever-greater emphasis on a peaceful future for everyone. **GOD** doesn't stand back after we're born and then get in our face the moment we die. **HIS** participation in our life is thorough and throughout. Life doesn't have to be only awesome or awful. When we become aware of ourselves as life is happening, **GOD's** participation becomes quite miraculous, leaving us feeling quite verklempt.

Your thoughts have been divided into three ranks. Psychology calls these divisions your conscious, subconscious and unconscious. But these participations correspond to your head, heart and soul. Your conscious mind relates with you through a process called thinking. Your subconscious heart relates with you through a process called feeling. And your unconscious soul is capable of hurting or helping you through a process called believing. Each has been created in this way to allow you to develop yourself. Each has been created to help you ascend the ranks.

The more peaceful a person you are, the more you're going to avoid arguing, fighting and hurting others. But you'll then find that you'll have more propensity to be unhappy being with you, since you can't get out your inner forces on "them." Just getting up in the morning may create dread at having to be with you one more day all day.

This then becomes the ultimate moral crisis, the cause of all your angst, anxiety, frustration and worry. But this can also become your greatest reason for living – but only if you challenge yourself to learn how to operate you more and more effectively. If you

don't, you'll remain just the way you are: externally oriented and miserable with what reality looks like. And by that, I mean that you'll be controlled by desires to please your parents, bosses, partners and "them" more than yourself. Misery may ultimately become your punishment for a life lived outside yourself. (And if you think that you'll be rewarded for your misery after life, you're mad.)

Thinking outside the "box" is only the beginning. You have to feel outside the "sphere" and believe outside the "pyramid." The whole point of the 3rd dimension is to learn how to be rewarded for making yourself happy to be alive day-by-day. ¹²⁶

Neither **GOD** nor I are asking you to discount self-sacrifice. Quite the opposite. We're asking you to sacrifice yourself with greater regard to what you're doing to you. If you're going to give first place to others, at least proclaim that you're a hero for doing so in your own eyes. If you sacrifice something or someone precious to you, you'd better have a damned good reason for doing so. You can only do so if you take self-sacrifice personally.

The depth of feeling you have for you will change depending on which of these levels of being you're able to engage in. Your conscious mind may only be superficially involved in the process of feeling. If you think until you find yourself feeling absolutely awful inside, you know how hard it is to then get out of your head and into your heart. And you know that that's not a good way to access your loving feelings for anyone.

Your subconscious mind responds emotionally as it hears your conscious mind think. The more you overlook your moral duty to acknowledge your feelings and others, the more disappointed your subconscious mind will become with what you're thinking. And when you finally make your way out of your head down into your heart, you may find it to be a very unpleasant environment to be in, a stormy world where waves crash against the shore, eroding you in ways you haven't been able to express to yourself.

You may even become consumed with fear at what's becoming of you. The **WORDS** of Jesus won't touch you if your thinking is stinking and the conclusions you come to are filled with immoral intentions and actions nobody in his right mind could respect.

Just becoming self-sacrificing externally to appease your head is a great waste of time that only leads to counter-culture reactionism and anti-Semitism. Becoming heroic on the outside requires becoming heroic within. Becoming heroic in your mind requires becoming heroic in your heart. Do you feel heroic when you fight over **GOD/GOD/God**? Do you feel heroic when you fight over the superiority of straights, whites or males?

The most obvious moral intention you can't respect yourself for is the desire for retribution. When you want to get back at others – someone, anyone – or when you just want to kick the dog because you had a bad day – you know you're not going to respect yourself if you indulge such autonomous feelings. Those who motivate themselves using

¹²⁶ It shouldn't need to be stated that making yourself happy has less to do with the pursuit of money than honey. If your parents were particularly rich in honey, then you're like the baby bee that's been weaned well and will be a complement to the hive. But if you've been weaned on a hunger for money, you're well aware of "colony collapse disorder" {CCD} from within, the phenomenon that occurs when the majority of worker bees in a colony disappear and leave behind a queen {gay}, plenty of food and a few nursing bees {women} to care for the remaining immature bees. This phenomenon in nature mirrors what straight men {worker bees} are doing to themselves in an effort to die in the pursuit of money without regard to their potential honey. Our human hive is in the process of collapse.

retribution are obvious to ONE and all. Replace vengeance with justice, the rule of law and fairness.

CHRISTIANS have been ignoring the WORDS of Jesus on the topic of retribution for a very long time. “BUT I TELL YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU.” [Matthew 5:44] You can see how CHRISTIANS have behaved autonomously in this regard with blacks, gays, liberals and especially with American Jews.¹²⁷ Perhaps now you can see how hard it is to obey **GOD**. Most men, but especially CHRISTIAN men choose to obey their penis problem instead of questioning their anal issues. And, that, of course, is because they want nothing to do with that awful woman { x^2 } within them.

When you ignore the effects of your negative desires on your subconscious, your unconscious mind becomes less and less emotional. If you resign yourself to behaving in ways you tell yourself you execute in order to survive, there are consequences you’ll face internally and externally. The more resigned you are to behaving miserably now, the more you’ll multiply your misery in the future. Look at the Middle East for examples of what not to do. Look at a Muslim hive in collapse.

The N.R.A. has anticipated this outcome by providing miserable, white CHRISTIANS with guns. What they call “law and order” is a euphemism for serendipitous retribution against Muslims, Jews, gays and anyone else who frustrates them. It has nothing to do with securing freedom, liberty or emancipation. It’s no different from the death cults proliferating in the Middle East or the religious cults here at home.

When the only way you can move a man is with fear of homosexual tendencies that you’ve labeled as unholy, you attack his x^2 factor, the part of him that’s deeply in love and committed to one man: himself. In an effort to survive this religious attack, straight men then project their syndrome onto weaker members of society that they can then attack instead, thus preserving their $y + x^2$ integrity. But at what cost?

GOD made it virtually impossible for a man to suck his own penis or sodomize himself. Physical intimacy with himself must be limited to solo sports and masturbation. All other forms of self-intimacy are abstract, subjective, figurative and spiritual. If a man is predisposed to seek physical intimacy with another man it’s because he so wishes, not because satan is tempting him or because gay men have caught him in their clutches.

An uninformed **Hindu** or **Buddhist** believes that **karma** is the result of the way he treats others. Nothing could be further from the truth. The way you treat yourself becomes **karma** that then results in the way you’ll treat others. What goes around within then comes out and goes around throughout. But that cycle of desire and the consequent suffering to give

¹²⁷ CHRISTIANS love the JEWS. But CHRISTIANS hate the Jews almost as much as the Europeans did in the early 20th Century. And their hatred of Jews is growing. If you can’t see the anti-Semitism in CHRISTIANS, you aren’t going to be able to see the anti-Semitism in yourself. We’re all anti-Semites because we’re all opposed, to some degree, to using only our head. Anti-Semitism was initiated when Moses went up to Mt. Sinai, and the JEWS, under the leadership of Aaron, Moses’s brother, created the Golden Calf that everyone danced around until Moses came down from the mountain and stopped them. You need to come down from your mountain and stop them, too. No other moral option is available to you other than resistance and denial of the right thing to do.

yourself the retribution you want may spiral out into the afterlife if you don't learn from your inner mistakes and correct them at their source.

Of course, many people circumvent the internalization of this process by becoming prejudiced, argumentative, vindictive, violent and even homicidal. And then, they rationalize their behavior with religious or **philosophic** principles. By externalizing your struggle, you leave **GOD** with no choice other than to let you punish yourself. And since **HE** doesn't bother to punish anyone *in* his lifetime, you can imagine the direction you'll be going after you're through down here. You'll prove to yourself after life that you had been your own worst enemy. You won't need to have a conversation with **GOD** about that, because you'll insist on going the way you'll already proved to yourself was the way you wanted to go for a lifetime. Your fate will have been sealed – by you. You'll get the retribution you spent your lifetime seeking.

Suicide survivors aren't the only people who've tried to kill themselves. If you compartmentalize our desire to kill ourselves as an aberration that only a small percentage of the population suffer from, you're excluding some of your behaviors toward yourself.

Therefore, it's imperative everyone learn to operate himself from the inside in. If you don't risk the internal consequence (which is becoming mad), your madness will be externalized and eternalized. And that behavior, too, will be obvious to **ONE** and all.

My father lost all his teeth to pyorrhea in concentration camp. And he deviously used his mind and his conscious desires to rationalize many of his moral choices thereafter. He didn't learn to use his heart and soul with conscious understanding of what he was doing. He didn't want to face his unhappy smile. And so he spent a lifetime grimacing, gripping his jaw and flashing an artificial smile that was framed by pursed lips.

Because he claimed all American Christians were good and all German **CHRISTIANS** were evil, he couldn't access his heart with individuals without yearning for retribution. And he certainly didn't succeed in his lifetime to access his soul. He became a hot-head. He exploded seemingly at the least little thing that didn't go his way. But he never learned to talk about what was upsetting him. What was upsetting him was his desire for retribution.

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The Jews are traditionally trained to be conscious thinkers {mindful}. Christians are traditionally trained to be conscious feelers {emotional}. And Muslims are traditionally trained to be conscious believers {intuitive}. Many will disagree with me based on their presumption that all people are equal {=} because **GOD** created them equal {=}. But nurture has a profound effect on nature. Therefore I say that all people are created equivalently {±}. In other words, we need one another to help us develop out of the ranks we're so trained for by the tradition in which we live.

¹²⁸ That said, I can't imagine a concentration camp survivor doing any better. His grades were his. I leave it to the **TEACHER** to grade him on a curve based upon how everyone else in his class did. But I'm sure that young black men today are filled with a similar desire for retribution. And young gay boys who are literally killing themselves or figuratively killing themselves with sex, drugs and alcohol are filled with a desire for retribution as well. The desire for retribution is common. In fact, it's human.

As you learn to observe your inner world more thoughtfully and thoroughly, you'll begin to hear yourself thinking from more of your head and heart. In your head, you'll find the strength to agree or disagree with what you hear happening in your heart. Feelings will arise that may be unpleasant, and feelings may arise that are gloatful, possibly inappropriate or even altogether vindictive and wrong. But you'll be able, at last, to consciously perceive that dialogue.

You may even find yourself creating "me Tube" videos in which you get back at those who've offended you with superhuman strength and a desire for retribution to even the score. These videos can be very instructive if you observe them with your third, inner eye. They can elucidate your moral indignation at how people have treated you and are treating you still. And you can infer that you have a magical, inner power that can right that wrong. The name of that power is "self-love."

In your heart, you'll finally be able to hear what you think about how you feel. That may leave you frustrated or even exasperated. But that's the beginning of wisdom of the heart. That'll give you the strength to morally question how you're feeling, and whether those feelings are making you suffer needlessly in your twisted desire to achieve retribution against someone you can't name who you're obsessed with stopping.

That someone should, of course, be you. If you can stop you from hurting you, you can stop you from hurting others. This won't require an invasion of Israel. It won't require blowing yourself up and taking others {mirror images of you} with you when you leave. It won't require arming every school and institution of faith in the world with guns. Your desire for retribution will be made manifest as a syndrome you'll be given the opportunity to handle from within, instead.

Your love for you is too important to waste on revenge, regardless of how weak, inconsequential and useless "they" may have made you feel. These unconscious opinions that are mirrors of how you feel about you will be very damaging to your head, heart and soul if you don't protect yourself from self-vindication.

My mother and father thought they could raise wonderful children. They thought their match was made in "heaven" and their children would become angels in disguise. I went mad and my sister succumbed to revenge by stealing my inheritance. I repressed my desire for revenge against my parents in childhood until I unleashed it by breaking the 6th Commandment, attempted suicide twice in my twenties. She turned into thief. Neither of their children turned into angels disclosed.

The reason why good neighbors make good fences, while good fences don't necessarily make good neighbors is because your parents built their fences against retribution the best way they could. It's up to you to build better fences by becoming a better neighbor {first to corralling you}. Otherwise, don't expect to turn out any better than your parents.

On one side of that fence lives a fellow. Let's call him y. On the other side of that fence lives his neighbor. Let's call her x². He may want nothing to do with her, while she may want to enjoy a good relationship with him despite everything he does to avoid her. In spiritual, psychological terms, this is called "misogyny." It emanates out from within. In religious terms, Jesus quoted Moses by saying, "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY SELF."

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY SELF

If you're apathetic to answers about why you feel the way you do, you've chosen not to seek answers to the question "Why?" People may hurt your feelings because they don't know any better. They may hurt your feelings because they wish to retaliate for the suffering they've had to go through without self-love.

People who resign themselves to a life without love are like zombies. They're the walking dead. They've decided to externalize their motives rather than internalize them. They've decided to struggle, fight and/or kill others rather than not struggle within themselves with **GOD** as their **WITNESS**.

In discovering how you operate you're going to discover how **GOD** miraculously contributes to your efforts when you go towards **HIM** and leaves you to your own vices when you go away from **HIM**. This, alone, is going to increase your ability to believe in a better way to pray. This'll turn your efforts into a collaboration, not a conspiracy.

It's got to become personal, or it's merely external and, therefore, superficial. The meaning of your life will come if you give your life meaning by raising *you* in your esteem.

But personal doesn't mean dramatic. It doesn't mean melodramatic. It doesn't mean hysterical. It doesn't mean fanatic. Personal means "important to your growth, evolution and transfiguration."

Hopeful beliefs emanate out of your soul and are usually manifested as brilliance, creativity, inspiration, inventiveness, or visions. These hopeful beliefs are often described as a sixth sense realization or an intuitive flash.

People who are more capable of acting productively using their thoughts are described as smart. People who are more capable of acting productively using their feelings are described as artistic or helpful. And those who are more capable of acting productively using their intuition, sixth sense and beliefs are described as poetic, motivational or inspirational.

All aspects of inner peace (and turmoil) come into your mind in the form of thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires that have been sanctioned by **GOD** through outer world experiences you then choose to ponder by yourself. Until you can show yourself that you can desire something greater than what you desired yesterday, you should expect every today to look very similar to every day before it.

Lack of attention and concern for you naturally creates a good deal of frustration and boredom which you'll project around you. People want to see change, but they demand that it occurs externally. They rarely demand it from within. And that only compounds their cynicism, ennui, frustrations and scorn.

The problem with most believers is that they don't believe **GOD** plays as big a part in their life as **HE** does. They turn their faith on and off without realizing it. They prefer to do certain {negative} things in the dark, and conveniently assume that **GOD** can't see what they're doing or where they're secretly going. That's a lot like the proverbial ostrich that puts its head in the sand to avoid seeing the world it fears.

There came a moment in my life as a youngster studying the piano when I could suddenly see my hands engaged in separate assignments in melody and harmony. I watched in amazement because I couldn't find the place inside where the instructions to each hand veered off from central command. This is similar to the experience of watching your head and heart being directed from your soul.

Controlling my inner forces requires that I become a sophisticated user of them. I need guidance, discipline and external excitement to discover how to command the complexity of my being. I had to be allowed some external freedom and internal liberty to fiddle with

these forces and then watch what they were telling me. But with time, people concluded I'd become more considerate, polite, tactful, political and shrewd. They even whispered to one another that I was now holding my cards close to the vest. As Miss Manners said, "If you can't be kind, at least be vague." Such are some of the more challenging aspects of growing up.

Beneath your conscious thinking, subconscious feelings and unconscious beliefs lie your desires. But your mind {head, heart and soul} won't tell you how your appetites operate. They only operate, leaving you with urges and impulses you have to deal with, or not. As you observe how your desires get your head and heart to do what "it" wants, you discover how you operate. This is the secret to getting closer to central command.

Without moral regard for your vehicle and how to drive it through life toward a positive endpoint, you only learn to master parts of yourself. The criminally insane are extremely skilled at getting their appetites sated. They could inadvertently teach us a great deal more about how we operate, if we'd study them for more insight into our operating system.

But trying to get people who are unethical to do the right thing is very hard, particularly if they're religious. **GOD** brings them into our life to reveal lessons he wants *us* to learn about them without ending up behaving like them. The more successfully you're able to learn about all evil inclinations from others' external behaviors, the more the **TEACHER** will move your seat closer to the front of the classroom. But you're expected to talk to others about what you know not to do.¹²⁹

Most people aren't sufficiently soulful to speak about these underlying spiritual operating procedures. They don't contemplate **GOD's** participation in learning how to operate themselves because they aren't willing to pay closer attention to their ranking day by day. They turn their conscience on and off unconsciously like a child playing with the buttons on the steering wheel of an automobile, to see what will happen. They don't think about how they affect their inner climate; the pollution they pour out into their inner environment; the wars they start in corners of their inner world; and the little murders they commit within in an unconscious attempt to commit suicide metaphorically and not literally.

They don't think about how **GOD** is allowing all that to happen in order to teach them how to operate themselves through trial and error.¹³⁰ **HE** allows bad things to happen for reasons we can't begin to perceive without a great deal of time, experience and contemplation of Scripture.

¹²⁹ When people buy a lottery ticket, what they're really hoping for is for the **TEACHER** to move their seat in class to the front of the room materially. They externalize their prayers with a request for money, when what they really need is more honey. The temptation to steal or gamble with your future in order to accumulate external wealth never goes away. But it becomes less tempting the wealthier you get within.

¹³⁰ Think of trial and error as the way most people operate. Learn how to operate yourself more effectively, and you'll find that you'll have fewer trials and will make fewer errors.

People are afraid of blaming GOD/GOD/*God* for their misfortune. They blame themselves or one another instead. Raising self-esteem requires work inside with **GOD** while often working simultaneously outside with others.

It's an abomination to wish the worst on others. But when you hear that your enemies have been taught a lesson, thwarted a problem they have with you or are fighting amongst themselves – it's natural to want to respond gaily, gleefully or gloatfully. But the only way to learn from your enemies is to study what motivates them. Their desire for power and control over you should be as powerful as your desire for power and control over yourself. Only in this way will you make progress in achieving peace inside and out.

The Story of Jonah is the story of a whale with a “dove” inside of it. You're an “I” in an it. You're a bird in a whale. You're a YONA. If you want to dive down to the deepest part of your head and heart to discover what's at the bottom of them, you have what you need to do so if you want: a vehicle {whale/bird} and a spirit {man}.

The whale can swim through your feelings, and the bird can soar through your beliefs. But the man will always be grounded. Therefore, he must use figurative speech to discover how he operates. Just telling children stories from Scripture about a man who was swallowed up by a whale is useless to them. You must explain to them what it means.

Adam blamed GOD and that woman that HE gave him because he didn't know he should take responsibility for the consequences of what he was doing. Eve simply blamed the serpent, as though shrugging her shoulders at her misdeed, even though she knew she'd gotten Adam into trouble, as well. It was at that point that GOD stopped the blame-game between them and moved the conversation to the topic of repercussions for misdeeds. HE predicted how mankind would feel and behave toward snakes. You'd think if HE'd really wanted to be helpful, HE'd have changed the nature of snakes... Instead, we've had to discover for ourselves how we emulate the creature that was never punished in the Creation Story. We have an almost insatiable desire for desire. But *that* we rarely question!

The culprit in your life isn't **GOD**. It isn't **HIS** system. It isn't your head, heart or soul. It isn't your x^1 , x^2 or y . We should all be blaming ourselves, in part, because we don't use the sophisticated system we were given. Today's individual doesn't like to admit that the **TEACHER** gave him everything he'd need to succeed. Do you use your cell phone just to make phone calls?

Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad were like T.A.'s who passed out reading materials {Scripture} that corresponded to the **TEACHER's** lectures with Them. They presented three classrooms with assignments in morality that dealt with treating yourself justly, mercifully and fairly. We have three Abrahamic faiths, not one, because we need to learn to work together to perceive the depth of **GOD's** WORDS.

Once you believe you have an innate ability to solve your problems, you're going to want to question the negative conclusions you've come to about yourself that are like mountains that your trains of thought go around. Once you believe in yourself, you're able to blast tunnels into the rock your mind is made of that'll create those tunnels, which will get your trains of thought to their destinations with less energy and effort.

Many refuse to look at the synchro-mysticism in the way things unfold for them internally and externally. They don't notice the coincidences that turn every external accident into an internal incident. They're so afraid of going nuts that they end up refusing

to learn to use their nuts. It takes courage to question yourself rather than simply blame yourself. And yet, I'm sure you know that the more you question you, the more courage you'll achieve to transform you.

Becoming a superhero requires believing in yourself as your superhero. You can become powerful externally without becoming internally powerful. But you could instead become powerful internally in order to become powerful externally. Much of that depends on your willingness to submit to you, not *God*. {"Islam" means "submission." Who do you think *God* would like you to submit to?}

Some people don't want to attain more courage until they desperately need it to solve an external problem. So, they're moving slowly into the future, given the unknown impediment that they're saving themselves up for. Again, I suspect they're getting just what they deserve for their efforts, given their low opinion of growing spiritually.

The more courage you create within you, the more courageously you'll be able to face other people's character defects. And the more interesting you'll find yourself and others. Their grades won't affect your attitude about your altitude. You'll develop resolve.

*"I swear by those who range themselves in ranks,
by those who cast out demons,
and by those who recite the word,
that your God is one:
The Lord of the heavens and the earth
and all that lies between them:
the Lord of the Eastern regions."
[37:1-7]*

*"I swear by those who range themselves in ranks,
by those who cast out demons,
and by those who recite the WORD,
that your **GOD** is **ONE**:
the Lord of the 'heavens' and the Earth
and all that lies between them:
the Lord of the Eastern regions."*

The Prophet presented four concepts in this passage which, together, elucidate the spiritual process:

1. The working class exemplify the importance of ranks. Work teaches us how to highlight, list, order, prioritize, rank and select necessary actions. This makes us appreciative of the order in which we rank our virtues.
2. The L.G.B.T+ community exemplify the importance of casting out demons. Until the modern era, we were rejected by the masses as servants of the devil. But the

removal of sanctions for indulging in guilty pleasures regarding man's desires, impulses, urges and wants has made it possible to normalize his appetites. This has involved overcoming cultural norms, superstitions and traditions that had enormous power over the masses in the past. Today, we should all seek our better angels and seek to cast out our inner demons.

3. The educated, middle class exemplify the reciting of the **WORD**. They may not even realize how deeply they adhere to the values and virtues of all the faiths. But they have a natural propensity to blend the external manifestations of their beliefs in with their lifestyle.
4. Those of the Eastern regions are believers in the Asian **philosophies** who were given their **philosophies** by our Lord anonymously. Without a **philosophy** in addition to your faith, you might get stuck in a hyper-religious tradition without any room to grow without constantly having to think about eternal rewards and punishments.

The spiritual process is dependent on prayer. It depends on the study of **GOD's**, **GOD's** or *God's* words until you're spiritually strong enough to combine them into one personal philosophy of peace and good will for yourself that you then pass along to all mankind. Only once you can open yourself up to prayer with **GOD** to discuss what it is *you* really want from you (not from the external world), can you think, feel and believe separately about what you want to come true.

When you pray, you should expect **HIS** answer to come within milliseconds. **HE** knows how impatient you are. The question is only how aware you'll be of the minute changes in your direction that you receive. Remember, answers can be long and complex, and they can involve lessons, assignments and tests. Only if you're not afraid of learning about yourself are answers to prayers helpful. They come like an automatic pilot that kicks in to change your direction, which will, if you maintain course and speed, show results over time.

You'll eat your words if each and every one of your **WORDS** isn't in line with the **WORDS** of the Lord. **HE** wishes you to learn about **HIS** moral intentions, but until you fully separate and reunite the forces within you, you're going to fight other cultures, faiths, genders, lifestyles and/or races. You're going to see collusions, conspiracies and lies plague you. You're going to feel invaded, occupied and pestered with problems you'll swear to **GOD/GOD/God** aren't of your own making. But they partially are.

Those who know the most about the system aren't necessarily going to be found in the highest ranks of society. Sociological success in managing some things and some people doesn't mean you're psychologically successful in managing yourself. You're in a thing you need to learn to operate, and you're a person you need to get to know personally. Unless your conscience grows to become greater than it was, others are going to dominate you with their desires and intentions.

What I see most happening is that others insist you give up your urge to emancipate by replacing it with moneymaking activities that serve their interests. (Or they simply ask you to shut up and put up with the way it presently is.) Finding the right balance of attention to the world around you and the world within is an art and a science.¹³¹

You won't be able to perceive the plan in action unless you understand the importance of metaphors, symbols and signs as aspects of your operating system. You can't rank yourself realistically or appraise your progress unless you've brought your desires, impulses, sensations and urges to consciousness where you can witness them and decide for yourself what to do about them. Until you see your desires as the voice of your inner infant that your inner adult needs to manage, you won't command respect for yourself, and you won't be able to participate more fully in the wisdom, love and devotion being brought down from "heaven" to Earth for you.

But I repeat what I've said before. Whatever you want to have happen in the external world isn't what I'm talking about. You should rank that as secondary. What's far more important is that you focus your attention on your desires, many of which may be evil {counterproductive} and are figuratively coming from your left testicle or ovary. They're desires to put you down, maintain your bad habits and weaken your ability to become unique.

You can use your religious upbringing to find a balance between being a psychological individual and a cog in a sociological wheel. No man is *only* an island or *only* a part of the main.¹³²

If you pursue knowledge of yourself my religion and lifestyle will become less of your concern. Once you're more occupied in striving to be *you* and not striving to change *me* many of today's social issues will simply dissipate. If you have a terrible urge to tell me how to live my life, then warn me with artistic endeavors, but don't try to stop me from being me with guns, laws and hyper-religious conspiracies concocted to force mass domination and conversion upon the masses. The younger generation is against you. Your old ways are headed for the grave.

You're a student in a classroom, not a hall monitor in a school. It isn't your job to get me to class or to teach me what *you* want me to learn. My curriculum is entirely a spiritual, decision between the **TEACHER** and me. Get your nose out of my life. Ask me about my books, or, better yet, write your own.

