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I dedicate Books Five and Six to:

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Michelangelo danced with GOD.¹

¹ A gay-Christian artist who could smirk like a Jew, smile like a Christian and frown like a Muslim because he could purse his lips like every other human being on Earth. He worked harder than most people to express himself fully.

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Books Five and Six

Sky:

How to Believe in Yourself

Surah 40-69

Orthographic Key

GOD, GOD and <i>God</i>	GOD
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In these books, I'm normalizing WORDS I previously used to describe **GOD**, such as our "**TEACH~~ER~~**" and "**DOCTO~~R~~**," by writing them "Teacher" and "Doctor." I think you've succeeded in universalizing these concepts and are ready to now go back to seeing them written as they normally would be, while being able to maintain the universal concepts that your imagination has been stretched to visualize with greater depth.

Books Five and Six are the main course of the meal.
when you complete this portion of the meal,
you will have what you need to ordain yourself a spiritual emissary of the Lord.

Introduction to *Sky*

Life is a tabletop mountain. When you're aged 0-39 you're like a Jew. You're on your way up facing solid rock at all times. Only when you make a conscious effort to look behind you, do you see the magnificent view of where you've come from. Youth and, by extension, Torah, is about your love of life.

When you're aged 40-69 you become like a Christian. You're at the top of the mountain looking out on the world without anything getting in the way of your view. Only when you make a conscious effort to look down, do you see the magnificent view of everyone. Middle age and, by extension, the Gospels, is about your love of life "after" life.

But when you're aged 70+ you become like a Muslim. You're on your way down and the solid rock is what you depend on for firm footing. Only when you make a conscious effort to look out, do you see the magnificent view of yourself. Old age and, by extension, the Quran, is about your love of death and the mystery of dying.

One of the mysteries of the inverted U turn we take in life is that brings us back down the same way we came up is that it defies the convention of North as good and South as bad. There comes a point in the life of a seeker when s/he senses going the opposite way everyone else is going – and with good reason.

People who insist on continuing North all their life become "hell-bent." They have no use for a world where there is inconsistency, a need for faith and paradox. They become like lemmings. They go over the cliff. They never want to turn West toward the setting sun. And they certainly don't want to turn left again in older age and have to go South. They're afraid of meeting their Maker. They're afraid of facing **GOD**.

The great irony of life is that man always thinks of "heaven" as going North and "hell" as going South. And that's true while you're young and inexperienced. But the mystery of this inverted U turn creates the opposite experience for those who've lived a life of self-inquiry. For them, going South is associated with "heaven," and going North is associated with the "hell" they've already been through that they don't ever want to have to go through again.

But all three of these perceptions of the tabletop mountain and the inverted U shaped path each of us takes up, around and back down the mountain are merged together in male orgasm. The penis goes up. The penis goes in. And then the penis comes out and goes back down. Then you light a cigarette, have something to eat or turn over and go to sleep.

Female orgasm, I assume, is 'O' shaped. I've been given the impression that it's like an unbroken circle with a celebration when you get back to the starting point before you retrace the circumference.

Now that you're a genius who loves life and have committed yourself to yourself for a lifetime, you should have known that the answer to the meaning of JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY and *Islam* was greater appreciation of what **GOD** stands for.

If we'd only given a little more credit to Jews, Christians and Muslims, there wouldn't be the backlash of foolishness, hatred and mean-spiritedness that always raises its ugly head in every generation. If we'd commended ourselves for all that we've all done for the world in the past, we could ask ourselves what we're doing personally and still plan to do for the world in our effort to continue in our noble traditions.

Books Five and Six are more like librettos than books. For maximum benefit they shouldn't be read out loud. It should be sung inside. If you don't read my words like musical notes, you're going to find it prosaic and boring. My interpretation of the Quran is pure poetry. But you should sing most of it to yourself to hear the symphony I composed for you.

Some rabbis say that you shouldn't even begin to study Torah until the age of 40. Their reasoning is that you need 40 years of wandering through the desert of external reality before you're ready to enter the "paradise" within you. They imply that it takes that much time and experience to begin your struggle with GOD in becoming wise.

I don't agree, although I do think it takes mistakes made, accounted, apologized and repented for before you're going to get permission from GOD to get to know yourself intimately.² But you can learn how to play with yourself as though you were a musical instrument if you want to learn to sing inside. You don't have to be pitch perfect to love the one you're with.

Jesus obviously didn't need to wait 40 years to study Torah. HE died at the age of 33 having, in my opinion, mastered it. And HE moved on. The Prophet wrote the Quran gradually over a period of approximately 23 years, beginning on December 22nd 609 C.E., when he was 40 years of age, concluding it in 632, the year of his death. But it would surprise me if those rabbis who say you need 40 years of experience before you can open Torah to the truth based their opinion on the actions of the Prophet.

Since modern man is so much more precocious than his distant ancestors, it makes sense that he'd begin the exploration of the self earlier in life and would continue well past the age of 63 {the age when the Prophet died}. Today, self-intimacy is something we develop while growing up, not just when growing old.

I chose to end Book Four with the 39th surah and begin this book with the 40th surah called "*The Wind*," with the understanding that each surah signifies a year of my life.³ These two books end with the 69th surah, a propitious time in life when a man finally realizes, without a doubt, that there's no turning back and, paradoxically, that he must turn back. He's headed for old age and death whichever direction he goes. I'm only 67 now, but I can already see where I'm going. (I'm going back to my birth to die. I'm figuratively going back to my entrance to leave the same way I came.)

² There are two words for the verb "to know" in Hebrew. לָאִכִּיר {LA-AKIR} means to recognize, make out or meet. The word לָדַעַת {LADA-AT} means to perceive, understand or grasp. To know someone "in the Biblical sense of the WORD" implies sexual knowledge of that person. This concept employs the verb LADA-AT in Hebrew. I'm using the word "know" to convey the idea of psychological knowledge of yourself that also includes sexual knowledge. Until you reached puberty, you couldn't know yourself in the Biblical sense of the WORD. In coming to know yourself physically and psychologically lies the essence of sex and intimacy. This is what produces an inner child that won't intentionally hurt himself or kill himself, an inner child you can raise all the way to adulthood.

³ Although Moses died at the age of 120; Jesus died at 33; and the Prophet died at 63 – it's no longer inconceivable that modern man lives to the age of 114, the number of surahs in the Quran. (I happened to begin my studies of the Quran at the age of 63, the age the Prophet died.)

The 39th year of the wandering of the Israelites is described in the fourth book of Torah, במדבר, {BAMIDBAR “The Book of Numbers”}, which translates as {in the desert}. It’s at about this time in one’s own journey that many people seem to realize that they’re moving in a new direction toward a new, second beginning: middle age. They’re coming close to an inner land more beautiful and bountiful than the desert of infancy and meadows of childhood where they previously wandered in circles.

Consider your life as a tabletop mountain:

0-39	Youth	Ascent
40-69	Middle Age	Plateau
70+	Old Age	Descent

In psychological terms, you might call 40 your first, midlife crisis because you experience the plateau of the tabletop mountain. But that should be something the young look forward to with anticipation of a hopeful view they must, by now, surmise they can’t yet see without a well-developed imagination. Once you’ve arrived onto the plateau, you can see much further in every direction.

There would have been no way for me to put my inner experiences {past, present and future} into hopeful words that are meaningful to me without the Scriptures of Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad. In Islamic terminology, I’d call middle age the sensation of *God’s* wind at my back. So far, *His* wind has been of great help to me.

The wind whistles through the trees, shaking the leaves individually and collectively. “Wind” represents the invisible fingers of *God*. *God’s* wind whistles through the branches of a man’s spiritual tree, shaking his thoughts and dislodging his fruitful desires that then fall to the ground making them easy to retrieve.

A man may try to be fruitful by multiplying himself through career, children, family, friends, money, social security and/or wives. But he never knows when a whirlwind will form in his sky or what damage it may do. By the age of 40, the truth of that potential reality is firmly lodged in the bones of his being.

Islam is a faith full of signs. And all signs of **GOD** are as mysterious as the wind at your back or the tempest in your face. In questioning where the wind is coming from, whether it’s coming toward you or from behind you, lies a secret beyond the institution of your faith.

How can you more fully believe in **GOD** if **HE**’s not challenging you in ways you cannot fathom? Knowledge and love are, therefore, keys to devotion. And together the three form the foundation for the “heavenly” reward you may be seeking.

A sense of grounding in material matters will give you the intellectual understanding you need to appreciate **GOD**’s design. Your ability to swim like a fish through your feelings will help you love yourself, even if you suffer through **HIS** design at those times when your heart is broken and your feelings seem to be pouring out like a waterfall. But your ability to fly like a bird on the wings of the wind will give you an experience of life that’s entirely different. Therein lies *God*.

Together, you'll achieve hope for all your tomorrows. This is why I think everyone ought to develop faith in himself before he professes to have faith in **GOD**.

Moses gave us awareness of GOD's rainbow of promises. Jesus was the rainbow of hope in the flesh. But the Prophet Muhammad makes it clear that the darkness in man must be pierced with the light of the rainbow that arches up in his soul if he's to find faith in the **ONE**, and only, universal **GOD**. Therein lies all hope.

The titles and subtitles of these seven books describe the progression of this revelation as I experienced it as a movement from my head through my heart to my soul and, from there, down into my genitals. This is the meaning of **LAND**, **SEA**, **Sky** and **Flames**.

In this, these fifth and sixth books, we're going to look at power from yet a third place in inner space. What most straight men don't understand (or want to ponder) is that their inner power is best compared to anal sex. When GOD said that it would be an abomination for a man to sleep with another man as with a woman, HE was opening a can of worms.⁴

Some men like to fu[screw]ck people over. They want to hurt or kill people with a pain they figuratively create with their penis that literally penetrates others' internal cavity until they're physically crippled or dead. Other men like to fu[screw]ck people over with the humiliation they can create using the bowel they figuratively expel onto them. They either like to fu[screw]ck people over to prove how hard "it" {their penis} is. Or, they like to degrade others to prove how dirty "it" {their anus} is.

And then they like to parade around family and friends, implying that their penis is longer, wider and harder than anyone else's, and their bowel movements are smellier and more disgusting than anyone else's. They think that all these figurative expressions of their power prove that their penis is better; the potency of their semen, greater; and the reason for having an anus, more reviling than anyone can imagine. It's common. It's unpleasant. But it's true.

(It's easy to say that men are animals, but no animal behaves like that. Animals aren't egotistical. **GOD** made wild animals to spiritually mirror the ego of man. Men such as I just described are hunting and killing off animals in the wild to show **GOD** what they really think of **HIS** signs. But animals are just for practice. They're coming after all of us.)

If you think badly of gay men who enjoy anal intercourse, you should be more incensed at how perverse the straight men around you are who sodomize one another figuratively and spitefully. Most of these "wise" guys prefer to do what they do while in denial of their motives so as to think that they're innocent of crimes against their own humanity. Because they're only a pain in the butt to others figuratively, they think they've eluded **GOD**'s system. (Perhaps now you can see why so many women and children have come to love gay men so much more than many straight men. We go out of our way to be a pain in the

⁴ In painting you a verbal picture of a can of worms, I'm presenting a visual clue that should remind you of a toilet bowl {can} full of newly born serpents and worms {bowel}; a proverbial "nest of snakes."

backside to willing, adult partners literally, not in figurative ways that are destructive, demeaning or deadly.)

Male domination and power plays have been going on since the beginning of time, and this kind of demonstration of power has become a pain in the anus for a lot of people. Men who want power usually want to inflict pain and retribution with it. And men who want to be the recipients of more power than they have may squirm, bellow and bawl to others about how much it hurts to be humiliated under a bully's control. But they often get mysteriously quiet and respectful when in the presence of their abusers {male or female}. Whether you think that's because of fear or masochism depends on what you think of sodomy.

Whether or not you think you think with the brains GOD gave you, by the age of 40 you'll have discovered for yourself that your head can, on occasion, be found lodged firmly up your backside. Not only have you thought about how to achieve power by going about it all wrong. But what has come out of your mouth has, at times, been fouled because of the general environment your thoughts were emanating out from; your anus, not your mouth. You had it all ass backwards, and so you screwed yourself over.

No one knew this about others better than Jesus. They made HIM carry HIS own cross, and then they nailed HIM to it to punish HIM for not using HIS head as they used their penis and anus. {In other words, they didn't care for the idea of HIM coming to them from HIS heart.} They nailed HIS hands and feet to a cross so HE couldn't run away or fight back, and then they put a crown around the hole they presumed HE had in HIS head and poured insults and ridicule into it until HE cried out *their* doubts about GOD's design. {"LORD, WHY HAS THOU FORSAKEN ME?" Psalms 22:1, "LORD, WHY HAS THOU FORSAKEN ME?" Matthew 27:46} ⁵ And many straight men have been figuratively crucifying gay men, women and children ever since.

It should be no surprise that the churches are filled with many more women than men. Who would understand crucifixion better than a woman or a child? It should also be no surprise that the Catholic church has been run in large part by male homosexuals {not gay men} for many centuries; homosexuals who've used their power to herd the masses using an abuse of power.

Who'd better understand and be able to describe the essence of raw power than gay men? The only difference that separates me from the homosexual priests in the Catholic church is my moral behavior toward myself. Everything emanates out from there.

Men who like filling the hole in their head with information have been called "nerds" on the school quad. The child who loves his parents and/or teachers for helping to fill that hole in his head, may often feel misunderstood by "dorks" who have a similar hole in their heart that they yearn to have filled. But because there are still so many bullies who are unconsciously covetous of what the nerds and dorks have learned to do with their head and heart, respectively, they aren't yet fully aware of what *they've* got that they're missing.

The bullies are only focused on the hole in your behind and how they can abuse it to express their power. The bullies want to express their power from behind. They're the real

⁵ I recommend you read Psalm 22 at the back of Book Six. The above quotation is the first line of this Psalm as spoken by Jesus in a symphony of WORDS to GOD that you might now view differently.

sodomites. But since they can't literally penetrate themselves with their own penis, they figuratively screw others over, instead. That's perversion!

Teachers love to accommodate the desire to learn by teaching their pupils as much as they can while making the process pleasant and agreeable. And so long as teachers don't cross the line sexually or manipulatively, we should admire them for filling the holes in the nerds' heads and dorks' hearts with knowledge and life lessons of love that these kids will take with them from start to finish.

Learning about yourself has always been, and will always be, a bit edgy, frowned upon and out of the mainstream. For bullies with a tiny hole in their head and heart, learning feels like a huge violation. It feels more like sodomy. They resist it at every turn. It feels unnatural to them.

But if bullies have nerds and dorks in their life who are good at what they do, bullies can be taught to relax into learning. It can even become morally pleasant over time. It can teach them how to achieve the raw power they really yearn for.⁶

Learning is the union of intellectual, emotional and spiritual intimacy without biological proximity. Learning is like sex with a man, even if you're learning from a woman. Learning is like sodomy. And until you get over your prejudice of sodomy, you're going to continue to see children reject school, embrace drugs and carry a gun instead of embracing all people, places, languages and cultures.

Learning requires the humility to admit you don't know, mixed with the desire to know. When you see someone resisting learning something new about himself, you should pull out of your effort to penetrate him with the life giving force in you. Fear of anal penetration is the root of all ignorance, while humility is the lubricant of all learning.

The Prophet Muhammad was straight. He experimented a great deal sexually, but so far as we know, only with women. And yet, when it came to learning from the Archangel Gabriel, he was figuratively a happy bottom...

Sadly, JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* only want to be tops even though it thrills them to figuratively screw men, women and children over and even kill them like animals. Therefore Jews, Christians and Muslims today have a lot to learn about their own power if they're going to discover the secret to becoming self-taught.

No one can sit around anymore waiting for an angel to come along to teach him all he needs to know. Those days are over. If you're old enough to produce semen, you're old enough to teach yourself humbly. If you're old enough to lubricate your brains with that viscous, thick, sticky and semifluid substance called "humility," you'll create the internal friction you need to enjoy learning about you. {It shouldn't scare you out of your wits to learn a few unpleasant things about yourself each day along the way. Everyone has a hard time figuratively penetrating himself in this way.}

Men who think they're dumb and incapable of learning new skills may have to seek alternate challenges in the external world. But learning from yourself never has to be a rough and unpleasant experience. It's only when your imagination hasn't been sufficiently

⁶ I didn't have many learning partners or teachers growing up who made learning about *me* fun. I felt I needed to be competitive and secretive to counter the disrespect I anticipated and then often seemed to receive from others. What's a nerd or dork to do when surrounded by bullies? {He becomes secretly sexual to try to discover the power bullies are obsessed with expressing with physicality unlawfully.}

developed that you become a tight ass. Just remember that humility is the only lubricant that will open you up to new possibilities. You never fail when attempting to be humble.

I like to train people how to think for themselves. I don't train them to please me sexually. (I have a boyfriend for that.) The purpose of my efforts isn't to teach you to sexualize me. It's to teach you how to sexualize yourself for the sake of learning.

Although some men want to prove that their shmucks {missiles} are long enough to screw-over enemies who are thousands of miles away, they find it literally impossible to penetrate themselves with "it." Your fully erect penis can't go into your own anus. And because all men were made in GOD's image in this way, it's almost as difficult to teach ourselves as it is to screw ourselves literally. Our life-giving semen was made to be delivered to the world. It has to be literally given away externally while, at the same time, figuratively internalized so that we can benefit from our life-giving substance from ourselves for ourselves. That's a lot to think about!

Although there isn't a man on Earth who doesn't know the taste of his own semen, I doubt there's a man on Earth who's been able to ejaculate into his own anal cavity either. When we screw ourselves over, we do it figuratively, and then we refuse to make the connection to what's happening around us, within. And yet, it should be noted, that if I hadn't learned how to "give" it to me, I'd never know what I now know.⁷

If you want to learn how the Prophet learned how to learn, you're going to want to entertain the idea that life isn't only a public school. It's a private school, too. You're going to want to let others teach you some things, and you're going to have to teach yourself the rest.

But if you're not willing to discuss learning using sex as a teaching tool, you're a prude. {It wasn't until I was in my 50's that I overcame my embarrassment about speaking about such matters with me! And it wasn't until I was in my 60's that I could talk about such matters with others.}

Some people dislike me because I've penetrated myself so deeply and successfully that I've conceived an inner child. These people see in me a family man who's very happy with his life, and they're consumed with hatred, jealousy and envy because they don't think they can achieve what I have. It's not the gays or the Jews who disgust them. They're disgusted with themselves because they're barren in a way that I'm blessed. I'm fruitful in a way that they can't yet conceive of.

Men have been using negative words to describe women since the beginning of time. Whites have been calling blacks derogatory names for centuries. CHRISTIANS have been calling Jews "GOD-killers" for 2,020 years. And *Muslims* have been calling Jews "monkeys," "dogs" and "snakes" for 70 years, at the very least.

But when a gay-Jew comes along to describe hyper-religious men and women as imprisoned in a body that desires experiences that go beyond what their imagination is capable of envisioning, some of them break out of their prison of flesh and blood and take others with them. They literally end their life with an explosion {like an orgasm} that penetrates strangers in all the ways they can't yet penetrate themselves. They blow

⁷ I betrayed myself with drugs. And I paid for those empty thrusts and thrills with attempted suicide, mental institution incarcerations and such alienation from humanity that most of my life was a struggle just to get to the starting line. Now that I'm much closer to the end than the beginning, I have something to offer that I didn't have before.

themselves up for their “God’s” sake. And yet, other men and women who feel that way insist that I’m the pervert!

The sexual revolution in America has made Americans less like sheep and more like lions. Americans don’t bend over and take it up the ass when they’re being screwed-over. They turn around to gnash, claw and fight back.

But some of today’s lions are lying around in prides roaring without reason. Some of the white sheep huddle together in flocks in fear of black sheep. And some of the penguins slip and slide as though there were ice under their feet. It’s still an iceberg/ranch/jungle out there.

If you can marry yourself for better or worse early in life, in sickness and in health, you’ll be able to reach the age of 40 as excited about the plateau of middle age as the Prophet Muhammad was in receiving visitations from the Archangel Gabriel.

When I faced my guilt at metaphorically eating from my own tree, I was ready to call myself a rabbi who’d married himself.⁸ I could admit out loud that I’d previously betrayed me with self-vengeance. And I could resolve in loud (rather than out loud) to give a lot greater attention in the future to the “you” in me before I give consideration to the “you” in you.

This is a brief description of what I believe are the ego issues all people struggle with that are figuratively located in the prostate gland in men and the Skene’s glands in women. The ego is the awesome issue I’ll help you plummet from your soul.

Barry Emanuel Zeve

P.S. If you’re willing to open your soul to the Quran {the third place in Abrahamic inner space}, you’re going to want to appreciate the importance of learning about the spiritual foreplay {wisdom, love and devotion} that, combined with humility {the lubricant of learning} will make knowing you in the Biblical sense of the WORD/WORD/*Word* the most thrilling, experience of your whole life.

⁸ Conventional power is an externalization of personal power. Personal power in males is figuratively produced in the testicles and disseminated through the penis. To the extent that a man can be candid about the joys of sex, he can come to understand how he expresses power using his own special variation on that theme. The physical hole that runs from his mouth to his anus needs to be filled with food and drink to maintain his physical power. But that is a metaphor for the immaterial food he also needs in order to achieve emotional strength and spiritual power. To the extent that he can fill himself with the essence of himself, he can become powerful, influential to others and helpful to **GOD**.

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Surah 40
سورة غافر
The Believers

This surah focuses on the hypocrisy of those who say they're believers yet they argue and fight with other believers. Their heart and soul aren't responding to **GOD** as **HE** might ideally like them to.

It's easy to use your head to take the word of your "God" literally. But that's only the very first, baby step on the road to contemplating the **WORD** of **GOD** as it pertains to you personally. It's easy to believe in your **GOD/GOD/God**. It's hard to believe in our **GOD**.

The discrimination felt by women; people of color; gays; the sick and disabled; those in abject poverty and the Jews – is different from the discrimination decried by believers who feel their faith is under siege. Rosh Hashana, Christmas and Ramadan are under siege for those who are unconsciously under siege within themselves. And they're under siege because they believe Jews, women and/or gays threaten their way of life.

The ultra-orthodox refuse to sit together. They may all believe in the story of Noah and the Ark from Genesis or the Quran, but you can't get them to reboard that boat, personally. Then they scatter into small groups. For all the ways in which they want to go back to the way things were literally, they don't want to go back and learn how to take their Scripture figuratively. They refuse to eat together at the same table, especially on those days when they celebrate with their "God."

For me, it was one thing to feel I was being judged harshly because I'd been in the nursery school of life most of my life. It was another to walk through life asleep to my own best interests. I had to grow up or surely I'd have finally died at my own hands.

Interpreting Scripture figuratively is what the world is struggling to achieve. All the travel benefits of jets and the communication benefits of the Internet are wasted if you don't have an interest in seeking the big picture. And the worst offenders (those looking back toward the past with nostalgia) are, of course, the **JEWS** because they've been in this school the longest. Many want to recreate animal sacrifice on the Temple Mount. If they'd look forward instead of backwards, the **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* would have no choice but to look at what they're doing to themselves, too. If the **JEWS** took steps to embrace the modern age, the **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* would question their own behaviors in a heartbeat.⁹

Each generation is a gift from **GOD** brought into this world to attempt to bring greater justice and less mindless vengeance into our lives. And in this respect, we're all improving our inner selves individually, however slowly. When I find myself feeling particularly vindictive and vengeful, the best I can do is look to older, kinder tutors, as well as to history,

⁹ Man's defiance, cheekiness, chutzpah, contrariness, noncompliance and rebelliousness will always be used to corner women and minorities. Basically, if what you want is good for the gays and the Jews, you'll discover that you're doing what's right for you, too.

to help guide me. My allegiance to Judaism includes some allegiance to JEWS, even though they despise me and have thrown me out of their religious discussions simply because of my sexual orientation.

An atheist uses his conscience as his guide. An atheist does what he does to get ahead morally using the pain and pleasure principle. And many atheists I've known have found it pleasurable to be helpful, kind and loyal to themselves, and others. They also express great anguish when they discover they've hurt someone. That's what it means to have a conscience.

Any third grader can look down sanctimoniously at those in nursery school. It may appear he's covered a great deal of educational ground when he observes those who know less than him from the perspective of an elementary, school student who thinks he knows it all. But there's a lot more to learn about himself than a child has gleaned by the third grade.

JEWS are figuratively in the third grade. CHRISTIANS are figuratively in the second grade. And it's like the *Muslims* are in the first grade. And they all look down on gays and lesbians as being unteachable babies.

Gays and lesbians who believe in **GOD** don't look down on atheists or agnostics for being in nursery school. We don't look down on hyper-religious people for being in the first, second or third grade. We don't because we've been so reviled by others that we know how patronizing condescension and disdain feels.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* ought to admit to themselves that those of us in the LGBTQIA community who do believe, at the very least, in some of the attributes of their "Gods," are more spiritually knowledgeable than nonbelievers. Believers ought to, at least, give us credit for being in some sort of experience like a school with them, even if they're going to continue to fight over their religious "superiority" and "advanced" standing in their "God's" eyes.

Sooner or later, JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will have to admit that true believers, like themselves, aren't as morally astute as true believers who believe in ONE universal **GOD**. Despite differences in our sexual preferences, that which we all have in common are our wants {figuratively designated by our penis or clitoris}. We all want the same thing at the end of life: an easy death followed by a great reward. But the true believers think they've got that "reward" all wrapped up before they even get to the end of their life. Their dogma defeats their sense of curiosity.

Snakes don't have eye lids. They have a clear scaly membrane that covers their eyes. Snakes sleep with their eyes open. Man's desires are like snake eyes. His urges are always alert and aware of their surroundings. When you look at your penis like a snake and your prostate gland like the power pack that give your snake the muscle it needs to strike – the delivery system of your power is constructed upon an evolutionary need to be able to deliver the charge of your willpower as deeply and efficiently as you can. To accomplish this, impediments to your view such as eye lids are detrimental.

Whether you're guided by your conscience {as is the atheist} or guided by your penis, you surely haven't done nearly enough in life if you haven't tried to raise your self-esteem. If you have any doubts about your beliefs being right, you may feel the need to fill those

doubts, like holes in you, with dogmatic insistence that only you and your tribe alone can be right. This is the essence of fundamentalism. This is the fundamental cause of war.

If you can't internalize your struggle, you'll surely externalize it. But don't worry unduly about that. Many are learning your "language" and will, ultimately, succeed in communicating to you how your power could be delivered more constructively from the inside in before you strike out again at some others.

You can't love the Lord any more than you can love yourself. If you're really motivated to become a true believer, you're going to want to move toward GOD from the inside in before you attempt to exercise your spiritual power externally. You're going to want to take the risk of coming to know, love and become loyal to yourself. This will have a powerful effect on those who see themselves as your enemy. And in the process, you'll achieve what you're slowly coming to yearn to receive from you. This will even bring with it greater knowledge of GOD's designs.

You're a mystery you should want to solve. Only then will you be able to go before GOD with good reason to request a reward for a life well lived. As it stands, the presumption of innocence and victimization is the same claim by JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims, yet, we must all answer to the Highest Authority.

The meek, mild, gentle, lowly and humble shall inherit the Earth. But that will only happen slowly, generation after generation by those who earn their rewards by being fruitful and being blessed to multiply their most noble desires. Their children and grandchildren will then be able to position themselves to work for ever greater rewards thereafter. If you were GOD, would you want to any other way?

The religious extremists in the Abrahamic faiths are useful to us because, in many ways, they demonstrate what not to do. {But believe me, we're useful to them for the same reason.}

Life is a public school where you can learn from other people's unwillingness to cooperate with themselves. You can learn from their work habits. You can even learn from their test results.

Just don't put GOD first. Don't assume you're in a position to teach the Teacher. Don't take the attitude that you have something even GOD would want. Don't lecture others on humbling themselves before HIM/HIM/Hím. We don't deserve to suffer your wrath at having to be you. That only outrages us all the more. These are the worst mistakes you could make in trying to make your faith attractive to us after you've reviled us so. Only as you relinquish the position of moral superiority will you raise your self-esteem by earning a better reputation within yourself for yourself.

Making the externally rich richer is a "poor" man's goal. Making the internally rich richer is the goal that will make you rich if you're poor and richer if you're already rich.

The child who absorbs the hatred his parents modeled will suffer in his own way at some later point in life. This isn't a prediction. This is obvious to any student of history. The more impatiently you were taught, the more impatiently you'll probably teach yourself

at first. You can't assume your thoughts will be pure if they haven't been tempered by your feelings and beliefs. You only know what you know. You don't know what you don't know.¹⁰

Selective psychopathism describes the day in which we live. The serial killer has no compunction about killing, but he feels terribly guilty if he doesn't dispose of the bodies in the compost, not the recycle or garbage bin.

What we call "feelings" are like amalgamates of the iron and carbon that create steel under great heat. The more you know just how to mix your feelings with your urges, the more you'll find yourself with the mettle you need to build an inner edifice of great strength, durability and flexibility.¹¹

Your beliefs will lead you to conclusions that will make you all the more transparent to yourself. We all start out coming from our head. (GOD was much too smart to have given everyone a year-round home in his heart or soul.) We're all here to learn to share what we've learned about ourselves in contrast to where we first came from.

Tevye, the Jewish milkman in "Fiddler on the Roof" describes himself to the audience at the beginning of the musical by saying, "It's no shame to be poor. But it's no great honor either." It's no shame to be gay or Jewish, but these are no great honors, either.

The only people who think it's an honor to be Jewish are the JEWS. The only ones who think it's an honor to be Christian are the CHRISTIANS. And those who think it's an honor to be Muslim are the *Muslims*. And they all think it's dishonorable to be gay. But they don't have good things to say about those of other faiths, either.

Therefore the LGBTQIA community has had to work overtime to prove our worth to ourselves. Does this not yet appear to be a part of GOD's plan?

You can't assume your conscience is going to guide you in a righteous direction if you can't use your thoughts to develop all the alloys of mixed emotions you've tempered over time. Using only Torah, the Gospels or the Quran as your guide is a recipe for disaster. You might as well go back to living in a tent and shepherding sheep.

People today aren't sheep. Most sheep don't even want to admit they're like sheep because of all the dangerous wildlife in the urban jungle that lurks about and preys on them. Once you can see that you behave like a sheep at times, you'll be more motivated to shepherd yourself.

Most people today haven't been consciously taught how to live a modern life. They're very skilled at increasing their technical skills year by year, but very poor at associating those skills with the spiritual skills they need to be happy with themselves and content with those around them. Most muddle through life until they hit a powerful experience that forces them to reconsider the way they'd been going. They often call this sort of experience

¹⁰ tempered: to cause something, such as steel or glass to become hard or strong by heating and cooling it." [Wikipedia] Your heart is like steel. Your soul is like glass. Both are materials that have been tempered. Your temper can be tempered, but only with consciousness and willpower.

¹¹ If you're not familiar with the metaphor of metallic mixtures as emotions and tempered sand {glass} as beliefs, don't sweat it. There will be many other metaphors to come that you may be more familiar with.

a “crisis” of faith instead of seeing it as a spiritual challenge brought to them by GOD. They don’t question the spiritual tools they’d been using up until then. They don’t bother to question their “God” about the direction they’ve been going in. They simply conclude they’re victims of circumstances {acts of “God”} beyond their control because their circumstances have been diverted from their intended path.

Understanding GOD’s will requires becoming curious about your own. If you don’t wish to question your own willpower, you aren’t going to make great strides in using willpower morally. You may observe that problem in those who are drug addicted; overweight; or financially indebted. But what’s less obvious is that you may think you have your life in order just because you can see that some others don’t.

Sure, we can all complain about people on the roads not using their indicator light or pedestrians taking up the whole sidewalk. But we don’t ask ourselves in what ways we’re behaving the same ways towards ourselves. That’s the depravity you must question in striving to live a moral life. If you limit your conscience to looking at the appearance, gender or race of the driver who’s offended you, you’re driving your spiritual vehicle in neutral. You’re pretending that you’re going somewhere. If you judge the size of the behind of the pedestrian on the sidewalk who’s slowing you down, you’re going nowhere, fast.

By now it should be obvious to you that people who believe in their “God” exclusively are seriously delusional. (Of course, I don’t say that to support the atheist agenda.) I believe anyone who doesn’t believe in GOD is spiritually ill to some degree.¹² But I wouldn’t proselytize in order to fix them. There’s surely only ONE universal GOD but what should be in question is their behavior, not HIS.

The most important thing you can do to realize for yourself what I’m talking about is to listen as carefully as you can to the thoughts you hear in loud rather than just out loud. You’re going to discover that there’s a multiplicity of thoughts beneath the thoughts you verbalize to yourself. You’re not crazy. You’re complex. Wishing to become simple is a form of moral laziness. Self-healing and repair will make you even more complex.

Raising the volume on the thoughts you tell yourself will make it possible for you to listen to yourself in a whole new way. (Don’t worry about becoming more self-conscious or even about going crazy. Everyone knows how confounding, difficult and disorienting this inner journey can sometimes be.)

It’s those who refuse to make this journey within who become bitter, cynical and soured on certain other groups of people. They project the black holes within themselves onto whole nations {Israel}, races {blacks}, religions {Judaism}, genders {women} and lifestyles {gay} rather than ask themselves what they could possibly learn from all the

¹² Just as the wind is invisible while affecting the leaves of trees without you having to question the existence of the wind; just as gravity is invisible while affecting the fruits falling from trees without you having to question the existence of gravity – the evidence for GOD is irrefutable to the morally developed mind. There’s only ONE GOD! And HE made everyone straight, gay or in between.

black holes in their inner cave where the light of their paltry flame doesn't yet shine bright. When faced with their spiritual lack of sanity, they often present a false, elevated opinion of some select others {usually white people} to conceal the horrendously low opinion they have of themselves.¹³

To try to avoid this outcome, some well-intentioned, but disoriented people, will choose to embrace some aspect of the distant past with sickeningly sweet nostalgia and sentimentality, while vilifying large swaths of the present to maintain their Vaseline-lens view of reality.¹⁴ They may even figuratively congregate in a particular decade they never lived through, erroneously concluding they're misunderstood, and that their antique principles must be preserved at all cost.

Feelings of solitude and onliness aren't reserved for a young man, a middle aged woman or an old farce... These are very real sensations all sane people struggle with in life. Loneliness is a universal feeling the spiritually sane suffer after they've experienced great loss. Most good people are somewhat aware of their inner forces at play, but they can't quite put the process or their feelings into words. They unconsciously anticipate that some sort of superman will come along to lead them through the darkness of inner space; that some very light or very dark-skinned person will emerge from the blackness within to encourage and guide them.

This is no more realistic than concluding that gays or Jews are your saviors. You're on your own regardless of the amount of pigment in your skin or blue in your blood. I assume that even Jesus loves you too much to get in the way of your opportunity to learn to love yourself as HIS FATHER made you.

When the words of Moses, Jesus or the Prophet Muhammad no longer satisfy the gnawing feeling inside you, it's time to consider the messages of all three rather than give up on Them all. But instead, people deny their jealousy and envy of others. They deny their bitterness at not having mastered life. And they become stupefied and stymied when things happen that they can't control or explain.

They then clutch at straws in their effort not to drown in feelings that are overwhelming them. And those straws are usually doctrines, dogmas, opinions and principles that hold deep emotional symbolism they can't explain. And so, they build walls instead of bridges.

An optimist sees a glass as half full; a pessimist see it as half empty. An idealist sees a glass one third full and jumps for joy in it having been filled that much. But a realist judges the world using both internal and external evidence.

¹³ If you can admit that being good to others often leaves you feeling bad, welcome to the high school experience of life. You're more honest, sincere and authentic than most. For you jealousy and envy are real because they emanate out candidly from within you. You're ready to question what's going on inside you when you're negatively affected by what's going on around you.

¹⁴ In the early days of film, they used to put Vaseline {petroleum jelly} on the lens of cameras to produce a visual affect that implied a dream-like state. Today is a day in the early days of spiritual enlightenment. Today, people are doing something similar to their inner lens to produce a feeling of safety and security to balance their cynicism. But wishful, sentimental thinking isn't going to help them. They need to get real. {A snake's eyes cloud over when it sheds its skin because it sheds the scales over its eyes, too. This is akin to putting Vaseline on your lens.}

But when you put aside optimistic, pessimists and idealists, beneath everyone lies an indefatigable realist. {If you're up to your eyeballs in shit, you know where your head is at...}

Only a handful of people I've met are in a working relationship with their Creator. Only a scant few use their imagination to envision how little they know. But those who do are truly in awe of the mystery of their life and open to delving into the next black hole they come to, will discover where it will lead them.¹⁵ They suffer through disappointments just like the rest of us, but they always find hope in the thought that there's more to their story than they can possibly tell.

What's more, the spiritually inclined realists don't have to promote any one of the Abrahamic faiths to keep their faith in themselves alive. They know that the ONE universal GOD is so much greater than the "Gods" others boast knowing. They know that the more they come to believe in themselves, the more they'll come to believe in more of the aspects of HIM.

True believers may be rare birds, but we're not extinct. In fact, our numbers are growing. Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad were true believers. But there have been many since Them who came to believe. The Buddha should be considered a true believer because of the dignity and authenticity he gave to the thought of life as a transformative and transfigurative experience. Even though the Buddha couldn't perceive that there really is a metaphoric Teacher behind all that he'd learned about himself, he was led to the next higher level of his education. His Eastern idea of Nirvana {final graduation from school} corresponds to our Western idea of tranquility in the now.¹⁶

The Quran deliciously describes deals made by hypocrites who think they believe in "God." This was the mastery the Prophet possessed in presenting a warning to the world. This is one reason why the Quran is so appropriate for group study with those of other faiths.

The newcomers to the faith during the 7th Century didn't have the depth of feeling or belief the Prophet was impressing upon them. This is why it's so important for Muslims today to share what they know. This is why this surah, "*The Believers*," is so important and current a topic for the 21st Century.

This 40th surah in many ways corresponds to the 40th year of a person's life. Both are particularly meaningful in this day-and-age because so many proclaim their faith with all the fervor that gays proclaim the personal importance of their sexual identity; that African-Americans proclaim the collective importance of their struggle for dignity; and that women declare the power of their gender. And of course, the Jews will tell you that we, too, have

¹⁵ The difference between the unexamined and examined life can only be perceived from within.

¹⁶ The difference between Nirvana and "heaven," tranquility and inner peace, is a subject for another book. But I'll allude to these differences in Book Seven: "Flames."

an enduring fervor in our faith that we'll never relinquish. GOD gave us, too, some ingredient to add to the stone soup HE didn't give anyone else.¹⁷

(Don't bother to try to over-think my metaphors in order to use them. If you can simply imagine them, that will suffice. Don't try to do anything with my words other than visualize them. Exercise your imagination. That's all you need to do to grow.)

Life is a trip, but you can't really believe that until you've figuratively crisscrossed your inner universe. There are as many black holes in you as there are black holes in outer space. Like me, you've probably fought like "hell" not to get sucked into your own black holes for fear of never coming out alive... But with enough curiosity, you'll overcome your fear of being helplessly poured down the drain like light and matter sucked up by a black hole. And over time, you'll be able to make these excursions fun, informative, meaningful and personal.

Literally, you come out of your inner universe in the same place you went in. Figuratively, subjectively and individually you come out in a whole other emotional and spiritual dimension. Although your inner universe is as vast and wonderful as the universe we see at night, it's far more mysterious.

But it can also be grim and frightening. When you go on a trek into inner space at a time of your choosing, it's exciting. But when you're sucked into a black hole when you don't expect it, where and when you come out can be daunting, to say the least.

There will be those moments when you may feel you're all alone inside and in bad company. Bad times can come with adversity, or they can occur serendipitously without reason. But when you feel a tightening in your chest; sourness in your stomach; stabbing pains in your back or any number of other indications that you're about to enter another black hole, you should remember that words will always be your best friends. Talk to yourself! Work on developing the conversation.

The Last Supper doesn't begin to describe the First Breakfast. The symbolism of man as in a physical container he's endeavoring to fill with spiritual contents requires him to travel through his inner world to discover reality from the inside in. But he doesn't literally have to go anywhere to do so. He only has to learn how to use his imagination. He has to inhabit his mind like a cave in a mountain, as did the Prophet, although he also inhabited a cave, literally. If a man can't bounce his ideas off his inner walls, he'll never be able to look out his cave door to perceive reality any differently than he did before. It's not all an inside job. But it all begins within. And getting back to the beginner's mind may be harder than it looks.

Black holes are nothing more than vortexes of guilt within you that you haven't been able to consciously penetrate because you haven't tried to do so with the right intention.

{change of metaphor} You ought to come to the spiritual table prepared to eat whatever is being served. Turning your nose up at what's before you is no way to grow. You might even like to think about changing your general attitude about spiritual food. Spiritual food

¹⁷ "'Stone Soup' is an old folk story in which hungry strangers convince the people of a town to each share a small amount of their food in order to make a meal that everyone can enjoy. In varying traditions, the stone has been replaced with other common, inedible objects, such as wood or nails." [Wikipedia]

is good for you! But if you don't chew, swallow and digest all that's on your plate, you won't be getting a nutritious diet.

If you haven't been schooled by your parents on how to do this sort of thing, you might need to chew on embarrassment, shame and humiliation, and then wait until you see modesty, humility and loyalty slowly shining out of you over time. Then you'll know you believe you're like a star. Then you won't have to rely on one institution of faith alone to actualize your achievements. You'll become someone for all seasons. You'll become like the star {heart} and the crescent moon {mind}. You'll feel like you've got a good reason to be here on planet Earth {soul}. And you'll live your life soulfully.

The timing of the increases in your awareness of the personal plan you hold with GOD is completely out of my control. But the more you listen and learn from yourself, the more you'll be able to understand that your plan lies in your hands, but your hands lie in HIS.

Your curriculum is entirely in the Teacher's hands, but what grades you get are in your hands. Each of us must do as well as he can, while trusting that his education is advancing as quickly as he can absorb it.

Try to reduce the violence in the world around you with increased spiritual productivity from within. Once you can believe that anger, frustration and impatience at yourself can lead toward a great and ennobling emotional experience, you'll become better at dealing with other people's emotionality and spiritual ignorance.¹⁸

*His punishment is stern
and His bounty, infinite.
There is no god but Him.
All shall return to Him.
[40:2]*

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and HIS bounty, infinite.
There is no "God" but HIM.
All shall return to HIM.¹⁹

¹⁸ The three basic emotions are anger, fear and sorrow. Fear is like the color yellow. Anger is like red, and sorrow is like blue. If you were taught never to feel any one, or more, of these three feelings, you were probably raised by damaged believers, not true believers.

¹⁹ This second rendition of the words of the Quran as written only in *Apple Chancery* font is halal.

*“All shall return to HIM.”*²⁰ The importance of this statement lies in the underlying metaphor of life as a journey {return}. In truth, none of us has ever left HIM. But we’re so accustomed to focusing only on the external world that we forget why we’re here.

Each of us figuratively came from GOD, and each of us will figuratively return to HIM. The question is only how much we’ll have learned about life from the beginning of our journey through the middle to the end. The longer the journey – not in years, but in experiences that teach us wisdom, love and loyalty – the more successful the outcome will be when we reach our destination. Consider each stop along the way to be a spiritual dimension that opens your eyes to a new level of your life {outside and in}.

While on the journey of life, if you meander through your experiences over the course of 40 years like an ancient Israelite without a sense of beginning, middle and end, you’ll be less likely to perceive that you’ve gotten anywhere meaningful when you contemplate where you came from and where you’re going.

Many young people resist the pressure of their elders who ask them to focus their intentions on getting “somewhere” in life. They do so by insisting there’s nowhere they want or need to be. They think of life as though it was a deli that magically sprang up in a desert; a place they can frequent as often as they like. They think they have forever to determine what it is they like to eat or what are their favorite dishes. {This lack of direction and appreciation of life produces the pain and pleasure principle, which is only the first of many moral principles that must be consumed and digested by immature souls.}

Most older adults are simply too spiritually habituated to their own way of thinking to figuratively order off the menu they’ve been given. GOD, who is like a waiter, waits on us and waits for us. But HE’s also willing to act like a busboy to refill our water glass and bring us new cutlery. If you want to go to the buffet table of life, you don’t need much in the way of a waiter or busboy. But some people don’t have the guts to do so. They’re afraid to choose an independent path.

Because there’s so much to choose from in life, the young usually discover the meaning of their life serendipitously. It may be hard for them to learn to ask themselves why they’ve decided on what they’ve decided on. It may be hard to convince them to discipline themselves by talking to themselves, given the confines of the imagination they’ve got to work with at that early stage of their journey. Some of them will combine the Abrahamic faiths together naturally, and others will just mindlessly do as they please.

Because the Israelites wandered for 40 years in the desert despite the fact that the journey on foot from Cairo to Jerusalem takes, at most, 40 days, I unconsciously took it for granted that I’d been given 40 years, or more, to wander through life when I was a young man. It was only in the 39th year of my wandering that I began to take life more seriously. Then, I finally began to sense that life was taking me toward a whole, new beginning at 40

²⁰ This third rendition of passages from the Quran in *Apple Chancery* font combined with Times font is kosher. I will not serve you chicken cheeseburgers.


that would leave behind the madcap experiences of youth for something more stable and enduring.

Along with the feeling of having lost my beginning, there emerged a curious introduction to the middle that, in my late 60's, I'm now beginning to leave behind as well. It's only now at the end of the middle of my life that I've begun to suspect with even more hope and optimism that, for me, there'll be a positive end to it all. {I'm already lucky to have avoided the end most gay men my age had to deal with: A.I.D.S. and death or derision and exclusion.} ²¹

Give time time! The past is a river you can stick your foot in at any moment. You can relive the past with a view you couldn't see then, now. The past, present and future can meld together differently every day if you use the psychological advancements you've achieved in perceiving others on yourself. Avoid the compartmentalized nostalgia that the fundamentalists can't shake. You can go back, lick your wounds and then move on as though you've been through a black hole that took you into a whole, other dimension. Your past relived in the present comes here now-and-then to heal, not hurt, you. It will expand your imagination.

The concept of a morality and mortality that concerns my relationship with myself only crept up on me slowly as I felt more filled and fulfilled. ²² Returning to my past brought up the thought of many shocks I didn't want to revisit. For me, the shocks in my past were like the fire that comes from electricity. I had enough shocks in my life. I'm here to tell you how to revisit your past a new way.

For me, doing began in youth with my toes. I was a "twinkle toes." When I discovered there was a gift in my feet that hadn't found its way into my hands, I devoted myself to dance rather than to a trade. But when I was dismayed to discover that my talent didn't permeate throughout my entire body, I tried to kill myself, concluding that my body had abandoned me.

I thought failure at that one something I loved so much was reason enough to give up completely. But now that I've explored my "feet of clay," I can say that I know more than before. I may not be able to hammer a nail in a wall without botching the task, but I can type even more mellifluously than I could ever dance. And for that I'm now grateful. My talent finally made its way up from my toes into the fingers. There's hope to be gleaned from reaching the tabletop of the mountain in middle age, looking around for about 30 years {ages 40 through 69}, and then making your way down as a senior. The view from this mountain on life in older age is vastly different from what I saw when I was young and ardently climbing up with the intention of only reaching the tippy top when I died. {It turns out that life *is* like a trapezoid  on the outside and inside.}

²¹ Good parents unconsciously try to raise their children to be like Jews. Good children semiconsciously try to grow up to be more Christian than their parents. But everyone should learn how to bring all three Abrahamic faiths to consciousness, melding them wherever possible with Islamic-like devotion to what will come at the end. Otherwise, expect to doom yourself to the kind of end we see in most very old people nowadays.

²² An idea emanates out of a thought {a point}. A concept emanates out of a feeling {a line}. And a conclusion emanates out of a belief {a cube}. Experience of your inner forces will multiply your appreciation of life over time. And you, too, will think in 3-D.

Going always up and up with nothing but solid rock before my eyes restricted my view in youth. I had to make an effort to turn around to see the magnificent panorama at my back. Making my way down is now so much easier to imagine. While most people my age are looking down at the ground {consumed with the details of monetary sustenance or physical health}, I'm cautiously making my way to the edge of the downhill slope while savoring a new view that's right before my eyes. I've made my way through the fog at the top and can now see bits of the vast panorama of the meaning of my life before me. The cloud has lifted.

Now I know what the Prophet meant when he implied that there is no "God" but **GOD**.
"All shall return to **HIM**." For those young people today who truly believe in a glorious future, there's hope for a greater sense of beginning, middle and end.²³

*"Those who bear the throne
and those who stand around it
give glory to their Lord
and believe in Him.
They implore forgiveness for the faithful,
saying,
'Lord,
you embrace all things with your mercy and your knowledge."
[40:7-8]*

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Those who bear the throne and those who stand around it have already climbed all three steps {Judaism, Christianity and Islam} up to the throne. They know how to personalize **GOD**'s plan by acknowledging its existence from a personal perspective. But like frail,

²³ The first of the Ten Commandments is "I AM THE LORD, THY GOD, WHO TOOK YOU OUT OF EGYPT." Unless you interpret "Egypt" as a state of bondage, the 1st Commandment holds no relevance in this day and age. And unless your view of the Lord is universal, the 1st Commandment holds no personal relevance in your life.

human beings with doubts, even angels are powerless to change anyone's spiritual outcome. It all lies in our own hands.

Those who bear the weight of the full truth are busy climbing the steps up to the throne. They know that GOD doesn't literally need a throne to sit on. They know the throne is a spiritual goal they visualize in order to focus on where they're headed. They're in awe of one of the names their "God" has given "Himself." But they know that the other aspects of GOD's designs won't degrade, dilute or pollute their faith.

Moses was a murderer. Jesus was perfection personified. The Prophet Muhammad was a sex addict. All three of these characteristics are defects in and of themselves. Eventually you'll see your frustrations in life destroying, perfecting and seeking an ecstasy you can't fully envision. All three are these greatest contributors to our understanding of the meaning of life are entwined in learning.

The subjective difference between fear and awe can neither be seen nor heard. This difference has to be figuratively smelled. It can't be put into words you personally understand unless you understand where these words emanate from within you. Fear, like every other emotion, lies in your heart. Awe is a phenomenon that emanates out of your soul. Fear makes its way from your head where it's rooted in realistic reasons to be afraid. Your heart then amplifies the reason for your fearful thoughts with feelings to get you to react quickly and appropriately. But fear stops there. Awe follows the same course, but it resonates throughout all of your being, asking you not to react, but simply to experience new stimulations.

*"But to the nonbelievers a voice will cry,
'God's abhorrence of you is greater than your hatred of yourselves.
you were called to the faith,
but you denied it.'"
[40:10]*

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The precepts of Islam, although 1,400 years old, are as modern as today's skyscrapers and high speed trains if your mind is open enough to perceive them. The Prophet could not have recited the words in this passage had he not understood some of the personal connection between the self and GOD.

In Torah it says, "DO NOT HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH A MAN AS ONE DOES WITH A WOMAN; THAT IS ABHORRENT." [Leviticus 18:22] That passage is often quoted, but never quoted in context. That chapter of Leviticus actually argues for monogamous, sexual relations for married men. It moves it's moral argument from adulterous, sexual

relationships with family members {something that's easy for us to agree is abhorrent} to sexual relations with neighbors {less abhorrent, but still dishonorable}, ending with sex between married or unmarried men {distasteful, if you're heterosexual}.

The argument presents two extremes. Don't have sex with your mother if you're married. And don't have sex with men if you're married. Neither of these prohibitions is difficult to vow not to break if you're a healthy, normal, heterosexual male. Torah implies that your self-esteem depends on this small a promise to GOD.