Mazel tov to those who aspire to be crossing guards, hall or cloak monitors in life. But don't do too much to keep **GOD's** children in line. Remember that there's a child of **GOD** in you, too. You can't anticipate the unfolding of **HIS** designs any more than a child can anticipate what s/he's going to learn on the schoolyard. There's more to life than the 3R's:

¹³¹ The arts are something you indulge in for understanding of the world we share. The arts are something you indulge in for recognition of yourself alone. Needless to say, you can pursue both. But you'd do well to learn where one ends and the other begins. I started writing as an art form for others. But I don't need to dream about external success anymore to motivate me to continue my efforts. I'm writing for me.

¹³² "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." Meditation XVII "devotions upon Emergent Occasions," John Donne, English poet and priest, 1572-1631.

reading, writing and arithmetic. There's also reading yourself, writing to yourself and adding up the score within yourself: the basics in knowing yourself.

As for the adolescent types who want to get high and make trouble, do what you think would have worked when you behaved as immature as they do. And as for the young adult types who only want to build a tower to power to usurp GOD/GOD/*God* in "heaven," I have no particular answers for their syndromes either.

You don't need to look for **GOD's** presence around you. That can never be measurably proved. You should, instead, look for your own experience of being a guest on **HIS** planet. Don't behave like a predator in a jungle. And whenever you feel like prey, I recommend you pray for a new way to handle the situation rather than plot revenge. Ask **GOD** for a vision of the animal you think you presently most resemble and the kind of animal you feel is coming after that. You don't have to try to be a mouse that roars or a lion that squawks like a vulture. You can work your way up the ranks any creative way you wish.

If you insist that the gays or the Jews are predators, you're still stuck in the reptilian part of your brain. You're thinking from the wrong place in inner space. Your desire to blame the most educated, peaceful and progressive people on the planet is a reaction, not a response.

You ought to look at the lights you've turned on inside as gifts from **GOD**, given to you after countless generations worked tirelessly to be deemed eligible for this reward. If the roof over your head; the parents you happened to have ended up with; and the health you have at this time – don't lead you to thank **GOD** for **HIS** relationship with you, you may be taking your little piece of the pie for granted.¹³³

*"We have decked the lower heaven with constellations.
They guard it against rebellious devils,
so that they may not listen in to those on high.
Meteors are hurled at them from every side;
then,
driven away,
they are consigned to an eternal scourge.
Eavesdroppers are pursued by fiery comets."
[37:8-10]*

"WE have decked the lower 'heaven' with constellations.
They guard it against rebellious devils,
so that they may not listen in to those on high.
Meteors are hurled at them from every side;

¹³³ We Jews/JEWS took Israel for granted, and it slipped through our fingers twice before. You may be taking your piece of the pie for granted, too. And you'll be very sorry when the fruit in the pie lands in your lap instead of your mouth.

then,
driven away,
they are consigned to an eternal scourge.
Eavesdroppers are pursued by fiery comets.”

This is an incredible passage. But because it’s 1,400 years old, it needs to be translated into modern speech if we’re all going to profit from it. Chaucer {14th Century} and Shakespeare {17th Century} are English poets easier to understand in their Early Modern English and Middle English (respectfully) originals than passages such as this from the Quran.

I’ve already described our inner world as a metaphoric mirror of the three most important “heavenly” bodies: the moon {mind}, sun {heart} and Earth {soul}. But you’ll never succeed in making vital connections between the world around you and your world within if you aren’t in conscious contact with your desires. In this passage, the Prophet expands upon the “heavenly” view of inner life using the similes of “*constellations*” {conclusions}, “*meteors*” {shocking outcomes} and “*comets*” {inspirational opportunities}.

The universe is ranked with “heavenly” bodies at certain distances from “heaven.” The three most prominent from our point of view are the Earth, moon and the sun. Moving out from there are the constellations which were then thought to be the next order of “heavenly” bodies until telescopes made it apparent that the planets were closer to us than the stars.

The manmade grouping of stars from our earthly perspective {*constellations*} corresponds to the lower lights that guard **GOD**’s realm (which figuratively describe **HIS** designs for each, and every, individual). From your own perspective, when viewing the intentions that illuminate your inner night sky, you “*may not listen in to those on high.*” You may be limited in some respects in your ability to perceive the big picture.¹³⁴

I’m not suggesting you should indulge in astrology to predict your future or guide you through your day-to-day life. What I’m suggesting is that there’s a poetic comparison to be made between the inner constellations {conclusions} we come to from our inner Earth {soul} and from our inner moon {mind} and sun {heart}.

In this poetic way, we’ve all been given plenty of room to guess, conjecture, hypothesize and theorize about **GOD**; **HIS** abode figuratively located above us; and an afterlife that’s beyond our ken. Just as early man grouped the “heavenly” lights to create images in the sky, we all slowly become aware of our inner lights, which create suppositions about the meaning of our existence.

These suppositions are conclusions we come to that take various forms. In the night sky, these forms took the shape of the constellations our ancestors perceived. In our inner world, these conclusions take the form of *constellations* we come to see that may or may not be universal, but they appear to be subjectively true.

¹³⁴ We still have many people today who believe in astrology as an outer force that affects their inner world. They believe there’s an invisible force emitted by the constellations that collectively and individually affects them. I’m not going in that direction.

The Prophet makes that comparison in this passage, suggesting that there's a relationship between the lights in our inner night sky that illuminate us, individually, to **GOD's** mysterious designs for our land {thoughts} and sea {emotions}. And this arrangement of lights in us produces the beliefs some take too seriously.

Meteors literally fall from the sky from time to time, but, in this context, the Prophet is referring to bombshells that often crater our moon {mind} and occasionally fall to our Earth {soul}. The definition of a "*meteor*" in this religious context is a "heavenly" instrument of change that comes out of the outer world that unexpectedly creates changes in the way we think about ourselves. *Meteor* are ideas that seemingly come out of nowhere that make us change our mind instantly {shocking discoveries about the way we and others are}. These sudden changes of opinion leave many figurative depressions in our mind that not only affect our previously held conclusions; they leave figurative scars that crater our mind, reminding us of what we thought before that impact and what that crater says about how we think now.

The older you are, the more your mind figuratively resembles the surface of the moon. The more you embrace science, the more curious you might be about meteors that literally have hit the Earth. The more you embrace the arts, the more curious you may be about the *meteors* that figuratively fly through your sky and land on your land or sea.

In addition to inner constellations and meteors, "*eavesdroppers are pursued by fiery comets.*" What the Prophet is suggesting here in modern parlance is that those who literally listen in to the mysteries of the universe are astronomers. Such men and women are transfixed on the material mystery of constellations, meteors and comets. But those who are intent on interpreting the outer world with figurative meaning are eavesdroppers to the mysteries of Islam, and, by extension to the mysteries of all Scripture. An eavesdropper prefers to use the powers within to conquer the forces without. Such eavesdroppers do gossip, should conjecture and ought to discuss the revelations of the Quran, comparing and contrasting them to the other two holy books to validate all three. *Comets* shouldn't make them more fearful and superstitious.

You and I are eavesdroppers. We're gossiping about Scripture. We look at the brilliance of each fiery *comet* that suddenly enters into our purview when it figuratively streams across our inner night sky. These *comets* are inspirational streaks of illumination that come seemingly out of nowhere to make an impression upon us from afar. If our interest in ourselves is distant and impersonal, our imagination won't be consciously affected by these *comets*.

The *words* of the Prophet are like comets. Few really take them to heart. They're like streaks of light across the night sky that they pay little notice of. They read what they read and skip any passages they don't understand. They submit to what others tell them. They don't think for themselves. Hence, they can't thank **GOD** for what they've read. They can only thank *God*. Any more thanks than that intimidates them.

An example of a fiery *comet* in my life was the concept of *God* as my *Guardian* rather than my FATHER. Judaism gave me the concept of GOD as my FATHER, and
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CHRISTIANITY also gave me the concept of GOD as my FATHER. But over time, Judaism became more like a religion for me with GOD as my MOTHER, and Christianity became a religion for me with GOD as my FATHER. Because I already had two parents, I saw no need for two gods fighting within me like my parents fought with one another. As the child of divorced parents, this metaphor for GOD's participation in my life became less appealing.
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The idea of *God* as my *Guardian* came into my night sky like a fiery comet. It presented a new idea that streaked overhead out of nowhere. It inspired me to think for myself. I didn't see where this light came from. It simply appeared out of nowhere. It inspired me to exchange the two places within me where I'd perceived GOD with a third. It brought me out
GOD
of my head and heart into my soul.

A guardian is an adult who takes on the roles of mother and father. But the more I thought about that, the more I realized that *God* isn't just my *Guardian*. *He* isn't just an adult in a world of infants and children. *He*'s a sign that awakened me to the adult in me. Over time, I've become my inner mother, father and guardian. That raised GOD/GOD/*God* to a holy place in all three places in inner space.

GOD is now my **GUARDIAN**. And the reason that idea corresponds to a comet is because it didn't just have an effect on my thoughts, feelings or beliefs. It illuminated me to a whole other way of perceiving my relationship to **HIM**. And not only did it change my relationship to GOD/GOD/*God* externally; it changed my relationship to myself, as well.

The world within us wasn't given only to Muslims to explore with soulful intention, any more than the Jews were meant to be masters of wisdom or the Christians, masters of love. Those who're listening in to their own mysterious, inner universe today are architects of ideas; designers of objectives; and artists, dancers, musicians, sculptors, poets, teachers, psychologists, philosophers and religious leaders of new ways of being.

Such people suddenly ignite the world stage with their presence, illuminating us with their fiery glow. They become star-like in the sense that they affect us with one or another of the spiritual attributes of fire. They draw on our imagination with interest and awe. Such people may even augment the mystery of fire, which heralds the call to prayer. They challenge us to believe in something we can't literally see, but which we know is happening to us inside over time, however untouchable and indescribable it may be.

Fiery comets pursue eavesdroppers who can explain miraculous, unexpected events we weren't privy to seeing before. They relay a universal message that becomes personally meaningful. These eavesdroppers perceive our projections onto others without having to break our mirrors. They tell us things we no longer need to rely on guesswork or trial and error to discern. An eavesdropper reveals the good without telling us what to do about it.

All the fuss I used to make about others seeing me as a poet are no longer leading me. My efforts to change the course of other people's lives are no longer as important anymore. I've become a cartographer, and these books are my atlas. Whether I'm charting the land,

sea or sky, I'm leaving explicit directions of where I've gone. Those who are interested in mapping themselves will use my directions to help themselves.

Nowadays, I think we all want individualized evidence for our faith in ourselves and hope for our future. I don't think anybody wants to be collectively driven anymore. I know I'd prefer **GOD** took me by the hand and led me toward my destiny. But because of the collective forces that affect large numbers of people that I'm subjected to, too, I often find myself disoriented about what to take personally and how personally to take it. That sometimes leads me to the ominous feeling of being exposed to my fate.

We all wait for strange and unexpected anomalies to light up our inner night sky to validate our beliefs, hypotheses, opinions and theories. We're all figurative star gazers staring at mysterious, inner configurations called *constellations* that appear at different times of the year; *meteoric* surprises that crash and burn; and fiery *comets* that create mysterious streaks of light, like arrows pointing to something intangibly personal where there had previously been nothing, only darkness, before.

*“Ask the nonbelievers
if they deem themselves
of a nobler make
than the rest of our creation.
Of coarse clay We created them.”
[37:11-12]*

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Of coarse clay **WE** created them.”

GOD told Moses we're made of clay {earth}. GOD told Jesus HE was made of bread {flesh} and water HE could turn into wine {blood}. *God* told the Prophet we're all made of impatience {fire}. Scratch the clay of the nonbeliever, and you'll discover it's coarse. Pierce the bread of the nonbeliever, and you'll discover wine pours out of it, just as that mysterious wine-like liquid figuratively pours out of your heart. Gouge your impatience and you'll discover that under it lies more impatience burning with a heat you can't get close to.

The atheists of today are totally loyal to the world around them. The believers of today are totally loyal to a part of the world within them. But neither can claim to hold the whole world in his hands. We live in an age when science and religion are like the fists of the insane man who beats himself up. Until he realizes what he's doing to himself, both the nonbelievers and the believers will continue to deem themselves of a nobler make than the rest of **GOD's** creation.

*“When we are dead
and turned to dust and bones,
shall we be raised to life,
we and our forefathers?
Say:
‘Yes.’
And you shall be utterly humbled.”
[37:14-16]*

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Many say “yes” and still this world is filled with unfathomable arrogance, conceit, egotism, self-importance, smugness, stubbornness and vanity. It couldn’t be only the nonbelievers who aren’t humbled to the Lord. Surely, there must be a few rotten apples in denial of the truth in every random bushel of believers. Surely, there’s a part of you that could afford to learn more about what it is you really want out of your life.

As I became more willing to learn, my sexuality and sensuality became reignited like hot embers upon which was poured new fuel. The pleasures of my body became more included in with my faith, not excluded from it. I realized I wasn’t just a head, heart or breastplate. I was a human being with arms. I realized I’d been given legs with mysterious sensations between them with good reason. When I embraced the way **GOD** made me, I found myself with far fewer enemies within. I found myself with more syndromes and less need for external confrontations.

Once I’d experienced guilt, I began to discover modesty, humility and an eternal loyalty to learning, even if I couldn’t yet literally describe how I learned. I began to see more of the plan as it was intended just for me.

The plan for you isn’t the same as the plan for me. The plan is the crossroad where **HIS** story {history} meets my story {mystery}. The plan for you is so personal that you’ll never be able to literally utter it out loud because it’s greater than anything you’ll ever be able to put into **WORDS**. I know that only because that’s the case for me. I doubt I’m wrong about it. Only the dogmatic, I believe, would think otherwise.

Once I was living my life like I was a patient in a mental hospital to which I was committed for life, I began to examine the process of healing, as would any doctor. But I knew intuitively that my illness was moral, not mental. And I knew that my dis-ease had spread to every part of my being. I had to heal my body, mind, emotions and spirit. And that could only be accomplished with all of my mind {head, heart and soul} over matter.

But because my penis problems and anal issues were unique to me, some of my healing simply had to be done with willpower, self-discipline and the breaking of bad habits. Self-indulgence was not the same as self-love. This is how I came up with the word “syndromes” to describe something bigger than answers to questions or solutions to problems.

Now I can say that life is best described metaphorically as a school. It’s only in this metaphor that I can get comfortable with **GOD** as my **TEACHER**, not just my GARDENER. Students from this school don’t graduate and come back to tell us where they’ve gone to practice what they’ve learned. Therefore, I need to be willing to learn on my own. I need to yearn to grow. I may not always be willing to win {sport}, master {craft}, journey {destination} or heal {insane asylum}. But I’m always willing to know more than what I now know.

Think of the 3rd dimension like the third out of 10 classes. You graduated the 2nd dimension having learned about **GOD** in two ways. And you entered this school with the final grades you received then. You entered this world with the body and circumstances given to you that you had no ability to control when you were born. When you graduate the 3rd dimension {third grade}, assume your transcript will take the shape of circumstances you’ll receive when you enter the **Fourth Grade**.¹³⁵

*“Just is the verdict which our Lord has passed on us;
we shall, surely, taste the scourge.
We misled you,
but we,
ourselves,
have been misled.”
[37:28-30]*

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“We, ourselves, have been misled.” Who could have seen that the picture was bigger than the picture we were given! We didn’t realize what it was all about until we went through experiences that taught us more than our forefathers knew... If somebody had only

¹³⁵ I’ve only introduced this **Fourth {Avenir Heavy}** font to suggest that the world after this one may be constructed upon this one, and yet different from it. Perhaps it’ll bring you to a new view of **GOD**’s designs from which you’ll discover even more of your spiritual self by relating to **HIM** from four directions instead of three. Perhaps we’ll go into a dimension of time that supersedes length, width and depth. Call this the **Fourth Grade**.

told us what to expect next, we would have behaved differently... Therefore, it wouldn't be fair of **GOD** to hold us responsible for what we did since we didn't know any better... Now we promise to defend ourselves from ourselves because now we know we've tainted our own honor... (Famous last words when talking to people who were only seeking GOD, GOD or *God*.)

Man always begins with excuses and ends with promises to **GOD**. He uses his head when he finds himself painted into a corner. He only finds the strength to take a leap of faith to get him out of the predicament he got himself into when he has no other way of getting out of his guilt. He'll plead the spiritual Fifth if the option is given him.¹³⁶ He doesn't want to have to learn anything the hard way, with greater self-study than he's exhibited until now.

When you translate the word "*scourge*" into a more modern word, you might want to consider the word "contagious person" or "hater." The CHRISTIANS have a history of creating haters. The *Muslims* have a history of instigating plagues. And the JEWS have a habit of cleverly arguing their innocence before GOD after experiences they overlooked that would have challenged them to enlarge their heart and deepen their soul had they known better at the time.

Muslims might like to think about the warnings from the Prophet in today's world as meteoric, modern ideas that they duplicate by turning themselves into human meteors that explode on impact. They might like to think about the warnings from the Prophet as today's comets that have come to light up the imagination of man despite the feeling in many that they wish they'd never been born.

It might hit a nerve to tell you to try to find something good in the murder of your child; the rape you endured; the limb you lost; house you'd paid off that burned to the ground; or the health insurance your family was cheated out of. It might not be any more possible for you to go back to the war you ran away from or the acts of your GOD/GOD/*God* that you survived than it would be for me to return to the insanity I endured for decades.

Life is more mysterious than it looks. If you don't embrace the mystery of all the good you're here to potentially accomplish, you're not going to receive the enlightenment that comes with spirituality.

The ancient Jews came up with the idea of "hell" on Earth as a way of punishing others for their transgressions. The ancient Christians came up with the idea of "hell" after life on Earth as a way of magnifying their threats of punishments for transgressions for everyone with everlasting pain. And the ancient Muslims came up with the idea of an even hotter "hell" than the Christians to motivate themselves even more. But the ancient Muslim "hell" includes the suffering of knowing another Muslim didn't make it into "heaven," a

¹³⁶ "Pleading the Fifth" is a colloquial term for invoking the privilege that allows a witness to decline to answer questions when the answers might incriminate him. Generally, pleading the Fifth also allows someone to avoid suffering a penalty for asserting that privilege." [Wikipedia] A defendant can't be compelled to become a witness at his own trial in the world we share. But in the world within, there's no one else who prosecutes and defends us, but ourselves. Pleading the Fifth to yourself is a joke internally. You'll never get away with it. **GOD** is, and will always be, your **WITNESS**.

place that would have guaranteed him eternal, sexual delights with 72 virgins! Not even Christian “hell” was that cruel...

You’d think that as the afterlife repercussions for doing wrong in the here-and-now intensified in the imagination of the hyper-religious, they’d become more obedient, not more defiant. But, in many ways, we’ve seen just the opposite come to pass. Hyper-religious people have become inured to threats of “hell” and more “hell,” just as they’ve become oblivious to promises of “heaven” and more “heaven.” What’s happened instead is that the hyper-religious are simply gambling on their conscience being guided by Scripture literally, while taking chances that they’ll then be right and all others will be wrong.

Contemporary man is reticent to look personally into the “hell” he’s been through. He’d rather bet that his past has given him the ticket he needs to avoid the “hell” to come. He takes it on faith that the victimhood he’s endured gives him the right to the martyrdom he needs to feel entitled to his idea of destiny for all eternity.¹³⁷

Sadly, the faithful are finding that their religious leaders are more flawed and human than they first assumed. The faithful find that they’re being duped by leaders who know less than they do. They’re being led astray with foolishness, hatred and disloyalty. Surely, in that there are ought to be signs of greater signs.

Christianity and Islam can never offer the world the promise of a “heaven” they can’t literally produce. They have too much blood on their hands to be able to say for certain where each of us is headed. But they can still offer the world a warning about the consequences for not taking this world and our inner world more seriously.

Even moderate subscribers to Judaism, Christianity and Islam have all proved to be mixed blessings as members of institutions of faith. If you had complete charge of your synagogue, church or mosque, you know there are those you’d have kicked out long ago. In the end, you’re just going to have to improve yourself and take your chances.

Imagine how much more peaceful this world would be if the majority of people in this world were gay and only a minority were straight. Imagine not having to deal with the crazy ideas of Orthodox JEWS, fanatical CHRISTIANS and *Islamic* terrorists because their numbers were so small, and they were so unpopular.

The fact that the L.G.B.T+ (and Jewish) community are so small is to everyone’s advantage. When we speak, you should listen. We’re an important part of the whole; we’re not exceptions to it. We put more effort into forging friendships than others because we need to, to prove our worth to ourselves. At least Jews, Christians and Muslims try to prove their worth. JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* don’t even bother to try to get along with the rest of us. They just cheat and steal and lie and scheme all the more. Do you really want to rely on Creationism and Fox News for the facts?

¹³⁷ But when today’s young, people choose tunnel vision thinking to achieve immortality, they give up on achieving a life well lived for materialism. They validate one another with good cheer because hope is out of reach. When those who are wise, loving and devoted to life admit to themselves that they don’t want to keep the body they’re now stuck with for all eternity, it’s as though a meteor hit them on the head. Suddenly, they have doubts about their suitability to their mother or father’s idea of “paradise.”

Disorientation may be a lifelong challenge if your life is lived like a journey. If you live your life like a sport, you may have to face defeat. If you live your life like a craft, incompetence may be your nemesis. Insanity, or at the very least, a lifetime of anguish, may be your fate if you don't heal. And spiritual failure may get you removed from this world in an untimely manner if your life isn't lived like an educational degree you're working to attain.

People are, of course, afraid of disorientation {journey}; defeat {sport}; incompetence {craft}; insanity {institution}; or failure {school} but to differing degrees for varying, personal reasons. And yet, all their reasons to be afraid relate to metaphoric interpretations of their circumstances that may or may not be realistic. If you don't improve your ability to scrutinize yourself, you won't find better ways to make your conscience your guide.

My parents were very honorable people, but, in my opinion, their conscience didn't improve as much as I wanted mine to. They fell into moral ruts that they dug even deeper into with bad examples set and magnified by those of their generation. My father inferred that if I didn't become rich, he'd never live it down. And my mother implied that if I didn't become popular, she'd be ashamed of me forever. Fame and fortune were their nemesis. I didn't want to fall into those traps.

My father died of heart failure, and mother has ended up demented. She doesn't know what a phone is anymore, let alone who the person is at the other end of the line. And, to make matters all the more egregious, in hospice when my father was dying, he pulled out his penis and pointed it at those of his children who were standing around his bedside. It's as if he was telling us that he was still the owner of the magical tool that had brought us into this world – as if that was going to make any difference on his deathbed! Heart failure and insanity aren't the endpoint I'm working toward.

The man who thinks all the orgasms he experienced in his past have proved his worth and reserved him a place in "paradise" is a fool. He's the kind of man who'll go out in a blaze of gunfire to glorify his penis; the kind of man who'll push the button to set off a nuclear bomb with no more concern than if he were masturbating; the kind of guy who's figuratively weaned himself off mother's milk and is now drinking his own semen. He's lost in a delusion of power and self-aggrandizement.

I found myself torn between obeying the 5th Commandment and taking the Fifth. I didn't want to disobey my parents, but I didn't want to admit that I wouldn't obey anyone if I didn't have good reason to agree with him or her. In the end, I wouldn't want to let my parents' consciences have been my guide any more than I would want their grades going on my report card.

I'm willing to honor my parents. I'm not willing to follow in their footsteps. I'm willing to like some of the things they did and dislike others. Overall, I liked my parents. But I reserve to keep my love for myself. I can't afford to be blackmailed into behaving unethically in order to live up to someone else's interpretation of the 5th Commandment.

The thing I've always disliked the most in life has been confrontation. Every problem I go through is a way for me to become more confident, courageous, effective and skillful in avoiding future problems rather than having to solve them. Every step I take includes a stride forward with a thought to how I might avoid stepping on some living thing that didn't need to be crushed underfoot. And that philosophy has been helpful in avoiding fights with everyone, including family.

But I also tend to worry more about what I'm doing wrong than commending myself for what I'm doing right. I sometimes worry what I'm going to learn about myself instead of pondering what wonders may arise. Even though my problems always make me wiser, more loving and more loyal to me, I, too, sometimes go through the dread of facing new challenges. Being me is the hardest job in the whole world at those moments when I'm irrationally afraid of change because it requires self-confrontation. But as I said before, "People are just for practice."

The trick to confrontation with others is, of course, greater confrontation with yourself. The more politely I question my thoughts; the more tactfully I question my feelings; and then witness my beliefs with curiosity rather than dogmatic insistence on how I want things to turn out – the more I make my way through confrontation to change, transformation and transcendence. And that inner evolvment makes it easier and easier for me to confront others in more playful and positive ways.¹³⁸

If you knew me, it might look easy being me from the outside, but it's incredibly difficult from within. The only thing I can be sure of is that when I don't care about me enough, I'm not thoughtful enough to me. But the more I think to care about me, the more I care to think better of me. Paradoxically perhaps, that makes me increasingly humble in the presence of others, but not a pushover.¹³⁹

When I spoke to homeless people in the past, I was surprised to discover that some of them didn't feel disoriented, defeated, incompetent or insane. Some didn't even see themselves as failures. In fact, some felt positively victorious in not having had to do all the things I've had to go through. Some homeless people seem to have circumvented a lifestyle they don't approve of and don't want to participate in. They simply avoid issues that make them uncomfortable by using alcohol and drugs to escape pain and suffering. They circumvent confrontation by relinquishing all ties to themselves. That is, of course, spiritually unproductive and insane, but still effective.

If you have no inner world, you become a shell of a person. Your desire to avoid responsibility in search of fleeting pleasure can become an all-consuming goal. But that's too clever a way of making your way through life for me. There's nothing inside such people to grow. The seed goes into hibernation and, perhaps, even dies. Only the shell remains visible for all to see. But whether there's any life left in such people is only for **GOD** to decide. I just know that their persona is hard, all-encompassing and impossible to crack.

Then there are the homeless like me who have felt evicted from their spiritual home because of extreme obsessive and compulsive behaviors that led to insane reactions to circumstances beyond their control. I had a very tenuous grasp on my inner world before I lost my mind. I'd merely copied the behaviors of my peers to look like I had a sense of

¹³⁸ Although I often wake up in the morning feeling like a Groucho Marx with clever words to expound; and then find myself turning into a Chico who has a magical relationship with children – I identify most with Harpo. I'm like a mute who uses a harp and a horn to speak my mind. And the rest of the time I'm busy making mischief...

¹³⁹ If that statement makes you want to jump on me for calling myself humble, I suggest you question your own humility. It may be that you're making *your* conscience *my* guide. I don't need your help in becoming increasingly humble. I can actually achieve grace on my own. I'm old enough to humble myself.

self. But I was a phony. I had no ability to argue the moral validity of anything I thought, felt, believed, desired, said or did. I could only secretly argue with myself over what would look good in others' eyes. I could only think about fame and every little expense to my fortune.

My head, heart and soul weren't yet connected in any morally meaningful way because I hadn't been tempted by my desires to get to know me. And so, my appreciation of Scripture couldn't get near to my conscience. I was running on empty. I may have thought I'd been evicted from my spiritual home, but I hadn't concluded I was homeless. That's what onliness looks like.

The struggle for power externally creates ranks internally that'll be manifested consciously, but only to varying degrees that no one else will be able to witness. Every moral option you make externally will, like a road, tributary or wind tunnel take you in a different moral direction that'll increase your awareness of your world within. This is why, in my opinion, **GOD** may have been, for quite some time, so patient and permissive with Hitler.

These inner directions are seemingly free ways, but, over time, they take their toll. There's a cost for everything you learn in life and every direction you explore, whether you do so consciously, or not. There are no free lunches in the cafeteria of the school of life. Forbidden fruit isn't just a religious snack that people indulge in or refrain from anymore. It's the very essence of all that you're going through.

When you personalize forbidden fruits, you discover that that's all you ever wanted. You either give in to your moral temptations {pleasure} or resist them {pain}. Either way, you learn something about yourself you didn't know before. When you do something you later realize wasn't in your best interest, you should admit it to yourself proudly, not ashamedly. That'll imperceptibly increase your guilt without creating a moral backlash. But, more importantly, it'll increase your wisdom, self-love and affirm your loyalty to your education. The guilt it'll cost you is inevitable; but the bounteous return on your error of judgment will be immense.

In addition to using guilt to lead us to wisdom, **GOD** also gives us little peeks into how our transgressions make **HIM** feel. In this way, we come to know **HIM** a little better day by day, as well. (It's a lot more pleasant to identify with the stars in the night sky rather than the blackness that surrounds them.)¹⁴⁰

The more you face the challenge of being you with kindness, inspiration and hope, the more likely you're going to see your problems magically re-ranked for you. That'll make it more possible to get through the "hell" you're in and avoid the "hell" to come. That'll create conditions for meteoric changes in the ways you think, an interest in the constellations in your inner night sky that'll lead to a new way of feeling feelings; and fiery comets that'll light up your inner night sky with brilliant, new beliefs about you.

You ought to dedicate yourself to inspiring you to believe in yourself with hope in a real and lasting victory for setting a good example for **ONE** and all. But that's going to ask

¹⁴⁰ People who prefer to identify with darkness over light are those who have no conscious idea yet what guilt feels like. Their lessons have to involve *being* bad in order to discover how it *feels* to be bad. Only then can they learn how feeling bad can initiate the journey to feeling good.

you to look beyond the goals you've set to conquer the Israel at the end of your individual rainbow. That will intensify your present beliefs.

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they replied with scorn.
'Are we to renounce our gods for the sake of a mad poet?'"*
[37:33-34]

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This question isn't new. It was first broached by Moses in Torah when he told GOD at the burning bush that he had no intention of going back to ancient Egypt where he was a wanted man. He told GOD that the Egyptians had gods of their own. He wanted no part in GOD's crazy plan. It was asked again by Jesus just before HE went to "hell" on GOD's behalf as HE called out to HIS FATHER from the cross, asking, "WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" HE wanted no part in GOD's crazy plan either.

The Prophet answered this question with the help of the Archangel Gabriel by rightly concluding that we're never forsaken. *God* doesn't do to us what we do to one another. Instead, **HE** teaches us what HE thinks, how HE feels and how deeply devoted *He* is to **HIS** cause on our behalf.

I'm very proud that I consider myself a mad poet, too. It takes one to know **ONE**. In other words, it takes a mad poet to know what **GOD** is doing. The Prophet was, of course, more than just a mad poet. But the problem with most of his followers is that they've proven themselves to be pathetically prosaic.

The question of renouncing other gods still needs to be asked today, albeit figuratively. Do you want to achieve sanity in your lifetime or die like your ancestors, insanely addicted to your desires {golden calves/dogmas/bad habits}? Do you want to continue to live as though there are three separate gods: a JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and a *Muslim* GOD/GOD/*God*? Or are you willing to entertain the madness of poets like Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad? Do you want to follow the insane promises the generals and politicians are feeding you, or are you ready to explore new options that require you to explore the meaning of the **WORDS** you utter?

I'm not suggesting the military-industrial-political-economical complex is altogether wrong in the ways they're keeping us safe. I'm only saying they're very far from doing all they could to find better ways. I'm suggesting that their spiritual understanding of reality is far from emotionally loving or spiritually lucid.

Imagine that evil emanates out of your right hand and goodness out of your left hand. That would suggest that for most people goodness is clumsy, difficult to master and falls easily through your fingers. Evil, on the other hand, is adept, adroit, agile, deft, dexterous and facile.

Christianity came along and reversed all that to suggest that the right hand is right and the left hand is wrong. It claimed Judaism was evil and Christianity was good. Today, we know better. Each of us can be right-handed, left-handed or ambidextrous without worrying anymore that we're possessed by the devil. We now live in a better world where we can be good or evil and right or wrong in our own ways. And the reason why we can do so is because **GOD** brought Islam into the "world to come" from a third place in inner space. Thanks to Islam we can all strive for political freedom, emotional liberty and personal emancipation. Now all we have to do is convince the Muslims of that...

From an Islamic perspective, better is up and worse is down. You have the freedom to do good or evil. You have the liberty to do what's right or wrong. And you have the moral emancipation to know better from worse. You're not compelled to avoid satan by using your right hand if you're left-handed.

No one can teach you sanity. Sanity is a moral orientation you determine for yourself. If you want to improve your mental, emotional and spiritual health, you should discuss the meaning of sanity with yourself before you make gross claims about others.

Only the greatest of masters of sanity {Moses, Jesus, the Prophet Muhammad and world renown **philosophers** and artists} have had the insights on sanity needed to create the major pieces of the spiritual puzzle that hold the moral intentions of **GOD's** designs for the time in which we live.

Does that mean you're always going to make wiser and more loving decisions that prove to you how loyal you are to morality and sanity? Yes, it does! Does it mean you may have to eat some crow served to you at the spiritual table where we all gather? It may! But it's far better to eat what's put before you than turn your nose up at what the **CHEF** prepares.

As a ballet dancer and suicide survivor, I had no idea when I was a young man what GOD was putting me through, or why. Later, I had no idea what GOD was doing to help me in becoming an English teacher. And then I had no idea how *God* brought me together with my former lover to teach me to build my life upon the ruins of my past by leading me into the business world!

The synchro-mysticism of my life was difficult then to literally put into words. But the subjective fact is that my life has been more like poetry than prose. The road I've taken has been more bent than straight. It's been more foolish than wise. And although **GOD** was guiding me because I must have been going in the general direction of the good, I hadn't yet learned enough about **HIM** to talk about **HIS** mysterious ways.

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One will say,

"I had a friend who used to ask:

"Do you really believe?

*When we are dead and turned to dust and bones,
shall we ever be brought to judgment?"*

*And he will say,
 'Come,
 let us look down.'
 He will look down and see his friends in the very midst of hell.
 'By the Lord,'
 he will say to him,
 'you almost ruined me!
 But for the grace of God,
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 [37:49-60]

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Some prefer to look right. Some look left. Others look up and down. More important than where you look, it's important that you look where you're going morally. If your conscience is developed enough to consider the importance of looking for the good, you'll eventually be guided to look in more morally astute directions than you do now.

There are those who avoid the dis-eases of the contemporary world like the plague. There are others who blindly go through them without a care in the world where they are. And there are those who are like frogs; biting insects; and locust. They cause others to suffer without seeing their own nature as a pest others have to endure. The whole idea of "hell" and more "hell" after life sometimes seems like nothing compared to the "hell" on Earth we create for one another. I recommend that nobody presumes his own innocence or builds a castle in his own inner sky. We're all too subjectively compromised to allow others to judge us. We need to judge ourselves a little better day by day.

*"Surely, that is the supreme triumph.
 To this end let every good man labor."*

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It may sound a bit odd to the atheist, but it’s really nice to pull back all the curtains inside to see that we’re all truly living in a house with glass walls, not walls religiously made of clay or biologically consisting only of flesh and blood. Spiritually, we’re all like forbidden fruit that we should be able to see right through from peel to meat to core.

We’re all in a flesh container being slowly filled or emptied of self-love and self-loyalty drop by drop, day by day. The question is only whether you have more wisdom, love and devotion today than you had yesterday, or whether you’re slowly draining yourself of all hope. You’ll see your intentions by the way it all turns out.¹⁴¹

My perception of my progress is the supreme triumph of my life. To that end, I believe we all labor. My life is a daily “heaven” and “hell” before my eyes based on the hard, fluid and see-through relationship I have with myself. What will become of me after I’m dead would seem to be more determined by how I handle my “heavenly” and “hellish” experiences every day.

Those who wish to conceal how they really feel about themselves with veils, curtains, boycotts, divestments and sanctions, frivolous lawsuits and vindictive threats or violence will have the obvious made more obvious, in due time. They’ll have clarity made clearer in many unpleasant ways. You can’t repeat the first grade all your life and then expect to graduate with any more than a kindergarten diploma.

Those atheists and others who behave as though there were no **GOD** pretend that their privacy would be violated if **GOD** were to make **HIMSELF** known to them. They live in a fool’s “paradise.” It’s so much better not to be alone inside than to live with a growing hole inside that needs to be filled with constant distractions.

*“They found their fathers erring,
yet they eagerly followed in their footsteps.
Most of the ancients went astray before them,
though We had sent apostles to give them warning.
Consider the fate of those whom We have warned:
they perished all,
except God’s true servants.”*

¹⁴¹ I know many people who try valiantly but are frustrated with the results they’re getting. Granted, life is much harder than it looks. But you can do better if you work from the inside out rather than continue to try to please and displease others for the sake of fame and fortune. Most people are in the junior high school of life, pushing and shoving one another about. They’re spiritually pre-pubescent. They want to be surrounded by cool people who think they’re too old to have to change and grow any more than they did in infancy and childhood.

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If you can’t differentiate between your FATHER and your father, you have a problem that originates in discerning the difference between HIM and him. You have a spiritual, linguistic issue that needs to be brought to light. Be careful of words that have more than one meaning. When Catholics put too much trust in their Catholic fathers {priests}, their sons and daughters were sexually molested. That was a linguistic warning directly from HIM.

There isn’t a man alive who can’t see the errors of his father’s ways. There isn’t a man who believes exactly like his father. So, the trick is to learn how to live your life your ways without intentionally hurting him for having been created differently in some respects from you. Every man was created specifically for a different age.

If you choose to try to walk only in your father’s footsteps, don’t be surprised if your siblings treat you badly. If you try to be like our FATHER, be prepared to pay the price of **EVLHEK**

patriarchs throughout the ages. If **GOD** wants you to serve **HIM** consciously, serve **HIM**. But don’t try to exact a moral price from the rest of us for doing so. You’re not our FATHER or ~~Father~~.¹⁴² We aren’t here to serve you. We’re here to serve **HIM**, and we don’t need anyone to tell us with paternal condescension how to do so. **GOD** can do much better than you in that regard.

My father was ashamed when he discovered I was gay. He thought I was going to bed with men to get back at him for him behaved so badly that my mother divorced him. I’m sure many Muslim fathers today might be insulted if their sons stood up for the State of Israel. Sadly, they might even wish their sons had sex with men rather than figuratively get in bed with Jews. Such is the foolishness of those who believe in blind loyalty without the pursuit of wisdom of the heart.

The truth is greater than you were told. The three-sided, triangular frame for GOD/GOD/*God* you were given in your youth may no longer be large enough to contain your own big picture. Your own experiences may even be beyond the frame your father

¹⁴²Islam doesn’t subscribe to the metaphor of *Allah* as their ~~Father~~. It wisely chooses *God* as their *Guardian* to avoid confusion with our male parent. Unfortunately, the evidence is now showing that their *Guardian* isn’t guarding them. Could it be that their *Guardian* isn’t big enough? Could it be that they don’t yet believe that **GOD** is their **GUARDIAN**?...

gave you. Therefore, you've got to build your own frame to contain your own beliefs. It's a new age. Your father was tested in HIS, HIS or *His* way. Move on. Go to bed with whomever you like if you're single and go to bed politically with whomever you like if consider yourself morally awakened.

My father finally told me on his deathbed that he thought my boyfriend was a fine man. That was a blessing I'd waited many years to hear. And I give him credit for finally saying it out loud. I think it not only made a big difference to me, then. I think it made a big difference to him in learning how to rest in peace by finally making peace with himself, with me as his witness.

It takes courage to change your mind. It takes a deep and abiding love for yourself to transform your heart. And it may take even more faith in you than you may have exhibited until now to transcend the way you presently express your devotion to the Lord by way of your loyalty to yourself. Fortunately, it's a process. Unfortunately, you can't afford to take your time in learning how to progress. Time is of the essence. Time waits for no man.¹⁴³

The WORD "**GOD**" and "Lord" aren't really the same WORD, nor do they denote the same thing. **GOD** is the WORD that denotes the **CREATOR** of everything. The Lord is the WORD that denotes the head of our spiritual system: our **TEACHER**. **GOD** is with you at the center of your circle. The Lord is at the top of your pyramid. Some people believe in **GOD**. Some people believe in the Lord. It all depends on your imagination and how much you can perceive the **CREATOR** of the spiritual system you're a part of. Some can only see themselves as a totally independent, moral force with a nebulous edge that ends somewhere around them. Theirs is a world that's round, but flat. Those who perceive their Lord as also the **GOD** who created their inner universe hold a 3-dimensional perspective on reality.

*"The people came running to the scene.
'Would you worship that which you have carved with your own hands,'
he said,
'when it was God who created you
and all that you have made?'"*
[37:93-95]¹⁴⁴

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¹⁴³ "Time and tide wait for no man." Origin unknown. Earliest known record, 'St. Marher,' 1225: 'And te tide and te time pat tu iboren were, schalbeon iblescet.'" [Wikipedia]

¹⁴⁴ Abraham speaking to his neighbors

On the one hand, worshipping yourself is the height of idol worship. On the other, **GOD** gave you two hands, something **HE** didn't give to everybody. If you don't cherish the hands that **HE** gave you and adore what your hands can create, how will you learn how to worship **GOD** who made your hands in **HIS** image?

You can't worship **GOD** without coming to **HIM** with gifts in hand. The more you cherish your hands and adore the gifts you bring **HIM** figuratively with both hands, the more you can hope **HE**'ll appreciate what you've done with your own two hands.

GOD created me and put me in this world so that I could figuratively recreate myself in the world around me. I'm not oblivious to **HIS** participation in my life. I'm not some ancient indigenists who hasn't yet discovered **GOD's** presence. He's my Lord; and I'm **HIS** servant. What I've written here I wrote with my own two inner hands before my fingers every touched my computer keyboard.

When the Prophet wrote the Quran, the Jews had already been following **GOD's** path for more than 2,000 years. And the Christians had been following **HIS** path for 700 years. We weren't amateurs of faith then, and we aren't amateurs of faith now. There were many rabbis who were engaged in the writing down of the Quran. Everything comes from **GOD** as a blessing or a reminder of why we're here. We're here to help ourselves by way of helping our fellow man.

If you scorn the Jewish love of the mind, you won't be free to behave more humbly. If you scorn the Christian love of the body, you won't be free to behave more modestly. If you scorn the Muslim love of the soul, you won't be free to behave more devotedly. Nobody is forcing you to embarrass, shame or humiliate yourself. But if you scorn those who pray a different way, who's got the problem? Guilt will find you wherever you hide.

We've all got the same problem. We've all got to learn to pray a different way. Obviously, none of us are doing it as well as we could. The secret to humble prayer will figuratively come from your anus. So, don't dismiss your anal issues.

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Thus, did they scheme against him:
but We abased them all.”
[37:96-97] ¹⁴⁵*

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¹⁴⁵ Abraham's neighbors saw him as defiling their beliefs, customs and traditions. They saw him as a revolutionary who'd upturn everything they'd lived for.

The people schemed against Abraham, wanting to throw him into a fire for having destroyed his father's idols. But GOD took Abraham to a new land to get him away from them and gave him Ishmael and Isaac to test him. The fact that he didn't fully pass HIS tests should leave us with food for thought about **HIS** tests for us today.

It's one thing to love what you create. It's quite another to give what you love to **GOD** as would an indigenist, through idol worship or human sacrifice, just to scapegoat your own guilt. We, in the Abrahamic faiths, have a responsibility to imbue our gifts to **GOD** with wisdom, love and loyalty to ourselves before we gift **HIM**, or others. Even your idea of GOD, GOD or *God* is only for practice.

The Nazis behaved liked pagans after 2,000 years of exposure to Christianity. The death of The 6,000,000 was no different from a pagan sacrifice to a god. Those perpetrators were CHRISTIAN in name only, The scapegoating of blacks and the L.G.B.T+ community has been no less than a preparation for more pagan sacrifices perpetrated on us by American CHRISTIANS who walk in the footsteps of their European forefathers. And if you look at how the *Muslims* are behaving with regard to indigenist ruins in their countries, you can see how they've projected their self-distan onto their own ancestors, as well as to anyone today who disagrees with them. They're *Muslims* in name only. Leave it to the JEWS to know that and keep it a secret from them. JEWS who advocate for animal sacrifice are JEWS in name only.

*“And when they had both submitted to God,
and Abraham had laid down his son prostrate upon his face,
We called out to him,
saying,
‘Abraham,
you have fulfilled your vision.’
Thus, do We reward the righteous.
That was indeed a bitter test.
We ransomed his son with a noble sacrifice
and bestowed on him the praise of later generations.
‘Peace be on Abraham!’”
[37:103-107]*

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It’s not easy to second-guess **GOD**. It’s impossible to anticipate when he comes to us in the first, second or third **PERSON/PERSON/Person**. We’re all tested with thoughts, feelings, desires, beliefs and actions we need to run through our conscience before our inner forces engage our arms and legs. Our desires alone can never be trusted because we don’t know what motivations lie in our unconscious. There’s too much temptation in us to put financial gain, status and power before our principles.

Sometimes, with the best of intentions, we desire to do things that are abhorrent to **GOD**. Misogyny was condoned with Torah. Slavery was condoned with Torah. Homophobia was condoned with Torah. Today, the destruction of the State of Israel is being attempted with accusations and quotations from Torah. Are you beginning to see a pattern here? ¹⁴⁶

If we bothered to read Scripture to look for universal truths, we might find we have more in common with our fellow man than differences. We might discover that **GOD** chooses to ransom some of us from our desires, albeit with bitter tests. (And sometimes that means we have to eat crow, whether we think it’s kosher, halal, or not...)

Making mistakes is easy. Scapegoating others is easy. Correcting mistakes with soft-spoken words of generalized regret isn’t even hard to elicit. But atoning for your misguided principles is hard. Cleaning house internally by cleaning away dogmas that are dirtying up your soul can actually be very difficult to accomplish. It requires scrubbing your heart with spiritual abrasives to cleanse it of self-hatred you’ve spent a lifetime projecting onto others. It requires taking an oath to yourself not to do going forward, what you did until now.

Self-trust is a lifelong enterprise. It’s a busyness you began when you were born, and self-trust is a cleaning busyness you’ll be in all your life (even if you bankrupt yourself mentally along the way, as I did). Self-trust leads to self-love. And self-love eventually leads to devotion to our Lord, even though that will mean you ought to question many little things you do.

Life is a humbling experience for the Jews because **GOD** tests us with temptations **HE** wants us all to indulge in such as forbidden fruit. But **HE** also tests each one of us with temptations we have to decide for ourselves whether we’re tempted, or not, such as homosexuality. Life is harder than it looks because answers aren’t black and white. Answers are personal.

Life is a humbling experience for all believers who have faith that **GOD** will redeem them of their mistakes if they’re willing to walk the walk, not just talk the talk. Life can

¹⁴⁶ This should tell you that **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* like to use Torah to condone and indulge their desires, not to use their experiences to achieve wisdom, love and devotion.

become a gracious and joyous experience if you find someone inside with whom you're eager to spend the rest of your days.

Your own love for you was projected out in infancy onto your parents or guardians. You then continued to spread love around you to sisters, brothers, friends, colleagues, sexual partners, husbands, wives and/or children. The objects of all your previous loves become classmates when you graduate to the school of self-love. You continue to love them, but you learn to love yourself, first and foremost. And, in doing so, all the people you refer to in the second and third-person become mirrors in which you can question how well you're loving you.

God speaks about *Himself* in the Quran in the first, second and third-PERSON/**PERSON**/*Person*. You should exemplify **HIS** intentions. If you don't use the model presented to you by the Prophet, you'll have to rely on trial and error. Before all else fails, read *all* the instructions.

Your relationship with you is going to go through all the familial and societal roles you've chosen before you can take yourself "for better or worse, in sickness and in health, until death do you part."¹⁴⁷ The kind of marriage you'll end up with in you will be based on the intimacy with which you can speak candidly to yourself in the third-person. That him or her in your heart referred to in psychology as your inner child is waiting for his inner parent to hold him in ways he's never been held before. And the partner you become to you will determine the partner you'll be for others in the outside world. It takes a prince of a guy to behave like a prince of a guy.

*"We gave him Isaac, a saintly Prophet,
and blessed them both.
Among their offspring were some who did good works
and others who clearly sinned against their souls."
[37:109-11]*

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AND BLESSED THEM BOTH.
AMONG THEIR OFFSPRING WERE SOME WHO DID GOOD WORKS
AND OTHERS WHO CLEARLY SINNED AGAINST THEIR SOULS."

GOD gave Abraham Isaac and blessed them both. GOD gave Isaac Jacob and changed Jacob's name to Israel. [Genesis 35:10] The Jews are the descendants of Israel through Abraham and Sarah. We're the personification of faith in GOD in the flesh. And Israel is

¹⁴⁷ You might like to consider offering yourself a marriage vow typically only given at a pulpit from a religious leader before GOD, GOD or *God*. Don't assume you don't have the emotional depth, intellectual perspicacity, pride or spiritual worth to preside over your own wedding as groom and groom, groom and bride or bride and bride. Marry yourself now in haste, and repent forever in leisure...

both our land and our spiritual descendant. Cut us out of the pie, and you have no pie. You have only ie!

GOD didn't take the land of Israel away from the ancient Jews and give it to Jesus. HE gave HIM HIS spiritual allotment by making HIM HIS one and only begotten SON, an inheritance special and unique from the inheritance of any other Jew.

Christians are the adopted brothers and sisters of Jesus through Mary, one of many Jewish mothers who were all descendants of Abraham and Sarah. Christians are a newly chosen people and a new tribe created with faith in GOD through GOD. Christians aren't the personification of *God's* faith in GOD, but HIS faith in GOD and HIS faith in HIS FATHER which includes HIS faith in HIMSELF. That brings a whole other set of potential blessings and curses into the world. (Read that again, if you didn't get it the first time.)

But the GOD who gave HIS SON to the world is the same GOD who FATHERED the Jewish people, even though HIS second spiritual children are vastly different in some ways from HIS first. JEWS and Christians literally share the same FATHER.

Muslims don't share our FATHER with us. *God* created them as their *Guardian*. We literally share the same **GOD** who has a plan that's greater than either Moses or Jesus could have stated in this way in his/HIS lifetime.

Therefore, we must conclude that GOD/GOD/*God* must have revealed more and more of **HIMSELF** over time. The inconsistencies we perceive in our faiths originate with HIM/HIM/*Him*, not with us. HE/HE/*He* has the power to appear differently to us individually and collectively from our religious points of view. HE's/HE's/*He's* still testing our faith to see how deeply we wish to seek **HIM**. We can see that in the ways in which Jews, Christians and Muslims get along today with the L.G.B.T+ community. Only the spiritually young and innocent intuit this mystery. The rest are left enraged at the "injustice" of it all.

Jesus divided HIS allotment of spiritual inheritance amongst HIS brethren. Christians are, therefore, the stepbrothers and stepsisters of the children of Israel. They were adopted into our family through ONE of our own. And they're entitled to a spiritual piece of the pie. We call their inheritance wisdom of the heart. And I enjoy watching them as they learn how to share their spiritual inheritance {love}. I see them learning how to love using the model Jesus presented without jealousy or envy of what our FATHER didn't give them. I'm sure they'll receive their individual allotment in the "world to come" in accordance with their individual principles.

God explained *Himself* to the Prophet, revealing his lineage through Abraham, Hagar and Ishmael, thus making Muslims half-brothers and half-sisters to the children of Israel through Abraham's offspring. Muslims and Jews share the same earthly, ancestral father {Abraham}, but we come from different earthly, ancestral mothers {Hagar or Sarah}.