But you, as a modern individual, ought to take into consideration the importance of keeping your word to yourself before GOD, not just keeping your word to others. The bottom line is that you're always going to figuratively go to bed {conspire} with women and men. Some choose to take these words literally. Others prefer to use them with poetic license. Some men prefer to "collude" and "conspire" with men at work, but not sleep with them at home. I know you're going to do as you see fit. You're going to interpret Scripture as literally or figuratively as you like. And you'll be judged for how you enact that decision.

Awakening is like a spiral staircase you're going to go around and around all your life as you ascend or descend morally in your own eyes. Awakening doesn't have a beginning, middle or end because it's a moral pursuit that's occurring at all times.

You've survived what you did to yourself in the past in reaction to how you were treated by others. What happens from here on out should create curiosity over new ways you could be behaving toward you from now on.

Single men aren't subject to the argument being made in Leviticus 18. A single man is free to have sex with any other single adult, male or female, who consents to have sex with him provided he isn't in a committed relationship. But this passage doesn't state that single men (and by extension, single women) are totally free to have sex. It implies that single men are free to have sex with other single adults who *agree* to have sex with them.

If you don't want to keep your word, start by not getting married or getting in to a committed relationship. If you do want to keep your word, may I recommend you start by marrying yourself, (as I did.) Then you'll come to know the difference between words and deeds. Then you'll come to know the meaning of fidelity at its source.

We're all called to seek faith, and we all deny that calling in those ways that our wants {serpent} choose to control our behaviors by conspiring with our feelings {Eve}. Men who are disgusted by the idea of having sex with men are no different than men who are disgusted by the idea of having sex with women. It's merely a difference of interest. Regardless of the large number of men who want to have sex with women and the small number of men who want to have sex with men, the principle remains the same: don't let your urges overwhelm your feelings or you'll make a moral mistake that you may abhor yourself for {consciously or unconsciously} for the rest of your life. And the more often you break your word, {literally or figuratively}, the more abhorrent you'll conclude you are in the deepest recesses of your mind.

The conclusions you draw about you will ultimately be reflected in your opinion of **GOD**, although it may make you all the more fervently devoted to your “God.” If you wish to raise your opinion of **HIM**, you need only repair your opinions about you.²⁴

GOD’s abhorrence of you will remain greater than your abhorrence of yourself so long as you demean yourself morally by breaking your word to you. As you learn to keep your word, your self-esteem will grow.

Morally rational, gay men don’t want to force straight men into having sex with them anymore than morally sound, straight men want to force gay men to have sex with women. The principles of your want are consistent with **GOD**’s desires for you if you’re not hypocritical, regardless of your sexual identity. Forcing gay men to change their sexual nature is, of course, abhorrent. Would you force a child who’s left handed to write with his right hand because you do?

It should be argued that men have a history of allowing their ego, not their head, heart and soul to be their guide. The tendency for straight men to think more with their prostate gland and women to think with their Skene’s gland comes from the erroneous belief that their desire to achieve higher and higher levels of ecstasy must rule their actions.

Using your ego to get you into “heaven” is surely abhorrent to **GOD**. Using your penis and/or anus to achieve orgasm has got nothing to do with your moral “destination” “after” life. Perverted opinions will get you nothing.

If straight men are worried about what others think of them, they should be most worried about the opinion of lesbians. Lesbians, like straight men, aren’t attracted to penises. And I doubt lesbians are as attracted to anuses as gay men, either. Straight men and lesbians are both attracted to vaginas. How many lesbians do you know who behave in morally corrupt ways, and how many straight men fit that description?

Those straight men who insist that they must control female reproductive rights because their male needs are more rational than women’s should remember that in Book Two, I spoke about the importance of lesbians to gay men. That began with dedication and devotion of lesbians to the gay male community in the 1980’s. I saw how they responded to the A.I.D.S. crisis with their head, heart and soul. I was so impressed with the power **GOD** instilled in those angels in disguise. (And I wasn’t impressed with the desires of many straight men in those days. And I’m even less impressed with what I’ve seen from straight, hyper-religious men since.)

Abortion, contraception, homosexuality and suicide shouldn’t be religious issues to be determined by Scripture. They should be individual issues. Nobody’s body should be controlled by the state or by an institution of faith. Your body should be yours to control so long as you don’t use your body to hurt, injure or steal from another human being. Nobody else’s grades are going on your report card. Mind your own business when it comes

²⁴ I’m employing the word “opinion” to imply the layer of self-intimacy beneath thought and feeling. Unexamined opinions will, over time, lead to unexamined beliefs, which are even more dangerous and unenlightened.

to death and matters of sexuality. Do you really think your “God” brought you here to be the penis police?

When you learn to see **GOD** as your Teacher, you’ll then begin to see **GOD** as your Therapist, too. This small change in perspective will make it possible for you to turn your office hours with **HIM** into consultation visits in which you’ll learn about the positive and negative aspects of your syndromes. This will make prayer more personal and effective. This will make your moral development a personal struggle, not one you have to force other people to comply with to please you and your “God.”

Learning to treat people you don’t resonate with, with mercy and forgiveness is supposed to be the great tenet of Christianity. Christians are supposed to separate their feelings from their wants to make moral choices that would resonate with the life of Christ.

What could be more loving than avoiding making babies while promoting making love? In what better way could you promote the development of your feelings without dragging unwanted children into this crowded world? What could be more loving than promoting sex between unmarried men rather than going out and killing them?

Learning to treat people you don’t resonate with, with fairness is supposed to be the great tenet of Islam. Muslims are supposed to separate their beliefs from their wants to make moral choices that would resonate with the *words* of the Prophet Muhammad.

What could be more loyal than avoiding tribalism by promoting loyalty to yourself? If you had a healthy relationship with yourself, you wouldn’t need to stick your nose in other people’s, private business.

Today’s tests in gender and sexuality come from **GOD** for you to take personally, not literally. If having an abortion or sleeping with a member of the same gender is abhorrent to you, then by all means avoid doing so. Homosexual behavior for a heterosexual is as hurtful as heterosexual behavior for a homosexual because your heart isn’t in what you’re doing. If you aren’t certain where you might be on the scale of homosexuality to heterosexuality, by all means, don’t get married and don’t have children! Why hurt another living soul if you’re struggling within for clarification of your identity?

The more we come to recognize the ways in which we’re imperfect in **GOD**’s eyes, the more we can get to work to improve ourselves in those ways **HE**’s given us to make moral differences in our world within. Everyone has many **GOD**-given gifts, regardless of the size of his talents. But if you don’t work at giving your gifts to yourself first, you’ll surely attract resentment and resistance from the external world. People can smell a hypocrite a mile away.

The biggest problem I see in the world we share is the urge to change reality in order to avoid disappointing ourselves. People will bend over backwards not to feel sad about something or someone, when the disappointment they’re really avoiding is exploring a place much deeper inside themselves.

Nobody wants to be changed, transformed or forced into self-transcendence. Everyone wants to live the way he wants to live. And the reality of that truth can sometimes make it very difficult to accept others just as they are.

The most realistic don't take their advantages in life for granted. They don't assume their gifts are too small to be of any importance to themselves. They know they want to contribute to others' wellbeing to raise their own self-esteem. So the littlest of gifts to others become big gifts to themselves,

Because I took my journey for granted, I took everyone else on the roads of life for granted. I meandered without much in the way of a conscious, moral direction, assuming I didn't need the big picture to make my conscience my guide. I assumed I was already "God's" gift to humanity. I assumed that all my resentments were badges of honor and my cynicism was a trophy to my profile in courage.

No one is overlooked by GOD. No one is alone on a road. Everyone is alone on the road, together. Handicaps, poverty, and physical and mental illnesses may be some of the least-hard hardships if you compare your life to what others are having to go through morally to actualize themselves. Our inner challenges are the greatest.

The thoughtless are lost in a house of mirrors. They have no idea how temporary their life is. They live as though they'll be able to take all their physical comforts and toys with them when they leave. Everyone in their life becomes a stuffed animal they plan to carry under their arm when they get out this earthly crib. They forget that a death shroud has no pockets.

You may come to realize that you have, in fact, much more in common with criminals than you may have thought. If you look at their offenses as crimes you're figuratively committing against your own humanity, you'll see your journey from a more personal point of view. You'll see the autonomy of the infant, child or adolescent in you. You'll see how cantankerous and stubborn you can be in your own way.

We're all spiritual thieves learning to atone for our crimes against our own humanity. We're all like students who are only willing to pay the tuition we feel our education is worth. We're all like patients who refuse to use our time with our Therapist meaningfully. We're all like teenage prisoners in juvenile halls serving a sentence for crimes against our own humanity that we have absolutely no intention of atoning for.

Islamic terrorists act like a magnifying mirror into your past. Look deeply into their crimes and you may perceive how you figuratively were when you were young and without knowledge. Don't allow yourself to become any more arrogant or sanctimonious about your station in life than you already are. Every tyrant out in the world is a mirror of the crying baby, spoiled child and wayward teenager you were growing up. They just stopped along the way, while you continued.

It will take a lifetime for you to fully grow up, so don't think others have no idea how young they are, too. You may think you've internalized most of your process while others are still only externalizing theirs. But the little tyrant in you can surface at any moment. If you can't be grateful for not having been locked up like those behind literal bars, try humbling you to the idea that a part of you is locked in an inner, justice system where guards are having to look out to protect you from yourself. You've grown up. But you may not yet be mature.

*“They shall say,
Lord,
twice have you made us die,
and twice have you given us life.
We now confess our sins.
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The first death was the journey from beginning to end through Judaism from ancient Egypt to Israel with Moses. The second death was the journey in Israel from birth to death to Resurrection with Jesus. All those who’ve taken those two journeys to heart have opened their soul to **GOD**’s designs for modern man.

The Muslims will always rightly say, ” *Lord, twice have you made us die and twice have you given us life.*” Like every good Muslim, you, too, must go on the journey given you through the third death. You must go on the journey of the Prophet to Israel and back through Israel. You must confess your sins in the ways you treat yourself, in addition to your sins against your classmates. If you do so, you’ll be given more of the big picture. You won’t have to ask yourself, “*Is there no way out?*” You’ll have gotten out of yourself and will have chosen to remain in for as long as humanly possible. Life is the most precious thing in life, but only if you’re filling it with wisdom, love and devotion.

If Muslims don’t question their faith; if *Muslims* only proclaim it – they should expect to see things continue to worsen for both of them. They should expect to see the cancer that’s grown in the Middle East that has decimated so many Islamic countries make its way to the place they hold so dear: Mecca. If they don’t acknowledge the mystery of Jerusalem, there will, one day, be nothing left in Rome or Mecca to salvage.

The Lord can and will help anyone who embraces modernity and the experience of growing internally and externally day by day. But that must, of course, entail embracing gays and Jews. It’s so easy for most, and yet, for some, so hard. It’s no harder than embracing your own, inner Israel.

The only way out of the mess the religious extremists have made of this world is with peace – peace between Sunnis and Shiites; peace between Muslims and their Abrahamic brothers; and peace within ourselves with our Teacher with all our classmates as witnesses. It harder to make peace than it looks!

If you tolerate, accept and admire the serpent between your legs, you won’t conclude it’s satan who’s trying to get inside you through the dirtiest of all your holes. You won’t

blame others for the way things are turning out for you. You won't find yourself stuck between the devil between your legs and the deep, blue sea in your heart.²⁵

*“Forewarn them of the approaching day
when men’s hearts will leap up to their throats and choke them;
when the wrongdoers will have neither friend nor intercessor to be heard.
He knows the furtive look and the secret thought.
God will judge with fairness,
But the idols to which they pray besides Him can judge nothing.
God alone hears all and observes all.”*
[40:18-22]

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Israel has become the *Muslim* idol that they dance around. Straight sex has become the CHRISTIAN idol that they dance around. And the JEWS just dance around and around in circles, not knowing what they’re doing or where they’re going next.

They’ve all externalized their passions. They want something from others that can’t be given. And they’ll all discover the disappointment and distress that comes of public failure and divine humiliation.

Most of them already know, at least in theory, that GOD brings peace to the heart of those who work with what they’re given. But they still can’t find a way out of their jealous heart and envious soul. Most of them secretly want a Jewish container and gay contents because they’re unconsciously thinking with their penis or clitoris. They refuse to use the inside of their anus to figuratively receive the bounty that comes to those who embrace what they’ve been given and the outside of their anus to give back what little they have left with humility and contrition. In short, they refuse to figuratively bend over backwards far

²⁵ You’ll admit it was you who pierced you. You’ll admit that you’re the anus you sometimes despise. You won’t blame sodomists as your archenemies. You won’t hate every prostate gland and every penis it connects to in projection of how you feel about yourself. That’s what penetration means to those who wish to become soulful. That’s what learning about yourself is all about.

enough to give “it” to themselves. They’d never submit to someone as evil and awful as that...

Now is the time for you to learn from their mistakes. Do you really think I wrote these books for my enemies? My enemies aren’t going to read these books. They’re not interested in anything a Jew or a gay man has to say about life. My enemies would only dismiss everything I have to offer based on who I am, not on what’s within my power to offer them.

You, Barry, are the only true believer in my life I can influence. “GOD will judge {you} with fairness, but the idols to which others pray can judge nothing.” Be grateful for what you know and whom you’ve got. I love you, and no one more than you. I strive to like everyone for those attributes they provoke me to discover in myself.

I have hope in my heart because I can speak for myself. Many others have neither friend nor intercessor on their side. When I meet my Maker, I won’t have to explain or defend myself. I’m doing that now. My life is the record of my story. I’m working to get everything I want out of life while I’m alive and still have the chance to make a difference.

Think of me as a woman {x²} reveling in the body of a man {y}. If you met me, you wouldn’t see much in my mannerisms to give you the impression that I’m Jewish, gay or overtly feminine. Literally, I’m living in “Normalacyland.” But I’m figuratively a flaming princess whose mother has almost passed on. I’m almost a queen in the presence of our one and only King.

Granted, I sometimes feel like an apple hanging by a stem. I’m not branching out any more anymore than I have to. I’m not growing leaves to conceal me or twigs to bear more fruit. I’m in the late autumn of my life. Winter is fast approaching. I no longer have reason to be vain {fascinated by my container}. At best, I have reasons to be conceited {fascinated by my contents}.

There are a hell of a lot of containers out there that are vacuous, void and nearly empty. And although that once frightened and angered me, now it saddens me more than I can say. They’re missing so much right now and may miss even more in the future.

Life is like a tree, and people are like fruits hanging by a stem. They’re all going to ripen or rot. They’re all going to fall to their death. And there’s nothing I can do about it. The French philosopher, Voltaire, told us in 1759 {The Age of Enlightenment}, “We must cultivate our garden.” Voltaire concludes with his main character “Candide,” if not rejecting Leibnizian optimism outright, advocating this deeply practical precept in lieu of the Leibnizian mantra of the character of Pangloss: “All is for the best” in the “best of all possible worlds.”²⁶

In today’s age of modernity, is it not possible that although each of us lives in the best of all possible worlds, we must do more to cultivate our own garden? The world we’re forced to share with one another is but a new mirror held up each day to us to perceive what we must do next to keep that apple hanging on to its stem for dear life.

*“And when he brought them the truth from Ourselves,
they said,*

²⁶ “Leibnitz, 17th Century mathematician and philosopher who invented calculus. He also concluded that this world is the best of all possible worlds.” [Wikipedia]

*‘Put to death the sons of those who share his faith,
and spare only their daughters.’
Futile were the schemes of the nonbelievers.”
[40:25] ²⁷*

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Pharaoh didn’t believe GOD could have any effect on his feelings. He thought he was above HIM. He thought he was greater than GOD. His faith lay only in himself.

That’s delusional. From a modern perspective, the pyramids of Egypt are indigenist trophies to self-delusion, not just to the gods of the Egyptians’ pre-Islamic ancestors. The *Muslims* have unconsciously used Judaism and Christianity like steps to raise themselves up their manmade mountains of success to take control over other Muslims. But the pyramids aren’t high enough to bring any of them anywhere near where they need to go to see the truth.

The Passover story isn’t just an ancient Jewish story of the beginning of faith. It’s a very important contemporary tale for today’s “pharaohs” who think they believe in “God,” but who reject two of HIS names. They divorce themselves from their spiritual origins when they tell themselves their faith is the only true faith. They separate themselves from their spiritual ancestry, and they end up concluding they can do no wrong. Their material trophies will remain behind, like pyramids, as signs of their self-delusion.

Today’s “pharaohs” prey on the innocence and ignorance of undereducated, religious folk. Many of these “pharaohs” are multi-millionaires and billionaires who want to take over the world by enslaving the rest of us and making us build their trophies for them. The Passover story is a reminder to all people of faith that we could come together to fight against the military-industrial-political-economic war against individualism while maintaining the best of collectivism. ²⁸ Today’s “pharaohs” are a reminder that none of us wants to end up like a mummy in a sarcophagus. That’s no one’s idea of a pleasant eternity.

²⁷ The ancient Egyptians chose to put to death the male Israelites. It was the GOD of Moses and his followers that righted that wrong.

²⁸ In that sense, “communism” {created by Eastern Orthodox JEWS and CHRISTIANS} was an exercise in the virtues of collectivism, which quickly descended into totalitarianism. The “pharaohs” of communism were opposed to Jewish voices yearning for freedom because it upset their ability to deceive the people. Today, the “pharaohs” of the present day Russian Federation are afraid of gay voices speaking out in the same way. Individualism continues to be repressed in Russia. But even they’re beginning to see that the truth will out.

*“Pharaoh said,
‘Let me slay Moses,
and then let him invoke his God!
I fear that he will change your religion
and spread disorder in the land.’”*
[40:26]

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Many of today’s “pharaohs” still fear the modern Israelites {Israelis} who are changing religion by bringing spiritual order to the Middle East. GOD took the Jews back to Israel from ancient Egypt after 400 years of bondage to pharaohs, in part, to teach our ancestors the meaning of freedom. Jesus continued by adding emotional liberty to our struggle for intellectual freedom. And Prophet Muhammad inspired the indigenists of the Middle East with Islam to learn to appreciate intellectual freedom and emotional liberty for the greater purpose of attaining spiritual emancipation. Let’s continue Their jobs by working together for peace and understanding.

People kill for one reason only. They kill because they can’t come to terms with the 5th Commandment. They become so frustrated trying to honor their father and mother by conforming to the upbringing their parents had in their youth that they want to kill someone to protect their parents’ twisted beliefs/opinions. So they move on to the 6th. But parents who tell themselves that their murderous son or daughter has honored them by killing people they don’t agree with are only carving their own special niche in “hell.”

Sex stands for unity with yourself. Sex is the great mystery of life, not baby making. Sex is too powerful an inner force to oppose the freedom to marry whomever you please; the liberty to love whomever you want; and the emancipation to prove that you mean what you say, as **GOD** is your Witness. Your struggle is almost over. Those who oppose sex will always lose. Failure is baked into the system.

*“God does not guide the lying transgressor.
Today, you are the masters,
my people,
illustrious throughout the Earth.
But who will save us from the might of God
when it bears down upon us?”*
[40:28]

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But who will save us from the might of GOD
when it bears down upon us?"

The Jews and Christians want to save today's Muslims from *Muslims*. But the Muslims need to learn how to save themselves. Look at what the *Muslims* have done to Iraq? The Jews were forced out of Iraq in 1951-2. The Christians {U.S.A.} left Iraq in 2007-8. Iran is now using Iraq as a back door to destroy Israel and invade Mecca.

The Iraqi, religious leaders taught their people that Judaism is revolting. They taught them that Christianity is disgusting. And now they're well on their way to being revolted by their own disgust of Sunnis or Shiites by using Kurds as their scapegoat. They're killing one another without a care in the world for the consequences after their life. Surely in this there are signs for inquiring minds.

A monopoly on "God" is the lie *Muslim* leaders in the Middle East have perpetrated to dominate their countrymen. It's about honor killing. They think it's an honor to kill a Jew; an honor to kill a Christian and an honor to kill a Muslim. They also think it's an honor to kill a gay. Wake up to the sad reality of what happens when your moral superiority excludes all of GOD's creations except yourselves. You discover you're left with a dirty little hole inside and out that disgusts you.

"GOD does not guide the lying transgressor." HE gives him lessons to live out his sinful assumptions. HE allows him to experience the guilt that comes in having made really big mistakes that he can't easily undo. And HE allows him to circumvent some of that externalized guilt if he wishes to look inside for a more righteous path.

Everyone has had enough exposure to freedom and liberty. Today, everyone is experiencing self-emancipation to decide for himself in what direction he wishes to go with it. Your grades won't go on my report card. So I'm certainly not going to tell you how to live your life. I'm just painting pictures on paper without using drawings because literal pictures are forbidden in Islamic culture. (who could have anticipated that a single letter of an alphabet could be worth a thousand words depending on how and where you typed it?)

"He whom God confounds shall have none to guide him.

*Long before this,
Joseph came to you with veritable signs,
but you never ceased to doubt them;
and when he died you said:*

“After him God will never send another apostle.”
[40:34-35]

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With more conscious awareness of what you’re thinking, you might be able to see that **GOD** is guiding you in learning to guide yourself. If you listened and talked to yourself more, and to “Him” less, you’d come before **HIM** with greater honesty, sincerity and with an authentic desire to learn how to improve your character.

Character is everything. It’s the key to your destiny. If you kept your eye on the prize, you’d discover how you’re slowly recreating yourself in **HIS** image by recreating yourself in your own. Or, you’d see how you’re slowly destroying yourself in “His” name to satisfy your deepest, most foul desires.

This re-creation of yourself can feel like recreation {fun} or hard work. It can be joyous, or it can feel like pulling teeth. It all really depends on how overly developed your ego is. The “ego” is a psychological term for that dark recess in your behind where most men think from. In Biblical terms, the ego is the bond held between Eve and the serpent. It’s that place in man where “it” knows just how and when to bite him to produce agony or ecstasy.

Breaking this Biblical bond entirely would be unhealthy. It would separate you from the material world, making you even more cynical, sarcastic and bitter. On the other hand, not coming to understand the huge ego in modern man would be morally disastrous, leaving you feeling like a victim of self-ignorance and the vicissitudes of today’s “pharaohs” of industry and finance.

Surely my insights aren’t so extraordinary that you can’t see them for yourself. They once thought that after Joseph, GOD would never send another apostle. And although HE sent Jesus who was HIS only SON, and then GOD/GOD/*God* sent the Prophet who was *His* last Prophet, **HE**’s sent many emissaries, such as yourself.

Because the urges of man are so intense, men may not always perceive how passionately they unconsciously embrace their temptations. Would that they dreamed of doing greater things than they fantasize doing. Would that they could separate their feelings from their need to look for better actions to take than the moral options they’re giving themselves to choose from now.

*“My people,
the life of this world is but a fleeting pleasure;
the life to come is the everlasting mansion.*

Those who do evil shall be rewarded with evil.”
[40:38]

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The “*everlasting mansion*” is a symbol that needs to be unpack. It’s more than the abode you’ll be given after you’re evicted from your body. This “house of flesh” you’re inhabiting at this moment in time is more than a hotel room or an RV. It’s a place you leave unconsciously and return to consciously all the time. You don’t even realize if, or when, you’re out of your mind or when you come back to your senses.

In the metaphor of “coming out of the closet,” the closet that gay people are coming out of, is like a bedroom closet. And the world we used to come out into was a worldwide bedroom community where everyone assumed that everyone was straight or ought to be straight. That bedroom-like world has been expanded by gay people to include the whole house.

Gays and straights have since come together in the living room of that house to discuss our similarities and differences. And anyone who’s availed himself of his living room has come to the conclusion that there’s more to the Prophet’s concept of an everlasting mansion than meets the eye. Only religious people are still stuck in their “bedroom” insisting that gays go back into their “closet” where they came from.

If you hope to enjoy an everlasting mansion, you’re going to want to make your way through your whole house. You’re going to want to choose to unpack the WORDS of GOD using all that you’ve got. Just taking these words on faith is an abuse of your own intelligence.

If you’re Muslim, and you don’t like the idea that your Islamic brothers are having to wander through Europe looking for a place to live in peace, just imagine how harrowing it might be for *Muslim* wrongdoers in the “next life” to secure a lasting home after having treated the house of flesh they’re in now more like a sofa on which to crash than a mansion given to them to prove their worth.

CHRISTIANS once expelled Jews from one European country after another to force the Jews to open trading routes for them in indigenist lands. Surely there must be something we, Jews, might be able to offer Muslims in the way of collective experiences we’ve gleaned from GOD that would help them understand how *God* is working in their lives to unite them with modern men and women in a new era. Without a house, an inner home and a place like Israel to call your own, your life will come to feel like “hell” on Earth. Many already have good reason to believe that.

²⁹ The concept of evil needs to be unpacked. “Evil” is a way of combining your thoughts, feelings and beliefs to accommodate your desires that will be incomprehensibly unfortunate during and/or after your life.

The Holy Land is Israel. The land I inherited from my grandmother who perished in the Holocaust is more than land. It's been a test from **GOD** to see what I'd do with it. My grandmother figuratively gave me a portion of Israel with one of her hands in the other hand, as though she were scooping up water; her fingers tightly held together before she perished in the Nazis' flames. I receive my little piece of Israel with the preciousness of the lessons learned from countless generations of wisdom, love and devotion to **GOD** made available to me through an Earthly application of my education by a grandmother I never met. Hopefully, the offspring of the Muslims in Europe today will go back to their lands at some point with the same appreciation of where they stand in relation to where their ancestors came from. And hopefully, they'll, at long last, wish to make peace with their neighbors.

GOD gave Israel to the Israelites who figuratively took it with open hands, but with a closed heart. They felt entitled to it after 400 years of suffering through slavery in ancient Egypt. Their hands were open and their fingers were spread apart. And Israel slipped right through those fingers.

After we, Jews, atoned for the cavalier attitude our ancestors once held about the house of flesh they were given, we were allowed to come home to Israel in 1948 in a way our ancestors in the Diaspora could never have understood. Our perception of the sanctity of life is now based on the depth of the importance of our body to the emancipation of ourselves.