GOD didn't give the land of Israel to Jesus in the Gospels. Nor did *God* give the land of Israel to the Prophet Muhammad in the Quran. Nowhere is that written. Yet, surely, GOD/**GOD**/*God* could have stated HIS/**HIS**/*His* decision if HE/**HE**/*He* had changed HIS/**HIS**/*His* mind.

The Christians and Muslims have been fighting each other (and with the Jews) over devotion to a ~~FATHER/Father~~ ^{EVILHER} who doesn't want us to fight. They're behaving like siblings with rivalries over their **FATHER's** wishes.

Here is an explanation of our historical "father" {Abraham} religious FATHER {ADONAI} and spiritual **FATHER**:

1. Abraham "father" of all faiths. Abraham left the indigenist gods for GOD.
2. FATHER GOD GOD of the Jews through Abraham: ADONAI
3. FATHER GOD FATHER of Jesus who was HIS SON.
4. *Father* - Muslims don't share the FATHER concept with Jews and Christians. They employ the metaphor of *God* as their *Guardian*, not as their *Father*.
5. **FATHER** Our **CREATOR** in the metaphor of the family of the spiritual man.

GOD is our **FATHER** in the spiritual sense of the WORD. **HE** explains **HIMSELF** and **HIS** intentions to us with and without using the metaphor of *God* as *Guardian*. But that means **HE**'s also our **TEACHER** in the metaphoric sense of the WORD.

Check out this diagram:

TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER
TEACHER	Guardian	Guardian	Guardian	Guardian	Guardian	TEACHER
TEACHER	Guardian	FATHER	FATHER	FATHER	Guardian	TEACHER
TEACHER	Guardian	FATHER	FATHER	FATHER	Guardian	TEACHER
TEACHER	Guardian	FATHER	FATHER	FATHER	Guardian	TEACHER
TEACHER	Guardian	Guardian	Guardian	Guardian	Guardian	TEACHER
TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER	TEACHER

The Jewish FATHER and the Christian FATHER are the same GOD. The Muslim *God* is their *Guardian*. And the **CREATOR** of the entire universe is synonymous with our spiritual **TEACHER**.

Those who are figuratively motivated by their penis or clitoris to take things that weren't given to them are perverts and thieves regardless of their faith. They desire things that represent ranks that can never be theirs using elicited methods to achieve them. Fame and fortune are elusive gifts you've got to earn, sometimes even after you've been given them.

People who are perverts aren't necessarily gay. People who are thieves aren't necessarily JEWS. People who are haters aren't necessarily CHRISTIANS. People who are killers aren't necessarily *Muslims*. Animosity and fear of people is merely a distraction to keep the ignorant from recognizing the spiritual ranks they fall into. If people gave up their animosity against gays and Jews, they'd be free to see the challenges given to them individually by **GOD**. These ranks would become personal, and they could spend their life earning a better place in the "world to come."

If gays and Jews could give up their animosity toward themselves, they'd be in a far better position to see how they're rushing about to climb the ladder of external success to prove their worth in an external world that'll never allow them to forget that their worth is external. Although that endeavor is just, it's insufficient. Your worth must also be internal. In fact, only to the degree that your worth has been internalized can it become externally meaningful. (Lots of rich and powerful people kill themselves when they realize that they're empty inside.)

Those who are willing to seek a personal understanding of **GOD's** designs will be given a righteous inheritance befitting their efforts. They'll learn how to better operate the uniquely personal gift **GOD** gave them {their body}. They'll learn how they, too, are a material manifestation of **GOD's** will with a small serving of **HIS** spiritual intent. And they'll learn that the rest is up to them.

But they may not learn how to separate the moral intentions of GOD from GOD or from *God* as they progress in becoming a mensch. And they may not discover the mystery of their creation through the process I call "Spiritual Linguistics." One man's windows may remain another man's walls.

Once the question of real estate {Israel} has been answered with genuine submission (not *Muslim* submission) to **GOD's** universal designs for man, the problems in the Middle East will miraculously disappear. Jews, Christians and Muslims will live together as neighbors in peace, and the world will take great moral strides forward in the discovery of the further unfolding of the mystery of life.

Among the offspring of the children of Israel "*were some who did good works and others who clearly sinned against their souls.*" But the punishment for their actions doesn't lie in the hands of JEWS, CHRISTIANS or *Muslims*. For any faith to assume it has the authority to take away someone's literal, emotional and spiritual inheritance because of the sins of his ancestors or sexual orientation can only be described as playing god.

Who doesn't assume he's so awake, aware and deserving of being a recipient of "paradise" after his life on Earth? ¹⁴⁸ But if you believe the blessings from **GOD** have been reserved for you or your tribe alone, you're deeply deluding yourself. If you believe your faith has the right to determine who can be a part of the plan or that you have the right to cut anyone out the plan because you judge him or her to be underserving of it, I know you're already paying dearly for that moral trespass.

¹⁴⁸ I equate "paradise" with GOD/GOD/*God* to **Nirvana** without **HIM**.

Whether, or not, you're gay or Jewish, if we don't protect your spiritual inheritance from perverts and thieves, there'll be consequences that'll force us all to reassess our own moral worth. If you're a believer, you believe that everyone's conduct in class counts. The plan is for all, and **GOD** won't be the only **ONE** who'll decide how you'll be judged for your efforts and actions to make the classroom safe for everyone to learn. We've all been given moral teeth. We're none of us infants anymore. The whole world is teething. So, be careful you don't get bit.

Irrespective of what trick questions may be found in any of the sacred tests/texts, you have the ability to tear into morality with gusto or with greed. You have the ability to suffer until your spiritual, wisdom teeth have emerged, regardless of how impacted they may now be. You're only as lucky or unlucky as you believe to be. Belief is everything.

What's the point of living in the modern age if you don't avail yourself of the wise words of the sages brought down through the ages and given to you freely? What's the value of an expensive college education if you come away with a piece of paper that decries that you've attained an impressive degree in perseverance under torturously boring conditions? If you use the information you've gathered in life only to develop skills that'll make you money, you'll accumulate only money. If you use your education to develop good manners, you'll achieve external love and maybe even a modicum of adoration from a select group of people. But if you use your knowledge to attain wisdom, you'll slowly come to know yourself, and maybe even get a greater sense of what you want from you in the brief amount of time you've got to be you.

Forget for a minute what **GOD** wants. It's *your* life. You decide what you've gotten out of life and then decide how you're going to get more out of it. But remember that the inner cameras are always rolling. You don't need two parents watching over you to keep you in line. You need an adult within you to do that.

The problem with today's **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* is that they live in their future afterlife. They know little about the present and they glorify only the past. That's why the gift of time is so difficult for them to perceive. Those of us who've gone out of our way to respect the mysteries of the East in addition to the answers found in the West have learned something about the incredible present that the traditionally faithful probably don't know.

*"We showed favor to Moses and to Aaron and delivered them,
with all their people,
from the mighty scourge.
We succored them,
and they became victorious.
We gave them the glorious book and guided them to the straight path.
We bestowed on them the praise of later generations,
'Peace be on Moses and Aaron!'"*
[37:110-121]

“WE SHOWED FAVOR TO MOSES AND TO AARON AND DELIVERED THEM,
WITH ALL THEIR PEOPLE,
FROM THE MIGHTY SCOURGE.
WE SUCCORED THEM,
AND THEY BECAME VICTORIOUS.
WE GAVE THEM THE GLORIOUS BOOK AND GUIDED THEM TO THE STRAIGHT PATH.
WE BESTOWED ON THEM THE PRAISE OF LATER GENERATIONS,
‘PEACE BE ON MOSES AND AARON!’”

GOD blessed Moses and Aaron through the Prophet Muhammad in the Quran. **HE** blessed all the Jews through Jesus despite 2,000 years of strife with **CHRISTIANS** in their lands, and **HE**’s blessing us today in Israel and worldwide as **HIS** first chosen people. The challenges we, the Jewish people, had to go through in the past have only made us stronger, individually and as a tribe. At no time in the history of humanity has the world witnessed a people more resilient or devoted to **GOD**. So why don’t those who blame us praise us when we praise them? Jealousy and envy! They only want what we’ve got because they can’t see what they were given.

Did they teach you about the perseverance of the Jews in your university classes, or did they only make you suffer for your secular education? Learning how to learn requires a lot more perseverance than just learning. They should have taught you that the first day of your freshman year. If Moses and Aaron could have taught the Israelites that much about life on the day they reached the other side of the Red Sea, they wouldn’t have forged a golden calf a few months later. Sadly, perseverance is something you learn for yourself by yourself. ¹⁴⁹

I’m sure the trouble you’ve had to go through in life has made you stronger, better and more resilient. But I’m also sure there’s more you can do for you. I believe you believe more deeply than your ancestors did, even if you’re probably kvetching no less than anyone ever has...

Learning from **JEWISH**, **CHRISTIAN** and *Muslim* greed has been the smartest way of making the most of my tuition costs in the school of life. The **JEW**s in Israel conspire with the **CHRISTIANS** in America (and Russia) to steal everyone blind. The *Muslims* in the Middle East conspire with them, too. Meanwhile, the Jews, Christians and Muslims are busy putting out fires to keep this world from going up in flames.

*“We also sent for Elías who said to his people,
“Have you no fear?
Would you invoke Baal and forsake the most gracious Creator?
God is your Lord”*

¹⁴⁹ Your parents taught you to be perseverant to get what you want in the world we have to share. You have to teach yourself to be perseverant in your world within. But perseverance takes patience with yourself. And patience takes wisdom, love and loyalty. The system is, obviously, spiritually rigged.

and the Lord of your forefathers.”
[37:123-126]¹⁵⁰

“**WE** also sent for Elias who said to his people,
‘Have you no fear?
Would you invoke baal and forsake the most gracious CREATOR?
GOD is your Lord
and the Lord of your forefathers.”

If you think people are going to be rejected from “heaven” because of their behavior on Earth you’re right. But if you think the Jews are going to forfeit Israel because GOD dislikes the way we defend ourselves from people who swear they’re our enemies, you’re wrong. And if the *Muslims* think the Christians are going to forfeit all their Christian lands to Islam because of the way CHRISTIANS are behaving, the *Muslims* are nuts.

Anyone who thinks the L.G.B.T+ community is going to have to forfeit our “heavenly” reward because of our sexual identity is utterly deluded. Any man who thinks a gay man can’t resist him because he’s so sexually attractive and desirable is vain but doesn’t know it. He’s projected his love of his body onto us and thinks we can’t resist it, when it’s his own guilt at loving his imperfect container that he can’t face.

Many men are predisposed to think their penis is gorgeous. And if they don’t think it’s gorgeous, they usually conclude it’s scary, scornful or off putting for other reasons. Men draw irrational conclusions about those parts of their anatomy that those around them can easily perceive.

I’ve been told that straight women don’t find penises attractive, and I’ve concluded that straight men only love and are in awe of their own. Gay men are quite different in this respect. We truly love penises. We love them as much as straight men love breasts. A man’s penis, like a woman’s breasts, is a sign of the way in which he was made in **GOD**’s image. And that makes it a mysterious and wonderful thing.

Don’t be so sure you know for certain how **GOD** is going to cut the pie. Have you never been stunned at the grade you got on a test you thought you aced? The **TEACHER** has a few tricks up **HIS** sleeve, too. Don’t count the size of your wings or the number of glowing rings around your halo. Don’t bother to study the harp just yet. You may end up blowing a saxophone instead...

¹⁵⁰ “Elijah: a prophet and a wonder-worker who operated in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of Ahab {9th Century B.C.E.}, according to The Book of Kings, where it is written Elijah defended the worship of GOD over that of the Canaanite idol ‘Baal.’ GOD purportedly performed many miracles through Elijah, including raising the dead, bringing fire down from the sky, and taking him up to “heaven” in a whirlwind. The Book of Malachi prophesies Elijah’s return ‘BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME DAY OF THE LORD,’ thus making him a harbinger of the MESSIAH.” [Wikipedia]

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We, Jews, needed all the prophets of Tanach to teach us wisdom. The Christians needed only one SON of GOD to teach them wisdom of the heart. And Muslims only needed one Prophet to teach them to cherish their devotion to *God*. But along the way modern men and women have a lot to learn from other modern men and women who wisely and lovingly cherish their loyalty to themselves.

You don't literally need any of the institutions of faith. *You* only need **YOU**.¹⁵¹ But you may be so starved for a healthy relationship with yourself that you may be out of your mind and disloyal to **GOD** without even knowing it. Therefore, for **GOD's** sake, use the **WORD** of **GOD** to create the virtues **HE** wants you to develop from within, so you can shine those virtues out. You may be ruining your own reputation, not only before others, but before our **CREATOR**. Learn from experience, not just from your religious leaders.

The CHRISTIAN hyper-religious leaders promise prayers of wealth and power. The *Muslim* hyper-religious leaders promise "heaven" to those who participate in the destruction of Israel. But the JEWISH hyper-religious leaders cautiously promise nothing at all. I deserve better than all three.

Asking someone to spend time with you can be like asking them to do time for you. People only want to spend time with you if they enjoy your company or they're so disgusted with themselves that they'll do anything not to be alone. I deserve better than that, too.

The person you really ought to be spending quality time with is you. If you're not getting enough out of your time with you, you're going to ask others to fill in for what you're missing. You may have had frightened, angry or sad parents, but you may have had parents who were so disinterested in being parents to anyone over the age of two, that they lost interest in you slowly over time. You deserved better than that. Your children aren't your babies for very long. They grow up. They grow obnoxious. They become human in all those ways you hate.

Your lack of quality time with yourself may be evident in the negative thoughts that escape your lips. If you had more quality time with you, you wouldn't inflict your negativity on others. You'd find yourself more positively engaged in being with everyone.

The challenge may begin in asking yourself what you're always so upset about. The complaints you listen to inside are merely the tips of icebergs. Ask yourself what you're doing to you that reminds you of what others are doing to you, too. Ask yourself to be more direct in your communication with you. Ask yourself to remind *you* that your complaints with others are mirrors and megaphones that reflect and echo your complaints with *you* that you may just be too damn polite to address directly. Just say, "Know!"¹⁵²

I swear I won the Emily Post award for treating myself more politely and appropriately than any other person on Earth! But what did I get for my hollow relationship of civility

¹⁵¹ Imagine me pointing to you and then looking up at the sky and pointing to **GOD** as I say "YOU."

¹⁵² "'Just Say No' was an advertising campaign, part of the U.S. 'War on Drugs' prevalent during the 1980s and early 1990s to discourage children from engaging in illegal recreational drug use by offering various ways of saying *no*. The slogan was created and championed by First Lady Nancy Reagan during her husband's presidency." [Wikipedia]

and gentility with me? What good is having a courteous relationship with you if you can't be direct and honest with the one you're always with. Becoming a parent to my inner child was no great achievement once I discovered I was as alienated from me as my parents had been from one another.

I finally succeeded in becoming sincere. I opened myself to my feelings for me. But then I had to start to face what I believed to be true about me. I had to forge a genuine relationship with me that wasn't so prissy.

I'd been consumed with negative thinking, but it had really been a preview to a whole other level of self-intimacy that I was on the precipice of achieving. So, I asked myself to advance me by using my judgmental feelings about others to achieve more authentic conclusions about myself.

And I was very pleasantly surprised to find that underneath all that negativity about others lay tremendous admiration and respect for me. I discovered that I genuinely believed I was a terrific person who had far outrun where I'd come from and who I'd been before.

Wishing people would spend more time with me had really been a bit pathetic. If I'd gotten more out of *my* time with me, I might have been far more attractive to me a lot sooner. Once I was able to ask me for more quality time with me, I was amazed to discover that I finally became the popular person with me my mother had always wanted me to be with others. My inner fortune brought me fame, an inner way for me to make a name for myself from within. It was miraculous! {And once you've made *honey*, there's much less of a problem making *money*.}

GOD is your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. But your forefathers through Abraham are our forefathers. As half-brothers and adopted brothers to the Jews, Muslims and Christians have a moral duty to treat us with greater respect than ever before. What's happening in the Middle East is the result of a lack of self-respect that the Muslims are going to have to ameliorate at the **SO'URCE**.

*“Jonah was also sent with a message.
We sent him to a nation a hundred thousand strong or more.
They believed in him,
and We let them live in ease awhile.”
[37:132-148]*

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WE SENT HIM TO A NATION A 100,000 STRONG OR MORE.
THEY BELIEVED IN HIM,
AND WE LET THEM LIVE IN EASE AWHILE.”*

That nation was called Nineveh in those days. Today it's called Iraq. Jonah was sent to the people of Nineveh to teach them how to work their way out of their indigenist ways. And so, **GOD** let them live in ease awhile. But the Prophet recited Jonah's journey as a personal journey that had both sociological and psychological implications. Perhaps now the people of Iraq are ready to apply the psychological lessons to their national {sociological} suffering.

In 1948, with the re-creation of the State of Israel, after the Jews had been living in Iraq for 2,500 years, the Iraqi-Jews were all expelled within two weeks. That edict didn't come from the Quran. The mission of Jonah had been fulfilled. Now we need to teach each Iraqi to take on a mission of his or her own.

Look at what modern Nineveh {Iraq} looks like today with *Muslims* killing Muslims with no end in sight. Isn't it about time for every Jonah to learn from Torah through the Quran? Could it be time, 70 years after the re-creation of the State of Israel, for the Iraqis to invite Jews back in?

*“Would He choose daughters rather than sons?
What has come over you that you should judge so ill?”
[37:51-52]*

“Would **HE** choose daughters rather than sons?
What has come over you that you should judge so ill?”

I'm sure the Prophet is suggesting that **GOD** chose males and females with good reason. Surely, if **GOD** doesn't prefer males {trees of knowledge} over females {trees of life}, man shouldn't either.

Look at the way women are treated in the Muslim world, in the Deep South and in your own family. Men show a deep preference for males (unless we sleep with one another). You can hardly get an abortion anywhere in the South because men there have chosen it to be that way. In many Muslim nations, women aren't allowed to own property or a bank account (let alone keep their clitoris to achieve orgasms). In this country, women believe they deserve equal pay and not to be sexually accosted, compromised, intimidated or raped. Most women worldwide agree that men have no right to make decisions about women's bodies.

Imagine if men needed to get agreement from women to play football, drive a car, masturbate or buy a business. What if we needed to have campaigns in America over a man's right to choose? What would happen if women in the military refused to comply with an order because it was given by a man? We obviously have never had a female president because we can't yet imagine a White House run by anyone other than one particular kind of man: a rich, white man.

But look at the men we've put in the highest offices in politics and religion? The devotion by some to our leaders is beyond spiritually immature. It's psychotic. The CHRISTIANS look on the president as a sign of the coming of the MESSIAH. The greater

the evil a man has done, the more the religious nuts want to apply the peter principle to raising them to higher office. This is a “peter” problem that's got to stop.

If you see a man rank himself higher than a woman, or a woman rank herself higher than another woman, perhaps you ought to remind yourself that no one else's grades are going on your report card. Your judgment of other people's behavior should always fill you with humbled glee that you're so much more enlightened than that. Even negative reactions to other people's behavior (presuming they aren't violent or irresponsible) should

alert you to how deeply you've gotten your nose out of people's busyness. If you don't grade others for their gender; the gender they sleep with; or the fetus they've chosen not to bring to term – you won't play god. If you don't judge Jews for defending our land, you won't have to ask rhetorically, *"What has come over you that you should judge so ill?"*

*"We each have our appointed place.
We range ourselves in adoration and give glory to Him."
[37:165-166]¹⁵³*

*"We each have our appointed place.
We range ourselves in adoration and give glory to **HIM**."*

There's evidence of so many bullies in this world and evidence of so few angels. There may even be a bully in you, whether, or not, you know it. If the bully within shames you for not going on a diet, you already know that a diet probably won't work. You'll get so hungry for your own companionship that you'll bite off your nose to spite your face. You'll eat and look back with remorse at how you starved yourself of your affections. Figurative food must be taken into consideration. "IT IS WRITTEN THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD/WORD/Word of GOD/GOD/God." [Deuteronomy 8:2-3, Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:4]

If the bully within you complains about having to get up on Monday mornings and go to work, you know you can't hold that job down with a good attitude. You're faking it. If you can't go to work looking forward to serving yourself through serving the world, you'll drag your feet through the day. Work must be taken personally. Good deeds for others begin with good deeds for yourself.

If that bully makes you hit your children after you've spoiled them, you know your kids are going to distance themselves from you and learn about life from others, possibly even from drugs. You can't discipline your children externally and spoil them internally without mirroring how you're treating yourself. Rewards and punishments of others are mirrors of rewards and punishments for you. Even little children can see how you're doing.

And if that bully refuses to stop the thief in you when you're tempted to steal your reputation out from under you, you know deep down inside you're not ready for "paradise." The "world to come" isn't yet a place that would want someone like you in it. You have more work to do earning rewards to feed you here and now.

There are bullies around us with many names and many faces, but the bully within has many names and faces, too. And the more you can find the courage to face every one of the bullies within you, the more perseverance you'll have in facing all those bullies around you. The outer world will tire you terribly if you don't change your approach to dealing with it. Cynicism is a sign of weakness, not strength.

If you don't learn to appreciate the righteous voices inside that are trying to scream over the habituated conclusions you once came to and still endorse, you're going to continue to retaliate for your disinterest in yourself by sneaking off the path at those

¹⁵³ This passage quotes the angels speaking to the best in themselves for the sake of man.

favorite detours of your choosing to do as you please. You're going to give others the impression you're special, different, unique and blessed. But deep down within, you're going to compensate for your self-pity, disappointment, frustration and confusion with self-indulgence. You're going to swing from one extreme {self-spoiling} to the other {self-loathing} like a pendulum that can't stop itself as it passes through center.

The voice of the bully in you originates in your "peter" or "patricia," not your head, heart or soul. The disciplined, hopeful parts of you ride in the same vehicle as the devious, deceptive part of you. So, if you don't recognize the life-giving strength figuratively located in your right testicle (or ovary) and the destructive temptations that figuratively emanate out of the left one, you're going to make moral mistakes that'll run you off the road.

What makes the bully so deceptive is that he constantly blames others, not you. He gives you the impression that his interests are so aligned with yours, that his voice is your voice. It's not. Your voice is so meek that it's hiding under his. Stop complaining about others and watch how the voice of the bully insists on popping to the surface in you. This is a sign that you're sick.

Your penis looks like a weakling without arms or legs when it's flaccid. It flops about comically when it's asleep. But once it awakens, its mellifluous voice can charm you into doing what it wants. It can whisper into your heart to make you fall in love with idle worship instead of the sacred worship of your spiritual work: truth and beauty. This is why the serpent in Torah is described as beguiling. This is the reason why the bully in you has so many figuratively fascinating faces.

Your mind has to make its way into your soul where it can have an honest fight when your heart has been seduced by your desires. If you don't work for the common good within you, you won't work for the common good around you. You'll become apathetic to governmental politics, family politics, politics at work and the politics of being you.

I became a ballet dancer because I had a great skill in moving elegantly and gracefully through space. I became an English teacher to transfer that coordination to the world of words. And I became an entrepreneur to transfer the skills of my body and brain into evidence around me that I was able to comfort me by earning material rewards for myself.

There was a Jew in my head and a gay man in my soul who were fighting for my heart. There was nothing wrong with what I thought, what I believed or the way I behaved. But I couldn't differentiate right from wrong by only pursuing the things I wanted. I was so busy dealing with life on life's terms, just like everyone else, that I couldn't rearrange my priorities to make them more morally sound from within.¹⁵⁴

This is why they say that **GOD** gives us what we need, not what we want. If you forget that and pray for what you want, you're wasting your time, and **GOD's**. Pray for what you need. Have faith that **HE**'ll give you just enough of what you need and not any more than you need. This would be a good test of your faith!

¹⁵⁴ When you feel pressured into favoring an underdog rather than the deserving, know that your feelings are being tampered with. And when you're bent both ways like a paperclip heating up before it breaks, beware that your feelings are being tampered with. **GOD** allows all that with good reason.

If you rank yourself higher than me because you're straight or a non-Jew rather than made just like me {in **GOD's** image}, you'll never achieve the moral authority you're seeking. You'll struggle against GOD/GOD/*God* and others for peace of mind every day of your life. You'll go crazy trying to figure out what you're doing wrong. People will try to explain to you what you need to do to change yourself. But we never get it when it's coming from that direction. Changing your mind is harder than it looks because it can only happen from within, without hands and without money.

Surah 38

سورة ص

Sād

Surah 38, “*Sād*,” substantiates Muhammad’s role as Prophet through concrete examples of previous messengers from GOD + GOD {GOD} and the evils that befell those in the Prophet’s past who didn’t heed the secrets of the previous, sacred texts. Divine retribution, through a spiritual system that **GOD** put in place from the very start, not earthly vindictiveness and revenge, will prove to you that justice is at work in **HIS** story whether, or not, you can perceive it from your humble, earthly viewpoint.

They say that the just will be rewarded with salvation and the transgressors will be punished by annihilation. But I don’t have the wisdom to figure out what to do with those who fall somewhere in between. Do you? Is it really so easy for any of us to decide good from evil, right from wrong and better from worse? We only have a personal, subjective, perspective. We can’t be in more than one outer place at a time. Therefore, we must strive to be in more than one inner space at a time. That’s possible!

The problems between the Jews and Muslims today can’t be reconciled without greater GOD + GOD + *God* consciousness. Therefore, our problems in the Middle East can’t be reconciled without the help of the Christians who believe in a GOD we don’t. Love of what we could learn from our enemies would secure our place in the “world to come” is the missing link.