As Jews, Christians and Muslims learn how to more fully appreciate their relationship to themselves, they'll teach their brothers and sisters that the cost of destroying Israel is too great a price to their everlasting mansion: their soul. They'll learn to solve their ego issues a better way. I'm sure this new Muslim diaspora will help modern Muslims come to understand the importance of their life more soulfully.

Exile can sometimes feel like an even harsher lesson than death. The everlasting *nakba* {disaster} in the "world to come" is a catastrophe that needs to be dealt with here, now.

*"Bear in mind what I told you;
to God I commend myself.
God is cognizant of all His servants."
[40:44]*

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to **GOD** I commend myself.
GOD is cognizant of all **HIS** servants."*

The Prophet literally lived in a cave where the Archangel Gabriel recited the Quran to him. But I'd say, he also figuratively lived in a cave within himself. A cave was literally his Earthly home. But he modeled that there was also a cave that was his spiritual home within his body; it was a holy place; it was his soul.

And this cave remains a holy place in every modern individual today, even though most people might not even admit they have a soul or how to talk about emancipating it with self-devotion.

The cave in your modern soul is where your imagination dwells. It's like the hole in your head and heart where GOD has given you places to fill yourself with thoughts and feelings that are meaningful to you. How can you climb the mountain that came from Muhammad if you can't give thanks to GOD for the cave within that mountain? Expect to see results around you when you, too, commend yourself to GOD.

*"We gave Moses Our guidance
and the Israelites the book to inherit:
a guide and an admonition to men of understanding.
Therefore have patience;
God's promise is surely true.
Implore forgiveness for your sins,
and celebrate the praise of your Lord evening and morning."
[40:53-54]*

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and celebrate the praise of your Lord evening and morning."*

Would GOD take back the inheritance HE gave to the Jewish people? Would HE renege on the legacy of "heaven" HE gave the Christians? Would *He* withhold *His* threats from *Muslims*? The Muslim birthright gives everyone the opportunity to add to the wisdom and love *HE* gave us with a hospitality, loyalty and devotion we don't see enough of in the Western world today. It all hinges on what each of us individually wants.

*"Therefore have patience. GOD's promise is surely true. Implore forgiveness for your sins and celebrate the praise of your Lord evening and morning."*³⁰ Stop imploring vengeance on the Jews and gays for your sins. *"Celebrate the praise of your Lord,"* and stop comparing yourselves to others to your benefit and contrasting yourself to them to your benefit without giving thanks where thanks is due.

³⁰ Do all this for yourself individually and for your faith collectively.

You're singular and unique, although collectively equivalent $\{\pm\}$. If you compare or contrast yourselves to others, whether within your faith or to those outside it, you'll end up being very disappointed and bitter about your lot in life. That reaction is built into the system. Compare and contrast yourself to who you were yesterday. Nobody else's grades are going on your report card.

*“As for those who dispute the revelations of God,
with no authority vouchsafed to them,
they nurture in their hearts ambitions they shall never attain.
Therefore seek refuge in God;
it is He that hears all and observes all.”*
[40:55-56]

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Don't put your trust in me or any other human being. None of us are wise, loving or loyal enough to guide you. Put your trust in yourself, and then give what little bit is left over of that trust to a few, select others and GOD. Nothing else makes any sense. But know that if, in your heart of hearts {soul}, you yearn for the Jews to give up the land of Israel, you're still just a wolf in sheep's clothing. You don't really believe a word I'm saying.

*“The blind and the seeing are not equal.
Nor are the wicked the equals of those who have faith.
And so do good works.
Yet, do you seldom take thought.”*
[40:58]

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We're all equivalent $\{\pm\}$, not equal $\{=\}$. JUDGE NO ONE, LEST YOU BE JUDGED.
[Matthew 7:1] You may be spiritually blind and not know it. Many profess to be able to

see. The past is 20/20 in hindsight. The present is opaque. And the future is totally blank and unperceivable.

So don't convince yourself that your sight is any better than anyone else's. The wiser, more loving and deeply devoted you become to your life alone, the more insightful you'll become with regard to the big picture.

There are plenty of wicked people in this world who carry hateful opinions of alliances, factions, groups, parties, and tribes. If you're prejudiced against individuals, but not scheming with evil intention against whole parties of peoples, you'll have less of a mess to clean up inside than all those who are deliberately hating and hurting groups of people left and right. (And when I say "left" and "right," I'm also speaking about the political spectrum.)

Forget innocent. Nobody is innocent. The opinions of infants are usually wrong. Children need to be convinced if you're going to challenge their opinions. And juveniles are presumed guilty from the start. Therefore don't consider anyone innocent. Judge people individually.

Consider yourself worthy of atonement. You can learn how to help yourself out of your prejudicial opinions of others by working for more righteous principles in yourself for yourself about yourself. And you should begin that work by striving to do good works for you before you make the claim that you can do good works for others.

"Say:

*'I am forbidden to serve your idols
now that clear proofs have been given me from my Lord.
I am commended to submit to the Lord of the universe.'*"
[40:66]

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Today's idols aren't the same idols the indigenists in the Middle East were bowing down to in ancient days. Today, people have more sense than to be frightened of manmade gods of clay, porcelain or stone. Today, people are terrified of gays, lesbians and Israelis. We're the idols straight penises and clitorises are dancing around defiantly. We're the golden calves some haters can't stop thinking about slaughtering. {If the haters aren't dancing around marriage equality, they're dancing around Israel for the same reason. They can't wait to see both slip through our fingers.}

Gays and lesbians aren't exactly carving idols or praying to stone carvings. We aren't dancing naked in temples, professing our undying faith to the devil. Grow up and face **GOD**

by yourself and stop dancing around us if you think we're the perverts in the room. You may be running out of time. Don't try to tell us for whom the bell tolls.³¹

The world has changed, and interpretations of Scripture have lagged behind. There's so much moral turmoil in the world since the return of the Jews to Israel and since gays and lesbians attained marriage equality in America.

The ultra-orthodox JEWS who refuse to allow gays and lesbians to marry or study prayer at "their" table; the fundamentalist, American Australian and European CHRISTIANS who secretly wish to send all the Jews back to Israel to achieve the return of their Messiah; and the extremist *Muslims* who wish to use violence to take anything they want in this world by driving all the Jews into the sea – will all, ultimately, wish they'd agreed with these words of the Quran: "*I am commended to submit to the Lord of the universe.*"

*"They will be asked,
'where are the gods whom you have served
besides God?'"*
[40:72]

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besides GOD?'"

Today's gods are anti-Semites, anti-Zionists, homophobes, misogynists, murderers, pedophiles, racists, rapists and, of course, thieves who use their powers to build external trophies to their choices instead of using their inner power to discipline themselves. They project their spiritual work onto others, blaming those around them for all the work they haven't tackled within. Today's gods whip up true believers into frenzies. They try to promote the superiority of some over others.

*""They have forsaken us,'
they will reply."*
[40:73]

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they will reply."

Many true believers cried out that the government, institutions of faith and cultural norms forsook them when marriage equality became the law of the land in the U.S. They

³¹ "Perchance he for whom this bell tolls may be so ill, as that he knows not it tolls for him; and perchance I may think myself so much better than I am, as that they who are about me, and see my state, may have caused it to toll for me, and I know not that." [John Donne] {John Donne was born into a Catholic family in 1572, during a strong anti-Catholic period in England.}

were shocked that most people in this country would embrace us, and they believed that that was a sign of how degenerate man has become in the 21st Century. Today's JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* can't internalize their own homophobia any more than Muslims can internalize their anti-Zionism. They're lost in a hyper-religious masquerade.

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The Jews in the concentration camps cried out in the "showers" as the gas pellets exploded and choked them to death. I'm sure they demanded to know why GOD would allow people to behave in ways that were so inhuman and unjust. But we know it wasn't GOD who guided the Nazis. We know that "*He whom GOD confounds shall have none to guide him.*" [40:34-35]

Think of the horror of the Prophet's statement then and what it'll mean someday soon to those you know who've had no inner guide. No one is here long enough to deny any of the truth. This world is a test, and our inner life is our answer sheet.

Your life isn't just an external classroom experience where you learn theory. Life is also an inner, laboratory experiment in which you decide what you're going to do to solve your external problems using internal, moral theories about how you wish to proceed.

You should measure the outcomes of your behaviors to determine what they mean to you within. You can't say, "I was only following orders," as the Nazis tried to do. You can't claim that you didn't know that your thoughts, feelings, beliefs and wants would be important at the end. Your two worlds are inextricably interconnected until you die. "GOD knows the unjust from the just." [2:220] your inner forces are all known to HIM. But can you say with certainty that you know how you operate?

*"And they will be told,
'That is because on Earth you took delight in falsehoods,
and led a wonton life.'"*
[40:74]

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and led a wonton life.'"

The word "wanton" is generally used to describe sexual indulgence. But there are evils far worse than allowing yourself to indulge in sexual exploits with strangers before you

³² Taken from George Benson's 1976 song "This Masquerade." "Are we really happy here/With this lonely game we play/Looking for words to say/Searching but not finding understanding anywhere/We're lost in a masquerade/Both afraid to say we're just too far away/From being close together from the start/We tried to talk it over but the WORDS/WORDS/*Words* got in the way/We're lost inside this lonely game we play."

marry. Now that gays can marry, we're also accountable to **GOD** for the same promises straight, married couples make to one another. Now that we have what you have, we all ought to admit that there are sins much greater than having had a robust sex life when we were single.

In this passage, the word "wanton" ought to be interpreted to mean apathetic, inconsiderate, insensitive, numbing, thoughtless and in denial of yourself and in the importance of those around you.

People take delight in committing falsehoods because they think they'll never get caught for doing so. They take delight in their denials because they think they can't be held responsible for what they didn't know at the time they did what they did. They think their lies have been so internalized that no one will ever be able to know their truths from their falsehoods. And yet, anyone who watches TV with the sound turned off can see how obvious people's inner worlds are expressed through body language, facial expression and gesture despite all they think no one can see or know about them.

*"Enter the gates of hell
and stay therein forever.
Evil is the home of the arrogant."
[40:75-6]*

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and stay therein forever.
Evil is the home of the arrogant."*

Evil are actions people take to covet (10); lie (9); steal (8); cheat (7); and kill (6) to get what they want. Evil are the negative feelings people clutch to covet the love others have that they don't. Evil are the beliefs people maintain to take anything they want that's not theirs provided they find a good reason to do so.

It's actually harder to be evil than it looks. You really have to be very defiant to do evil. It takes more effort on the inside than it looks on the outside.

What you don't know about you could hurt you. It could even have serious consequences in the "world to come." You're required and expected to get to know yourself while you're here. You have a lifetime to do so. Getting to know yourself isn't something you can accomplish at the last minute. You're expected to improve yourself using the spiritual process every day of your life. If you don't, expect to pay a price for your laziness and obsessions in the external world and surely in the "world to come." Was it any different when you were in school and had to develop good, work habits to make the grade?

Many people are actually working overtime to do what's expected of them by the Teacher. So if you think you're going to sail through life by focusing only on what's going on around you and then simply say, "I didn't know any better" when it's all over, you're

only using the power of ignorance and denial to hurt yourself. And in the end, you're going to discover what a huge mistake that was.³³

GOD needed to have the Archangel Gabriel recite the Quran to Muhammad because the Jews and Christians at that time would never have been able to clean up the mess they'd made in themselves without more guidance. **HE** had to create a third faith so there'd be two true believers against one until the day all three of them would finally agree to agree.

Agreeing to disagree about matters of faith isn't a viable solution anymore. Agreeing to disagree only creates disagreeable people. The answers JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY and *Islām* are relying on today are as disagreeable as their leaders and followers.

When you think back to the meaning of the two triangles that form the Star of David, it's easy to see the patriarchal world we live in as the triangle pointing up. It's easy to see the man at the top as the one in charge, be that your father, your supervisor, your client, your president or your religious "leader." After 5,780 years of patriarchal training, we all know how to move through the formation of the upward pointing triangle.

But we live in a world that's changing, one that the Prophet anticipated thanks to the Archangel Gabriel. The recitation of Gabriel can easily be seen in the length of the surahs. They start out long and get shorter and shorter. {The 1st surah is more like a title than a chapter.} The 114th surah {*Mankind*} is nothing more than one sentence made up of 35 words in English. When you stack the surahs one below the other, it figuratively forms the second triangle of the star of David. You find yourself with the triangle of your mother pointing down into the Earth.

When Muslims come to embrace the Quran as their spiritual mother, they'll take the *words* of the Prophet to heart. And in so doing, they'll find the hidden meanings that may have been eluding them. They'll find their own way to fasten these two triangles together, mother within, father throughout.

"Evil is the home of the arrogant." Most people were told (and, therefore, believe) that pride cometh before the fall, when, in fact, it's arrogance that does. Pride comes after the fall. You'll be fully satisfied with your life when you die if you continually move toward pride. You may be frequently, figuratively falling and getting up in an effort to believe you have reason to be proud of yourself. But the more you learn how to practice falling {dying} and getting up {living} the more enlightened you'll become.

Most people are so at home in the lies they tell themselves that they have no idea they're even lying. They're in denial of the opinions below their waist that guide them. They fall into the foul nest of snakes and worms that temptation leads them into to look at their circumstances from the outsider's perspective on themselves. (They'd make it much easier

³³ Perhaps now, you can see why fundamentalist leaders in all three of the Abrahamic faiths are so terrified of gay men. We literally do something in bed that reminds them deep down inside of what they're doing to themselves figuratively. And it drives them crazy to hate that little rectum of theirs that humiliates them, the one that we so love.

on themselves if they discovered the HE or $SH\mathcal{E}$ within. That would distance them from what GOD doesn't seem to permit them from knowing.)

I suspect that everyone may want to come out of the closet, not in the homosexual sense, but in the sense that they've locked themselves into a tiny room inside themselves, a place so small and dark that they have no idea how it's compromising their ability to see the mansion within that they need to explore in order to receive the mansion the Archangel Gabriel promised those who do all their work in their lifetime.

The Prophet spoke about an everlasting mansion, but most people live in a dark and tiny "closet" that's more like that little room that's adjacent to their bedroom filled with all their costumes. For some, that tiny closet may be found in their foyer where it's filled with others' coats of many colors. It may be a kitchen closet filled with cleaning items. It may be like the linen closet found in their bathroom filled with sheets and towels. You don't have to be gay to come out of a closet (but it helps...).

*"Therefore have patience:
God's promise is surely true.
Whether We let you glimpse in some measure
at the scourge We promised them,
or claim you back before We smite them,
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[40:75-76]*

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The Prophet was only given a glimpse of the big picture. So don't expect to be blessed with the full picture either. Each of us is given the opportunity to learn to see and understand as much as we possibly can in an uncertain amount of time. Your fate lies in your hands, but your hands lie in his.

Therefore try to look deeper down inside yourself. Try to look beyond the horizon presented to you by others by looking more deeply at the triangle that points down within $\{x^2\}$. You'll discover that all the rational reasons you have for what you say and do are slightly curved, like the planet. Your reasons only appear to be going in straight lines until you reach your inner horizons. There, they all converge.

Even your sexuality is slightly curved, not completely straight. If the truth about your attraction to you were perfectly straight, you'd fall off your inner world. You're gay enough to find yourself sexy and tempting enough to explore yourself. Thankfully, GOD saw to it that your two worlds would be equivalent $\{\pm\}$, not equal $\{=\}$. Therefore your inner world is also round. As your thoughts go round and round late some nights, remember that. ³⁴

*"We sent forth other apostles before your time.
Of some,
We have already told you.
Of others,
We have not yet told you.
None of those apostles could bring a sign except by God's leave.
And when God's will was done
justice prevailed and,
there and then,
the nonbelievers lost out."
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You're someone who makes a difference without having to subtract from what you, or others, have. You add your strength to the Lord's might just by knowing, loving and believing all the more loyally in yourself. In these ways, you become a greater emissary of goodness. In these ways, you reinterpret Scripture in a modern way that brings greater meaning to everyone's life.

³⁴ You don't have to love every rectum in the world. You only have to learn to love one; two, possibly, if you're gay and in a committed relationship.

³⁵ This is the Archangel speaking in the first person plural referring to GOD and the angels.

In ancient times, GOD gave us the Ten Commandments and HE gave us HIS two Commandments.³⁶ But in the modern era we live in, many think they're smart enough to go through these Twelve Commandments within, in reverse order, beginning with loving themselves as though they were their own neighbor. Only in experiencing these Commandments in reverse will you eventually come to understand the first five Commandments given to Moses with regard to GOD:

- 5. To honor your father and mother. GOD gave you your parents.
- 4. To keep the Sabbath holy. There are three Sabbaths.
- 3. Not to utter the Lord's names in vain. You demean yourself by doing so.
- 2. Not to have other "Gods" before GOD. You'll play god if you do.
- 1. To know that HE is the Lord, your GOD/GOD/God who took us all out of an Egypt.

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*"It is God who has provided you with beasts,
that you may ride on some and eat the flesh of others.
You put them to many uses;
they take you where you wish to go,
carrying you by land as ships carry you by sea."
[40:80-81]*

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The beast that carries you by land as ships carry you by sea is your body. Your body is like the ark that carried Noah by sea that was full of beasts. To harness your body, you

³⁶ Christ's Two Commandments: (1) LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL THY HEART, WITH ALL THY SOUL AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT. (2) LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY SELF.

³⁷ The word "Egypt" in Hebrew is "MITZRAYIM" which is related to the word "MITZARIM," which means "narrow places." Egypt is considered the surrogate mother of Judaism because most people (except those by cesarean birth) come out of their mother's womb through her vagina, which, at that time, must have felt like the narrowest of all possible places, subjectively speaking. We've all made our way through morally narrow places since that we must forever look back on to remind us of the difference between where we came from and the direction we hope to be going in now.

must understand its nature. In figuratively letting out the beasts deep down in your hull {testicles} onto the land {external reality}, you discover your nature.

GOD gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments at the beginning of their long journey. But it's taken us 3,400 years to contrast where we were then to where we've come now. When my grandmother bought land in Palestine, she didn't grab it like the ancient Israelites took the land GOD gave them, with closed fists. She bought it legally. She took it hopefully. And she gave it to her progeny lovingly.

When the United Nations gave our land back to us, the world agreed to take our land away from Roman thieves who turned it over to CHRISTIAN thieves who fought with *Muslim* thieves over it for two millennia. Torah is our land grant. Nowhere in the New Testament or the Quran is there any mention of GOD breaking HIS promise to us and giving our land to anyone else. All the *Muslim* wars with Israel have been wars against GOD in defiance of HIM. When the Muslims look carefully at the historical boundaries of our land as given to us by GOD, their land grab will end.

*“But their new faith was of no avail to them
when they beheld Our might:
such being the way of God with His creatures;
and there and then the nonbelievers lost out.”
[40:85]*

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The faith you have in your faith is only as strong as the faith you have in yourself. It doesn't matter whether you depict the name of our Creator as: GOD, GOD or *God*. GOD knows the way in which you depict HIS name in your heart of hearts {soul}.

I've taken it upon myself to spell out GOD's message in a way that anyone who isn't literally blind should be able to see and understand. But I anticipate that there'll be some who'll hate my efforts. They'll find reasons to be repelled and disgusted by spiritual unification of the Abrahamic faiths within themselves. Self-knowledge is of no use to them. In fact, it threatens them. Their desires rule their life. And their secret desire is for their faith to rule the world.

What matters are the principles by which you put one foot in front of the other. What matters is your nature. It doesn't matter whether you crawl in a moral direction on all four

as an infant; skip like a child; or walk slowly putting one foot absentmindedly before the other like a teenager. It doesn't matter if you swim well through your feelings or fly over your entire belief system like a gnat in search of a dog.

If you crawl on your belly without any moral legs at all to support yourself, we can see what you're up to. We all know a spiritual snake when we see one. We know that some snakes can swim and some even seem to fly.³⁸ And we all react to them fearfully or, at least, suspiciously.

I hope that, like me, you're going to make your way slowly through all three of the Abrahamic faiths to the throne of our Lord. And from that very quiet place in inner space, I hope you'll see angels dancing with hope and delight at your potential arrival.

On your way through life, you're going to come in contact with JEWS who blame gays for their bad luck. You're going to meet CHRISTIANS who blame Muslims and the gay community for their misfortunes. And you're going to meet *Muslims* who blame Jews, Christians, Muslims and the gay community for theirs.

The Christians will admit that their ancestors blamed the Jews for killing their GOD. And they'll even admit that their forefathers were wrong to do so. Now they'll happily agree with you that Jesus was a Jew, and they'll proudly say that they know GOD's Chosen are relevant to the Christian world we all live in. What the CHRISTIANS won't admit is that HE could very well have been gay. That goes too far for their brand of truth.

The *Muslims* will tell you that they don't make a distinction between one Jew and another JEW. We're all bad in their opinion and will remain bad until we relinquish the State of Israel to them. But like the CHRISTIANS, you know the *Muslims* haven't transformed their heart or transcended their conscience. They just want what they want because that's all that they know that they want. And they'll willingly kill (6), cheat (7), steal (8) and lie (9) to satisfy their covetous nature.

They're all little men with little penises and tiny testicles. Not much juice flows out of such fruits. They covet what they don't have. But they pray for earthly delights, familial happiness, social elation, sexual ecstasy, "heavenly" rapture and eternal bliss. But you can see what's wrong with their big picture.

Jews point out to the JEWS that the JEWS blame us for behaving like Christians and Muslims. Jews point out to CHRISTIANS that they're hypocrites for not entertaining the possibility that Jesus may have been gay. And Jews point out to *Muslims* that they accuse their enemies of thinking like Jews, feeling like Christians and wanting to live the gay life gays live.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* need bookkeepers to keep track of their enemies. They can't keep their enemies straight for fear they, themselves, will turn into their own enemies. Such is the mystery of GOD's designs to the uninitiated. They all fear they'll end up gay or Jewish. (And I can assure them that there are worse things that could happen in life.)

³⁸ "Flying snake is a misnomer, since, barring a strong updraft, these animals can't actually gain altitude. They're gliders, using the speed of free fall and contortions of their bodies to catch the air and generate lift." [Wikipedia]

For some people, that probably makes me one of the biggest, creepiest snakes in the whole world... That probably makes me an honorary devil in disguise. They must think I'm speaking out of the mouth on the head of my penis. But I know what comes out of "it," and these words aren't pouring out like a white stream from "it." These words come from my soul.

I can often tell which testicle my words are coming from when I talk to myself. And because I practice talking to myself a lot, I'm prepared for what I say when I speak out loud. My head isn't up my behind staring at my ego without seeing a thing in that darkness. I can infuse others with the life-giving force in my soul rather than the residue of what I've eaten because I know where I'm coming from when I open my mouth.

The best thing possible would be for you₁ to ask you₂ to pause and ponder what's really going on in your head and heart. You₃ might even like to ask the two of you_{1,2} whether your conscience is really your guide or whether your desires are more in control of your actions than you₃ surmise. Only in this way will you raise yourself up by your bootstraps.

To become soulful, you need to find that place in the mountain where you can build a fire and warm yourself against the elements. Call that place your "man cave" if you wish. Even when you feel safe and warm at night, you may find it can still get pretty cold over time in you as you struggle day to day to make your way from base camp to summit. And for older adults like me, it may not be until you're well past your prime that, while descending down from the mountain, you suddenly begin to see a view of this world you never in your wildest imagination could have conceived of before.

The games JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are playing with Jews, Christians and Muslims are going to grind to a halt if you stop playing them, too. There's only one game in town when you use your head, heart and soul in deciding what to believe. Don't insult **GOD** by thinking only with your penis or clitoris. And if you do decide to use your genitals to make babies, be absolutely sure you can help your children help themselves.

Surah 41

سورة فصلت

Revelations Well Expounded

The revelations in the Hebrew Testament and the revelations in the Gospels are sacred to Jews and Christians. And the revelations outlined in the Quran are equally sacred to Muslims. The problem lies in expounding these revelations to the common man in universal terms that everyone can understand and appreciate. The spiritual, linguistic problem in doing so figuratively lies in adding an “s” to the word “revelation” to put it in the plural without offending anyone’s religious revelation.

There were many revelations presented by the Prophet, but without being able to contrast and compare them to who you were yesterday, they make little sense on their own. What the Prophet gave to the world was monumental in its scope and modernity when you look at it as a completion of Middle Eastern Scripture. In this way, you’ll be able to understand what it means when Muslims say that *Allah* is the last name of the three names for GOD.

But what the *Muslims* have done with the Quran is similar to what the *CHRISTIANS* did with the Gospels. Simply stated, it’s obscene. If you refuse to allow your congregation to take your word “revelation” and add an “s” to it, turning it into “revelations,” you’re mad at someone for something that has nothing to do with GOD designs. You’re spiritually insane. And there are places here on Earth where we confine such people. Don’t for a minute imagine that GOD hasn’t thought through what to do with such people “after” life. There surely will be a place to confine and heal them then, too.

GOD, in HIS infinite wisdom, separated the three Abrahamic faiths so that each could witness the others. But in today’s world, now that we have the Internet, jet travel and video coverage of world events in real time, HIS designs have taken a dramatic turn for the better. Today’s nonbelievers are better morally informed, whether or not they ever go to a religious institution to pray. Meanwhile, the extremist believers are less well informed, believing that revelation is theirs, and theirs, alone. Everyone should wake up to find that we’re all idol worshippers in the figurative sense. We’re worshipping our own opinions.³⁹

You don’t have to be consciously aware of GOD or HIS presence to be a good human being. In fact, some of the most devout people I know happen to be gay atheists or agnostics who are simply unaware of what they’re spiritually doing. My mother was a ferociously pro-gay, Jewish nonbeliever, and she was the most devout person I knew for a long time.

³⁹ The short list of today’s idols in the most typical order of popularity are: money, power, prestige, food, sex, alcohol, drugs and thrills. Nobody chooses wisdom, love or loyalty unless he’s prepared to fight for a cause and risk being called an “idealist.” These seven books are preparing you for the greatest of all fights. They’re preparing you to call yourself a “realist.”

When it came to her devotion to her children, she was spiritually stronger than any rabbi, priest or imam I've ever met. But when it comes to her devotion to GOD, she's lost in a masquerade on a locked ward for the severely demented.

The Hebrew Testament presents the metaphor of man as a tree of knowledge. By the extension of this metaphor, we're all planted in this worldly garden of delights as an indigenist seed that grows through the rock of defiance of GOD's intentions for us into the light of self-knowledge, which, only then leads to GOD-consciousness for those who don't hate HIM right from the start. {For the JEWS life begins and ends like a plant under a tree in a garden. They never grow up to become like trees in an orchard. They look around with envy at the garden in Israel. They never grow tall enough to see that we're all in the modern orchard of Eden.} This should teach us to discern appearances from truth when viewed from our head. This should motivate us to go beyond the awakening of the spiritual infant.

In Torah, GOD used psychological manipulation by forbidding us from knowing ourselves in order to teach us to think for ourselves. Instead of giving all of us the same path to discover that truth, he gave each of us a path tailor-made for us alone.⁴⁰

Each of us has to discern good from evil individually to decide for ourselves how we're going to behave. You can only get away with blaming the outcome of your life on others {or on the "wrathful" GOD of the Jews} for so long, and then your theory unravels and falls apart.

The CHRISTIANS externalized and projected this Biblical lesson onto a mythical creature called "satan" who wants us all to fail and join his ranks with bitterness, cynicism and scorn of GOD's designs. This further projected the struggle for good and evil in the world around us to include the revelation that believing in Jesus as GOD could make it possible to win their war of faith to then receive an everlasting reward.

But HIS flesh and blood actually created the symbolism that made it possible to discern right from wrong in a second place in inner space. It extended the game by producing spiritual children in addition to spiritual infants. It's nice to think of growing old as becoming more child-like than childish or infantile, but that really only exacerbates the struggle between your own head and heart.

The addition of Islam expanded upon the struggle down here to get up "there." This extended man's options to give him the spiritual similes to choose better from worse {Jewish outcomes from Christian outcomes}, thus creating spiritual adolescents in addition to children and infants.

As you conclude that the mystery of being you goes beyond your relationship with yourself as reflected in external matters, you'll come to love your body all the more. It is, after all, the three-dimensional boundary between you and everything that's not you. This makes your creation magical, mysterious and mystical. This makes you the greatest creation the world has even known – subjectively speaking. This is the reason why you look uniquely different from everyone else on Earth.

⁴⁰ This is equivalent to the study of physics as a subset of the natural world. Once you understand how everything *moves*, you're better prepared for the study of how everything *works*.

As you expand your understanding of you, you won't struggle with the pronouns "he/she/it" any longer. Your body is your ideal "it." The x^2 chromosome from your mother is your ideal "she." And the x^1 or y chromosome from your father is your ideal "s/he." Your "God" only describes a portion of "His" handiwork in your Scripture. You're a combination of pieces to a puzzle that together create a picture of you [second person singular {you} and plural {you}] that you must develop the curiosity to explore.

It may be nice to think about the rewards of 72 virgins in "heaven." But get real. Only a pubescent juvenile would come up an idea like that. Life isn't all about sex. It's not all about orgasms. But so long as the gay-Jews have to leave their penises and anuses at the door before entering your "heaven," it's back to the drawing board... You're stuck with only part of the truth. You're not dealing with a full deck.

It isn't going to be possible for you to believe what I've just said unless you can personalize this struggle to perceive the relationship between the inner infant, child and adolescent in you. If you can't consciously hold your inner infant like a child who doesn't know what he's doing; if you can't open yourself up to speaking to your inner infant, consoling him or her when s/he cries and concerning yourself with his or her bodily needs – you're not going to grow beyond the level of a child.

But if you can see yourself as like a child with an infant in your arms; if you can see yourself as struggling to speak to yourself as you would to a child holding a baby without worrying about being judged as insane by you – you've accessed your adolescent. Now you can commend your little brother or sister for caring so much about your baby, regardless of the external results you achieve or don't achieve when you're under stress. You can tell yourself what to do to improve the job you're doing in every area of your external life. {That may sometimes require self-ridicule and self-scorn. But who would do that better than a teenager?...}

When you can internalize the Abrahamic faiths, you can begin to say that you understand the meaning of the word, "power." You can begin to talk about the experience of your testicles figuratively descending out of your body cavity, something they did decades ago physically, either in the womb or as an infant, but which you may not have yet felt you've achieved spiritually. This is what it means to become a man. This is what no woman can physically relate to. This is why you have a y chromosome and will never be able to relate to x^1 , only with x^2 . This is why men and women are only spiritually equivalent $\{\pm\}$, not equal $\{=\}$.

To make moral sense of the rationale of **GOD's** design, you should become intimate with your four selves, not focus only on getting to know HIM/HIM/*Hím*. You should stop trying to conceal the accomplishments of the other Abrahamic faiths rather than admit to your selves that none of the three Abrahamic faiths adequately works without the other two. But the proof of that position must come from within, or it'll be meaningless to you.

The importance of the Abrahamic faiths, like the core, meat and skin of an apple, are worthless without the seeds. Islam is the skin of faith. Christianity is the meat. Judaism is at the core. And indigenism is like seeds in an apple.

Only the true believer has the wisdom, love and loyalty to all of humanity, including indigenous peoples, to unify this struggle from within. Only a true believer blesses all of

humanity as made in the images of the ONE universal GOD who unifies us all with HIS presence.

If you understand what you've just read, you can see why chose to use "Times" font to describe indigenism from a true believer's point of view. You can understand that this font represents the seeds of spirituality that may not, as yet, have germinated in you. With these seeds {words}, you'll be able to grow in awareness of your spiritual tree from which, metaphorically, every apple hangs.

Then you'll see how I recreated the instructions GIVEN by Moses that were RECREATED by Jesus and then *renewed* by the Prophet Muhammad. In this way, you should be able to admit to yourself on a daily basis that we're all hanging by a stem, (not a thread).

As I've already said, it makes no sense that GOD would make such a fuss over one little piece of fruit hanging from one tree in a garden. Is HE insane? Is HE obsessive? Is HE vindictive? There must be a good reason for HIM having begun HIS story with the Creation story. If you aren't willing to go back to the basics to figure out how things work, it must, therefore, be you who are insane, obsessive or vindictive.

What good is a tree that bears fruit if you don't consume all of the fruit you pick, including the seeds? How much external knowledge must you acquire before you realize that the institutions of faith will, eventually, go out of business with GOD/GOD/*God* as their "Partner" if they don't challenge themselves to grow individually. They'll get spoiled like fruit if they don't examine the metaphors, symbols and signs that will, ultimately, personalize and universalize their struggle to become humane.⁴¹ It'd be a pity for the rest of us to lose all that we've struggled to attain because of a few bad apples.

The Quran doesn't have an underlying metaphoric {tree} or symbolic {container/contents} message that reveals its reason for being. The Quran is more like a map that describes a road that divides in two with each road going in a different direction. Judaism is the earthly path. Christianity is the vehicle that takes the high road. But everyone has within his grasp what it takes to use Islam to fly over them both to watch where they both lead. Only Islam presents the deeply, dark view of what will happen if you don't watch where others are going in order to figure out where you're going to go.

In this way, Torah and the Gospels open man to the potential for transfiguration. Transfiguration is, in essence, the underlying subject of the Quran. The meaning of "transfiguration" is "spiritual evolution." It's the figurative refiguration of your being

⁴¹ In that sense, Jerusalem, Rome and Mecca may be doomed to become spiritual relics in a few hundred years. Humanity will look back on them like museums where the history of the struggle for our humanity was localized. Today's modern man may, at some point in the future, look exceedingly primitive and old-fashioned. Even 150 years from now, they'll look back on our journey today like we look back chronologically on gas lamps, the Pony Express, record players and faxes. Descartes may have said "I think, therefore, I am." But today, Christians might say, "I feel, therefore, I am." Muslims might say, "I believe, therefore, I am." And the most modern might say, "I am, therefore, I am."

through moral effort from within. The secret to transfiguration is described in the Quran as “*Revelations Well Expounded*,” the title of this surah.

In Alcoholics Anonymous, they say that the road gets narrower. Well, the spiritual road of the true believers gets narrower, too. The alcoholic substitutes “spirits” {alcohol and drugs} for the journey of his spirit. The hyper-religious nuts go even further out on a limb to try to grasp the meaning of their text without a universal context.

The true believer looks for every opportunity he can to take the road that narrows his options within so he can receive greater self-understanding of GOD’s promises throughout.

In this way, he then has the hope needed to dream of achieving HIS promises using his own vision, while remaining aware at all times that they’re promises, not guarantees.

In this way, every true believer comes to understand that the roads he takes in the external world appear to narrow and end at the horizon because they’re clues to what’s happening within him. All roads, inner and outer, narrow. He understands that both his worlds are round. The edge of what he can literally see is like the edge of his imagination. The more he endeavors to reach his own horizons, the more his inner world ceases to be flat and map-like, leaving him unsatisfied and bored. It becomes 3-D. It becomes fascinating and magical.

The true believer lives in a time when most still believe that their inner world is flat. Most can’t understand why their internal world would need to be spherical. But the true believer has no doubt that his internal world is spherical. He yearns to go all the way around it in the time he’s been given. Death isn’t a meaningless word for him. His mortality makes him feel all the more real.

Experiencing this inner truth requires people going on trips beyond their horizons around their inner world. The courageous explorers of the 15th, 16th and 17th Centuries did the equivalent in the external world. Once today’s JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* come to believe that their inner world is round, opposition to Israel and the LGBTQIA community will cease. It’s as simple as that. The truth about life, including and gay, Jewish life, will change their opinion about death.

It’s no use telling a man that every intersection mirrors moral choices he has to make. Those who are ignorant of themselves will only accuse you of nefarious intentions if you use the symbol of the cross in this way. In every fork in the road they’re only reminded of the tongue of a snake. They can’t make choices on their own. They’re like children who yearn to be told what to do.

Without the inner sign of a mosque at the roundabout where roads diverge, a man may not give thought to the enormity of every decision he makes. By extension, without the dome over the rock on the site of the ruins of the two Temples, there might not be enough reason to question the destruction of the two Temples or to ask yourself why GOD created that rock high above the Wailing Wall and the Via Dolorosa.⁴²

⁴² “‘Via Dolorosa:’ Latin: ‘Way of Grief,’ ‘Way of Sorrows,’ ‘Way of Suffering’ or simply ‘Painful Way.’ The Via Dolorosa is a street within the Old City of Jerusalem believed to be the path that Jesus Walked on the way to HIS crucifixion.” [Wikipedia]

Life isn't about ultimatums. You can't force a person to go one way over another. You can't make a Jew into a Christian or a Christian into a Muslim. These are GOD-given belief systems you can only learn to appreciate to go with the flow. People need to be able to choose to get on and off any road they like. Therefore they need the freedom, liberty and emancipation to better themselves any way they choose. This, JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will never allow their followers to do.

People want to believe that their choices are personal, private and freely chosen. They want to know that when they get to a fork in the road, an intersection or a roundabout, no one will try to be their keeper. It's wonderful to see people shout down neo-Nazis. Now let's teach them to shout down JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. It's they who are still fighting over the Old City. The Jews, Christians and Muslims will all agree that it must remain in the hands of the Jews because we're the people GOD chose to give it to. And we're the ones who are endangered by giving control of it to anyone else.

There's a great tendency to blame others for the things we allowed to turn out the way they did. Adam blamed GOD and that woman HE gave him. Eve blamed the serpent. Only the serpent shrewdly didn't open its mouth to defend its collusion with them before GOD.

I wouldn't want to have to bet that you've always had the moral backbone to take responsibility for every path you've gone down in life. But the more freedom you give yourself today, the more you'll grant others the freedom to do the same.

*"It proclaims good works and a warning:
yet most men turn their backs and pay no heed.
They say,
'Our hearts are proof against the faith to which you call us.
Our ears are stopped,
and a thick veil stands between us.
Do as you think fit,
and so will we.'"
[41:3-4]*

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Do as you think fit,
and so will we.'"*

The "it" referred to in this passage that proclaims good works is the Quran. Those with hearts that resisted the new faith based on devotion then were those who were ready to

refute the importance of wisdom and love. Those who refute this faith now are those who refute the importance of wisdom, love and devotion.

You have two eyes. You have two ears. You have a nose with two nostrils. Face reality and you'll have no need to veil yourself before GOD.

The devotion and intimacy some men have for their father, son, best friend or husband are depths of a love you wouldn't judge if you were thinking clearly. We all know the heart is sometimes fickle and irrational because it's been corrupted by desire. We all know love is eternal, but that life on Earth is temporary. We all say we believe in wisdom, love and devotion. We just don't like when it's written out in a way that commits us to what we only claim. When words are written down, they become much more powerful.

The kind of intimacy I felt for my father as a young child knew no bounds. Although he was happy to have a second son from a second marriage, especially a son who loved him as devotedly as me, I don't think he had any idea how deeply I felt about him. But when his relationship with my mother became a deep disappointment to them both, I felt I had no choice but to take sides. And I took my mother's side, as any gentleman would. I took her side because she and I shared a disappointment in him.

My father wasn't the only cause of my parent's divorce. But he refused to pay child support for many years thereafter. As well as losing his physical presence in my life, I lost him as a father figure I could respect. But how can I blame him now after having gleaned so much wisdom, love and loyalty to life through his absence? Did Joseph blame his brothers for selling him into slavery after he became viceroy of Egypt? He was ultimately reunited with them by GOD through his family's misfortune. GOD works in mysterious ways.

From experiences with my father and former boyfriend, I received my primary education in loss. The loss of these two men in my life made me conclude that I was a loser. From my experiences with my present boyfriend of nine years, I've learned that onliness is loneliness without loss. Once I could finally appreciate the reasons why I no longer have what I lost, I achieved a sense of quiet solitude. I discovered a love for myself beyond love for others and a loyalty beyond loyalty to any cause. I achieved a soupçon of wisdom.

Wisdom was something I had to find *for* myself₁ and *with* myself₂ before I could perceive that the source of my love and loyalty to me was taking me in the direction of GOD. Therefore I don't carry a grudge about the way things have turned out. My heart was proof of the faith the Prophet called me to that lay in my soul.

Muslim women may literally choose to wear a veil, but I think *Muslim* men figuratively wear one, too. Their ears are stopped and a thick curtain stands between most of them and us. "*Do as you think fit, and so will I.*"⁴³

⁴³ I suppose the thought of a Muslim man wearing a veil internally may sicken him. He may not want to be compared to a woman. He may not like the idea that his eyelids are like two veils that conceal him every few seconds from a mirror of himself. But opening yourself up to the x^2 factor you have in common with all men and women requires figurative associations that may be very challenging. The only consolation I can offer is

I can see that my path is taking me through all three of the Western paths to **GOD**. I can see the influences of all three faiths on my own paths. And I feel called to unify the Western faiths in each one of us. My inner world is round, and I'm slowly making my way around it to include the mystery of the Eastern **philosophies**.

The difference between my paths and yours may only be that mine have to be literally spelled out to be meaningful to me. I had no choice but to become a spiritual poet. I've been chosen to become an emissary of faith and **philosophy** because I'm compelled to be myself by myself in my own way.

Some say that the Chosen People were slaves in ancient Egypt who then became slaves to **GOD**. They say we've become shackled to our primitive belief in **HIM**. They claim that to know **GOD** you must come to believe in Jesus. Others say that to believe in *Him*, you must come to *Him* through the Prophet Muhammad.

What does feeling chosen matter if you're still shackled to hearing yourself think without bothering to listen and question what you're saying? What difference does it make if you conceal your eyes behind veils of lids or your ears behind a curtain of silence? If you refuse to use your imagination, you'll never be able to see or hear. And those are losses I wouldn't want to carry over into the "world to come."

To "transfigure" means {(1) to change the appearance of something or someone. (2) to give a new and exalted appearance that transforms outwardly, usually for the better. For me to reach "heaven" and to describe the difference between it and "hell," I have to be inspired by the beliefs of all three of the Abrahamic faiths. Everything becomes "hell" on Earth for me if I can't.

I'm not window-shopping for a god. I'm not trying on faiths to see which one looks good on me. I'm not looking for a "God" in places people haven't looked before. I need to converse with **ONE** universal **GOD**. I need a relationship with all of **HIM**, not just those parts of "Him," or "Them" sanctioned by one or another of the institutions of faith.

I could speak about the "good news" all day, but some people turn their back on me when I open my mouth because they aren't ready to discuss the topic at the depth to which I take it. They aren't interested in the points of view of modern Jews, Christians and Muslims. They aren't citizens of the modern age. They can't honestly admit what they're going through inside even though their eyes and body language say something that their mouth isn't yet capable of revealing.

That doesn't mean that they're atheists, agnostics or indigenists. It simply means that they're working on matters of the mind or matters of their heart and soul through other avenues. They may be ready for the message of Islam, but they may not be ready for an open discussion on the meaning of manhood, morality and mortality. They may politely be saying in so many words, "*Do as you think fit.*"

that all men have to face their x^2 factor in personal and private ways that may be embarrassing, even unpleasant. Becoming more than the man you claim to be now requires spreading your imagination open, not your butt cheeks. Muslims aren't alone in feeling virginal and untouched in opening their imagination to new ideas.

I've often felt dismissed, even rejected, without having been able to admit that as a gay man I bring up questions about manhood that straight men aren't interested in looking at. And as a Jew, I bring up questions about death that frightened people aren't willing to face.

Every gay man can read between the Abrahamic lines. Every Jew can read the handwriting on the wall. But you have an opportunity now to learn to read between the lines of the handwriting on the wall. That's what it means for **GOD** to have bequeathed the Quran to you in the modern age.

The Jew is the ultimate perpetrator because he always seems to insist people face life, not the "afterlife." The Christian is the ultimate victim because he presumes he can always be forgiven by GOD through GOD to receive life "after" life. And the *Muslim* is the ultimate martyr. He thinks he's got all the answers just by batting last.⁴⁴

The Jew loves to talk about the importance of life. The Christian loves to talk about the grandeur of life "after" life. And the Muslim loves to talk about the horrors of death "after" life. That's why I love Scripture and am so optimistic about my future as a true believer.

We don't live in an age of indigenism and idol worship anymore. We live in a world where people avoid talking about life and death issues. Instead, they want to talk about their presumed innocence and other people's guilt.

Neither life nor death should be controversial subjects since we're all forced to live and we're all going to die. Most people simply don't have the intestinal fortitude to face the fear in their heart and allow it to spread naturally throughout their inner world, like darkness descends over the land at dusk. They'd rather not think about how things could turn out if they don't change their ways.

If you let your thoughts go wherever they wish, you won't change a thing in the world around you. If you let your feelings go wherever they dream of going, you won't change anything externally either. And the same goes for your beliefs. But you can change, transform and transcend yourself from within. And with the unification of your inner world, you'll become transfigured. Your soul will be ignited and you'll become spiritually evolved.

If people did have the strength to face their fear of living and dying, they'd discover the awe of being in a world where death is figuratively around them at all times. GOD separated the light of Torah {life} from the darkness of guilt {death}. And in this way HE created the literal and figurative worlds we've come to know theoretically.

Instead of dancing as they go around and around their inner world, people dance around golden calves with greed for material distractions, or they avoid the topic of death altogether by occupying their thoughts with indulgences, such as food, money, love or disdain for Israel {usually in that order}. Food for thought eludes them.

Although everyone's been taught that it's better to eat food than to let it go to waste, some people become spiritually constipated over time as their religious diet narrows their tastes and makes them waste more and more of what they're being served by their institution of faith.

⁴⁴ This is the man who'll always feel like Ishmael, and this is the woman who'll always feel like Hagar. The two of them will always feel like they're unwanted guests in some Abraham's and Sarah's house. When you identify with their loss and disappointment, you'll take the Quran to heart.

Books Five and Six will lead you through the dark from an outward idealist to an inner realist. If you have faith in GOD/GOD/*God* you have a duty to pretend to be somewhat optimistic, but inside you may still feel afraid of rejection.

But if you believe in GOD you can afford to be outwardly idealistic and inwardly optimistic. I know that nothing good is going to come of me if I don't do *all* my work.

The religious extremists refuse to admit that they're afraid of becoming like me, an apple hanging by a stem. They scorn solitude. They claim that those who enjoy time alone with themselves are just weird.

We're all unconsciously developing a spiritual vocabulary through our experiences that will help us focus on our worst fears in realistic ways. But until man's few inner words can be combined into phrases and, from there, into sentences, he's going to continue to start wars rather than face his fear of living and dying.⁴⁵ If he doesn't want to bother to talk out his problems with himself, he'll simply fight with others, instead.

It's only in going through your fears that you achieve awe. It's in coming down off your cold, lofty precipice high on the mountain and going into the cave where a fire is always burning that you contemplate the figurative, rather than just literal meaning of death.

Most people aren't ready for transfiguration {spiritual evolution}. They love the idea of contemplating the meaning of magic, but they aren't ready for transformation of their heart and transcendence of their soul. They're eager to change outer appearances so others perceive them as more loyal or seemingly trustworthy. But they don't have the tools to really do so with, and for, themselves from within. They understand the theory about it being the GOD within that doeth the work. But they don't have the skills in place to help

HIM help them achieve that from the inside out. They'd rather work for a living or find a way to avoid having to work for a living. They don't want to have to work for a good life "after" this life.

They're still like shoots that have only just broken through their shell. They're still underground making their way through the rock of reality up toward the light, crossing their fingers that there is, indeed, a light beyond the rock they're entwined with.

Some call this "fear of flying." Some just castigate themselves for being who and how they are. And some can't yet combine words into complete sentences to talk to themselves about what's going on inside.

It's easy to say that everything is a reminder in life that we're going to die, but, in truth, those things that leave us hopeful, positive and optimistic should be reminders to us of the promise of rewards after death. The cynic refuses to remind himself of that. And most idealists can't describe this conundrum in words the uninitiated can understand.

⁴⁵ The discussion of living, dying and death are subjective topics that come with experiences you have with yourself. Subjectively speaking, boredom is a form of death. Scorn and condescension are forms of dying. If you want to live subjectively among the living, you're going to have to desire to come alive. You're going to have to desire to love yourself for who you hope to become most like {you}.

Losses, on the other hand, go right to the bone. When you lose your cell phone, it suddenly becomes more than an object you worked hard for and depend on. You realize you had an emotional relationship with an object that you came to truly enjoy and rely on. You suddenly realize it was more than a communication device. It was a sign that your body is also a communication device that's slipping through your fingers.⁴⁶ {And the loss of those you love becomes unimaginably frightening.} Losses are reminders that school is always in session and everyone will graduate.

When you can discipline yourself to move through the dread of loss, you come to know this world from the perspective of GOD's point of view in Torah. Only then does the loss of a single fruit from HIS Tree of knowledge become a reminder of HIS immeasurable pain and suffering in having had to inflict us with death in order to motivate us to the greatest lessons of life. Only then does Christ's pain take on personal meaning as an immeasurable loss to HIM. Only then do we come to realize that everything happens for a reason.

HIM

"Say:

'I am but a mortal like yourselves.

It is revealed to me that your God is our God.

Therefore take the straight path to Him

and implore His forgiveness.

Woe betide those who serve other gods besides Him;

who give no alms and disbelieve in the life to come.

As for those who have faith and do good works,

an endless recompense awaits them."

[41:5-8]

"Say:

'I am but a mortal like yourselves.

It is revealed to me that your GOD/GOD is our GOD.

Therefore take the straight path to HIM

and implore HIS forgiveness.

Woe betide those who serve other 'Gods' besides HIM;

who give no alms and disbelieve in the life to come.

As for those who have faith and do good works,

⁴⁶ It's so easy to buy insurance on your cell phone in case you lose it. Would that you were more motivated to look for a way to buy moral insurance on yourself. Using the words of Moses, Jesus or the Prophet Muhammad as an insurance policy given to your tribe isn't ethical enough. Your policy has to fit *your* circumstances alone.

an endless recompence awaits them.”

Here again, we’re given the choice of a circuitous {Jewish} path on Earth or a straight {Christian} path up to “heaven” using faith in Jesus. Imploring your “God’s” forgiveness is a waste of your time. You should be imploring you to forgive yourself for what you’ve done to you and the time you’ve wasted. You should be willing to do anything you tell yourself to do to atone to others and redeem yourself in your eyes. A head without a heart produces a totalitarian. A heart without a head creates a fool. But a soul without either will make his way to “hell.”

We ought to take the straight path to **GOD** as elucidated in this passage of the Quran. But the Quran isn’t available to us collectively. It must be pursued individually. Whether or not the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* come on board this process, we must, for our own peace of mind, pursue it by ourselves.⁴⁷

None of the Abrahamic faiths holds a monopoly on the path of self-forgiveness. Don’t let any of them fool you into thinking that their holy book is the only book that’s got what you want. Each of the Abrahamic faiths holds a monopoly on “a” path to forgiveness. Surely you don’t have to believe in Moses, Jesus or the Prophet Muhammad to believe in your ability to forgive yourself for the ways you’ve treated you inhumanely.

GOD’s ability to forgive isn’t in question. Of course **HE** can forgive. But what’s that got to do with the price of tea in China? It’s you who should learn to forgive others. Imploring **HIM** to forgive you is a waste of your time. Rather, implore **HIM** to help you learn how to forgive yourself. It’s you who’s getting in your own way, not **GOD**. Like any teacher, **GOD** will gladly assist you by presenting you with work habits and teaching tools to make your lessons more manageable. But you’ve got to study the topic.

If you’ve come this far, the mosque at the roundabout of your divergent paths awaits you. You’ve been given the Quran in a way that should help you fly over the many paths that may meet or diverge for you alone. And you should be able to see greater possibility from them all. You’ve been given a way to perceive the last name of **GOD** while able to look back with glee on his other two.