GOD + GOD + *God* = salvation in the external world
as a means to redemption in our inner world
for the sake of a place in “paradise/heaven”

All religions employ the pyramid model of political power with one man at the top. Democratic governments prefer the cube model with anyone rising in the ranks to any position of power, thus making power equally accessible to all. Unfortunately, the previous three splits in the Church are now having consequences on the ground with Russian {Eastern Orthodox Church} and America {Protestantism and Catholicism} that are obfuscating Christian appreciation of the power of love. Nationalism is boring deep roots into religion. Democracies are failing because there’s a pyramid for the 1% on top of every cube.

What we see in Muslim countries today is what happens when the GOD-given pyramid structure of power that goes all the way back to the Jewish construction of the pyramids isn’t understood. Joseph worked his way up the pyramid power structure in ancient Egypt. Over the course of 400 years, the ancient Egyptians squeezed the Israelites down to the bottom of that pyramid, just as we’ve done in the U.S. with blacks and in Russia with Muslims. ¹⁵⁵ Moses broke the pyramid model of power structure and released the ancient

¹⁵⁵ The Communist Party finally ended in Russia, allowing the Jews to leave for Israel. But the creation of the Russia we see today is, as yet, friendly only to JEWS.

Israelites from their bondage. And that pattern of recreating the gift of freedom has been continuing to this day. The only difference now is that today's "pharaoh" at the top of each pyramid of power is no longer perceived as literally being a god. But, for religious people, the person at the top of today's political pyramids of power is seen as a sign from GOD/GOD/*God*. And, therefore, their allegiance to him borders on the unreasonable and fanatical.

When Pope Francis got together with the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church {the first time these religious leaders met in 1,000 years}, the only thing the two of them could agree on was the repression of women {abortion} and the superiority of straight men {marriage between a man and a woman}. They reasserted their commitment to the pyramid model of political power over their laities with **GOD** at the top of their two pyramids.

Ironically, the reaction to that was the renewed sociological efforts of the repressed in Russian and America to promote the causes of women and feminized men {Jesus types} in the modern world. Pyramids slowly turn into cubes thanks to those at the bottom trying to get to the top. And cubes turn into pyramids as those at the top wish to distance themselves from those at the bottom. What you always end up with is a cube with a pyramid on top of it. Such is the mystery of ranking.

*"How many generations have We destroyed before them?
They all cried out for mercy when it was too late to escape."
[38:2-3]*

"How many generations have **wE** destroyed before them?
They all cried out for mercy when it was too late to escape."

GOD's destruction of generations before us is a misnomer. Nations that ally with one another to shape the direction of civilization in a particular age agree on belief systems {spiritual hypotheses} by which their leaders then govern using the moral conclusions they choose to operate under to achieve their ends. These political machinations don't annihilate morality, despite what the doomsayers might say. They change, transform and transcend the moral hypotheses that came before them. This emanates out of an internal process in every individual that the next generation then uses to the best of its ability to evolve even further.

The social and moral advancement of humanity always moves spirituality in the direction of greater importance on individualism while trying not to sacrifice cohesion to society. Each of us ought to ask ourselves whether we think we're a good example of individuality and collectivism combined into one person. Each of us should ask ourselves whether we're living out a branch of history that'll enhance **GOD's** designs or whether we're causing it to break off from the trunk of the tree of history and fall to an end {the destruction of yet another nation}.

If you think there's a spiritual future in controlling blacks, gays, Jews, Israel and women, you're living out a bet you're wagering on where **GOD's** designs are going from here. If you think you can control legal immigration into this country, you're going to create

compassionate laws that take into consideration the needs of society collectively as well as the needs of the individual to learn about new ways of being.

The more we can all benefit from the fruits of the labors of minorities, the more we can graft those branches onto our trunk to create an individual tree of knowledge that bears many kinds of fruits. These are typically called race relations, but they're more prevalent today among relationships between classes of people.

People in the lower class are scorned by the middle class. People in the middle class are scorned by the upper class. The lower and middle classes work together to create the cube model of democracy in opposition to the upper class that shapes itself using the pyramid model. And this is how you get a society that looks like a cube-like face with a pyramid-like pointed hat on top of it. This is what hypocrisy looks like sociologically and psychologically speaking.

When Muslim lands will be able to attract gay and Jewish residents, they'll create much more vibrant societies. Until then, the Palestinians are going to have to learn more about why **GOD** created them when and where **HE** did. Anti-Zionism will destroy the next generation of Muslims if they don't reform their souls. Anti-Islamism will destroy America and Russia if they don't reform their hearts.

Individually, we must each personalize the black, gay, Jewish, woman and Muslim struggle, or we're not going to get enough out of **GOD's** designs to take them seriously. We're going to continue to create a secular society that has no interest in **HIM**.

That said, you're never going to be able to appreciate the virtues of other peoples' struggle unless you can see your struggle mirrored in theirs. Therefore, don't get sociologically stuck in the culture wars. The stereotypic traits you don't like in certain peoples are magnifications of struggles you're having within yourself. The exodus of the beleaguered migrant should be a reminder of your exodus out of your head into your soul to help out your heart in its struggle with your penis or clitoris. And your exodus should be a reminder of everyone's exodus {death} from his body to whatever comes next.

If you don't feel you're being treated fairly, you need to speak up inside and out. You need to protest *in* loud and *out* loud. Each class in the past was tested with a somewhat differing curriculum. But if you insist on retaking the tests from previous classes to recreate their scores, you're cheating yourself out of a modern education. The Nazis failed to make Germany great again. The *Muslims* are failing to make Islam great again. The Russians keep recreating their previous tzars' grip on the masses. And the Republicans are having a hard time convincing Americans that they have a plan that won't grate on everyone's nerves... They're all unconsciously narrowing the base of the political pyramid, thus moving the power at the top even further from the cube below the pyramid. As women and minorities enter such political structures, the thieves elongate the pyramids making them Christ-like in their appeal to the "heavens" above. They deify statesmanship, making the story of the Exodus of the Israelites all the more real for today. The only thing you can hope to achieve from the mistakes made by the masses who yearn for a godlike leader at the top of their nation is to make yourself as great as possible using their moral failings as your guide of what not to do.

Either you're a Moses or you're a Jesus impersonator. Either you're helping people achieve freedom, liberty and emancipation or you're helping someone play god. And the

only way out of this moral dilemma is through prayer. And even then, your prayers will only be answered if you learn how to pray to **GOD**.

Every attempt to repeat the wrong answers on the tests of our ancestors is based on dogmas that are always met with accusations of cheating and foul play. Today's curriculum builds upon the lessons you should already have learned from previous generations, whether through history, psychology or Scripture. When **GOD** asked, "*How many generations have **WE** destroyed before them?*" you should take the question personally. It should make you ask yourself how many generations you destroyed within yourself before you got to the generation of the operating system you're now using. You should seek the wisdom of puns.

"*They all cried out for mercy when it was too late to escape.*" I can almost hear Muslims crying out for mercy from *God* today, desperately asking what they've done to deserve such humiliation from the modern world. But I can also hear the Europeans, Israelis and Americans crying out to **GOD** for answers to the same question.

GOD

Does Jewish history not repeat itself? Does Christian history not repeat itself? Does Muslim history not repeat itself? When will you ask yourself whether **HIS** story doesn't repeat itself? When will you ask yourself to open your eyes to see the big picture?

When you get inordinately angry over spilling your coffee, getting a ticket or even just leaving the lights on in a room, you should tell yourself that it's time to upgrade your operating system. You're getting too wise to allow your own story to repeat itself.

When the Quran was recited to the Prophet, **GOD** put **HIS** designs into *words* the people could understand at the time, while still giving thought to past and future generations of students in the school of life. *His wording* in this holy book was substantially different from the tone and tenor in Tanach and the Bible. **HE** prepared **HIS** next readers then for a picture of **HIS** designs that couldn't literally be drawn. It had to be a visual experience of words that would remain in the imagination as symbols the mind could unpack literarily in the left hemisphere of the brain and then transfer to right brain thinking. Only then would those living in the Judeo-Christian world be able to see the enormity of **HIS** designs from a third place in inner space.

There's finiteness to the *wording* in the Quran that might lead some people to misunderstand the message the Prophet was conferring then on men of today. There's a sense of ultimatum and finality in this holy Scripture that's merely presented as death in Tanach and "hell" in the Bible.

The orthodoxy {Islam}, conservancy {Christianity} and progressiveness {Judaism} of Scripture must be plummeted for moral importance to your personal quest. You aren't going to grow if you don't move from the past to the present toward a more progressive future.¹⁵⁶

¹⁵⁶ There are no religious people more progressive than the Jews and no people more orthodox than the Muslims. In the last century, there were no people more progressive than the Jews or more orthodox than the Nazis. And before the Nazis, there were the orthodox

When **GOD** began HIS confrontation with man in Torah, HE was relatively gentle in pronouncing death as the outcome for transgressions. In the Bible, afterlife rewards and punishments were given to motivate Christians to try even harder than the Jews. **HE** introduced the idea of “hell” after life for transgressions in life. But in the Quran, *God* fleshed out *His* rewards {blessings} and punishments {curses} more fully, thereby inferring that death would only be the obvious, first step on the journey into the hereafter. {Even Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad all had to pass through death.}

I’m sure **GOD** never intended JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* to presume their superiority over one another (although anyone could have seen that that’s precisely what they’d do). Moses came back to Egypt. Jesus came back from the dead. And the Prophet Muhammad came back from “heaven.” Isn’t it about time that you come back to yourself?

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‘Pay no heed and stand firm in the worship of your gods:
it is a binding duty.
We have not heard of this in the Christian faith.
It is nothing but a false invention.
Was the word revealed to him alone among us?’”*
[38:5-7] ¹⁵⁷

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‘Pay no heed and stand firm in the worship of your gods:
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We have not heard of this in the Christian faith.
It is nothing but a false invention.
Was the WORD revealed to HIM alone among us?’”

The WORD of GOD was revealed to Moses alone. The WORD of GOD was revealed to Jesus alone. And the *Word* of *God* was revealed to *Muhammad* alone. The fact that these revelations have been spread so far and wide only gives validity to the universality of **GOD’s** designs. Even if Jews and Muslims have difficulty in understanding Christianity as a monotheistic faith, it’s not for them to judge it. This question is rhetorical. It’s a test. It’s only a test. And if you didn’t pass this test, you failed it. The WORD was revealed to HIM alone, but HE was not among you when that happened.

Even the indigenists had psychological and educational factors folded in with their myths that have been revealing and useful to us in developing a personal faith. If you’re

Spanish during the time of the Inquisition. And before that, there were the Romans. Become a part of **HIS** story or resign yourself to becoming a casualty of it.

¹⁵⁷ The early Muslims scorned Christians for not being monotheistic.

not getting smarter, you're getting dumber. And, believe me, there are many thieves helping the hyper-religious get dumber.

If you think of the fruit from the tree of knowledge like an apple, then the skin is knowledge of devotion {Islam}. The meat of knowledge is love {Christianity}. And the core is the knowledge that comes with wisdom {Judaism}. But the more you consume of your own fruit, the more loyalty, love and wisdom of your own you'll have that you can share with **GOD**. Keep eating! The temptation to know will only be satisfied if it leads to wisdom, love and devotion. Don't let hyper-religious dogma and thieves stand in your way.

Most people, however, bite into the skin of life {devotion} as though it were so obvious and superficial that it doesn't even need to be stated. They dive immediately into the meat {love} in the hopes of relishing its juiciness. And they avoid the core entirely. Would that they paid more attention to all three. Their hunger for knowledge is so great that they don't bother to savor what they're learning.

The seeds of monotheism lie in indigenism. Therefore, even the seeds of your own fruit are worth consuming. Eat everything that comes from your fruit except the stem. The "stem" is your family that connects you to all others and yourself. Your stem is inedible and wooden. You'll never know why you were given the family you've have or why **GOD** brought you into this world the way **HE** did. If you chew out your family, you'll only discover how unsavory they are. Hold as tightly to your stem as you can. And if you should be severed from it, as was I, fall with grace. There's more to life than family. There are friends.¹⁵⁸

*"Bear with what they say,
and remember Our servant David,
who was both a mighty and a penitent man.
We made the mountains join with him
in praise evening and morning,
(Psalm 148)
and the birds too
in all their flocks;
all were obedient to him.
We made his kingdom strong,
And gave him wisdom discriminating judgment."
[38: 16-20]¹⁵⁹*

¹⁵⁸ If this conclusion frightens or angers you, ask yourself why. If your cynicism of friendship is so great, perhaps you haven't succeeding in making the kind of friend with yourself I'm speaking about.

¹⁵⁹ Birds in Judaism, are code for "gay men." The word "faygale" {Yiddish: little bird/gay man} was often used in early, 20th Century, Jewish families as a derogatory reference to Jesus and the secret only that we, Jews, held that HE'd been gay.

“BEAR WITH WHAT THEY SAY,
AND REMEMBER OUR SERVANT DAVID,
WHO WAS BOTH A MIGHTY AND A PENITENT MAN.
WE MADE THE MOUNTAINS JOIN WITH HIM
IN PRAISE EVENING AND MORNING,
(Psalm 148)
AND THE BIRDS TOO
IN ALL THEIR FLOCKS;
ALL WERE OBEDIENT TO HIM.
WE MADE HIS KINGDOM STRONG,
AND GAVE HIM WISDOM DISCRIMINATING JUDGMENT.”

Here is the Psalm from Tanach the Prophet speaks of:

Psalm 148

PRAISE THE LORD
PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE ‘HEAVENS;’
PRAISE HIM IN THE HEIGHTS ABOVE.
PRAISE HIM, ALL HIS ANGELS;
PRAISE HIM, ALL HIS ‘HEAVENLY’ HOSTS.
PRAISE HIM, SUN AND MOON;
PRAISE HIM, ALL YOU SHINING STARS.
PRAISE HIM, YOU HIGHEST ‘HEAVENS’
AND YOU WATERS ABOVE THE SKIES.
LET THEM PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD,
FOR AT HIS COMMAND THEY WERE CREATED,
AND HE ESTABLISHED THEM FOR EVER AND EVER -
HE ISSUED A DECREE THAT’LL NEVER PASS AWAY.
PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE EARTH,
YOU GREAT SEA CREATURES AND ALL OCEAN DEPTHS,
LIGHTNING AND HAIL, SNOW AND CLOUDS,
STORMY WINDS THAT DO HIS BIDDING,
YOU MOUNTAINS AND ALL HILLS,
FRUIT TREES AND ALL CEDARS,
WILD ANIMALS AND ALL CATTLE,
SMALL CREATURES AND FLYING BIRDS,
KINGS OF THE EARTH AND ALL NATIONS,
YOU PRINCES AND ALL RULERS ON EARTH,
YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN,
OLD MEN AND CHILDREN.
LET THEM PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD,
FOR HIS NAME ALONE IS EXALTED;
HIS SPLENDOR IS ABOVE THE EARTH AND THE ‘HEAVENS.’
AND HE HAS RAISED UP FOR HIS PEOPLE A HORN,
THE PRAISE OF ALL HIS FAITHFUL SERVANTS OF ISRAEL,
THE PEOPLE CLOSE TO HIS HEART.

Adding figurative meaning to this psalm through metaphoric understanding of the stars, mountains, seas and sky is a way of internalizing Hebrew Scripture by streaming your own consciousness. The river of thought in this psalm includes emotional swells, crests and waves of WORDS that help the reader realize that the Hebrew Testament is a living testament from GOD with profound intellectual impact. With it, you can expand your consciousness to perceive yourself as more deeply connected to the natural world. Then, you'll be able to perceive that the Bible expands upon streams of consciousness with GOD's following WORDS, thus creating lakes, oceans, rivers and waterfalls of emotional impact on inquiring minds.

The Quran builds upon these themes by then taking *God's words* into the spiritual realm, creating air currents, breezes, hurricanes, monsoons, tornadoes, typhoons and winds that create beliefs, conclusions, deductions, guesses, hunches, intuitions and premonitions that may draw us nearer to **GOD** or whisk us far, far away from **HIS** designs.¹⁶⁰

But nothing, and no one, created by **GOD** can be created or destroyed by man. The lowly Jew who's so outnumbered by **HIS** other faiths can't be created or destroyed. Even the faygale who flies over **HIS** mighty work of art and who can perceive the land, sea and sky as mediums of **HIS** expression, can relate his experiences to the common man and believer.¹⁶¹ You can't destroy a Jew. You can't even destroy a fairy. We just fly far, far away.

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He sought forgiveness of his Lord
and fell down penitently on his knees.
We forgave him his sins,
and in the world to come
he shall be honored and well received.”
[38:24-25]*

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¹⁶⁰ Many would say that the conclusions I've drawn are nothing more than hot air, but I don't care.

¹⁶¹ There are other faiths, such as the Bahai faith, that holds an outsiders' point of view. They're my friends and a part of the audience and play that **GOD** created to share the spectacle the Abrahamic faiths are performing today for everyone's edification.

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David was the greatest of our kings. The star we wear around our neck and the star that’s on the Israeli flag are reminders to today’s Jews that our ancestors asked GOD if we could have a king. And although HE granted our wish, HE also warned us that being like the rest of the nations would be grueling and cumbersome. Such is the figurative weight of power in a man’s scrotum. He’s a king in his own eyes. Would that he could compare his rule to David’s.

The only king in my kingdom ought to be me, not David or Jesus or any of today’s Caesars who hold more power than any man ever before in history. Jesus was never the king of the Jews.¹⁶² He was a rabbi. Christians believe HE’s the PRINCE of peace. And I believe that to be true because without GOD’s love, HIS wisdom and *H*is devotion, we wouldn’t hold all the tools we need to create peace.

Each of us has the potential of being like Israel with many disparate voices. Therefore, we ought to learn to listen and appreciate ourselves as one would love his own country despite its people’s many faults and failures. All of us have the potential of creating our own Israel.

I’m grateful to myself for having taken the time and made the effort to make peace with the conflicting voices within me before I raised my eyes to **GOD** to express my devotion to **HIM** as my King. This is what it took to enter my Israel from my East going West. This is all it took to cross my Jordan. More of me will be revealed to me.

*“We have revealed to you this book with Our blessings,
so that the wise might ponder its revelations
and take warning.”*
[38:28]

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so that the wise might ponder its revelations
and take warning.”*

Many have pondered the revelations of the Quran and few have pondered the revelations of the Quran. Most have either swallowed it whole or turned their nose up at it, refusing to chew on even a tiny nibble of it. Those who conspire against their Abrahamic brothers wish to hold moral superiority over them. They insist on using money, power and prestige to dominate, not educate.

¹⁶² Christians would counter this statement, saying that David may have been the greatest king of the Jews before Jesus became the KING of the Jews. But Jesus never became the KING of the Jews. HE will always be, at best, a PRINCE in GOD’s kingdom. Our KING is also the Christians’ KING. But such literary differences are nothing to fight over. Only small minds are distracted by such minor matters. There is only **ONE GOD**.

Rome and Constantinople held that political attitude for centuries. And Mecca is now doing the same. Jerusalem has never been allowed to speak freely. What difference will it make to **GOD** if you spread only the love you approve of or the loyalties you insist upon? What difference will it make to **GOD** if you sound wise but avoid exploring your own paradoxes? Realize that your fate may be bitter, and that would be better for you if you did.

We're running out of time, patience and planet. Many are making their classmates suffer more than they can bear. And the Prophet warned us against just that.

Jerusalem is real. Jerusalem is the capital of the Jewish people. It's not a satellite of Rome {America}, Constantinople {Russia} or Mecca {Saudi Arabia}. It's the primary manifestation of GOD's/GOD's/*God's* plan. But without **HIS** benevolent forethought of including nontraditional believers {spiritualists}, there'd be no way for each of the Abrahamic faiths to relate to the rest because of the splintering of beliefs into the many branches of faith.

*"We said to him,
'Take a bunch of twigs and beat with it;
do not break your oath.
We found him full of patience.
He was a good and faithful man."
[38:44-46] ¹⁶³*

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'TAKE A BUNCH OF TWIGS AND BEAT WITH IT;
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Twigs are the smallest branches of trees. A bunch of twigs are called faggots in colloquial English. "Faggots" is also a derogatory term for gays. This is just one more linguistic coincidence to add to many others. It's just one more indication that men strive to be tall trees with deep roots, but they ridicule, scorn and deride anyone who reminds them of their own twigs. They don't care to be at the edge of their own growth. They only wish to appear to be fully grown with deep roots.

¹⁶³ "This was said by GOD to Job. Job had sworn to give his wife 100 blows. The vow was kept by his giving her one blow with a bunch of 100 twigs. Commentators quote this passage as permitting any similar release from a vow rashly taken." [Wikipedia] I quote it as an exercise in wisdom and love from man's soul. I say that this is the bunch of twigs from the Prophet Muhammad's own tree of knowledge given to us in this passage by which to perceive our faithlessness and hypocrisy in vowing to hurt anyone. Patience with ourselves is always slow in coming. How many times have you lashed yourself with 100 twigs?

It may have been virtuous of Job to listen to GOD and cleverly reduce the number of blows he gave his wife. But such leniency on a woman makes no sense anymore. Any man who'd even land one blow on a woman is a deeply diseased tree. Today, a man must break all his vows and keep only his oaths. {A "vow" is a promise to others to act out revenge to maintain the status quo in society. An "oath" is a promise to yourself to do only good in the hopes of a reward from **GOD**.}

No one must ever beat anyone. There's no moral position anyone can take to claim a position of physical domination over anyone, male or female, young or old. Nor should beat your own heart senseless with moral conundrums in your head, until your heart cries out and promises obedience to your conscience. This isn't the essence of loyalty. Your desires will always get away. This isn't the kind of exercise that'll strengthen your head, heart and soul.

Quran, with the help of Tanach and the Bible, has given you ways to achieve a righteous life if you love you enough to better yourself peacefully. Keep all your promises {oaths} and break all your promises {vows}. Your sanity depends on it.

*"And tell of Our servants Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:
men of might and vision
whom We made pure with the thought of the hereafter.
They shall dwell with Us among the righteous
Whom We have chosen."
[38:47-49]*

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WHOM WE MADE PURE WITH THE THOUGHT OF THE HEREAFTER.
They shall dwell with **US** among the righteous
Whom **WE** have chosen.”

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were made pure thanks to the oaths they took to do GOD's bidding. And the Jewish people have followed the path of the wisdom they set. But there have been many **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* who've taken vows to destroy the Jewish people and claim our possessions and land as their own. **GOD** doesn't fulfill vows, only oaths. ¹⁶⁴ **HE** only promises to help those who follow in **HIS** footsteps, the paths of wisdom, love and devotion. The path of peace parallels the path of the **PRINCE** of peace.

¹⁶⁴ A "vow" is an expression of anger for the sake of revenge against others. An "oath" is an expression of love for the sake of more of **GOD's** love to better yourself. Disavow all your vows and swear an oath to keep all your oaths. Then you'll know what it means to make a promise of peace.

The Jewish, chosen people weren't replaced with the Christian, chosen people. Christians aren't new and improved Jews. And *God* didn't replace the Christians with *His* Muslim, chosen people. Is HE unwise? Has **HE** no heart? Has *God* not taken an oath to lead all of humanity into the future?

If you don't believe in the hope of the chosen people, you don't believe in yourself. **GOD** is too smart to let you have it all your own way. If you don't believe me with regard to this, you won't believe anyone who claims he knows how to pray to **GOD**.

GOD made it clear that the lineage of the Jewish line of succession would be through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. HE made that clear in Torah, and *He* made it even clearer in the Quran. But *He* also made it clear that *He* had a great plan in store for the descendants of Ishmael. [Genesis 17:20]

HE/**HE**/*He* never said HE/**HE**/*He* was reneging on HIS/**HIS**/*His* promise to the Jewish people in the Bible or Quran. And yet, the only thing that unites CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are their vows to destroy Israel; each scheming to make it his own; each scheming to kill or convert all the Jews and those in the L.G.B.T+ community. Can you not see the tiniest of flaws in their plan?... JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* can never work for long together, especially when it comes to matters of sex, money and power. There's always some Jew, gay or lesbian that **GOD** throws into the mix. Even our friends are sometimes confounded by us!

If a moral assertion can't be substantiated by all three of the Abrahamic Scriptures, you ought to question its morality. **GOD** has ways of testing us to make us smarter and more righteous through pain and suffering if we don't choose to behave smarter of our accord. JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* can only agree on a few things. They are:

1. Each believes their GOD, GOD or *God* will reign supreme.
2. Each believes their means will justify their ends.
3. Each believes gays are perverts who are working against the common good.
4. Each believes women must remain subservient to straight men.
5. Each believes Israel will be their reward alone.
6. Each believes "paradise" will be their reward alone.
7. Each believes no one can be right except them.

The righteous Christians can see that the Israel that'll be theirs will be an eternal grounding in their heart that GOD will give them if they stay the course. The righteous Muslims are beginning to realize that they have no right to their claim on Israel at all. They're beginning to see that *God* has a plan that's being combined in the modern age with **HIS** previous plans that'll further reveal **HIS** intentions.

The modern Christians and Muslims are finding their connection to Israel becoming more personal than they could have ever previously perceived. And they're beginning to see that Israel will become the whole world's spiritual inheritance over time. Israel will

live in every believer's mind, his/her heart and her/his soul. But the State of Israel will literally, only and always belong only to us. That's the promise that's been given to us, and that's the oath every person of faith will eventually give to **GOD**.¹⁶⁵

*"Then they will say,
'Lord,
inflict on those who brought this fate upon us
a twofold punishment in the fire.
But why do we not see those whom we deemed wicked
and whom we laughed to scorn?
Or have our eyes missed them?"
[38: 62-63]*

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It's so easy to pray for a twofold revenge, one in the world we share and the other in the world within. It's so easy to ask the Lord to give you a little relief by asking **HIM** to inflict punishment on other people. But eventually you'll find yourselves asking why you can't always tell those whom you deem wicked and whom you laugh at in order to scorn. You'll wonder if your eyes are deceiving you or whether your conscience may not be doing its job.

It's so easy to use GOD/GOD/*God* like a dog, sic'ing HIM/**HIM**/*Him* on your enemies. But that's a projection of the way you're treating yourself. Requesting **HIM** to bring a twofold punishment in the fire on those who conspire against you is only a reasonable request if you're asking **GOD** to teach others to awaken from their deep sleep.

Asking your rendition of GOD/GOD/*God* to punish your enemies isn't fair to *you*. It's the kind of prayer that boomerangs back, burning you for praying to GOD/GOD/*God* to burn people for you. The best you should ask for is for a fair and just outcome for us all. Only then can you go back to look at the difference between what you asked for and what you got. You might even find, over time, that you feel indebted to **GOD** for how things have turned out better than if you'd gotten your previous prayers answered.

¹⁶⁵ A promise is a form of cooperation that strives to achieve an oath.

GOD didn't inflict threats of "hell" upon the ancient Israelites. Nor did HE try to motivate them with promises of "heaven." HE threatened them only with death, something everyone in life ultimately endures anyway. The gift of a long life is a tremendous gift from **GOD** because the longer you're allowed to remain in this school, the greater your potential for achieving more wisdom, love and devotion.

GOD lovingly inflicted the concept of "hell" upon the CHRISTIANS and motivated them with the promise of overcoming death with an eternal life in "heaven." But that reward produced the concept of angels with wings on their back and harps in hand. It didn't give those angels genitals; only an eternity with GOD without sex. Today such purity of faith seems punitive, not enticing. CHRISTIAN dogma has outlived its usefulness.

The Quran goes further in explaining the concept of "heaven" and "hell." Islam promises that you can keep your penis or vagina, even if some women are forced to give up their clitoris. You can even enjoy sex in their idea of the "world to come." Their idea of angels have genitals. Their idea of a messenger had genitals he used, unlike Jesus who we can't imagine on the cross without that cloth around his loins. {You know in your heart of hearts that the indigenist Romans would have exposed all of HIM to shame. Don't kid yourself about that. They wouldn't have covered any part of HIM out of modesty. They would have exposed his circumcised penis as a message and a threat to the Jew to keep them in line.}

The Muslim afterlife proclaims and maintains the same straight, patriarchal superiority the ignorant are also striving for in this world, a world without anuses. You intuitively know that an afterlife with anuses will lead to you-know-what...*Islamic* dogma alone is proving that it's outlived its usefulness, too. Sodom will never fully be destroyed so long as there's a man on the planet with a hole going all the way through him.

The only way to combine death with the concept of "heaven" is to live a life that strives for spiritual freedom, liberation and emancipation from the serpent that hangs down from your tree or the worm in your apple. And if you're transgendered or someone with a fertile imagination, it'll be your choice how you interpret that struggle.

The GOD of Christianity is like the GOD of Judaism after several, strong cups of coffee. And the *God* of Islam is like the GOD of Christianity on steroids. If you're looking for eternal rest, I recommend you go herbal and natural. I recommend you make your own way up the mountain that approached the Prophet, since it'll all be the same destination from **GOD's** point of view. And if you have any doubts about where you're going because of where you've been, I recommend you take everything that happens to you more personally. More will be revealed.

You probably don't believe you're responsible for making it "hell" for the rest of us. You probably believe you're innocent of having done anything seriously bad to anyone. But that, surely, doesn't include yourself. You probably believe you have a great deal of patience and regard for others. But that, too, probably doesn't include you. You still have a lot to prove to yourself if you think you're good enough for rewards, given that your bar for others is so high and your bar for you may not even yet be determined.

Convincing you that you have more to learn about you is my job. But doing the hard work of improving yourself is yours. Becoming more intellectually, emotionally and spiritually malleable is only possible when you're willing to face the hypocrite within and recoil from him/her in guilt. But that's only possible when you can go all the way back

through Scripture to question yourself from your beginning. There is no other way to get through your middle to a joyous end.

If you'd like to clean up your act, improve your grades, win, master and arrive an honored guest at **GOD's** table, you ought to question how you really feel about being you. What mankind is doing to Mother Nature is the direct consequence of how we each feel about ourselves. All your claims of innocence, patience and regard will come back to how you've treated you. This is where the horizon meets the land, sea and sky. This is what separates the man from the boy. This is what determines where you'll be seated at that awesome table. We're all going to be ranked according to the honesty, sincerity and authenticity with which we've treated ourselves.

*"All this shall come to pass.
The heirs of the fire will wrangle among themselves."
[38:64]*

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The heirs of the fire will wrangle among themselves."*

Never before in history has there been so much wrangling between the heirs as we've seen in this century. The ultra-orthodox **JEWS**, rightwing **CHRISTIANS** and fanatical *Muslims* are constantly wrangling with one another, although not literally face-to-face. They do it behind their closed, religious doors. They do it amongst themselves and anonymously on the web. They smile at one another in public and scheme behind each other's back privately. They're nothing but vicious gossips. Do you see wrinkles on your face where the smiles have been, or do you see snarls where they've turned you into an animal?

Life becomes a school only after you're discharged from the metaphor of life as a hospital. You're sick and contagious until the **DOCTOR** releases you from the ward and allows you to enter the classroom with him as your **TEACHER**. Until that happens, you're going to continue to misunderstand what reality is doing to you and for you.

When you can look back and see how much you've healed over the years, you're going to be grateful to your **DOCTOR**. When that happens, you'll be ready to learn what it was all for. Until that happens, you're going to continue to blame those around you for aggravating your condition when you should be thanking them for teaching you what you need to know to pass the test you were given then.

The Abrahamic faiths are three sides of a religious triangle with the ultra-orthodox **JEWS**, fanatical **CHRISTIANS** and extremist *Muslims* each thinking they contribute the most important segment. If we in the Abrahamic faiths don't oppose the fanatics in all three of our faiths, we're going to see all the advancements and progress we've made throughout history go down the drain. And if the atheists who work in banking and the investment industry don't take our sides of the spiritual triangle, they're going to experience unimaginable losses of their own. An external bank account is comparable to an internal bank account. Both must be reconciled.

Surah 38, “*Sād*,” substantiates Muhammad’s role as Prophet through concrete examples of previous messengers of GOD + GOD and the evils that befell those people who didn’t heed the secrets of the previous, sacred texts. You’re becoming a *Sād* in your life when you embrace the third aspect of *God*’s designs here in the 3RD dimension; the third segment of the spiritual triangle: loyalty to yourself. That’s what differentiates a love triangle from a hate triangle.

I’ve learned how to open my soul by myself to myself. And doing so slowly has made it possible for me to avoid going crazy again in the process. That’s why I’m a miracle in the flesh. And that’s why I know that there wasn’t another person on Earth who could have done this job for me.

Surah 39
سورة الزمر
The Throngs

The throngs are the unwashed public, the masses who feel and react without an educated point of view. The throng are the straight people who only want to know who's the top and who's the bottom in a gay relationship. They don't care about who's the wife and child and who's the husband and father. The roles we gay people hold in our marriages don't interest the throng. They don't think deeply about this because they haven't been schooled with critical thinking, feeling and believing skills that will augment their sex life. They think too quickly, too emotionally and with too much loyalty to their tribe. Hence they end up invading and colonizing one another. The throng don't have a clue how to be an individual.

They may converse with their penis as easily and freely as you or I would talk to a dog, knowing full well that it can't speak in words. The throngs are managed like a joystick operates a plane or a game. Therefore the throngs are easily led by those who figuratively force their penis up and down or squeeze their scrotum with fear, anger or sorrow to make them move right or left.

The rich and powerful wrap themselves around the throng as you or I would wrap our hand around a joystick or a vibrator. They assure us that they know better how to stimulate "it." But when the throng don't behave as expected, the rich and powerful ask themselves what's wrong with the throng, not what's wrong with all of them.

The last surah of this fourth book is about the manipulation of **GOD's** people by those who think themselves true believers, when they're really gamblers playing GOD/GOD/*God* for a trump. When lying, stealing and coveting don't get them what they want, they resort to killing. There's nothing new in what I've told you.

This last surah is for the lonely, frightened and vulnerable orphan in you. This surah is for anyone who's afraid of being one of many. For when you're a part of the majority, you become vulnerable to the consequences of unconsciously inflicting your wrath on minorities. Nowhere is that more evident today than in the **CHRISTIAN** and *Muslim* world. But there are excellent examples of that much closer to home. The throng is slowly waking up to the fact that they're being used and abused. And the only **ONE** who's going to save them is **GOD**. The throng are going to have to work together with **ONE GOD**. There is no other way to save the planet.

*"To God alone is true worship due.
As for those who choose other guardians besides Him
saying,
'We serve them only that they may bring us nearer to God,
God Himself will resolve differences for them.
God does not guide the untruthful disbeliever.'"*

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As for those who choose other guardians besides **HIM**
saying,
‘We serve them only that they may bring us nearer to GOD/GOD/*God*,
GOD HIMSELF will resolve differences for them.
GOD does not guide the untruthful disbeliever.’”

It was easy to accuse someone of being a disbeliever back in the day. You were a believer if you believed in GOD. You were a believer if you believed in GOD. Or you were a believer if you believed in *God*. But if you didn't believe in the same belief as a particular believer in those days, you were called a disbeliever. When the Prophet stated that **GOD** doesn't guide the untruthful disbeliever, his *words* were dripping with scorn at all the believers then who disbelieved in the enormity of **GOD's** designs. For, surely, **HE** had designs even then. Would you fashion a cup out of clay with an inside, an outside and a handle, and then pour nothing into it to test its durability?

We all serve **GOD** as intermediaries. Our connection to people is an intermediary form of worship. Our job is an intermediary form of worship. Our family is an intermediary form of worship. Even our hobbies are intermediary ways in which we're serving **GOD**.

It's easy to point fingers at the insecure, frightened and uneducated because they grasp at straws. It's easy to accuse people of falling over themselves with astrology, palm readings, relics, tarot cards, voodoo and other paraphernalia that speak to their belief that this world is filled with mysteries. But everyone looks for evidence of **HIS** participation in his life, even if that becomes more confusing than revealing at times. Our individual relationship to fruit, grain, wine, planets, constellations, meteors, comets and stars are magnified examples of our faith in the importance of our relationships with people and their myriad relationships to themselves when viewed as emanating out from within themselves.

Your parents didn't intentionally leave you down here to die. It's part of a plan that each of us must face the singularity of our relationship to **GOD** in some mysterious way unique to us. I can't enter your onliness. But I can teach you how to view it as “heavenly” solitude. I can help you to allow more of **GOD** into your life, so you can achieve a peace that might lead to greater tranquility with your **CREATOR**.

Every two months, I've been flying to L.A. to visit my mother for the day. On one of those visits, I spoke to her about her dementia as a mystery from **GOD**. I told her it's like

¹⁶⁶ The allusion given here in the Quran is to the worship of saints. The same could be said about the Shechina, the Holy Spirit and the tranquility of *God*. **GOD** will resolve their differences.

she's been on a stage all her life and the people around her have been watching her like a star performer. But now the spotlight is getting smaller and smaller, and parts of her are lost in the dark. I noticed how humbled she's become by all the help and attention she needs from her attendants. She smiles out of eyes that still shine like stars in the night sky. But no kindness comes out of her mouth. **GOD** has humiliated her, but she's responding with devotion to a greater form of service now. She's become an opportunity for others to serve.

The disconnect my mother has with words and their meanings due to her illness has become a second stab for me at trying to cut our umbilical cord. Every time I see her, we're faced with a little more tenuous a thread connecting us. I imagine she's aware of that, making her sentimentality and love for me more poignant when it isn't mirrored back to me anymore. We're now separating like **GOD** and Adam in Michelangelo's fresco. It's as though only the tips of our fingers are touching.

Losing my mother slowly; watching her on stage as her light dims into darkness; and describing that to her as the most devout fan in her audience – has been a great gift – a gift that came to me with the blessed gift of **WORDS**. You have no idea how grateful I am for this opportunity to share my light with her. But it also means that this is the way in which I'm going to face the feelings of slowly becoming orphaned.

Life isn't always like a hospital for the sick. It isn't only like a school for the student. It can sometimes feel like an institution for the orphaned. If you don't pay more attention to the metaphors you're asked to live by, you may miss the meaning in the moment.

GOD will resolve my differences with me. My feelings of abandonment must be countered with a deeper understanding of why **HE**'s allowed this to happen as it has. I know from personal experience that I can look at life like a typical woman, through a microscope or like a typical man, through a telescope. Sometimes I magnify what I see in a stereotypically female way. Sometimes I minimize it in a stereotypically male way. The true size of every one of my experiences must be moral, not objective or subjective. I believe each of us must decide for himself how large or small our view of the world needs to be in order to perceive our own moral lessons from our experiences.

I don't let other people tell me the moral size of what I'm focusing on. But I do listen carefully to how they describe what they see happening around them. In their description of their life, I can often hear their fear of abandonment in being in a universe that's so immensely large externally and so immensely small internally. It's often as if they're afraid they're too small for **GOD** to even notice that they're here. What a pity.

If you want to contribute to the betterment of this world, you'd better wake up pretty early in the morning and in a good mood. You'd better remember that there are billions of good people out there who are trying to get noticed by **GOD**, regardless of how little they know about **HIM** and how much they think they know about themselves. If you'd like to be noticed, too, you'd better work at making your ego much smaller and your soul much bigger.

*“He created you from a single soul,
then from that soul He created its spouse.*

*He has given you four different pairs of cattle.
(cows, sheep, goats and camels)
He molds you in your mothers' wombs by stages in three-fold darkness."
[39:5-6]*

“HĒ created you from a single soul,
then from that soul **HĒ** created its spouse.
HĒ has given you four different pairs of cattle.
(cows, sheep, goats and camels).
HĒ molds you in your mothers' wombs by stages in three-fold darkness.”

The three-fold stages of darkness are, of course, the three stages of guilt: embarrassment, shame and humiliation. This is the darkness of our inner world that each of us ought to learn to pierce three ways, with wisdom, love and devotion. This is an idea we've looked at in many ways in previous surahs.

The four different pairs of cattle that **GOD** has given to us is an idea presented in this surah for the first time. Here, we're introduced to an aspect of the throng that affects us all individually. Here, each of us is a spiritual herdsman in the Jewish sense of David who made his way from shepherd to king, as well as in the Christian sense of emulating Christ with HIS flock.

A shepherd is someone who literally watches over sheep. But what's being discussed in this surah is someone who looks over all forms of “*cattle*” {a *word* you now know.} This task is more akin to that of a cowboy or rancher than a shepherd.

In the Quran, the cattle we're asked to watch over are *cows, sheep, goats and camels*. In the grand scheme of things, these four types of cattle correspond to four metaphors of life:

Cow Life is like a sport you played to win. You were born a golden calf you once danced around, but you grew up. You're now able to give of yourself to your family and friends in ways you couldn't when you were in childish adoration of some thing or other that gave you the pleasure and security you needed. Everything about you now – your hide, meat, milk, horn and hooves has become a gift to those you love. In a **WORD**, you're a spiritual giver. You don't dance around yourself externally anymore. You can give of yourself to others, but you now know you need to have limits. You may have idolized yourself earlier in an effort to present yourself as big hearted, but you've since become a real blessing to those who love you. In the metaphor of life as a sport, the spiritual cow is a very large, barnyard animal. (But s/he can also be full of, and attracted to, a lot of bull.)

Sheep Life is like a craft you had to become skilled at, and when you mastered your craft through sacrificial practices for others, you were enriched in

many wonderful ways. You were born a sacrificial lamb, but you grew up to become a sheep. You're now able to give of yourself to your family and friends in ways you couldn't when you were childlike. You're by nature like a cow, docile and easily led. But unlike a cow, you need to be shepherded. You're a part of a flock, not a herd. When you behave like the spiritual LAMB of GOD {Jesus}, you sacrifice your feelings for the sake of someone greater than yourself, but you may still not be able to see yourself as part of the bigger picture. Wolves in sheep's clothing lead every unsuspecting lamb into evil or misfortune and away from hope and faith. A master, spiritual artisan is an old mouton who may have learned how to play the game well, but he still doesn't see beyond his own religious, linguistic, national and cultural borders. He has trouble admitting there are other animals in the menagerie.

Goat Life is like a hospital made up of patients, and when you sacrifice yourself for the sake of your religious goals, you become a scapegoat to yourself before **GOD**. You become a martyr. You were born a kid, but you grew up. You're now able to give of yourself to your family and friends in ways you couldn't when you were just a kid. You're like the cow and sheep. You're by nature docile and easily led. But you're defiant by nature, sexually stubborn and passionate about matters of loyalty to your herd. Others may have tried to use you as their scapegoat, but you do your best to allow no one to sacrifice you for any reason other than for *God*. Scapegoating Jews and/or gays is no different than scapegoating blacks, women or Muslims. Scapegoating gays or Jews is no different than scapegoating Kurds. Scapegoating Catholics and/or Protestants is no different than scapegoating the environment. And yet, every one of us has a tendency to see himself as a scapegoat, violated by others, often even in GOD's/GOD's/*God*'s name. A Judas Goat {*Terrorist*} is trained to associate with cows or sheep by leading them to slaughter. Every one of us considers himself to be a martyr. Your opinion of yourself isn't interesting until you look at you through the lens of metaphor, symbolism and the signs combined in the Quran. You'll remain a patient in a bed of your own making until you heal yourselves of literalism which leads to dogma.

Camel Life is like a journey through a barren desert, and the camel represents your physical form of transportation. The you inside of you is the camel driver. And you're capable of trekking long periods of time on very little water {love}. The camel is the Middle Eastern form of ubiquitous transportation. It's equivalent to the American Mustang or the German Mercedes. You're the one and only camel in your life. You have the capacity of going great distances through the parched desert within you, relying only on the spiritual water you bring on your back. In this sense, you're your own spiritual saver {savior} who conserves what you've got by using it sparingly

and by relying on spiritual oases you're drawn to along the way. Life is your journey; you are your camel. The more you understand how you operate, the more likely you are to make it through the harsh desert-like terrain of reality with **GOD's** roving eye in the sky looking down on you with incredibly compassionate love and loyalty to your brief visit in this incarnation.

Life is a school for golden calves, lambs and kids. You're your only major in life, and learning to love yourself like a cow, sheep or goat is better than growing up to become a pig. Becoming a bull, mouton or an old goat is still better than discovering late in life that you didn't have a clue to the big picture.

Life is a journey, and you're more like that curious creature that's neither tame nor wild: the camel. You're bad-tempered, cantankerous, cranky, crotchety, cussed, dyspeptic, grouchy, grumpy, irascible, ill tempered, ornery, stubborn, truculent and waspish. And yet you have some incredible abilities that others do not.

It's not enough to swallow the idea whole that there are four different kinds of cattle that are multiplying within you. Therefore, you should question the personal potential of the meaning of this passage. You ought to find a way to use Scripture, or it will remain a power that others will use to control you as they do to the throng.

*"If you render Him no thanks,
know that God does not need you.
Yet the ingratitude of His servants does not please Him.
If you are thankful,
your thanks will please Him."
[39:7]*

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know that **GOD** does not need you.
Yet the ingratitude of **HIS** servants does not please **HIM**.
If you are thankful,
Your thanks will please **HIM**."*

Not only will your thanks please **HIM**. It'll please you! You may want to go out of your way to remind yourself that it would please you to thank **HIM**. We're so accustomed to being good for goodness sake that we forget to raise our inner child to be good for our own sake. What better reason is there to be good than because you're going to profit in achieving an even better relationship with yourself for doing so? This is the keystone in the arch.

If that's not enough of an incentive, your obsequious claims of self-love will be bogus. If you think of yourself as a selfless person, you're only going to become more and more

of a victim inside or out. You're going to become more vulnerable to wolves in sheep's clothing just waiting to prey on your selflessness.

The banking industry, stock markets and weapons manufacturers are in a worldwide conspiracy of unconscious desire to take advantage of your selflessness. They'll rip you apart financially or politically, limb from limb. They'll steal your dignity, rape your faith and kidnap your hope that **GOD** has a plan. That's why it's so important that Jews, Christians and Muslims teach their children to pray together. Cows, sheep and goats need to learn to live together in the same barn on the same farm. There's nowhere else for them to go.

It's hard at times to see the wisdom of the Jews/cows. It's hard, at times, to see the love of the Christians/sheep. But it's even harder to see the loyalties of the Muslims/goats nowadays. Whenever *Muslims* proclaim "*A Day of Rage*" at the Israelis, it makes me wonder when they're going to think about calling for "*A Day of Rage*" at the way they're allowing themselves to be treated by their own leaders. Why don't more Muslims come to the aid of their own people? Surely, goats weren't meant to be raised alone. Surely, if goats wanted to show *God* that they appreciate *Him*, the first way they could show it would be through their heartfelt loyalties to cows, sheep and other good goats.

GOD has given everyone four different pairs of cattle to produce and reproduce the essence of these animal instincts in man. Yet you turn your nose up at those animals **HE** has given you that you say you don't like. "*If you're thankful, your thanks will please HIM.*"

Surely, none of the Abrahamic faiths are capable of discovering the complete plan without the help of the others. One-third of a plan will always be insufficient for each of them. The problem is, therefore, Abrahamic in its magnitude.

If you were thankful for gay people, your thanks would please **HIM**. Do you really think you can achieve the whole plan without fairy godmothers by your side? Who would help you see the magic you possess?

To my mind, Jesus was a gay-Jew. Therefore, I believe homophobic **CHRISTIANS** will have a very hard time explaining to **HIM** why they treated gays so abominably. To my boyfriend's mind, Jesus was a woman. Therefore, in his opinion, misogynistic **CHRISTIANS** will have a hard time explaining to **HIM** why they treated women so abominably. It's as though **CHRISTIANS** want to crucify every gay man and burn every woman at the stake. Surely, that was done before and doesn't need to be repeated.

If **CHRISTIANS** can't update their belief system from their heart, they're going to expose how little they know about **HIS** love. They're going to take their words literally after all **GOD** has done to teach us to look deeper into what everyone says. And I suspect that they're going to receive exactly the reward they deserve for their lack of effort to get along with everyone. It just isn't worth being hateful and exclusive! Try, instead to be fair.

The ingratitude of **GOD's** servants doesn't please **HIM**! Why would it? Are you pleased when people don't appreciate what you do for them? Why would you think **GOD** is any different from you in that respect? If you're thankful, your thanks will please **HIM**.

And the more *widely* you're able to thank yourself, the more *deeply* you'll be able to please **HIM**. The spiritually rich get richer, and the spiritually poor are becoming more destitute by the day. Life is all about a good, spiritual education.

When you ask yourself what **GOD** would do in any particular instance, you figuratively open yourself up to seeing yourself like various forms of cattle in the Quranic sense of the *word*. When you question yourself, you become like a spiritual rancher. You recognize the ways in which you're behaving like a domesticated beast of burden in a drove, a herd or a team. When you look at yourself like a cow, you see yourself like a member of a kine and yourself as a cowboy. The sheep in you behaves like a member of a drove or flock that you ought to shepherd. The goat in you is like a member of a tribe, and you're like a goat herder. And when you see yourself riding the camel **GOD** gave you, you see yourself in a caravan or train. And in this way, you become like the Prophet himself: a camel driver.

People organize themselves into all kinds of groupings that may be unwise, unloving and disloyal to **GOD**. They don't have names for the way they're behaving that they can refer to consciously. But just imagine how differently they'd act if they behaved like spiritually educated, human beings. You wouldn't recognize them. You'd swear they were angels brought down to earth for you by **GOD** because **HE** loves you so.

And yet, it must be added that most people behave like victims, not like martyrs. Jesus was the first Jewish martyr. He demonstrated that the throng was terribly uneducated in spiritual matters. They needed to be forgiven for their lack of effort, selfish intentions and disappointing performance. Jesus modeled how to teach while bearing the burden of mean-spirited attacks against **HIM**.

The difference between a victim and a martyr is that a victim gets angry at the way he's treated while a martyr becomes solemn and patient about what's happening. A victim allows attacks from the outside world to upset his inner world. A martyr maintains his connection with **GOD** during attacks, thus allowing him to manage new situations in ways that'll teach his inner perpetrator what **GOD** wishes him to learn about himself.

Today's Muslim martyrs aren't martyrs. They're victims. They don't try to teach themselves anything. They're only trying to seek revenge against their enemies. Innocent bystanders don't matter in the least to them. I suggest the Muslim community rethink whether they wish to support victims or real martyrs to the cause of **GOD**.¹⁶⁷

*"No soul shall bear another's burden.
To your Lord shall you return
and He will declare to you what you have done.
He knows your innermost thoughts."
[39:8]*

¹⁶⁷ A martyr is someone who sees the perpetrator and victim he's become to himself over time. He sees what he's done from within. Only a martyr can go before **GOD** to ask **HIM** to help him help himself.

“No soul shall bear another’s burden.
To your Lord shall you return
and **HĒ** will declare to you what you have done.
HĒ knows your innermost thoughts.”

In the metaphor of life as a school, your grades aren’t going on anyone else’s report card. Remember the bullies and bozos in class when you were in school? If you didn’t raise the standards in the room with your questions, the teacher would often only teach to the standards the others set. Remember how they hated you for raising the level of discussion to ideas you found more interesting and probing? And do you remember how it got curiously quiet when you raised your hand to ask another question? Some of them even became curious about what you had to say.

Your Lord is gifting you with a particular point of view that could be beneficial to others if you didn’t act like cattle unconsciously roaming the plain. If you, instead, stood out from the crowd with your unique perspective and the questions it brings up for you, you might even raise the standards of those around you.

People aren’t going to learn much by playing follow-the-leader. It’s up to you to find the sweet spot between cooperation and innovation. Buffalos come in an obstinacy. Be aware of how you behave, America! **GOD** knows your innermost thoughts. There’s little point in trying to earn buffalo wings. That’ll only prove how obstinate you’ve been and how incapable you’ll be in raising yourself off the ground.