Surely now your mortality is easier to embrace in having come to know **GOD**’s names. What more could you want from **HIM**? If your goal in life is to eradicate the vermin from

⁴⁷ And your path is, of course, anything but straight. It’s curved like the Earth is curved. It’s curved like your hips are curved. It’s as curved as you can perceive that your inner world is curved. If you go in a direction that’s too straight, your mind will take you back into outer reality. And you’ll, once again, become autonomous, literal, obsessive and stubborn.

the Earth, you're still playing the game of cat and mouse that people have been playing for millennia.

If you want to avoid death altogether, perhaps your faith isn't real enough. Perhaps, you haven't moved through enough fear to come to know yourself with awe.

Given that that's a possibility, you might look at having gotten this far in your reading of these books as quite an achievement! That should make it possible for you to see yourself as an idealist on the outside and a realist within.

*"Had it been our Lord's will,
He would have send down angels.
We will never believe in your message."
[41:14]*

*"Had it been our 'Lord's will,
'He' would have sent down angels.
We will never believe in your message."*

The "we" spoken about in this passage is the voice of the fearfully ignorant. People may or may not be afraid of death. They may or may not be afraid of losing something they were deeply attached to, like a loved one or a part of their body. But they'll always yearn for miracles as the best way to get beyond their own doubts. And if they can't get miracles to help them believe in "heavenly" assistance, then at the very least, they want to see signs to affirm their belief in a communal "hell" that's open to everyone regardless of his religion or lifestyle.

Finding ways to make people suffer is a popular way to try to create "hell" on Earth as an expression of hyper-religious faith. Conspiring against blacks, browns, Catholics, gays, Jews and women are the most common ways of trying to prove the existence of perdition. Using money and power to intimidate the legislative body and judicial system are equally widespread ways of intimidating the masses into believing in an underworld where their fate will be sealed. {Because playing god is so discouraged, some people choose to play satan, instead.}

If you were **GOD**, wouldn't you punish those who make this world "hell" on Earth for the rest of us and reward those who strive for "heaven"? The Prophet makes it clear that no good deed ever goes unpunished because what we think is good for others is never without a motive we must take personally. **GOD** tests those who are good in the hopes of motivating them to become even better. And **HE** allows the bad to try to do their worst to prove to themselves how low their low self-esteem will take them.

Granted, man lives in a world that doesn't look either like "paradise" or a burning inferno. But there are all sorts of signs to remind us of **HIS** impediments that create the forks we find in roads. Mortality remains the big, unanswered divide between the living

and the dead that can't be adequately answered by anyone. Thank GOD that there are forks in roads, intersections and roundabouts. You have choices that are real.

There are reminders everywhere that unless you use the wisdom, love and loyalty apparent in those people who come from the three Abrahamic faiths, you're not going to get glimpses of GOD's designs for man or HIS designs for you in particular. You must internalize your experiences to realize what these words could mean for you personally.

The Dome of the Rock is directly over our heads now. We're looking directly at the roots we've entwined with GOD. And we're looking up at the mosque that stands as a reminder at every fork in every road. Would you give that mosque to the JEWS so they can build another Temple over the rock to sacrifice animals on it yet a third time? Or, would you keep that mosque as a warning of where you don't want anyone to go?

Living with Israel is always going to be harder than it looks. Which leg of the Abrahamic stool would you choose to cut off, Judaism, Christianity or Islam? What's more important to you, wisdom, love or devotion?

GOD gave you four limbs: two arms and two legs. Imagine that one of them is autonomous, and the other three are working for GOD. If you want to use that fourth limb to cut off one of your other three, which one would you choose? But why, for GOD's sake, would you choose to even think about cutting off one of your limbs? Do you think of yourself as a tree that needs pruning?⁴⁸ Embrace the way you're made. Admire all of you.

When a man is young, he starts his climb up an insubstantial rainbow of hope that's wet and slippery. Sometimes he needs to figuratively crawl on all fours just to make his way up the steep, slick incline.

When he reaches middle age, it's as if he trudges across a vast expanse of everyday expectations. He must uphold society and loved ones to realize his aspirations – as though he were trekking across a dry and mighty plain.

But as a man ages, he begins to realize he's rolling downhill like a snowball at an increasingly accelerating speed. So he digs in his heels. He may even have to turn around and descend on all fours, as though he were a baby crawling backwards. The days begin to rush by in a whirl of habits that, like trenches, troughs and chutes, send him cascading all the more quickly toward his bottom.

The very young are ascending this mountain of hope while the very old are descending it. (This is why they say grandchildren and grandparents share the same enemies.) Mortality begins as a celebration of the body, but survival issues in old age often make everyday life aggravating at having been given a body in the first place. For those flailing about on their ascent, their body is a whirlwind of forces they can't yet grasp. For those flailing about on their descent, their body becomes a sweet-and-sour fruit they cling like a stem to at all cost.

⁴⁸ Of course, I've tricked you by conflating limbs of the body with limbs of a tree. And I've associated both with legs of a chair and a stool.

The word “mortality” is a bittersweet word that leaves a strange taste in my mouth. After all is said and done by the hyper-religious communities in defining their idea of mortality, the thinking man looks within for evidence of his own goodness.

Hope is hard for young people who’ve had little time and experience to practice the modesty, humility and grace needed to become hopeful. Hope is hard for parents who are usually more deeply invested in the future of their children than even their own future. And hope is hard for the elderly who question the personal meaning of their life after having seen all that they saw.

Just because many will never believe in your message doesn’t mean your message isn’t true for you. Patience and perseverance are internal virtues each of us fashions for himself. In this one-room schoolhouse full of some very ignorant and impatient pupils, remember that their bad grades aren’t going on your report card. Don’t be afraid of them.

There’s no point in seeking converts to your faith; fans for your philosophy; or groupies who know the words to the songs you sing. Let people believe what they will. Their outcome is really out of your hands. Till your own garden. Study yourself day and night. Strive to graduate with honors. That’s my only message. The rest will come naturally over time.

*“It was He who
in the beginning
created you,
and to Him shall you be recalled.
You did not hide yourselves
so that your ears and eyes and skins
could not be made to testify against you.
Yet, you thought that God did not know much of what you did.
It was the thoughts you entertained about your Lord that ruined you,
so that you are now among the lost.”
[41:22-24]*

*“It was HƎ who
in the beginning
created you,
and to HƎM shall you be recalled.
You did not hide yourselves
so that your ears and eyes and skins
could not be made to testify against you.
Yet, you thought that GOD did not know much of what you did.
It was the thoughts you entertained about your Lord that ruined you,
so that you are now among the lost.”*

We all hide from ourselves to some degree. We all have a handful of masks we don to frighten the child within to prove that he's alone and, therefore, must do exactly as we say if he's going to survive. We all have ears and eyes that fail us over time because we don't want to see or hear ourselves. We all suffer from phobias that age us externally and reveal our mortality.

Whether you think about your mother, father, siblings, distant family or close friends – the thoughts you have are conversations with yourself, not them. You trick yourself into believing your thoughts are a part of your relationships with others. They're not. They're a part of the many relationships you hold with yourself. Therefore strive to keep your two worlds more consciously separate. Don't be so fascinated by the world around you that you relinquish awareness and responsibility for your world within.

When you really listen to what you say to yourself; when you really look at what you see inside; when your skin crawls, whether for apparent or unknown reason – you₃ become more open to receiving the messages you₁ give you₂. You should thank each of your inner selves for the time and attention you₁'ve given you₂ to converse with you₃. {You'd do as much for anyone else, wouldn't you_{1,2,3}?} You'll then be in a better position to agree or disagree with what you're thinking. You'll then be able to develop a strong enough relationship with your heart and soul not to act impulsively on all the impulses that come to mind.

The messages you get from yourself aren't about what others will think of you. Nor are they entirely about what you think about others. These messages speak volumes to what you think of yourself. These voices inside will please or displease you. Your reactions to your own messages are meant to be taken personally. Once you act on what you think of yourself, you're moving out of the classroom on the theory of life into the laboratory setting in the world we share.

When you reflect on yourself, you see figurative blemishes, bruises, disabilities, scars and wounds you're going to want to face bravely. You're not perfect inside by any means. Your emotional and moral perception of yourself may have been obscured by Vaseline you figuratively smeared on your inner lens, allowing you to see yourself as delightfully sentimental, romantic and kind. But turn that mirror around. Like any cosmetic mirror, there's another side to it that magnifies the image. You may be dismayed at what you see, then.

GOD knows what you're thinking. **HE** allows you to think what you think, which leads you to choose to feel what you feel. If, however, you plan to blame **HIM** for how things have turned out for you in terms of "good" or "bad" "luck," you'd better ask yourself why you're not questioning your thoughts and feelings more deeply. If you did, you'd find soulful answers that would help you raise your moral standards for you the next time around. Learning to believe in yourself is hard work. Learning to believe in "God" is easy by comparison.

Making mistakes is a part of life. You may have to go through the anguish of guilt if you haven't yet learned how to organize and utilize the forces within you. When your thoughts, feelings or beliefs let you down with conclusions, opinions or suspicions that lead you to do bad things, ask yourself what it was you really wanted.

Clearly, your covetous nature is at work in the background. Are you secretly rooting for some external outcome that will justify the figurative output of your left testicle {evil} rather than your right {good}? Doing the wrong thing is easier than you might think. The glee in doing the wrong thing lies in eventually getting to see your mistakes up closer and more personally. This is what results in self-intimacy.

You'll be amazed at what your motivation may have been. You might have had a perfectly good reason for doing perfectly horrible things. And there may be nothing you can do now about it but redeem yourself. There may not even be anyone to atone to other than you.

Our urges figuratively massage our thoughts and feelings. But our thoughts and feelings are also known to massage our urges. And what figuratively comes out of the mouth of our serpent isn't always life-affirming or pure. Sometimes it can be quite demeaning, destructive and even deadly. So watch where you put "it."

Over time, this may create an atmosphere of anxiety within that never goes away for long. Whether you tend to look at your life more externally or internally, you may be confined to a cramped, emotional space you can't escape. You may sometimes feel like you're pacing back and forth in a cell with a small window with bars that face out onto a drab, predictable world of people who are locked up inside themselves, just like you.

Such is life. Achieving freedom, liberty and emancipation from your inner selves then becomes more than a wish or a dream. It becomes a promise, even an oath. It becomes an essential part of your reality. It becomes a vision. The consequences in both your worlds depends on getting you out of the "jail" you got yourself into. You should conclude that **GOD** has, once again, got you over a barrel.

"It was the thoughts you entertained about your Lord that ruined you, so that you're now among the lost." In other words, you've chosen one aspect of **GOD** to make your Maker. Whether you've chosen to make your "God" JEWISH, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim*, you've erroneously chosen to make "Him" just like you. But "He" will never conform to your idea of "God" because "He" isn't big enough to be universal. "He's" a manmade creation of the prejudiced institution of faith you belong(ed) to that taught you only to look at "Him" from their point of view. "He" is a poor facsimile of you. "He" is angry, perfect or mean-spirited.

Your "God" is a simile, a re-creation that's like **GOD** in some respects. "Who" you believe in is partially real. But "He" isn't completely real. "He" was made in your limited image of yourself.

Think about who's doing the talking and who's doing the listening when you think. Think about who's observing these conversations you're having with your inner selves.

The images that come into my mind are masks I don that are intended to reveal the kinds of relationships I'm having with myself that I then unconsciously project out onto others.

You'd be amazed how complex your thought process is if you observed it as would an outsider. You'd be amazed at the myriad kinds of relationships you have with yourself that mirror your relationships with others. And you'd be amazed at how much work you need to do to clean up your act in both your worlds.

What will help is looking at your dreams in the early morning hours when your dreams are still pure, unadulterated “you.” What you tell yourself in your dreams is profoundly important, whether or not you consciously wish to develop greater intimacy with yourself. Interpreting your nightly dreams by day dreaming is easy to do. Piercing your own metaphor, symbols and similes is an art and a science.

All the animals and people in your dreams are masks you parade before yourself. Indoor dreams are about your feelings. Outdoor dreams are about your beliefs. Dreams that involve transportation are about movement with regard to changes. Changes in your thinking involve bikes, cars, trains, skateboards, skates, subways, etc. Changes in your feelings involve boats, surfboards, submarines, etc. And changes in your beliefs involve airplanes, balloons, rocket ships, etc.

Negative emotions you experience in your dreams are clues to your relationships with your selves. Fear of tight places, for instance, is about your fear of thinking about yourself. Fear of drowning is about your fear of feeling good about yourself. And fear of flying is about your fear of believing in yourself.

If you wake up in the morning with an oddly uncomfortable feeling from a dream, you’re feeling alienated, rejected and distant from yourself. These morning reflections will give you the opportunity to restore your relationship with yourself on new terms on a daily basis beginning with the moment you put your foot on the floor. Watch this restoration process during the course of the day. It can be quite magical.

You’re like a computer and your dreams are like nightly updates to your software. You’re evolving your selves day-by-day as the result of your inner forces having come in contact with forces around you the previous day. These upgrades are subtle, so you will need practice in learning how to perceive your big picture. But your dreams unify your inner and outer world in ways that keep you functioning and as sane as can be expected under your circumstances. Therefore think of this surah *{Revelations Well Expounded}* as the beginning of an experiment in learning to delve into yourself as though you were a living dream.

The aspect of **GOD** that came to the Prophet Muhammad created a revelation to a relationship he’d previously had within himself that opened him to what he called “*Allāh*” *{God}*. This aspect of **GOD** had never been conceived of before. With the help of the Archangel Gabriel it was possible for him to integrate *God* in with the other two *{GOD/GOD}* to the best of his ability, given the time in which he lived. But he, like most people today, chose to do so primarily through a combination of the passions that come from sex and violence.

You’re doing something similar to what the Prophet did through external experiences that affect your inner experience of you. Whether you spend all day in the company of Jews, Christians or Muslims, you’re experiencing **GOD** subjectively. As you pierce your perceptions of you, you’re changing in regard to your perception of **HIM**.

You can pass laws to make you richer and more powerful. You can start wars to distract others from the truth. But your “God” will continue to interact with our **GOD**, whether you like the results, or not.

As you become more attuned to what you think about and how it affects you, it’s going to slowly change your mind and transform your feelings. You will transcend who you were before – without *doing* a thing. This is an external/internal process I call “transfiguration” because you will figure things out differently as the result of becoming different from who you were before. Learning how to figure myself out has been the greatest achievement in my life. It’s made it possible for me to see that I’m spiritually evolving.⁴⁹

It’s a great waste of wisdom for old people to have so little influence on society. We’re an untapped resource. Why wouldn’t you want to talk to people on the way down {70+} the trapezoid of life while you’re on the way up {0-39} or on your way across it {40-69}? It makes no sense to scorn things you don’t know but will someday need to learn.

The images you’re now creating behind the words you utter {whether spoken to yourself or spoken out loud} will slowly become revelational to you the more you figure yourself out. But this process has to be done slowly and cautiously, or you’ll suffer unnecessarily. And I don’t want you to suffer any more than you have to.

Most people don’t know that they’re like children talking to masks; parakeets pecking at mirrors; or grown sons and daughters looking in the eyes of strangers for reunification with their mommy and daddy.

Behind the masks, mirrors and emptiness projected out into the external world lies your ability to be genuine. This honest, sincere and authentic self is a conglomeration of the ideas of the three great contributors to Western beliefs: Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad. These three men accessed aspects of **GOD**’s designs because They wanted to seek **GOD** out. They found GOD/GOD/*God* in the same way that the **Hindu**, blind men discovered the shape of the elephant; they spoke to one another about their impressions.⁵⁰

*“The nonbelievers say,
‘Pay no heed to this Quran.
Cut short its recital with booing and laughter,
so that you may gain the upper hand.’”
[41:26]*

⁴⁹ Not everyone is spiritually evolving. Some are spiritually devolving. And you need to know who’s going where in relationship to you. And that can be confounding when you realize that no one is standing still.

⁵⁰ Several blind men started to describe what an elephant looks like after each touched the animal and came away with a different impression. One touched his trunk and said an elephant looks like a hose. You get the picture... They started to argue. {You can be transfigured without the help of anyone. You can discover the shape of the elephant in the room without the impressions given to you by all the rest of the “blind” men and women in this world.}

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Cut short its recital with booing and laughter,
so that you may gain the upper hand.’”

The autonomy the cynical, sarcastic and scornful express is the result of their terror of onliness, which is based on their lack of intimacy with themselves. They make liaisons with others who are also seeking distraction to bolster their bravado. Their talk of “God” is perfunctory and predictable to those of faith. We can smell their insincerity a mile away. We smell the wool they pull over our eyes.⁵¹

Alcohol and drugs are popular with those who are bored with their own company. Rearranging their perception of reality with inebriants is a typical way of distracting themselves without going crazy or having to be too long with the one person they’ve been assigned to be with for a lifetime {themselves}. Substance abuse {including to sugars and fats} are also a way to waste time. You can’t take your money with you when you leave. But you can’t take your base pleasures with you, either. And yet you covet both.

I’m not suggesting you become a teetotaler or go on a diet. I’m suggesting that intermittent hunger is a normal urge, while being constantly famished for something you can’t put into words is a sign of a sickness that has its roots in spirituality, not religion. Those who are ravenous don’t even remember the sensation of hunger. Their urge to fill themselves to the brim with their favorite distraction isn’t associated with a spiritual diet of wisdom, love and devotion. They only get a clue to how hungry they are from their intermittent, but growing angst, anxiety and nervousness. Over time, this turns into agony and anguish.

Most Americans are addicted to “speed” whether or not they suffer from an addiction to substances. They’re ravenous, and, therefore, need to move faster than everyone else in the world just to get where they think they need to be. They work hard; play hard; and pray hard. This push to move at an increasingly higher level of acceleration makes them slaves to their electronic devices and their “God” {whom they treat like an I.T. administrator to facilitate them getting things done even faster.}

Getting your priorities straight requires putting yourself morally before everyone else, even though that will require wisdom, wisdom of the heart and self-loyalty. Put your own oxygen mask on first. Help yourself before you claim you can be of any help to your “God” in realizing “His” plan. Improve yourself day-by-day, and **GOD** will surely find work for you to do. If you come out of a Germanic culture, as I do, speed, efficiency and productivity are going to be very important to you. But don’t let that become more important than wisdom, love and loyalty.

Electronic devices break down or get corrupted with bugs and viruses over time. They don’t die; they fail crash, freeze or get corrupted. They’re crude facsimiles of the human body that operate much more quickly than we can. If you want to go faster than you’re

⁵¹ “To pull the wool over someone’s eyes” comes from the story of Jacob who wanted to impersonate his brother {Esau} who was hairy. So Jacob put sheep’s wool on his arm so that when their blind father {Isaac} would touch him, Isaac would think that he was talking to and touching his favorite son, Esau.

going now inside, I recommend you sit still and watch your thoughts zoom by. You'll be aghast at how fast they dart, flit and flutter before your inner eye. Once you see how fast and furiously you figuratively fly through inner space, your attraction to speed may be somewhat mollified with a desire for greater efficiency and productivity.

*“And who speaks better than he
who calls men to the service of God,
does what is right,
and says,
‘I am a Muslim?’”
[41:33]*

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who calls men to the service of GOD,
does what is right,
and says,
‘I am a Muslim?’”

I, too, call men to the service of GOD. I, too, do what's right. I'm like a Muslim, but I'm a gay-Jew.

I'm certainly not like a *Muslim*. Together we should proclaim that there are many Muslims who aren't like *Muslims*. We have GOD on our side. But if you can't agree with me because I'm gay, Jewish and like a Muslim, I'd have to call you a hypocrite.⁵²

The Prophet organized a third faith around the third place in inner space. He built a mosque where there was a fork in the road. I don't think it was a whim on his part. I think it was a moral necessity brought to him by GOD. I'm sure he had an intrinsic need to rally the Arabian Peninsula around this third Abrahamic religion, just as I have an intrinsic need to promote spiritual linguistics. I suspect he began to realize that a head full of GOD and a heart full of GOD weren't going to make anyone as aware of *God* as HE wanted. So the Prophet was given the honor of bringing the third path to GOD into this world, which, in conjunction with the other two paths, I call the path to the soul, a place that can't be perceived as easily as the result of a man's head and heart.

A soul is a place you'll want to look for inside through your interactions with yourself, and others. You can't compare or contrast your soul to an organ of the body. You can't point to the facial gestures you make or listen to your soul through the cadence of your

⁵² Don't think that I'm a hypocrite for calling you a hypocrite. I'm only a hypocrite for the ways in which I don't live up to my standards, not yours.

words. You can't point to your breastplate and proclaim you have a soul. You have to prove to yourself that you have a soul by doing things that are soulful until they spill out into the world we share. In that way, people can reproduce your soulful intentions in their own way.

Many JEWS and CHRISTIANS would be horrified to think that I'm claiming that only Muslims are soulful, thus implying that they aren't. That's not what I'm saying. Nor am I saying that only Jews use their head in wise ways or only Christians use their heart in loving ways. Those would be gross stereotypes. We're all unique conglomerations of stereotypes. But the more you become a conglomeration of the stereotypes you live by, the more you'll come to know and love yourself as devotedly as do some others.

I often feel like the quintessential outsider to American society, including gay and Jewish communities. Everyone seems to look on those of us who've suffered mental illness with a jaundiced eye. They separate people like me from themselves in their mind, assuming I'm different and less-than. They see me as broken and themselves as whole.

Or, at least that's what I think. But I know that I sometimes compensate for my low self-esteem with thoughts of my superiority over others. The pendulum in me swings from one extreme to the other, making the momentum greater than desirable as I whiz through my center.

I'd like to be able to tell you why each and every person thinks s/he believes what they believe. I'd like to understand the secret behind the hypocrisy each of the Abrahamic faiths is living under. But I can't. And that's not my job. Describing the construction of automobiles doesn't make you responsible for how and where people drive them.

Mental illness is a particularly obvious sign of someone who's acting hypocritically toward himself. Killing (6), cheating (7), stealing (8), lying (9) and coveting (10) are external examples of hypocrisies. But even murderers, adulterers, thieves, liars, the envious and jealous believe they deserve a modicum of respect despite their morally unsound behaviors.

I've found that most people who claim to be true believers are often the least able to explain or live up to the tenets of their faith. They think they believe in GOD; feel they believe in GOD; and even believe they believe in *God*. But they aren't willing to do all three consciously at the same time, regardless of their faith. Perhaps, they're afraid someone may accuse them of being holier than THOU/THOU/*T*hou just for trying.

It's their low self-esteem that's keeping them in place. Even many of us who've been labeled mentally ill can see that. Suffering being you doesn't necessarily mean you're deaf or blind to what others are doing to themselves.

Believing in **GOD** is a coming out experience, not dissimilar to coming out as gay or lesbian. Believing in **GOD** takes more courage than you might think. We live in a time when it's not fashionable for gays and lesbians to say anything good about your "Gods" {with good reason}! Just look at how JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* still talk about us, let alone how they're still conspiring against us. (But we also live in a time when it's not fashionable for anyone to say good things about straights.)

"inferno" {"hell"} is the first part of Dante Alighieri's 14th Century epic poem, Divine Comedy. It describes "hell" as a place with a whirlwind at the top, descending down through various levels of heat and burn to the bottommost level, which Dante describes as

a frozen lake. This concurs with my view of “hell” as descending into levels of fiery passions that end in apathy as thick as ice.

My parents were Jewish, whether they wanted to be, or not. Hitler made sure they never forgot they were Jews for the rest of their life. Even those today who’ve come out of the closet know they can never, ever forget that they’re gay. And if we should forget for a minute who we are, JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* won’t let us forget who we are for very long.

There comes a point when I have to put aside my passions and simply do what’s best for *me*. That means I have to rigorously insure that my motives and methods are moral. I can’t be bothered to care too much whether people like me, love me or hate me. I can’t care too much that I feel I have to be, in some ways, apathetic to the court of public opinion. Morality isn’t a popularity contest. And it isn’t beauty contest either.

Gays, Jews, you and I shouldn’t be interested in whether we’re winning people over. Either, they identify with us, or they don’t. Their grades aren’t going on our report cards. Asking a focus group to decide what’s moral isn’t moral in my opinion.

I think the revelation I was given into the main metaphor of Moses and the two symbols of Christ gives me ample reason to believe I can describe Islam to Muslims in a way they could never describe it to themselves given the paltry imagination they’ve expressed on the world stage with regard to their faith.⁵³ And I think I can do so in a way that not only doesn’t ruin their relationship with our Creator. It will enhance their relationship with themselves. Developing an imagination is natural. All you have to do is watch it, and it grows.

*“Good deeds and evil deeds are not equal.
Requite evil with good,
and he who is your enemy
will become your dearest friend.
But none will attain this attribute
save those who patiently endure.
None will attain it save those who are truly fortunate.”
[41:34-35]*

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⁵³ When you’re forbidden from using pictures to develop your imagination, you have no choice but to depend on words to advance your cause.

It was difficult for me to attain patience with myself because the only way to do so was to overcome my impatience by patiently reminding myself that I was also impatient with me at those moments when I was most interested in calling others out for their imperfections.

My impatience always occurs when I'm traveling faster than I believe to be safe. The basic speed limit of spirituality has to be adhered to, or I create even more upset within. If I don't arrest myself every time I exceed my basic speed limit, I only get more impatient. And then I suffer embarrassment at how out of touch I am with my body; shame at moving faster through life than is safe; and humiliation for a moral ticket I have to figuratively pay for with guilt.

To slow me down, I first have to acknowledge my self-impatience and then respectfully ask myself what's making me so impatient about what others are saying or doing. In this way, I discover more about me than I knew before. What makes me impatient with others is always reasonable. It's just not reasonable to react unreasonably or unkindly. Negative reactions to others are clues to my unsatisfactory relationship with me.

When I chipped away at my impatience with others, I discovered there was a whole lot more impatience beneath that impatience. But when I chipped away at *that* impatience, I found that underneath it lay calm, equanimity, peace, poise, serenity and tranquility.

I held these positive attributes deep down inside me, even though they're virtues. I can now access them to derive more patience with myself. Becoming patient with me has become an inner art that helps me perceive why the tranquility of *God* that the Prophet speaks about is of value to me personally.