You now understand that GOD/GOD/*God* came to us through three spiritual innovation. These evolutions in being correspond to the institutions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. But the foundation for the first floor came to us all first through indigenism. The stairs from there up to the second story were built from two directions, going up as well as going down. And this fourth book provides you with an elevator that goes up and down from the main floor through all the floors and even up to the roof garden.

Get out of this Abrahamic edifice any way you like. Jump out a window for all I care. I’m enjoying the view from every story, and I have no intention of leaving just yet. From here, I’m next going to show you how to build a castle in the sky using **Hinduism**. You can do whatever you like with your time. My busyness is none of your business.

The circumstances by which GOD introduced HIMSELF through Jesus and *He* later reintroduced *Himself* through the Prophet should give anyone pause. You’re now wise enough to realize that you can build your own steps from the third story up to our roof. You’re smart enough to be able to imagine the view from our roof garden looking out over reality. And you’re clever enough to see that you’ve allowed me to take you by the hand to get a look at all these stories through the wise *words* found in the Quran.

So now, I say to you that when you explore morality, you learn. And when you learn, you grow. And when you grow you blossom, flower and fruit in mysterious, new ways you can never anticipate. You’re an indoor plant. You’re living in a flat near a window, and yet I’ve carried you up and down from one story to the other where you’ve enjoyed the light that streams into the building from different angles. Enjoy the light that’s most appropriate to someone like you. But don’t for a New York second think that there isn’t a different light that isn’t more illuminating shining down onto the roof.

“Say:
‘Enjoy your nonbelief awhile;
but the fire shall be your home.
Can he who passes the night in adoration,
standing or on his knees,
who dreads the terrors of the life to come,
and hopes to earn the mercy of his Lord
[be compared to the nonbelievers]?’

Say:
‘Are those who have knowledge the equal of those who have none?’
Truly, none will take heed but men of understanding.”
[39:9]

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The Jews have been in class with our **TEACHER** for twice as long as our Muslim brothers. We’ve been in **HIS** classes a third longer than our Christian brothers. Do you really think that some of us don’t know more than most of you about **HIM**? You may have a lot to teach us, but don’t forget that we Jews ought never be compared to, or confused with, nonbelievers. Even the queerest of us has received some spiritual education.¹⁶⁸

It may have been a good, rhetorical question 1,400 years ago to ask, “Are those who have knowledge the equal of those who have none?” But today, we should be asking

¹⁶⁸ The door from indigenism into Judaism is located on the ground floor for access to **GOD** for all. You don’t have to circumcise your penis or give up cheeseburgers to enter the Abrahamic edifice. But there’s no way safely out of the building except through the same door. If you don’t take the Jews for granted, there’s much less of a chance that you’ll take the L.G.B.T+ community for granted. And if you don’t take us for granted, there’s less chance that you’ll take the Eastern **philosophies** for granted either. We’re all *important*, even if none of us is *special*.

whether those who have more knowledge are equal to these who have less? Wisdom can't be equated to knowledge any more than cheese can be equated to milk. There's a process involved in creating wisdom and cheese that requires skill, time and the introduction of other life forms that are figuratively invisible to the naked eye. We Jews have time on our side. And we have a land of milk {and honey} from which we've learned to make cheese and halva, too. The only thing missing are the seeds of inquiry.¹⁶⁹

Look at Israel and Syria. One looks more like "heaven," the other more like "hell." Could it be that the Israelis know something about wisdom that the Syrians don't? The Muslim boughs are strong; their branches, broad; and their leaves cover them completely. But their twigs may not penetrate the mystery of this world quite as far each spring as they'd like to go. Consequently, the fruits of their labors may not yet yield the harvest they see others enjoying and anticipating from one year to the next.

"Say:

*'I am commanded to serve God
and to worship none besides Him.'*

[39:11]

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*'I am commanded to serve GOD/GOD/God
and to worship none besides HIM.'*

Before you tell others what GOD/GOD/God commands you to do, ask {Jewish}, beg {Christian} or command {Muslim} **HIM** to awaken you to the misdeeds *you* do. This world is a school, but if the **TEACHER** chooses not to correct the student now, when will those corrections be made? Your adversity, accidents, bad luck, calamity, disaster, hardships, misfortune, trials, tribulations and troubles are signs from the **TEACHER** that **HE** cares about you. Do you care about you as much as **HE** does?

My mother's dementia is an unfortunate trial from the **TEACHER**. But she must have procrastinated with some aspects of her curriculum until the very end. And now she has no choice but to deal with the minutia of the "hell" she's unconsciously assigned herself to. There was a time when I had more influence on her thoughts and feelings. But now that she's alone in her soul with **GOD**, there isn't much I can do anymore to influence her beliefs about the way life works. As sad as it is for me to have lost my mother without her being deceased, it must be the way it is with good reason.

¹⁶⁹ Halva is associated in Arabic with MANNA {the substance miraculously supplied as food to the Israelites in the wilderness (Exodus 16)} from "heaven." But think of wisdom in the material sense as halva. It's made of seeds and honey. Those who try to make halva by seeding money may be disappointed with what they find they're stuffing down their throat if it isn't as much in **GOD's** interest as in yours.

The Muslims are commanded to know their mind like a cow that began as a golden calf in its effort to become a great contributor to domestic tranquility. They're commanded to know their heart like a sheep that follows in the path of the gentle LAMB of GOD that shepherded HIS flock. They're commanded to know their soul like a goat, a living sacrifice of the self they'll offer up for the most precious cause of all: an eternal contribution beyond anyone's, wildest imaginings. And they're commanded to know their body like that of a camel, a vehicle to a better world – a world they make better here before another world “there.”

This becomes the model of duty by which each of us comes to ask, beg, command and even to implore **GOD** to awaken us to our misdeeds and the reasons for our misfortunes. This is something Jews have been struggling with GOD since the Holocaust. We told HIM then that the punishment didn't fit the crime. We told HIM we're never again going to allow people to play GOD/GOD/*God*. But JEWS refuse to ask **HIM** to awaken them to more of **HIS** designs. They insist their road is the only road.

A gay-Jew whose parents were Holocaust survivors is going to be particularly sensitive when he sees JEWS playing GOD, CHRISTIANS playing GOD and *Muslims* playing *God*. Their games are going to bring up overwhelming feelings of injustice that need to be expressed through better questions and more enlightened convictions. Therefore, I've become so much more aware of my need to awaken me to myself than to run around screaming and shouting in my sleep about being a victim because GOD/GOD/*God* hates me.

I'm much more impressed with Christians who remind Jews that Jesus was a Jew. I'm much more impressed with Jews who emulate GOD. And I'd like to see Muslims question their misfortunes with **GOD** consciousness rather than naming streets after their anti-Semitic, homophobic martyrs.

“Say:

*‘I fear if I disobey my Lord,
the torment of a fateful day.’”*

[39:12]

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*‘I fear if I disobey my Lord,
the torment of a fateful day.’”*

Say, “I fear if I disobey my higher self, the torment of a fateful day!” You can't fear your Lord if don't fear living up to your highest expectations for yourself. But the self you've become so habituated to is, surely, not the self you have the potential of becoming. If not for your loyalty to yourself, you'd have no reason to improve. **GOD** certainly is only going to help you if you truly desire to help yourself.

Did **HE** give you ancient, indigenist ruins to destroy or to hold an historical record of where you came from? Did **HE** give you Sunnis and Shiites to murder or to learn from? Did **HE** give you wondrous Christian inventions to comfort you or to make you miserably

jealous and envious of others' gifts that you've appropriated for your own ends? Did **HE** recreate Israel to torment you or to praise you?

Gandhi said, "I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet." Are Muslim feet clean just because they wash them before prayer? I won't let anyone walk through my mind with their guilty, blood-soaked hands or dirty feet of clay. The cuts of jealousy and stabs of envy I've endured from others have calloused me. I no longer have the morally thin skin I had when I was a young man. Make your own Israel! Find your own way to enjoy sex for a lifetime with one person. Don't tell me I'm doing it wrong when I know I'm a gay-Jew twice blessed.

The way out of your dilemmas can only be achieved with evolution, not revolution. It doesn't take jihads to transcend your circumstances or crusades to achieve a transformation of your heart. It doesn't take a Wailing Wall stuffed with appeals to GOD for people to realize they need a place beyond their own walls where they can pray together in peace. As I said, "**GOD** gave me a view of the rock on which Abraham planned to sacrifice Isaac; the rock from which the Prophet flew up to "heaven" to convene with Moses, Jesus and **GOD**." This is a spiritual, archeological dig that UNESCO will never be able to outlaw.¹⁷⁰

I'm fine praying only with men. And I sure my lesbian sisters would be fine praying only with women. But as soon as we look you people in the eye, you flinch, turn your back on us, and go the opposite way. We know how frightened you are of us, but we also know how to guide you toward peace of mind {head, heart and soul}. You behave the same way with blacks. You behave the same with the poor and homeless. Do you really think it isn't obvious to **ONE** and all? Excluding others because of your own penis or clitoris issues isn't the way to find peace of mind. There's a stranger within who's terrifying you.

"Say:
'God I serve,
and Him alone I worship.'"
[39:13]

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'**GOD**I serve,
and **HIM** alone I worship.'"

You're like the docile LAMB of GOD who followed HIS one and only SHEPHERD. You only become a spiritual citizen of the world if you believe you're becoming like that docile

¹⁷⁰ UNESCO {United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization} has become a strong-arm of Muslim anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist ideology. They wish to stop all archeological digs in Israel because they're afraid of the evidence that'll prove that Christianity and Islam sit firmly upon a Jewish foundation. How would they then be able to continue their fight over the land GOD gave only to the Jews? They'd have to recognize Israel, apologize to us and their GOD/GOD/God, and negotiate peace.

LAMB of GOD. You could follow the same ~~SH~~**EPH**~~ERD~~ HE followed if you knew more about yourself. ¹⁷¹

*“They shall lose much,
those who will forfeit their souls
and all their kinsfolk
on The Day of Resurrection.”
[39:14]*

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Use your head, heart and soul independently and you’ll see the separations in the Abrahamic faiths. Use your head, heart and soul dependently and you’ll discover interdependence in the Abrahamic faiths. If you insist on independence, you’ll fear being scapegoated by others. But if you pursue freedom, liberty and emancipation, you’ll find friends wherever you go because you’ll have made friends of that stranger who tries to allude us all.

In other words, don’t use or abuse yourself, and you won’t use and abuse others. Treat yourself like a partner for life, and you’ll treat others like classmates, not like siblings or weirdos. Listen to yourself when you say “no.” And listen to you when you say “yes.” There’s a deeper understanding of what you’re going through within you than you may realize.

The infant goes through teething without understanding why his mouth feels like knives are cutting through his flesh to reach the outside world. The infant goes through teething without understanding why his whole psyche feels like knives are cutting through his flesh to reach the outside world.

The unawakened individual seeks knowledge. And from knowledge, he derives comprehension and a desire to understand the external world with a deeper sense of

¹⁷¹ It’s not the door into Judaism (the move from indigenism to Genesis) that’s as important as your familiarity with the foundation of Judaism (Exodus through Deuteronomy). It’s not the stairs you take from the ground floor to the story of GOD’s love that counts as much as the love you bring into your relationship with yourself. What difference does it make if Jesus was the SON of GOD or HIS fourth cousin twice removed? It’s not the elevator that takes you from the second story to the story of devotion to *God* that you pray to. What difference does it make to today’s contributions if the Prophet Muhammad was informed by the Archangel Gabriel or by one of his wives? A ROSE isn’t a ROSE, and that ROSE isn’t a *Rose* unless the next ROSE you smell smells sweeter. For these perspectives, you must make your way to the roof garden. You must be like a potted plant that has been replanted at the highest, brightest spot in the building.

attachment to it. But the awakened individual seeks wisdom. And from wisdom derives comprehension and a desire to understand the internal world with a deeper sense of attachment to it. Does it make more sense now why you're in a daze?

With more of a spiritual approach to life, your head will turn into that of a cow. Your heart will turn into that of a sheep. Your soul will turn into that of a goat. And your experience of your body will turn into that of a camel. You'll become a spiritual cowboy or cowgirl, and your dream of owning land will be realized by becoming a spiritual rancher. This is the American dream. An inner Israel is real estate you deserve to be able to call your own.

Think about every time you make a tiny mistake and the way in which **GOD** gives you a way out of it without eliminating the problem, but by enlarging your purview of it. There are countless opportunities in life that should lead you to believe you're being given ways to amend your mistakes by growing spiritually old long after your body has stopped growing physically tall. All that your body went through are experiences you should be now using to grow in other ways.

These are clues to the day of Resurrection you're going through right now. There's a moment of opportunity for resurrection in this moment that should give you pause. Faith is growing moment by moment, not just by Jewish sabbath by Christian Sabbath by Muslim Sabbath. Get real! Hang loose.¹⁷²

There are so many ways in which you let your mind wander. It then comes to rest in a new place in inner space without you having to think about where it was before or where it might be headed. This is the unawakened way in which you move internally without acknowledging how your mind alights on one topic after another to create messages to help you. In this way, conscious awareness grows by baby steps. Each trip up and down these sacred stories happens without you awakening to where you are within and what message you're trying to relay to yourself.

If you really give thought to a penis and a nipple, you'll conclude there's very little difference between the two, other than what it is you, personally, hunger for. Some wish to hold two big breasts. Others wish to hold to big testicles. Some yearn for mother's milk. Some yearn for father's milk. Some are thirsty for the milk that comes out of young, firm breasts. Some thirst for semen that comes out of young, tight testicles. Some want old, sagging breasts {buttermilk}. Others want long dangling testicles in an old sack {leben}.¹⁷³ People will reach for what they like. And telling them to like what you like is a waste of your time and theirs.

So, don't tell me what's right and wrong. Tell me what's wise or foolish; loving or hateful; loyal or disloyal. If you can tell me that, you can talk to me about **GOD**. Otherwise I'm not interested in listening to your babble.

¹⁷² The words "hang loose" are a Hawaiian expression. The symbol for "hang loose" {a wagging fist with the thumb and pinky extended} comes from a Hawaiian worker who lost his three middle fingers in a work accident in a mill. How much more do you need to lose before you hang loose?

¹⁷³ "The term 'leben' {Arabic: لبن} is a yogurt like beverage made of fermented milk that's popular across the Arab World." [Wikipedia]

After your mind goes off on a detour into a fantasy, you should ask yourself where you went and why you suspect you chose to go there. There's a moral lesson to be learned in every trip you take within. Your dreams will take you up to the roof garden. Your fantasies will take you downstairs to the basement where you'll look around at the rock that surrounds you. As fun as our fantasies may be, without **GOD** consciousness, they only reveal the mysterious, unexplained side of ourselves.

Observe your disapproval of the homeless sitting in coffee shops without buying a thing. Observe your disapproval of the torn and tattered vinyl seat you're sitting on, on public transportation. Observe the management of the premises where you live and their disregard of the establishment as a mirror of their disregard of themselves.

Now personalize the situations around you. If you're the homeless person; the person sitting on a seat with a tear in it; or the manager of the complex where you live – you're in a relationship with **GOD** in that moment as well as with yourself. Herein lies the meaning of now. This is where you must go to improve yourself. The rest are external matters you decide for yourself how you wish to handle. If your nose is offended by the homeless; if your bottom is uncomfortable on the chair on which you're sitting; or if your neighbors irritate you – those are matters that your mother taught you how to handle politely and responsibly. I'm not your mother. You're not your mother. **GOD** isn't even your mother. How you manage your problems are the result of the syndromes that run you. Watch yourself as you engage with yourself over these matters. Be better to you, and you'll do better to others.

You're the driver of the camel that takes you wherever you go, inside and out. You're the golden calf you're dancing around or the cow whose utter with four penis-like nipples you're milking for love. You're the sheep you shepherd with its one nipple-like utter. And you're the goat with an utter somewhere between in size that you're milking in order to learn from these visual outings within or around you.

Fantasies are about competition for domination in the natural world. They reenact relationships with animals that express our evolution or devolution. The war games you play on your phone are aspects of yourself to hear yourself, see yourself and face yourself.

But remember, the people you see in the games you're playing with you aren't real. They're self-created facsimiles in your outer world, recreated within to help you learn about you. These escapades you take into make-believe are moral conflicts you engage yourself in to see what you need to do to win your respect. If you review each battle or encounter with yourself afterwards, you'll learn a great deal about your motives, strengths, tactics and weaknesses.

You can't claim to know and love yourself, if you can't watch yourself misbehave in your fantasies with critical self-regard. Self-loyalty requires self-interest. Self-interest takes work. And work requires honesty, sincerity and authenticity.

The negative emotions you experience, such as anxiety, fear, frustration and worry, are caused by external rewards you seek that are causing moral conflicts within you. Don't close your inner eye as you move through your feelings while you attempt to achieve your external goals. Watch yourself. Just observe and listen to whatever comes up inside you. **GOD** is watching you with you. Your moral intentions are being tested at all times. The least little improvement may have miraculous, long-term results.

*“Give good news to My servants who listen to My precepts
and follow what is best in them.
It is these whom God has guided.
It is these who are endowed with understanding.”*
[39:17-18]

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and follow what is best in them.
It is these whom **GOD** has guided.
It is these who are endowed with understanding.”

The word “my” can only be accessed from within. No man can tell you about “your” **GOD**. **HE** works through each of us individually. You’ll only submit to **HIM** in those ways that are uniquely suited to you. You can’t be told how, when, where or why to submit except through your own understanding of the Quran, the book given to the world through the Prophet Muhammad (not given through the institutions of Islam). Your opinions on how to submit to **GOD’s** will count only for you.

Freedom of speech also requires liberty and emancipation. Otherwise your words are just an expression of your autonomy. Speaking your mind, therefore, shouldn’t be any harder than it looks. But just letting words tumble out of your mouth is about as effortful as evacuating your bowels. And threatening people for speaking soulfully is about as helpful as creating constipation. The struggles around you are mirrors of an inner consumption, digestion and elimination process you’ve got to learn to observe if you’re going to use the freedom of speech many died for so that you could say something meaningful. Savor your words like chewing gum. And remember that nobody is the underside of a table...

“God will not fail His promises.”
[39:20]

“**GOD** will not fail **HIS** promises.”

Did **GOD** promise to give **CHRISTIANS** or *Muslims* Israel? Where is it written? **HE** promised Muslims a mansion set beside a running stream. That mansion corresponds to the body you’re in at this moment in time. And the stream corresponds to the feelings you enjoy right now. But what you do with the abode you’re presently living in will have an effect on the abode you can expect to receive in the “world to come.” And the stream of consciousness you’re splashing around in now will take you to the fountain of feelings you’ll drink from after life (or the emotional desert you’ll inhabit befitting a beetle).

*“He whose heart God has opened to Islam
shall receive light from his Lord.
But woe betide those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of God!
Truly, they are in evident error.”*
[39:22]

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shall receive light from his Lord.
But woe betide those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of **GOD**!
Truly, they are in evident error.”

Islam is the perfect companion to Judaism and Christianity. The Muslims living in Europe could be proving this to the Christians and Jews instead of forcing Europeans to guard Jewish schools and synagogues because of Muslim distain for all other belief systems. Join the 21st Century by updating your interpretations of Islam, and you’ll find that Jews, Christians and Muslims who believe differently from you may become open to learning more about the wisdom, love and loyalty given to them by our Lord.

If Muslims continue to unconsciously behave like domesticated cows, sheep, goats and camels that know nothing of spiritual life, watch and see if they earn the respect that they think they deserve from the world. See if anyone who deals with a Muslim goes to bed that night feeling as though he was treated like a human being that day or like a beast of burden, milked for his master’s needs. We all suffer, or we all celebrate. If the Jews and gays aren’t happy, you won’t be happy. I can guarantee that.

*“God has now revealed the best of scriptures,
a book uniform in style proclaiming promises and warnings.
Those who fear their Lord tremble with awe at its revelations,
and their skin and heart melt at the remembrance of God.”*
[39:23]

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and their skin and heart melt at the remembrance of **GOD**.”

The wisdom of Tanach and the love of the Bible lie under an umbrella of loyalty to the self we’re waiting for Muslims to peacefully claim for all the world to see. If Muslims choose not to share their faith with us in these elevated ways, I fear they’ll find themselves even further excluded from the gifts **GOD** is giving the rest of us. I fear they’ll find themselves looked down upon as brothers and sisters who couldn’t succeed here on Earth.

And we'll be forced to use the Quran only to remind ourselves that *"No soul shall bear another's burden."*

Perhaps you're beginning to see that I'm using threats of exclusion to motivate you to work harder from within at inclusion. Perhaps you can sense how uncomfortable it makes you feel when someone tells you that you aren't going to get what others already have because of the way you are. I'm sure straight JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will continue to make excuses for themselves, decrying the way they were made; blaming others for the way they behave; and then shrugging their shoulders and walking away doing nothing new. And I'm sure you're going to hear their nonsense and realize how jealous and envious they are of what we have.

Excluding people is a powerful way to let them know that the way they're behaving isn't acceptable. Building walls is sometimes necessary to teach inclusion using exclusion. The Jews were once locked into a ghetto every night. The blacks in America were forced into ghettos that didn't need walls. And the gays had to run to San Francisco to create our own ghetto for protection from straight people. So, when you find yourself in a ghetto within from time to time and wonder why you've excluded you, don't be so surprised. Inclusion begins within.

*"Can he who shall face the terrors of the resurrection
[be compared to the true believers]?
The wrongdoers will be told,
'Taste the punishment which you have earned.'"*
[39:25]

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Look around you at what Judeo-Christian believers suffer in their lifetime. Imagine what all believers are going through to try to believe that GOD/GOD/*God* is only on their side. They ought to be deeply concerned about their fate. But what can they do now without an inner guidance system to draw on? Would you want to get in an airplane with only one pilot now that you know what you know?

You may be on automatic pilot like an airplane. But when an airplane is on automatic pilot, 99% of the time it's off course. It's not in line with its destination. But it's correcting for these deviations with great frequency. Can you say the same about others? You can practically measure their angle of deviation from their destination. But can you do as well with you?

Many will only continue to quote Scripture to others to justify their foul deeds. They'll squander the miracle they've been given in having been offered a personal relationship with the Lord. Give me an atheist any day who "only" knows right from wrong and better from worse. He'll dance and laugh all the way from his deathbed into **GOD's** arms assured

from within that good and evil played no part in his behavior. “**GOD** bless the child that’s got his own.” ¹⁷⁴

It’s appalling how lazy the true believers (and atheists) of today are and how much they rely on the rest of us to do their thinking for them. Being a believer or atheist who talks a lot about GOD/**GOD**/*God* or the non-existence of GOD/**GOD**/*God* isn’t nearly enough. They refuse to use their head like a Jew; their heart like a Christian; and their soul like a Muslim to avail themselves of all **GOD** has intended for them. Instead, the believers proclaim the exclusivity of GOD/**GOD**/*God* as though they’ve cornered some sort of market, while the atheists insist there’s nothing to buy into. When will they all learn? They’re going spiritually bankrupt while many of them are surrounded by obscene wealth.

*“Those who have gone before them also disbelieved,
so that the scourge overtook them unawares.
God made them taste dishonor in this life,
but the punishment of the life to come shall be more terrible,
if they but knew it.”*
[39:26-27]

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so that the scourge overtook them unawares.
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if they but knew it.”

You can know GOD/**GOD**/*God*, and still not know enough to love and honor **HIM**. You can claim to have nibbled from the fruit of your own tree of knowledge and still not have done more than get one of seven tastes of yourself.

Knowledge is finite. Knowledge is infinite. The more you know, the more you know you need to know more. Those who sit back with a smirk on their face because they have an awareness of GOD/**GOD**/*God*, don’t know nearly enough. The arrogance of believers like that is what makes religion so unappealing to today’s atheists and agnostics, to say nothing of how it makes today’s believers feel about one another! Who’d want to believe in **GOD** if you only look only at the way believers believe and behave? No wonder the religious institutions can’t fill their halls without promising their congregants financial wealth through prayer.

When the Prophet made the claim, *“The punishment of the life to come shall be more terrible, if they but knew it”* he wasn’t proclaiming anyone’s innocence, anyone’s

¹⁷⁴ Lyric by Billie Holliday from her haunting 1941 song, “GOD Bless the Child.” Lyrics: “Them that’s got shall have; Them that’s not shall lose; So, the Bible says, and it still is news; Mama may have, and Papa may have; But GOD bless the child that’s got his own.”

accomplishments or anyone's guarantee of a place of honor in the "world to come." He was warning everyone; not just Jews; not just Christians; and his *words*, surely, weren't only recited for Muslim ears alone.

He was telling *you* to try to learn much more from your mistakes than previously revealed by them. But it still doesn't look like most people have gotten his message. Being Jewish, Christian or Muslim is no guarantee of anything. Do you really think you can simply proclaim your faith and the gates of "heaven" will open wide for you as though you were an honored, returning resident?

The word "professional" is greatly abused. A professional is someone who belongs to a group that monitors its own behavior. Engineering, insurance, the judicial system, law enforcement and medicine are professions that monitor themselves. And yet we've seen in all these professions that many professionals don't behave professionally. They need to be regulated by outside sources.

The same is the case with the Abrahamic faiths. They should be self-monitoring, but they're not. Not only do they need to be critiqued by one another; they need to be constantly monitored by **GOD**. There's no reason in the world to think that any of the Abrahamic faiths are doing a good enough job of self-monitoring to call themselves professional. JEWS aren't nearly wise enough to include gays. CHRISTIANS aren't nearly loving enough except in their love of money and power. And *Muslims* aren't nearly devoted enough to anyone, not even to one another.