I've found that enduring challenges to my sanity patiently can only be achieved with inner talk therapy. The more I can hold my inner infant, child and adolescent respectfully verbally, the more I can esteem my inner adult for my good parenting skills.

You're, hopefully, going to enjoy life for a very long time, so it only makes sense to learn: (1) to endure challenges to your sanity by commending yourself for your patience; (2) apply these good deeds to your relationships with others; and (3) turn your inner enemy into your dearest friend by proving that patience with yourself will give you what it takes to achieve a spiritual outlook on every aspect of your life.

All that that requires is the accumulation of spiritual skills. The Prophet understood that or he couldn't have ended the above passage with the appreciation of reality necessary for him to say, "*None will attain it {patience} save those who are truly fortunate.*"

You're always going to have to pay to play with yourself. You're not going to give yourself anything for free. You're not made that way. You're a spiritual individual in a moral machine. You may wrack up quite a bill until you feel you can't afford to go on any further without paying down your tab. But pay, you will, whether you like the idea, or not. Nothing in this school is free.

The essence of insanity was brought to us in Torah in Adam and Eve having defied GOD. If you breezed through the Creation story without taking it to heart, you set yourself up to become a contributor to the insanity of this world. You set yourself up for externalizing its characters and overlooking the message for you as a spiritual tree branching out with roots of wisdom.

If you're too defiant to embrace the main metaphor of Moses, you're not going to see yourself as a burning bush, either. Rather than internalizing the fire in your soul as a voice speaking directly to you, like Moses you're going to waste 40 years walking past

opportunities in life to turn yourself around and go back to your inner Egypt with guilt about when and where your first bad deed occurred.

You were like a prince who decided to stop a slave driver once and for all. You killed a part of yourself with impatience, even though you did so with good reason. But if you haven't yet had a burning bush experience, it's long overdue.

If you haven't yet had a burning bush experience, it may be because you haven't yet tempted you to pick you. You'll never make it out of Torah through the Gospels and into the Quran if you don't take all their messages personally.

You may have taken this world literally, romantically, sentimentally and aggressively, or you may have rejected parts of life altogether instead of taking it all spiritually. You probably became externally oriented in order to become successful monetarily; principled in improving other peoples' external conditions; or desiring to save them in some way. But you're eventually going to pay a price for having done so. {No good deeds go unpunished.} You're going to want to go back and do it all again from the inside in. You're going to want to humble yourself to you, not to other people, places and things.

The essence of insanity was expounded upon in the Gospels with the conspiracy of Judas in turning Jesus in to the authorities. The temptation for Judas to seek money rather than the power of love was a colossal mistake on his part. It caused him to commit suicide. {Why would you think conspiracy wouldn't move anyone in the direction of death?}

The essence of the horrors of insanity was later presented in even greater detail in the Quran. If you breezed through the lessons of the prior faiths by not taking them to heart, you came away with 1/3rd, or at best 2/3rds of the big picture. You came away with enough knowledge to point fingers at others. But morality is a topic intended for you to apply first and foremost to yourself.

Sanity is a three-prong challenge that requires life skills. Most everyone claims to be sane, or they joke about being insane. But few claim to be gaining the skills they need on a daily basis to behave more sanely. They're mostly just mimicking others' behaviors.

Once you've got your hands full moving through your two worlds with equal curiosity and regard, you face the awesome experience of talking to GOD with the same candor and patience you use when you talk to yourself. You can't learn patience just by being patient with others. You're going to have to apply your skills with others to yourself.

So let your hair down now and resolve to be yourself with yourself. Don't worry about GOD's wrath for not having been able to be more like yourself sooner. Let HIM know you have a growing interest in how HE made you in all three of HIS Abrahamic images. Let HIM know you have a growing interest in developing greater wisdom, love and loyalty to yourself. You won't have to go through as much insanity as I did if you seek sanity right from the start.⁵⁴

Jesus wasn't just honest and sincere. HE was frank with Romans and Jews alike. Therefore be more frank with yourself and you'll be more capable of being frank with

⁵⁴ The arrogant claim to be sane. The proud claim to be seeking sanity. Don't judge gays for being proud of themselves. Many are seeking sanity, whether you claim to already be sane, or not.

GOD. Nobody likes someone who displays false humility. Let **HIM** know what you're really thinking and feeling, as well as the conclusions you've come to thus far, whether or not you think they're sane or morally astute. If you can't be yourself with you, you won't be any more able to be yourself with **HIM**. Believe me, **HE** can tell just where each one of your efforts begins and ends.

I worked very hard to become this sane. But I can't afford to exaggerate my claim on sanity. I'm a world class expert on the spiritual process of the pursuit of sanity. But I've got a lot more work to do. And there's nothing like having my head up my other set of cheeks to motivate me to pull myself out of the embarrassment, shame and humiliation I experience once in a while.

I wear a Star of David, but it isn't a flat Star of David that looks like two triangles intersecting. Mine is 3-D. It's two pyramids intersecting. This is called the MERKAVA {the chariot of complexity}.

I'm Jewish in the flesh. I'm not a cardboard cutout of a JEW. My thinking is 3-D. My feelings are 3-D. My beliefs are 3-D. And even my desires are 3-D. I'm a human becoming, not just a human casually being until I have to stop being.

*“Among His signs are the night and the day,
and the sun and the moon.
But do not prostrate yourselves before the sun or the moon;
rather prostrate yourselves before God
who created them both
if you would truly serve Him.”
[41:37]*

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The stars have no effect on your character. But your character is very much like the movement of the stars and other “heavenly” bodies.

Even if poetic license doesn't yet seem to make your life rhyme; even if poetic license leaves your ears echoing with hollow-sounding truths that don't ring completely true, remember that becoming a spiritual poet takes time. You're bound to scrawl out conclusions within that don't really make much sense at first. But if you persevere, your thinking will improve through trial and error and your feelings will become more sincere.

The moon with its monthly phases corresponds to the process of thinking and the movement of the sun across the sky each day corresponds to the process of feeling. From here on Earth you can observe the sun and the moon in a hide-and-go-seek with one another in which they're seldom seen in the sky at the same time. Only occasionally can you observe the two of them in their pas de deux with one another. Watching this with personal regard will make you soulful. It'll also help you perceive your inner world as round and will bring you the miraculous experience of dancing inside like "heavenly" bodies.

If you think of your mother as like Venus and your father as like Mars, you may find it interesting to question who, like Mercury, circles around your feelings the fastest. And you may also find it interesting to imagine which people, like gas giants, slowly circle around your sun a vast distance away.

From the center of your inner world you may feel grounded here on Earth by having used the standard recipe of life that others have used: (1) Make money. (2) Find love. (3) Seek power through a career (4) Have children. (5) Grow old. (6) Die (7) Receive your reward.

But from the periphery of your inner universe looking back at the tiny place you now call home, you'll see that GOD gave you a way to trek across your inner universe that's unique to you. There's no reason for you to huddle in your rocky head when there's a great inner universe created just for you. There's no reason why you shouldn't work on self-transfiguration from the inside in.

Once you stand close enough to the mirror in your imagination, you'll see that you're always reacting, in part, to a part of yourself, not just to the people GOD brings into your life. As you begin to perceive HIS participation in your external world, you'll also begin to see that thoughts about those people are reflections of the image of you speaking in a mirror. These are the external voices and faces that call to you through the looking glass to acknowledge parts of yourself in uniquely moral way. It's up to your conscience to question these internal voices that are whispering below the level of consciousness. It's up to you to endorse yourself, congratulate yourself or berate yourself for the ways you treat yourself like others treat you.⁵⁵

When you have a quiet moment, allow your mind to wander without hesitation. Watch as you move through the darkness of inner space and timelessness, landing in places you've been to before as well as on imaginary worlds of your own creation. Don't stop yourself on these treks through inner space. Just keep watching each place your mind takes you to. There's method to your mind's madness. This will help you redeem yourself in your own eyes. Then your sense of GOD will grow.

⁵⁵ When you find yourself with an old friend who no longer seems to serve your needs as s/he once did, look at that person as an aspect of yourself that you've outgrown. The more you can balance your disappointment in them with disappointment in yourself for how long it's taken you to see the light, the more kindly you'll treat the other person. Patience with yourself is the greatest of all virtues. The advanced student of life allows the Teacher to lead. When the Teacher is ready, the next lesson appears. When the student is ready, the work commences.

As you practice observing your internal process of self-discovery in real time, your conscience will begin to introduce comments about each place you land. Just from watching yourself think, your world will begin to become more fleshy and real with feelings and urges you weren't consciously able to acknowledge before, although they were always there.

When you can pay attention to your thoughts as though they're growing like twigs on a tree; when you can perceive the feelings on those twigs like blossoms that you never noticed before; and when you can see desires burst out of those feelings like fruit that make you feel laden with riches you can actually pick if you want to – fruits you can't prove even exist to another living soul – then you can cherish the Earth as your spiritual home in the company of the sun by day and the moon by night. Then these "heavenly" lights will be there within you to illuminate your reality. Then the Quran will make sense. Then you'll see that bridge between the East and West narrow.

To truly serve **GOD**, you first ought to figure out how **HE**'s serving you. The "heavenly" bodies around us in our solar system correspond to our inner forces at play. But the whole universe was made with you in mind. The more you understand how the Milky Way is like the semen swirling around in your testicles, the more you'll seek out **GOD** to help you penetrate yourself to perceive the mystery and vitality of your little life here on Earth.

You're not an accident of birth. You're not flotsam and jetsam that has come together coincidentally. You're real. Pursue reality and your whole world will come alive.

The answer to the meaning of life comes to each of us individually from **GOD**. But **HE** brings us our answers in steps so we can learn to combine them into one staircase that reveals our individual syndromes. The world we share is the same world our father and grandfathers grew up in. But our world is rotating in a new age giving us unique reasons for being.

If you insist on praying only with people of the same race, faith and lifestyle, you'll only get the same answers they get. And you may say "after" life, "I was only following orders" or "I was only doing what everyone else did. Please don't judge me **GOD/GOD/God** now for what I didn't see or do when I was alive." But your excuses will be echoed by the voices of everyone like you.

Therefore consider venturing out of your comfort zone to pray with complete strangers from time to time. **GOD** will be there with you, too. And if you want to learn more about the mysterious edges of your own inner universe, explore inner space. You can't accomplish everything you need to do while comfortably grounded in mental habits that turn, over time, into ruts.

Faith in yourself requires that you search for **GOD** in new places. If you're afraid of venturing forth in this mystical star trek within you, you'll choose to settle for only what you find in the world you care to share. But there's nothing in the material world you can take with you once you leave here. Even your deeds will have to remain behind. The only thing you can call your own are your thoughts, feelings, beliefs and urges. If you're afraid

to explore the strangers' ways, you'll never discover the stranger within you who's been waiting for so long to introduce more of you to you. ⁵⁶

*"Among His signs is the resurrection of the earth.
You see it dry and barren:
but when We send down the rain upon it,
it stirs and swells.
He that gives it life will surely raise the dead to life.
He has power over all things."
[41:39-40]*

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The resurrection of the earth within each one of us is more obvious today now that we can see that we're all crucifying the planet. To put your faith in GOD, you should first put your faith in yourself. You may perceive how you've crucified you, something we all do, but which GOD wouldn't approve of, having been through it once before, HIMSELF.

I'm not like a prophet. The Age of Prophecy is closed. The Muslims say that Jesus was a prophet. The Prophet Muhammad was a Prophet. I'm not like the Prophet. I'm more of an emissary of the Lord.

When Jesus was on the cross, HE spoke out loud to HIS FATHER. Would you talk in loud to dead people, people in your past or your enemies? What limits do you impose upon yourself when it comes to free speech within? This is the source of the problem we have worldwide when it comes to speaking respectfully, but candidly to others. This is a question that begins the discussion of sanity.

To "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF/LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you should first serve family, friends and strangers before you move your experiences from the outside far enough within to serve yourself and the Lord. Practice on

⁵⁶ The edge between you₁ and you₂ isn't going to be located in the same place in you₃ as in me. You're going to have to explore where you end and GOD begins in your own way. There's no one size fits all solution to the mystery of your life. Just know that you're not alone when you're alone. Solitude is the only remedy for loneliness.

others before you practice on yourself. Then practice on yourself before you practice on the Lord. People are for practice. And you're a person. Practice on them and then practice on you. Why would **HE** want it any other way before you come before **HIM**?

Every hypocrite will try to convince you he's serving a "Master" greater than himself. But how will you differentiate between those who serve "Him" and those who serve themselves?

You must serve yourself to learn how to serve the Lord. Otherwise, you'll crucify someone or something, and neither we, nor the planet, can take much more of this abuse. Talk to yourself about this matter and see if you don't agree.

Compromise. Practice on yourself and then practice on others. Use people spiritually. They're your greatest opportunity in life. Once you practice on **GOD**, it's no longer a rehearsal. It's a performance.

GOD sends down the rain upon you. It stirs and swells within you. Call this "inspiration." Call it "curiosity." Call it "passion." Call it **HIS** love. It doesn't matter what you call this rain. You know that it comes and goes. You know that you'll dry up and feel barren again and again. Like the earth, you depend on rain.

You fly the way you do because your parents modeled how to fly using their very imperfect, figurative, chicken-like wings. You took off on your journey from a nest you didn't then understand. And still, you spread your wings and took to the sky.

Once you can believe in the way **GOD** allows you to fly, you'll witness this world from a great height. Like every Muslim, you'll soar above it all, and you'll see what Jesus saw thanks to **HIS** personal experience of the Resurrection. Self-love conquers all when you're flying on the wings of loyalty to life.

*"Those who deny Our revelations are not hidden from Our view.
Is he who is cast into the fire better off
than he who emerges safe on the Day of Resurrection?
Do as you will.
He is watching all your actions."
[41:40]*

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Do as you will because you're watching your actions. There's no one who can tell you how to be you. Even you must guess and conjecture about how that must be done. But try

a little harder to learn what it means to have a will. You might even like to check in with **GOD** every hour or two to question whether you're doing a good job being you, or whether you could make some improvements in that moment. {If a good Muslim can pray to *God* five times a day, you should be able to check in with **GOD** a dozen or so times a day. Let's turn competition from the outside world, in.}

No one is hidden from **HIS** view, but all of us are hidden from a greater view of ourselves. You can't even see your behind without the aid of a mirror. How do you think you're going to get a look at your character if **GOD** doesn't help you develop your imagination? Your x² factor {anus} literally needs your attention at least once a day to relieve your bowels. But it figuratively needs your attention a lot more than that.

People are judging both your behind and your character, whether you're aware of it, or not. Do you think that's unfair, or can you see that that's expressly the way we were made? If you want to make your way through your inner universe to your first black hole, you're going to want to penetrate yourself with self-scrutiny. You might want to imagine being stuck in your rectum, lodged in your prostate/Skene's gland {ego} making your way back out into the light {inspiration}.⁵⁷

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when it is preached to them
[shall be punished].
It is a mighty Scripture.
Falsehood cannot reach it from before or from behind.
It is a revelation from a wise and glorious God.”
[41:41-42]*

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⁵⁷ The metaphor of being in a dark tunnel with a light at the end corresponds to the claustrophobia we all experience during birth and at various other times in our life. This sense of being stuck in a narrow place that's only getting more constrained also corresponds to the aging process. Mortality, too, is like a road that gets narrower. And you can't turn around to travel back the other way. Mortality is like a tunnel taking you from the Wailing Wall in your mother's womb to the experience of the rock of reality outside her. Persevere! You'll learn so much about yourself if you make this journey consciously.

GOD already knows more about you than you'll ever know about yourself. HE ought to. HE made you! The only thing HE doesn't know is what you're going to do next. Every direction you're going to take at every figurative fork in every road is a choice you're going to make on your own. Whichever way you literally go in life, HE'll be there above it all with carrots and sticks that HE'll give you in each new moment in time. Loving you is inherent to GOD's nature.

You have no idea how many forks there are going to be on the road of your life until you earn your wings by learning to figuratively fly above your circumstances. This is the essence of every resurrection you go through.

You're taking a path each day that's so habitual that you may not even realize all your options. The Quran is a mighty Scripture. But it isn't going to impress you if you don't use it to better yourself and stop using it like extremist JEWS do with Torah; rightwing CHRISTIANS do with the Gospels; and Muslims do with the Quran – preaching hatred, exclusion and superiority.

Anyone can be resurrected. Anyone can rise above his circumstances to perceive himself from a third place in inner space. You don't have to be Muslim. You don't have to be Christian or Jewish. You only have to be moral.

Love doesn't have to be a struggle like the competition we see in the story of Cain and Abel over GOD's approval. You could find ways of using your head wisely and your heart lovingly if you could come through inner space from your soul. There, you could find more clever ways of coaxing yourself out of the rut you were born to. If clerics, imams, ministers, parsons, pastors, priests and rabbis would work within and work together to solve the problems of the world, nation by nation, peace would more swiftly come to the Middle East.

I'm so grateful to GOD for having created me gay. I can't imagine how confusing it must be to be straight. I can't imagine what it must be like to choose y over x or x over y when either decision leaves you wanting of a part of yourself, you can't access. Being a man who loves men gives me the instant option of loving both my x² and my y. It gives me a gleeful glimpse into being like a woman and appreciating life from her point of view. {Thank God for similes!} Similes have nothing to do with what I choose to do in bed with my partner and everything to do with what I choose to do in every moment of my life with myself. Versatility is something each of us is blessed with individually.

*"We gave the Torah to Moses,
but contentions arose about it.*

And

*but for a word from your Lord,
long since decreed,*

*their differences would have been justly settled,
grave though their doubts were about it.”*
[41:45]

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They say, “For every two Jews there are three opinions.” And that’s quite true because every Jew has a head, heart and soul, each with its own point of view. Your head reads life from right to left. Your heart reads life from left to right. But your soul reads life up and down.

You, too, probably have more than one opinion on any one subject. You, too, are a complex individual. But if you don’t explore what those three disparate opinions are, you’ll never see possibilities for new options. You may have to repeat the same mistakes over and over, asking yourself rhetorically why things don’t ever seem to go more your way.

This is why politics in the Middle East won’t simply change. It must be transformed and then transcended.

After our Jewish, Civil War in 931 B.C.E., GOD allowed us to lose 10 of our 12 tribes to the Assyrians in 722 B.C.E. we realized then that we couldn’t afford to fight amongst ourselves anymore. When we do, we lose.

Our tribe is too small in number to allow JEWS to kill Jews {although it’s still happening from time to time}. The world would destroy us in an instant if we weren’t able to discuss, debate and argue instead of kill one another.⁵⁸

It’s about time Christians and Muslims learn to behave more like we do by promoting the ethics we assert to live by. CHRISTIANS are making the argument that they’re protecting Christians and Jews from *Muslims* in the Middle East. *Muslims* claim that the Christians should get out of the Middle East so they can wipe out all the Jews. But GOD,

⁵⁸ The assassination of Israel’s Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995 by an ultra-orthodox JEW and the murder of a teen girl at a Jerusalem pride parade in 2016 by another ultra-orthodox JEW are horrific JEWISH crimes precisely because of the taboo in our faith over killing Jews over differences of opinion. JEWISH extremists are just as responsible for violent expressions of our faith as extremists in the other two faiths. I hold all JEWS accountable for these crimes against our humanity. If we don’t uphold our Jewish humanity, that’s the end of humanity at large. But if people in this world are going to punish all of Israel over beliefs held by extremist JEWS, I rely on GOD to help us deal with these hypocrites.

in HIS infinite wisdom, is allowing the *Muslims* to kill Muslims, instead. And HE's allowing CHRISTIANS to fight with Christians in America over the fate of the poor and disenfranchised. The JEWS have good reason to bless the Jews. This is surely the best of all possible worlds.

What will come of these military and culture wars will be a greater understanding of GOD's design, which will, hopefully, bring peace on Earth. And with it, we'll see the end of anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, homophobia, racism and sexism. Therefore try to be a little more patient with yourself. You're changing the whole world when you do.

*"We will show them Our signs
in all the regions of the Earth
and in their own souls,
until they clearly see that this is the truth.
Does it not suffice that your
Lord is the witness of all things?"
[41:53]*

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GOD brought the Jewish people into this world to set a standard in the mind of man. HE brought the Christians into the world to set a second standard in man's heart. And He brought the Muslims to set yet a third standard in our soul. But that doesn't mean we have to choose between one or two of these standards. It means we must learn to set all three standards by wisely, lovingly and loyally combining them into one standard, regardless of where in the world we choose to pray. We should learn to use all of GOD's lessons, not just those that have been given to us by our religious tradition.

It may not suffice that "*your Lord is the witness of all things*" until you witness how differently you can handle situations from the way you did in your past.

You aren't one person any more than your "God" is one. But you aren't one person any less than "Him," either. You're a cluster of forces brought together to unite into one. Self-transfiguration occurs when you open yourself to more of you through revelations well expounded so you unify you in more and more challenging ways.

Surah 42

سورة الشورى

Counsel

For many, it's easier to believe in their "God" than to believe in themselves. It's easier to seek counsel from representatives of their "God" than for them to seek "His" counsel directly by way of seeking their own counsel, with all of our GOD as their Witness.

Many believers cut spiritual corners by focusing on external matters that they never seem to equate to what's going on inside them. By avoiding more subtle observations of themselves, it's easier for them to think of their "God" as the "Big Bully" who's working for them rather than to think about how low their self-esteem will go and how to raise it from within.⁵⁹

The ultra-orthodox JEWS avoid GOD by focusing on a euphemism for HIM, which they spell "G-d." What's missing in their spelling is a euphemism for what's missing in themselves: a little, round hole {o}. That little, round hole stands for an idea they're unwilling to take personally: x^2 .

We all know that men think with their penis. And we should all know by now that women think inside the box. If men and women want to think outside the box, they're going to have to choose another way of looking at things: x^2 . In plain language, ego issues aren't male or female. They're male and female. They're common to us all. Everyone has a little hole {o} in their bottom. But for many, anyone who doesn't agree with them they consider to be an asshole.

The "JEWS don't believe that Jesus was GOD, but many of them believe HE was gay. Therefore they hate all gays, no matter which faith they come from. They may believe that matters of the heart are vital to knowing GOD, but they refuse to give credit to an ancient Jew who might have been gay who shook up Judaism to its core 2,000 years ago. Some of these JEWS hold a 2,000-year old grudge against all gays for what some, ancient Jews did by becoming Christian and breaking up our faith. In the same way some CHRISTIANS still hold a 2,000-year old grudge against all Jews for killing their "GOD" even though He was Jewish and probably gay.

JEWS don't believe Jesus was HIS only SON, but they do believe that they're HIS only sons. This is a prime example of the pot calling the kettle black. And Muslims don't believe Jesus was the SON of God either. They believe that they're His only sons. This is an example of the skillet calling the kettle and the pot black. The only thing the three of them can agree on is that the others are black {guilt-ridden} and wrong, and they're right.

⁵⁹ "Abortion" is a good example of cutting spiritual corners. When you realize that destroying the fetus of your own inner child is at the heart of your "right to life," you'll allow yourself to conceive an inner infant. Only then will you take no further interest in what other couples do about unwanted pregnancies. You'll finally and successfully have coupled up with yourself despite your disgust at the thought of your own immaculate, psychological conception.

All three of the religious extremists boastfully declare that embarrassment, shame and humiliation are the nails their “God” uses to drive home “His” lessons of life in others. And they all hammer away at each other in like kind, while inquiring minds look at one another with blank stares on our faces, not knowing how to explain the obvious to them without hurting their feelings.

The last thing I wanted to do was get out my hammer and nails from my tool box and nail extremists with the truth. But when it became apparent that some people were crucifying me for tiny, social, faux pas that could have been discussed openly if they only had the decency to treat me respectfully, I realized that my low self-esteem was part of the problem.

The ultra-orthodox JEWS put a hyphen in the name of their “G-d.” Jesus is nothing more than a hyphen to them, not a person. They’ve eliminated HIM entirely from their perception of G-O-D, and yet HIS love persists as a symbolic influence on nearly half of mankind.

The CHRISTIANS disdain the Jews and the Muslims for not believing in their “God,” but they make monetary deals with Jews and Muslims all the time and call them money-hungry and deceptive!

The JEWS and the *Muslims* are as contemptuous of the Christians as they are of each other. But outwardly, the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* all agree to disdain the gays instead and keep their dirty, little secrets to themselves.

GOD works in mysterious ways until HE doesn’t anymore. And then people like Bernie Madoff {JEWISH}, Harvey Weinstein {Jewish} and Jeffrey Epstein {Jewish} find themselves exposed with their pants figuratively or literally around their ankles. Only then does the JEWISH/Jewish problem become spiritually real and a sign of something universal. Then the kettle, pot and skillet have nowhere in the kitchen to hide. And every time it gets too hot for them in the kitchen, they distract us with another war against someone.

Everyone is prone to sacrifice. But some sacrifice others, while some choose to sacrifice themselves. Some treat others like animals. Others treat themselves like animals. {My interpretation of the story of Noah and the Ark was meant to teach you how to be realistic about the animals in you so that you don’t treat anyone like an animal.}

It’s usually only late in life that we develop enough self-consolation to see the error of our ways, and even then, usually, only with a nudge from the Judge. It’s then that we’re finally challenged to question the difference between self-sacrifice in the worst sense of the WORD/WORD/*Word* and self-sacrifice in the best sense of the WORD. It’s then that we realize there was something much deeper we needed to do for ourselves, not GOD, that then rises from the bowels of our bowels to consciousness.

Only after much self-sacrifice for others’ sake, combined with suffering, do we discover that we need to learn how to console ourselves, not pity ourselves, for all that we don’t know. Only after bending over backwards to learn empathy for others, do we learn to feel for ourselves and hold ourselves as would a parent with a child.

You’re not going to find solutions to your problems until you can think outside the box { x^2 }. Whether your ego is accustomed to blaming others or yourself, it has to be controlled.. And if you think you’ve beaten the system by having been born a man or a woman, get real. Your ego is as elusive as your soul.