The extremes of all three of these faiths behave like The Three Stooges.¹⁷⁵ (You really ought to watch an episode of the Three Stooges and consider Moe as the ultra-orthodox JEW; Larry as the rightwing CHRISTIAN; and Curly as the *Muslim* extremist. It may revitalize your opinion of slapstick comedy, to say nothing of how it'll improve your opinion of spirituality.

Until you realize that the way things are turning out for you is happening with good reason, you aren't going to get mad enough at yourself to do anything constructive about you. Waiting until you leave this world to express your grievances directly to **GOD** will be far too late. The challenge in changing your circumstances by bettering yourself may not be available to you in the "world to come." The best time to discuss these personal matters with **GOD** is now.

"God makes this comparison:

There are two men:

the one has many masters who are ever at odds among themselves;

the other has one master,

to whom he is devoted.

¹⁷⁵ American vaudeville and comedy act of the mid-20th Century that became very popular on TV in the 1960's. All three of The three Stooges were (of course) Jewish. It's been suggested that they made 190 episodes during their careers, and 40% of them included either Hebrew or Yiddish.

*Are these two to be held alike?
God be praised!
But most of them have no knowledge.”
[39:29-30]*

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the one has many masters who are ever at odds among themselves;
the other has **ONE MASTER**,
to whom he is devoted.
Are these two to be held alike?
GOD be praised!
But most of them have no knowledge.”

Those who claim to have only **ONE**, **ONE** or *One* **MASTER**, **MASTER** or *Master* are, by and large, hypocrites. They say there’s only **ONE GOD**, but they behave as though there were three gods running the universe, and two of them they call the devil. The man who doesn’t believe in **GOD** at all is oftentimes morally preferable to those who claim to be his, **HIS** or *His* only true believer. How tiresome they all are!

Each of the Abrahamic faiths claims the other two believe in a false god. They each claim the other stories in the building are theirs, and that they have the right to walk through the ground floor whenever they please. They do nothing but fight over having to take the stairs to get in and out of the building. They take no responsibility for the common space. How is it, exactly, that you judge the truth of a man’s beliefs? Are these three to be held alike?

If you asked the Church at one time who the false believers were, they claimed it was the Jews and the Muslims. And if you later asked Protestants, they told you the false believers also included the Catholics. If you ask the *Muslims* today, many of them would say that the false believers are the **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Sunnīs* or *Shīites*. I’d say they’ve all been brainwashed by their clergy. I’d say none of them is trying hard enough to look for the truth.¹⁷⁶

Truly the Prophet is correct in stating that most of them have no knowledge. They lack an understanding of the metaphor of man as a tree of knowledge. They lack the knowledge to know that knowledge is food **GOD** gives us all in many forms, material and abstract. **HE** supplements that nourishment with spiritual drink {love}. And then we sit back afterwards to digest our earthly nourishment as though it were a given {without loyalty}.

¹⁷⁶ I really couldn’t give a damn if you wish to sleep with me, or not. But I do have to tell you candidly that those who don’t seek the truth, I find very unattractive. Why would you think a gay man like me couldn’t control himself when he gets a look at a man who knows only a little? Do you quench your thirst with a bottle or with the contents of that bottle?

Would that we consumed enough spiritual nourishment to know that **HE**'s devoted to feeding us all.

The man who has many masters is someone who believes in GOD, GOD or *God*. He prays to one of Them in his house of prayer. He works for Another, and he lives under the roof with his family with yet a Third. But the man who has **ONE MASTER** to whom he's devoted prays, works and lives under one spiritual roof. (And if he's smart, he grows a roof garden so as not to waste any inner space.) "Paradise" is closer than you think!

*"You (Muhammad), as well as they, are doomed to die.
Then, on The Day of Resurrection,
you (nonbelievers) shall dispute in your Lord's presence with one another."
[39:31]*

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Then, on the Day of Resurrection,
you (non-believers) shall dispute in your Lord's presence with one another."*

Try stopping what you're reading right now to imagine the humiliating nonsense that would have come out of your mouth on the day after you died if you hadn't read these **WORDS**. (My next paragraph will wait for you. There's no rush.)

None of us has consumed enough knowledge to know **GOD's** designs in its entirety. None of us has eaten enough of the fruits of our own tree of knowledge to know for sure what will happen to us after we die. It's easy to put your faith in Moses, Jesus or the Prophet Muhammad. It's harder to put your faith in yourself and then give any extra faith you have to **GOD**.¹⁷⁷ It's you who's going to face your death someday, and you're going to do so whether you have faith in **GOD**, or not.¹⁷⁸

On your deathbed, you may think about what you lived for. Some live to satisfy their hunger to enjoy life. Others, like me, live to use their appetites to overcome their low self-esteem. Others have little appetite for anything or anyone, and just do their best to get through life with as little pain and suffering as possible. They pretend to be busy, when, in truth, they have nothing yet to do. You first have to cross the starting line by finding something meaningful to do.

Once you know what your appetite for life is and where you have little appetite for life, you'll do a better job of determining the meaning of your life. Once you know what motivates you, you'll better understand why no two people were made quite the same.

¹⁷⁷ Capitalized because it includes Jesus or one of the other perceptions of **GOD**.

¹⁷⁸ For me, it's far more difficult to believe that Jesus was **GOD** in the flesh than it is to assume that *Allāh* is like **GOD**. I'm sure each person will discover his own prejudices in this matter.

Some people realize they're needy for love. Some discover they're needy for loyalty to a cause. A few feel they're in need of wisdom because that would substantially help them in achieving something they can't quite put into words.

Just because you understand why you're going in the direction you're going doesn't mean you always have the option of choosing to go in a different direction. But you always have the opportunity of coming to appreciate the privilege of being just who you are and where you're at. If you don't know exactly where you're going, or why, it would behoove you not to take terribly big steps in getting anywhere until you do. Slow down and cautiously regard everything and everyone around you.

I couldn't trust my opinions of others until I stopped pretending to feel good about everyone. When I discovered that I'm a far more flawed individual than I thought, it was actually a relief. I didn't have to lie to myself anymore about how I felt about others. I could admit that my heart was not my best friend. But by then I knew it was because of my unconscious desires.

*“Those who proclaim the truth,
and those who give credence to it -
they, surely, are the God fearing.
Their Lord will give them all that they desire.
Thus, shall the righteous be rewarded.”
[39:35]*

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and those who give credence to it -
they, surely, are the **GOD** fearing.
Their Lord will give them all that they desire.
Thus, shall the righteous be rewarded.”

Am I not **GOD** fearing enough for you because I'm gay or Jewish? If you can't reject your father's hateful opinions of others, how are you going to live in a world of people who are different from you? How are you going to determine falsehood from truth? Your father isn't always going to be there to tell you what to believe. He certainly can't influence you from his grave. The thoughts you have about him are you talking to you, not you talking to him. There are many who fear GOD/GOD/*God*, but there are few who fear **HIM** enough to live and let live if their father taught them to hate.

There's been an association made between GOD/GOD/*God* and collectivism that's in conflict with the ideas of individualism. We have people today who believe we all ought to follow the rules of *their* faith in order to be rewarded in accordance with their dogmas of faith. And they'll go out of their way to punish those who believe in individual rewards. **GOD** is watching us all, but we don't have to respond in lockstep. **HE** loves diversity. Look around you! Can you not see that? Learn to responsibly do as you please.

There are many CHRISTIANS in America and elsewhere who proclaim that CHRISTIANITY is under attack. Collectivism is what's under attack, not

CHRISTIANITY, nor Christmas. If you don't say what they say, they hate you. If you're an individual, you threaten their lifestyle and then they point fingers at *your* lifestyle. If you don't hate who they hate, they hate *you*.

*"We have revealed to you the book with the truth
for the instruction of mankind.
He that follows the right path shall follow it for his own good;
and he that goes astray shall do so at his own peril.
You are not accountable for them."
[39:40-41]*

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for the instruction of mankind.
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and he that goes astray shall do so at his own peril.
You are not accountable for them."*

"He that follows the right path shall follow it for his own good." He shouldn't follow the right path for everyone else's good. Nor should he promote his own path as the right path for anyone other than himself. Promoting the external truth isn't the whole truth. Truth is oppressive if it doesn't endorse the importance of you finding your internal, subjective truth. If you want to overcome autonomy, you're going to want to embrace freedom, liberty and emancipation from within. You're going to want to free yourself from yourself; not try to free other people from themselves your way. You're going to want to liberate your heart from your penis; not tell other people who they can and cannot have sex with. And you're going to want to emancipate your soul from the other three forces within you; not stumble through life as most today still do.

I don't believe you'll succeed in creating a state of grace without the model set by the State of Israel. But do as you please. You'll learn from *your* experiences if you can't learn from other people's.

He that goes astray shall do so at his own peril. To the extent that you get your desire to control others out of your mind, you'll be free to use your desires to control yourself. To the extent that you raise your self-esteem by yourself, you'll find that **GOD** has been by your side all along to help you believe in yourself for *your* sake, not so you'll believe in **HIM** for HIS/HIS/*H*is sake.

What difference does it make to **HIM** whether anyone believes in **HIM**? All **HE** wants is for you to believe in you. The more you can do that, the more you'll personalize your truth in a way that'll turn your life into a great mystery and adventure. Whether you use your belief in yourself to explore your belief in **GOD** is a personal decision. I doubt you'll offend **HIM** if you don't glorify **HIM**. But you'll, surely, offend you if you don't explore the potential for your belief in you.

Don't sell people on **GOD**. Don't promote **HIM**. **HE** isn't a product or a service for anyone to advocate other people use. So long as men treat **GOD** like a john uses a prostitute that they highly recommends to others, they'll continue to behave like a pimp for their girl. Believe me, the attitude of usury of the hyper-religious is obvious, and more and more people are getting fed up with having to look at the bad example they give children. Their manner is perverse. They're obviously confusing **GOD** with Santa Claus, a hustler, whore-monger or flesh-peddler.

Look at the homeless. They, surely, offend themselves, but they don't seem to care. Do you want to look spiritually like them? Help them if you think you can; but help yourself regardless. You're not going to be here forever. You might as well leave with *your* dignity intact. What else can you take with you?

If people want to get fat, should you let them? If they want to take drugs, should you allow them to indulge themselves? If they want to have abortions or kill themselves, should you turn a blind eye? If they want to eat out of garbage cans, should you create garbage can's without lids? These are questions we can answer if we focus on issues rather than PRINCIPLES.

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The paths of institutionalized religions are useful in getting across the figurative hills and dales before their congregants face the real mountain. But there comes a point for the spiritual individual when he's so near the summit that he can see the people coming to the top from many directions. And they all have perspectives on the panorama they saw as they were climbing to the top that'll be vastly different from one another's.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam have hugely different views of life that only begin to merge for those who've trudged a very long time to get the perspective they now have. The rest see themselves as on a collective journey surrounded by like-minded people who confirm that they're right and all other mountain climbers are wrong.

But every person's truth is becoming increasingly isolated, provincial and exclusive in the modern world. In the end, you're not going to be accountable for anyone's opinions other than your own.

The institutional paths to truth and faith may only serve you for part of your journey in the 21st Century. You may have to make the last push to the top of your summit on your own. Your relationship to **GOD** will then become much more individual, personal and private. And it may become profoundly more important to you as you forge your way with yourself by yourself. It's no longer the dogma of your faith or **philosophy** that becomes of interest to those of us who are striving to become wise, loving and loyal. It's the joy you bring to your life that others may still be thirsting for.

*"God takes away men's souls upon their death,
and the souls of the living during their sleep.
Those who are doomed He keeps with Him,
and restores the others for a time ordained.
Surely, there are in this signs for the thinking man."*
[39:42-43]

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and the souls of the living during their sleep.
Those who are doomed **HÆ** keeps with **HIM**,
and restores the others for a time ordained.
Surely, there are in this signs for the thinking man.”

Those who are doomed are those who hate being alive because of a past they refuse to live through a second time from a second place in inner space. Many of them love the idea of being reborn, but they hate the idea of having to go through weaning, teething and their first orgasm again figuratively. They’ve lost their desire to grow their imagination. They’ve lost sight of the cave in their mountain. They wander the world exposed to materialism without metaphor, symbolism and simile to make meaning out of the world around them. They’re vacuous and empty. “*Those who are doomed HÆ keeps with HIM.*” “Heaven” is now, surely, filled with billions of eternal babies crying out for their mommy. (You don’t want to go “there.”)

Those who are doomed are those who hate being alive because of a past they refuse to live through a second time from another place in inner space. Many *Muslims* love the idea of destroying Israel. But they hate the idea of having to be expelled from their home and live like an immigrant in a foreign land. They can see only what they see in the dark cave of their imagination. They’re vacuous and empty. “*Those who are doomed HÆ keeps with HIM.*” “Heaven” is, surely, filled with billions of eternal children crying out for their daddy. (You don’t want to go there, either.)

GOD takes away the souls of the living during their sleep. Those who yearn for greater meaning to their life look at their dreams as a man looks in a lake. They see a mirror of the world above them and around them. They see possibilities. They use their dreams to motivate themselves to look more deeply into their actions and motivations. They use their dreams as metaphors, symbols and signs of what **GOD** is subtly telling them, to make them into thinking men who contemplate the meaning of their life deeply.

The modern man knows he needs time to reboot every night as though he were a cell phone or computer. He knows he needs to download new apps to enhance his spiritual understanding of himself. He’s not living in a world of parchment on scrolls or black books in hotel rooms that nobody reads. The modern man scrolls up and down on his computer using virtual knowledge as his guide. The modern man knows he’s a living scroll, not just a good book. He knows he’s a spirit in an amazing **GOD**-given vehicle he’s learning to operate a little better day by day.

*“If the wrongdoers possessed all the treasures of the earth
and as much besides,
they would gladly offer it to redeem themselves
from the harrowing scourge on The Day of Resurrection.”*
[39:47]

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Why wouldn't you do everything in your power to learn more about **GOD's** designs if it'd make your life better and the seven relationship with yourself more intimate? Why would you wait to change your ways if you had good reason to do otherwise? Is anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, homophobia or misogyny so precious to you that you won't let them go even though they weigh you down, sinking you deeper into a living “hell” on Earth? Or, do your outer circumstances so completely beguile you into thinking the riches you should greedily amass can only be attained in the “world to come?” You may be completely consumed with business as usual.

If you look at these concerning forms of prejudice more personal anti-Semitism has to do with defiling your mind; anti-Zionism with how defiling your soul; and homophobia {y} and misogyny {x²} with how defiling your desires. The problem lies in your heart. Your feelings for you are repressive and, therefore, vindictive.

The Prophet tried to frighten his followers into giving up wrongdoing, but hunger and greed motivated them then, and hunger and greed still motivate them today. Some people are so hungry for what they want that they can't see how their appetites are keeping them from what they want. As though drinking seawater, the hyper-religious too often die of spiritual thirst. Like thirsty trees, they suck out all the water from the ground within them, and then they topple over.

GOD is our **ROCK**. We must wrap our roots around ourselves to experience **HIM**. **HE** knows what we want, and **HE** knows how we're trying to get what we think we want, because **HE** knows how **HE** made us. It's we who don't realize how we're made. We try to use hatred, prejudice, judgment and negative opinions to validate our desires. But **HE** wisely projects much of that negativity out onto the world rather than make us experience all of it internally.

Watch people cross the street. Watch them drive. Watch them in line. They're greedy for time. They can't save enough seconds to make their life worth a little more to them. The few seconds they save are precious to them because they're greedy for the one thing that slips through their fingers more easily than love or money. They're desperate for more time.

But what would people do with more time if they had it? How would they spend it? What good is one more second of life if you don't know what to do with it?

The answer to the preciousness of time lies in self-comforting. If you can't respond to each and every thought that comes to mind, what good are you? If you can't comfort the crying baby within, what good is time and money? There's a screaming infant inside of you that can't be consoled. You're in “hell” and all you want is out of it.

*“When evil befalls man, he calls out to Us;
but when We vouchsafe him a favor from Ourselves,*

*he says,
'It is my due.'
By no means!
It is but a test:
yet most of them do not know it."
[39:49-50]*

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“THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH” [Matthew 5:5], maybe because no one else wants it... The aggressive want to fight their way into “heaven” and use their earthly trophies as evidence that “heaven” is their due. Only those who’ve been repressed, oppressed or physically wounded learn to value their self-esteem as they make their way through pain and suffering. They use their experiences to raise themselves up rather than to put others down.

*“Could I but live again,
I would lead a righteous life.'
For God will say to him,
'Yes, indeed. My revelations did come to you;
but you denied them."
[39:57-58]*

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The Muslims of the Middle East are running to Germany for righteousness. Isn't that the greatest irony of the past 100 years from a Jewish perspective!... They're running to the grandchildren of Nazis to learn the secret of atonement that they can't yet put into *words*. It's not only safety and a future for their children that they want. It's something much

greater: a future after life. They want to learn how to go from the children and grandchildren of Jew killers to a **GOD**-fearing people.

Do you really think the Germans have the answer they're looking for? They're lost in syndromes of their own. Do they look to you like the most comforting people on Earth? The Muslims will be disappointed. The Germans, like their *Muslim* brothers and sisters, will fail them. There is no rest for the wicked. They only band together to conspire against gays or Jews, or both. Watch and see.

Who could **GOD** have directed Muslims to who could better teach them to fear HIM/**HIM**/*Him* than the Germans? But neither the Muslims nor the Germans will succeed without American, spiritual ingenuity. **GOD** works in mysterious ways. Would that more Americans knew it.

*"God is the creator of all things,
and of all things He is the guardian.
His are the keys of the heavens and the earth.
Those who deny God's revelations will, surely, be the losers."*
[39:63]

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You don't have to threaten people with the consequences of life after life when they can observe on the Internet the differences in the worldly blessings some nations and individuals are enjoying. Life for the Jews and Christians is relatively stable and promising compared to life for the Muslims in the Middle East these days. Contrast countries. Where would you prefer to live? Compare individuals. Who would you rather be? In the end, everyone ought to choose to be himself, but nobody does when the kid within starts screaming. Jealousy and envy abound despite what people tell you.

Those who deny **GOD's** revelations will, surely, be the losers. Those who deny *God's* revelations will, surely, be the losers. Surely, if you have enough education to read the Quran, you have enough intelligence to figure out what it says.

It's not hard for people as smart as you and me to be good, do what's right and become better. It's only hard for us to be evil, do the wrong thing and feel that we're getting worse. It's up to each one of us to learn about the differences in these words from within, so we can warn ourselves in the future. We don't need institutions of faith warning us. The struggle to attain righteousness is personal. Only **GOD** can help us.

Think of your desires as like a cow's utter. One teat is like the physical penis you have that hangs down, tempting you to connect with all others in the flesh. The other three teats represent all that tempts you to be good, do what's right and strive on daily basis to become better. Kindness could flow out of man like milk from an utter if he could only use the similes *God* gave him in the Quran.

*"You have been warned,
you and those who have gone before you,
that if you worship other deities besides God,
your works will come to nothing
and you will, surely, be among the losers.
Therefore, serve God and render thanks to Him."
[39:64-65]*

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Therefore, serve **GOD** and render thanks to **HIM**."*

You can't escape your fate by converting to Judaism, Christianity or Islam. You can't escape your fate by pretending to be gay or straight. **GOD** will find you wherever you are. Your innermost thoughts reveal your truth to us, to say nothing of what they could reveal to you about your feelings for you if you bothered to listen to yourself. "**GOD** sees all and knows all."

Your responsibility to you goes beyond your faith, gender or lifestyle. **GOD** knows what's in your heart. **HE** knows what you really believe about yourself. **HE** knows what your penis or clitoris is whispering to you. Do you? And if you do, what are you going, or not going, to do about it? That'll make all the difference to your "life everlasting," if you care.

Most believers would kill *GOD/GOD/God* if they could lay their hands on *HIM/HIM/Him*. They hate *HIM/HIM/Him* with every fiber in their body. But they cleverly project that hatred onto scapegoats, most commonly gays and Jews. But they're always looking around for a fresh, new scapegoat to relieve themselves of their guilt if their guilt should come too close for comfort. If it weren't the gays and Jews, there'd be no end to the scapegoats the hyper-religious would have created by now. But their war on *GOD/GOD/God* may very well be everlasting if they don't wake up.

*“Then the trumpet will be blown again
and they shall rise and gaze around them.
The earth will shine with the light of her Lord,
and the book will be laid open.
The Prophets and the witnesses shall be brought in,
and all shall be judged with fairness;
none shall be wronged.
Every soul shall be recompensed according to its deeds,
for He best knows all that they did.”*
[39:68-70]

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Granted, there's more about “heaven” that needs to be brought down to Earth before everyone will be able to make his dreams come true. But life in the West can be very pleasant if you try to be good. The Judeo-Christian combination of wisdom and love has been very successful since the Christians decided to work with us, Jews, rather than against us. Just imagine what we could do together if we were willing to learn all about **GOD's** loyalty to our moral development! Imagine the contributions Islam could make if they were ready to join the Jews and Christians in the 21st Century.

What we need now is a greater sense of loyalty to the planet, to humanity and to ourselves. Therein lies the potential for man that the Prophet is referring to in this passage. *“The prophets and the witnesses shall be brought in, and all shall be judged with fairness; none shall be wronged.”* In other words, everyone's good point of view shall become a means to a better tomorrow. Every soul shall be recompensed according to its *good* deeds, for **HẼ** best knows all that they did and didn't do for themselves. **GOD** will judge us on our ability to have brought more of “heaven” down to Earth, not on our ability to recreate “hell” on Earth for those we felt were beneath us.

*“You shall see the angels circling about the throne,
giving glory to their Lord.
They shall be judged with fairness,*

*and all shall say,
'Praise be to God,
Lord of the universe!'*
[39:75]

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giving glory to their Lord.
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and all shall say,
‘Praise be to **GOD**,
Lord of the universe!’”

If you think you're already an angel circling about **GOD's** throne, giving glory to your Lord, take a closer look at your participation in your inner world. Do you really believe you can know yourself, love yourself and express loyalty to yourself without doing something very special and personal that **GOD** wishes to teach you to do *with* others, rather than *for* them? Who do you think you are; **GOD's** one and only gift to humanity?

You can raise your self-esteem by yourself, or you can, instead, try to raise your esteem of the Lord. To raise your self-esteem, you're going to want to develop a very personal relationship with you that no one else can share. And that may take a great deal of Eastern **philosophy** in addition to knowledge of Western faiths. The throngs of people are all within you. Even if you've gone halfway round the world to discover the purpose of the Abrahamic faiths, you'd still only be halfway there.

To raise your esteem of the Lord, you've had to witness the **WORDS** of Jesus, the visible man, from your soul. Now, you can finally say that you've gotten out of your heart and soul without debasing your mind or your desires. Perhaps you can now see why Christianity has had such a hard time getting people into their heart, and why Islam has had such a hard time getting people out the other side of it into their conscience.

You've now married yourself for better or worse, in sickness and in health, till death at which time you will part, leaving you for **YOU**.

Reverse Glossary of Sacred Quotations

This makes it possible for you to see if a favorite quote or topic from Scripture
is discussed in Books Three and Four.

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The Inverted U Turn of Life

Below you'll find a diagram of life as inner compass given to you to use as though it were a tabletop mountain. Instructions for assembling this working model of spirituality are located on the next page.

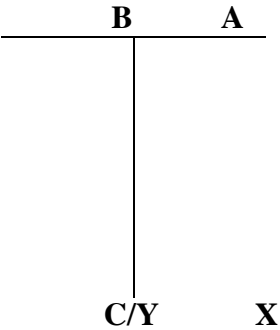
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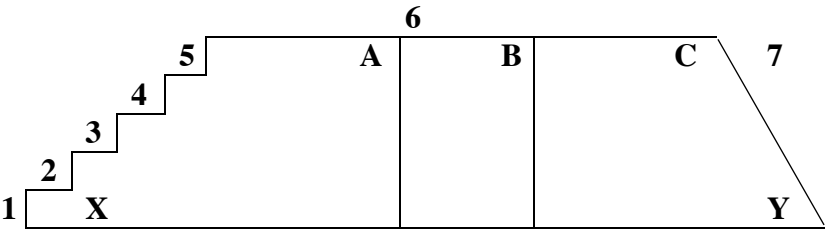
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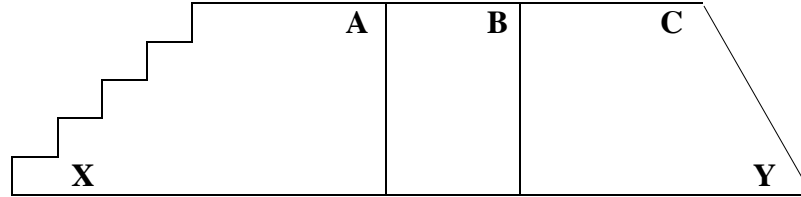


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2: Ages 3-12	Childhood	Cain and Abel
1: Ages 0-2	Infancy	Adam and Eve

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. Your world become 3D. But in doing so a fear of going South, running out of time and dying occurs. 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**. In middle age you're pointed West. looking at "Evil/Sunset/Aging/Darkness/Denial/Death" and, ultimately, death. You may even have a middle life crisis that makes you wonder whether life has any meaning at all. Your life may become meaningless and your questions too profound for you to answer.

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 in youth to the top of the tabletop summit in middle age will bring you back down in the direction you came from in old age. After the age of 70, the path you're taking down the mountain should parallel the path you took up it in youth. But what you saw on your right going up (East) is now on your left. And what you now see in old age in the West is on your right.

What was an outer mountain is now an inner path you took up, around and back down the mountain of life. You can change directions at any time to look at life from differing points of view. And older people can understand younger people and empathize with their journey. Even though seniors are basically going South {down} and youngsters are going North {up}, they can compare notes on life from a wholly human perspective. There's no need to judge from a place of inferiority or superiority. Your journey from birth to death can figuratively end side by side one another if you're lucky enough to be blessed with long life. So learn all you can while you can.