Israel is the world's greatest kindergarten. But San Francisco is the world's largest orphanage. If you can't see yourself as like a child who's always under his parents' roof and like an orphan who's always alone and exposed, you're not going to become realistic. You're going to vacillate between orphanage and kindergarten. And the planet's problems are going to become more and more a part of your problems.

When our mind meanders, we come to places in our past more profound and personal than we ever before realized. Many look back at their past through a Vaseline-covered lens to shield them from clarity of meaning. Many don't look back at all. They march blindly into the future without knowing where they came from or why the present feels so much more ominous than it used to.

As people age they tend to look to their "God" even if they never bother to look for the place in inner space where their motivation to do so emanates from. But only those interested in a cheerful end to life will seek GOD's counsel. Only they'll see what they didn't see before.

Moses was dour. Jesus was frank. The Prophet Muhammad was cautious. Those Jews who follow the path of Moses as outlined in Torah become joyous. Those Christians who follow the path of Jesus as outlined in the red WORDS of the Gospels become happy. And those who follow the path of the Prophet Muhammad as outlined in the Quran become cheerful.

You have the ability to use your mind to become joyous; your heart to become happy and your soul to become cheerful. You understand that this world is a school, not a playground. You feel more secure about your grades. And you're becoming a leader who'll help others attain your hope and optimism.

In older age, thoughts come you never before had to put into words. It's as though those words may have been hanging in midair above your head in the abstract for decades. You could perceive the concept in the external world, and you could use it to construct your beliefs unconsciously. But you chose not put those concepts into words because of some psychological impediment that was keeping you then from knowing yourself too personally.

The timing in developing intimacy with yourself isn't solely in your hands. GOD is your Partner. You can't make any good moves without HIS approval. And to get HIS approval, you should become the right person doing the right thing at the right time. In other words, you should care more for your body, as well as your head, heart and soul. Only this will positively affect your timing. Good actions around you require good actions within you.

This kind of thinking comes from a very different place in inner space. In biological terms, you might say that it come from your right brain where words aren't formed literarily. In spiritual terms, I'd say these concepts come from your heart and soul. When you find yourself yearning for a power that compensates for all the losses you've had to endure in the past as well as your fear of losses in the future, you intuitively know that left brain thinking won't be able to solve your problem.

But you may not be able to access words for these feelings and beliefs because of unresolved opinions you still hold about yourself. And you may not be able to convince

yourself that your opinions will be any different than they now are if you give up your denial. Lying to yourself effects your moral opinion of you. It's a spiritual Catch-22.

The externalization of your opinions might be about gays or Jews. They might be about blacks, immigrants or some other "them" you believe will threaten your way of life. Your fears may even be about family, neighbors or friends. You can surely see other people's faults, but you may not know what to do about your judgmental attitude. Do you talk to them, or do you talk to yourself about how their faults mirror your own?

Whatever you decide to do, remember that their grades aren't going on your report card. Their character defects only get under your skin because their faults mirror the way you behave toward yourself. They neglect, abandon, deny, exclude or offend you in the same way that your inner adult does so of your inner child.

It's perfectly normal to judge people as inferior to you. It's just not acceptable to let it show. That's hurtful. And you will be judged for hurting other people. Nobody expects you to be perfect. Just the fact that you're aware that **GOD** has brought these people into your life to help you improve your relationship with yourself will suffice. If you want to improve the external world by criticizing other people, you'd better be prepared to do it with the humility you apply when criticizing yourself. But if you're the sort of person who prefers to use tough love on yourself, keep in mind that tough love never works on others.

To come to appreciate the awesome contributions you make to this world just by being the best you, you can be, you don't need to pretend to be holier than anyone, not even THOU/THOU/*Thou*. You're lodged in an incredible, spiritual machine that motivates you to learn how to operate you in a very unique way. It's all about you. When you know that much, then living becomes an art, not just a science.

One of the ways life teaches everyone to become more like a computer operator of the body; computer programmer of the mind; and even an I.T. administrator of your imagination – is through loss. Loss painfully wakes us up to the realization that life isn't a sport. It's a school.

I'm not here to win, although I love winning. My life isn't a game, although I enjoy playing some games. I'm not here to be a master over anyone except me, although I am sometimes grateful for feeling superior to whom I was before.

My life isn't even a journey. Although I'm constantly striving to be somewhere to accomplish something, I often experience time like a stop watch that comes on and goes off. It's often rush and then impatiently wait...

Operating my head and heart from my soul cheerfully leads me to an understanding of **GOD**'s design, which, in turn, awakens me to more of the big picture. Those, like me, who also know that much to be true have learned that life is only *like* a sport; *like* a game; *like* a skill; and *like* a journey. People like us have been through the awesome lessons of spiritual childhood. But sometimes we all need to be reminded to apply the mystery of our discovery to the mastery of our feelings and beliefs.

And for this reason few know about the little joys, happiness and cheerfulness of spiritual puberty and what it really means to mature into a fully sexual being with our many selves.

Don't disdain love of your life as an experience like sex. Thoughts of kissing yourself or touching yourself shouldn't creep you out or make you laugh like a child. Keep going in that direction. Self-intimacy is the greatest gift you can give yourself.

Those who know that life is like a journey with a destination believe in "God." But they don't unify that knowledge into ONE universal GOD because some of their thoughts, feelings and beliefs are conflicted. This isn't a penis problem or a clitoris conflict. This problem turns everyone into an asshole at times with regard to the way they treat themselves. Just look at your family for examples of that if you can't see it in yourself.

Those of us who've been through spiritual adolescence can call ourselves an anus, smile and mean it. We know we treated ourselves badly in the past. And we know that spilled over into our relationships with others. But there will always be occasions when we think with that little "o" in our bottom. We forget that there's even a little "o" in God."

Psychology calls this problem "denial." Religion calls it "stumbling blocks" that they say we shouldn't put before the blind. Those of us who know that we can see, must willingly help those who've been blinded, because once we were blind, but now we see.⁶⁰

Those who believe that life is a school will come to believe in GOD, a Teacher with a personal curriculum for each and every one of HIS students. They'll graduate with inner peace.

But those who die spiritually hard of hearing and myopic will leave this school without the degree they expected. They may literally drop out {suicide} or feel expelled {depression}. They'll come before their Maker infantile, childish, juvenile or spiritually immature. And they'll have to be judged in accordance with HIS grace, not just with the external achievements they left behind.

Many of those who are young and undereducated in matters of spirituality may want to give others the impression they have a large penis or a horny clitoris. They may be caught up conveying a sexual desirability they think will make them more popular than they'd otherwise be. Everyone has reasons to avoid inner reality by creating his own external reality based on some of the facts. Everyone has an infant, child, teenager and young adult within him that s/he has to cum to know...

These underage parts of ourselves aren't always interested in striving to become one happy family. It takes hard work to make a happy family of voices within. And if you come from a biological family that was unhappy, you're only going to find that task even more daunting.

When it comes to managing our inner infant, each of us is on our own. You can talk to your inner infant, but you'd be more influential if you sang it a lullaby. It doesn't have a clue what you're literally saying.

⁶⁰ Lyrics to the hymn "Amazing Grace" published in 1779 by English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton: "Amazing grace how sweet the sound/That saved a wretch like me/I once was lost, but now am found/Was blind, but now I see" If you think it's arrogant of me to tell you that I can see, I say to you that I'm proud I can see. I'm not arrogant about it. I worked very hard to learn to see. Thanks to all that I can see, I can also see some of the black holes through which I cannot yet see.

You can reason with your inner child up to a point, but sometimes you simply have to lay down the law. Your inner child can be very manipulative when it's consumed by an urge it's fixated upon. Nevertheless, tender love is always better than tough love when it comes to your relationship with your inner child. Just keep in mind that tender love is not the same as self-indulgence. Tender love includes a lot of communication.

Consider your inner adolescent completely unreasonable and defiant some of the time and really quite lovable at other times. You know what it wants. It wants "it," and it isn't going to stop thinking about "it," no matter what you say or do. And it's going to project that impulse {whatever it may be} out into the external world rather than think about other parts of you.

Your inner, young adult may be inexperienced, but he's, oh, so hot and sexy. Just being in his company is a pleasure. He makes you feel young at heart. He makes you feel like a wise guy. He makes you feel loyal to life. But you already know it won't last. You know he can't be pinned down or held to his promises. You know he knows little about inner family life.

You can sense when your inner, mature, natural self is emerging. You can sense a sense of weight on your shoulders that wasn't once there before. You can sense that your inner elder arrives from time to time to help you out. Psychology calls this our "super ego." (I'm not fond of terms that include the word "ego." I consider "ego" a derogatory term.)

Like an earthworm exposed; a fish jumping out of water, or a seagull diving down into the sea – your inner elder speaks without using words you're accustomed to literally hearing. He speaks in what sounds like a mellifluous, foreign language that you love to listen to even though it's more like a pleasant dream.

The world around us is **GOD**'s living textbook on how to grow up. But most people refuse to equate the textbook within us to the living textbooks walking around us {people}. This world is literally filled with infants, children, teenagers, adults and seniors. But you're figuratively filled inside with an infant, child, teenager, young adult and elder. They're all there in you to help teach you how to be yourself.

There may be a figurative toddler in your arms who's entirely engrossed in the pain/pleasure principle with regard to external reality much the time. And that babe has no idea that there's a **GOD**. Don't let him get in the way of your "heavenly" reward. Spiritually toilet train him.⁶¹

And when you try to look for the difference between a Jew and a JEW, {and you may}, you could say that today's modern Jew is trying to believe in **GOD** while today's old fashioned JEW is trying, at best, to believe in GOD. Today's modern Christian is trying to believe in **GOD**, while today's old-fashioned CHRISTIAN is trying, at best, to believe in

⁶¹ Spiritual toilet training yourself involves getting control over your anal retentive and anal expulsive personality issues. The more you take over the role of cleaning yourself of these passive-aggressive and overtly aggressive bad habits, the less you're going to unconsciously embarrass, shame and humiliate yourself. And the greater your sense of redemption will be.

GOD. And today's modern Muslim is trying to believe in **GOD**, while today's old-fashioned *Muslim* is trying, at best, to believe in *God*.

If you feel like an alien who's been dropped off on this planet, the above paragraph will help as a key to how human beings in the Western world are thinking in this century. If you feel like a patient in a mental ward, this key will help you convince yourself and the Doctor that you should be figuratively released from your padded cell in the insane asylum metaphor and allowed to move on to the metaphor of life as a school where rationality will help you improve your grades and standing in class.

We all have losses in life we've had to learn to live with, whether we've done so consciously, or not. We can all look back on the time we seemingly wasted going down roads that turned into dead ends. We all come back to the main road from time to time realizing that our unwanted detours have cost us time, peace of mind and, sometimes, a good deal of self-love and money.

Often, but not always, those who are older have more of these losses than those who are younger. But loss is something you can't measure just by looking at the smile on someone's face or the wrinkles on his brow. The man who lost a leg in a war may suffer less of a loss than a little girl who suddenly lost her mother. Even **GOD** has to figuratively make do without that one, lousy, little piece of fruit that seemed to have been so very precious to **HIM**...

Your losses in life can't be measured more accurately from the Earth, the moon or from the sun. Your distance or proximity to loss will always be subjective. Even another person's loss can't be measured from that one place in inner space you most cherish, whether that happens to be your head, heart or soul.

Were you to make your way to the footlights of "heaven," {the most distant stars in the night sky}, you still wouldn't be able to measure the length of your losses without **GOD**'s help. In fact, your loss {fruit} is so profoundly personal that you may not even be able to access your loss by yourself. You may need other human beings to help you make sense of what you're missing. This is when you learn that **GOD** works in mysterious ways.

The idea that **GOD** lost something like a piece of fruit is ridiculous. **HE** didn't give Moses the Creation story to describe HIS loss. **HE** gave it to him to describe his loss. That one little, piece of fruit is a metaphor for everything you've already lost in life. But from now on, you can replace loss with learning. You can strive to use future losses as learning opportunities. And you can even add the loss of your life to that list.

If you can enjoy the metaphor of life as a sport to come to see that you're in a race with yourself, you can use your previous losses to your advantage. You can even use your parents' losses to your advantage. In this way, the Holocaust has become meaningful to me as a loss my parents went through that I only had to repeat by losing my mind. I can now cheerfully bless my parents for all the ways they moved me spiritually in the right direction,

and I can feel sorry for their losses in those ways they had to endure pain and a suffering I can't imagine. It's all in GOD's hands from here on out.

If you can use your grandparents' losses to your advantage, you can see that the loss of Palestine was a meaningful loss to them. You can cheerfully bless your grandparents for all the ways they moved you spiritually in the right direction, and you can feel sorry for their losses in those ways they had to endure pain and a suffering you can't imagine. It's all in GOD's hands from now on.

If you can enjoy the metaphor of life as a game that you're learning to master, you can employ a power you never knew you had. And if you can enjoy the metaphor of life as a journey that you can take your time to complete, you can revel in every second in every minute of every day.

Life is both like a sprint that takes seconds and like a marathon that takes hours to complete. You decide which, from moment to moment. Don't rush. Be patient with yourself. You have as much time as you give yourself to get from one subjective moment to the next.

If you can move through your religious practice to see that you're actually enrolled in a school that you can graduate with a doctorate degree in you, you can embrace other faiths and **philosophies** as electives in your class schedule. Your losses in life will then become sweet sorrows.⁶² And your failings will suddenly turn into learning opportunities you'll cherish as much as your money.

I turned into a snob over time. I also turned into a prude. And as I got much older, I saw that I was turning into a grouch, as well. And these character defects didn't look like they were going away. If anything, the challenge to deal with them was only getting more pronounced with age.

But there's such a delight in celebrating how I can reprimand myself, cry and embrace me for feeling bad about these failings that I'm actually pleased I have the opportunity to do so. I can sometimes see who I really am without acting on my tendencies. And that allows me to smile more within and do less without. My road to "heaven" is now paved with better intentions. And I'm taking those pavers away from my road to "hell."

Judaism created perpetrators of GOD's will. Christianity then turned the perpetrator mentality into the victim mentality as personified by Jesus. That they used to rationalize conquering the world and oppressing the Jews. The Prophet Muhammad then transformed the perpetrator and victim roles into the martyr mentality for the man who was willing to accept any number of losses to manifest his God's will. This has, over time, turned the original Jewish concept of animal sacrifice into an entire lifetime of self-sacrifices filled with pain and suffering in order to serve one of these three "Gods."

There are many who look like they have high self-esteem simply because they happen to look joyous, happy or cheerful. But those feelings don't last long if you don't understand the meaning behind the feeling. Those people are simply skilled at presenting an image of surety and confidence. They do an outstanding job in presenting their heart as compassionate and merciful so long as it pleases them to do so. But we don't know what they're thinking behind that wall of skin, sinew and bone they parade before us like an

⁶² Twist on Shakespeare's quote from "Romeo and Juliette," "Parting is such sweet sorrow."

Elizabethan actor on a stage. Because they're so good at reading their lines just as written, they have no idea that they're even acting.

Don't trust their rehearsals. They're just mindlessly performing before you as though you were a dress rehearsal. The real performance is happening inside. And they're not ready for prime time.

You know there's more to you than flesh and blood. There's more to you than your zip code, the car you drive or the level of education you achieved. There's more to you than your children, your passport or your Facebook page. Dare I suggest there's even more to you than your bank account... Therefore assume the same of everyone else, including those you loathe.

We all have reasons to be loud, confident and reassuring. But we also have reason to quietly listen and learn from the one person we claim to love and respect the most. If you think you don't need the outside opinions of gays and/or Jews because you're smart and have good enough work habits, you may still not be experienced enough or accomplished enough with regard to your relationship with you-know-who {you}. You may be missing some small aspect of respect for the one person you need the most. And that may only become obvious to you when you're in a bad mood. Thank **GOD** for your bad moods!

Gays and Jews are vital to your growth. You need us in the same ways that we need you. Imagine owning a parrot that only learned how to speak from you. Now imagine a parrot that's learned to copy the words of many people. **GOD** has brought many kinds of people into your life to open your mind to many ways of thinking.

When you listen to people speak, do you sometimes hear them sounding like parrots repeating the same things they heard others say? Well, they're not the only bird-brain in a cage... Just because you don't hear yourself repeat what you've heard others say doesn't mean you're not gifted at copying, echoing, emulating, imaging, imitating and mirroring.

You should now be able to admit you've projected a part of you out into the world in order to vilify some other part of you. {That's called a syndrome.} And you should now be able to say that you want to take these vilified parts of you back. You should be able to agree with me that you sometimes even want to vilify yourself more than you want to vilify others. But vilifying anyone will never serve **GOD's** designs.

It's time to look at what gay men are telling themselves, and, by extension, telling you. Our community has become much larger than even we envisioned. This is what our community stands for today:

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| L | Lesbian | A woman who is primarily attracted to women. |
| G | Gay | A man who is primarily attracted to men; also a term for individuals attracted to the same gender. |
| B | Bisexual | An individual attracted to people of their own and opposite gender. |
| T | Transgender | A person whose gender identity differs from their assigned sex at birth. |

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| Q | Questioning | The process of exploring and discovering one's own sexual orientation or gender. |
| A | Asexual | A person who does not feel sexual or attraction to any group of people. |
| P | Pansexual | A person who experiences sexual, romantic and spiritual attractions to members of all genders. |
| I | Intersex | An individual whose sexual anatomy doesn't fit with the traditional markers of "female" and "male." |

The LGBT+ community stands for everything below your waist. If you deny or are repulsed by any of the terms above, that's your penis problem or clitoris conflict, not ours. The school of life has something for everyone. If you want to spiritually toilet train yourself, you're going to have to deal with more than just other people's anal issues.

Don't judge a book by its cover {Don't judge people by what they look like physically or how they smell.}. Don't judge a book by its title {what people tell you on first introduction} or by what others have told you about its storyline {gossip}. Even the synopsis or praise on the back jacket poured out by experts {psychiatric diagnoses} is just professional hearsay by talking heads. Read yourself cover to cover, outside and in. It's your honest opinion of you that counts.

No one can know Scripture until he's learned the three languages of Scripture {metaphor, symbolism and simile}. Nor can you know yourself without **GOD**'s help. You know that that's true. You're no longer an atheist, agnostic or true believer. You've now passed a line of knowledge of no-return. You've figuratively traveled with me so long down this tunnel toward the Dome of the Rock that you'd never find your way back. You must continue on with me to the rock under the Temple Mount where your evidence of **GOD** resides.

Use your time in this world wisely and pursue the counsel of all others, even those you disrespect. {The extremists are trying to describe the one virtue they're pursuing. That virtue is loyalty to a cause that will give them a sense of revenge.} Give counsel wherever your gift of insight might happen to lie. Jewish joy is just a combination of happiness and sorrow. Christian happiness is a face turned resolutely against earthly adversity based upon the attitude of Christ. And good cheer is a head that can face many directions because it isn't fastened to a stiff neck. This makes your heart light and your desires soulful.

Wisdom, love and loyalty will tempt you out of your habitual casing like a seed in the process of germination if you allow these **GODLY** virtues to release you from bondage. You don't have to be surrounded by meaty secrets like a nut in a shell.

When you become disappointed because life isn't turning out as you'd hoped, know that what you're experiencing is a challenge to learning that will make you all the more respectful of yourself if you act courageously. Know that you're a toddler you're trying to

toilet train. Curiosity conquers all, even the smelliest of stuff you have to go through.⁶³ Therefore “to thine own self be true.” [William Shakespeare]

Many people are like hermit crabs. They find a shell of a person that they then crawl into to protect them from the world around them. And when they outgrow that person’s shell, they climb out and look for a larger shell, and do the same thing again. Parents are often guilty of doing this with one child after another. Some parents are even guilty of doing this with one spouse after another.

If you find yourself with a crabby disposition, take a better look at your life partner or loved ones. Have you compromised yourself by living out your life through him/her/them?

Don’t for a minute imagine that you’re kosher {clean} just because you eat material food like a JEW. Don’t for a minute imagine that you’re halal {permissible} just because you eat material food like a *Muslim*. You may actually be crabby because you’re not as kosher or halal as you’d figuratively like to be.

Don’t clam up when it comes to talking to yourself. Don’t think of yourself as a shrimp. You’re not small. Not even your penis is too small. You’re not low-life. You may just be living at the bottom of your inner ocean of emotions.

There are only three figurative ways to use nature to perceive your nature: land {thoughts}, sea (feelings} and sky {beliefs}. Your opinions of you won’t last. The truth will out.

*“Thus,
God,
the mighty,
the wise One,
inspires you
as He inspired others before you.”
[42:1]*

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There are those who secretly laugh at some others while taking themselves quite seriously. They are, of course, hypocrites. They’ve magnified the world around them at a cost to their world within.

⁶³ “*Omnia Vincit Amor*” {love conquers all} Latin phrase from “Eclogue X” by Virgil {Roman poet, 70–19 B.C.E.} Grow up! Romantic love isn’t nearly enough anymore. You need curiosity {about yourself} as much as romantic love for others.

But if you're the type of person who likes to express the clownish side of you to make others laugh {which may disarm them from judging you harshly}, ask yourself whether you can also turn that frown upside down on the inside? Can you laugh at yourself when alone with only you as your audience? Can you turn your sorrow at being clownish into a Mona Lisa {knowing} smile? Can you inspire yourself by taking more of an interest in your spiritual education than they taught you in Sunday school? "GOD, the Mighty, the Wise ONE, inspires you as HE inspired others before you."

*"Had it been God's will,
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But God brings whom He will into His mercy;
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[42:8] ⁶⁴*

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When we were spiritually young and immature, we built our tower to power in early adulthood as though making our way up a mountain through the clouds to the summit. Life was little more than a sport then. We cheered when our team won, but we didn't see all the other metaphors for life that were influencing us.

We cooperated as much as we could externally, not realizing that we were, at times, conspiring within against ourselves. Our penis or clitoris was in charge of our future. We had no idea we had a head, heart and soul that could have been working more in our favor.

Our luck went up and down as we erected a spiritual edifice in the world around us to externalize the power of our own ego. And when our plans came crashing down with losses in the form of physical ailments, unrequited love or money problems, we began to suspect that life might be more than a sport for "winners."

So we decided life was also a craft we ought to master. And over time we then realized we were on something similar to a journey to a faraway land.

GOD could have united us into one community, but then we never would have discovered that we all have one language in common despite all our differing

⁶⁴ GOD could have united those who serve other masters.

WORDS/WORDS/*Words*.⁶⁵ The religious language you were brought up in by your parents or grandparents was like a mother tongue to you, but it wasn't the only "language" you learned to communicate in.

Prayer emanates out naturally from your being when you're in touch with yourself. But prayers may go up and come right back down. Prayers need to be made up of words you should have first combined in your head, heart and soul before you presented them to your GOD/GOD/*God*. Prayers must be made up of a combination of WORDS/WORDS/*Words* that have been personalized into WORDS.

If you deny climate change and the contributions of gay people – and only draw literal conclusions about your Scripture – you ought to question whether you might not be on board trains of thought going in the wrong direction. You might ask yourself whether you've even learned how to think critically about yourself.

Unless you know how to observe your thinking, you'll never learn how to speak to yourself. And if you don't learn how to speak to yourself, you'll never learn how to pray to GOD. But it's all a Catch-22 until you learn how to learn.

Your enemies are messengers who come before you with mirrors. You must reconsider your intentions or they'll surely teach you lessons you don't want to have to go through. You should use this to elucidate what it means to have an enemy. The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* aren't going away. So we're going to want to teach them what we know about Scripture and help them question what they think they know about their GOD/GOD/*God*. Their cynicism and scorn of us have led each of them to believe they're superior human beings, while the evidence of their inner truth and beauty is fast fading.

I'm most concerned that today's hyper-religious leaders don't know how to think critically about themselves. If they think they can get into GOD's good graces without making more of an effort to be inclusive, they're kidding themselves. But if nonbelievers think they know the first thing about hope and grace without GOD as their Witness, they're kidding themselves, too.

GOD could have planted you in one of many groves. But HE put you where you found yourself in youth in order to teach you to look beyond your faith, family and folklore for a truth that's greater than anything you learned at your parent's dining room table, your institution of learning or in your house of prayer.

Where you are is exactly where you ought to be, given where you came from. And that includes employment, family, friends, living conditions and the climatic concerns you're having to deal with where you are. Those who try to make you believe you're a victim of circumstances beyond your control are trying to corral you and use you for their political

⁶⁵ After GOD destroyed the Tower of Babel, HE confounded the speech of the builders so they wouldn't be able to communicate with one another and build it again. Learning foreign languages isn't the answer. Creating computer translation devices won't help, either. You'll need to learn to converse fluently with yourself before you can say you know how to pray.

ends. Don't believe everything your enemies say about you. Become more active in your pursuit of yourself.

If you think like a Jew, you're a tree that, by extension, was planted as a seed in a stand. You grew up in an extended family grove. You attended an educational copse that you left to pollinate with others in another grove of somewhat similar trees. You see yourself as part of a greater orchard and political wood that has roots that go back to the ancient forests that once surrounded our ancestors' religious worlds.

You'll never honestly be able to call yourself a victim of circumstances or a martyr to your "God's" cause. You know we're all in this together, which depends on what we've learned and what we now can all say we know. You now also know that we're all perpetrators of crimes against our own humanity, usually without even knowing it.

Bette Midler said in her book, View From A Broad, that the doors to the pyramids are only as high as the Hebrew slaves who built them. Your Star of David should remind you of two intersecting pyramids, one pointing up to your father who personifies the "heavens" and the other down to your mother who personifies the Earth. Your world is 3-D, not flat.

Your faith, therefore, should be 3-D, not flat. If you can't perceive GOD through length, width and depth, you're not yet being realistic.

The future of the world depends, in part, on you. The Jews were chosen. The Christians got to choose. And the Muslims get to choose or not choose. Therefore they, too, are have been, in their own way, chosen. But unless you see yourself as potentially capable of being like all of them, you'll never believe that you've been chosen for a great destiny.

It's too late to go back to a simpler time. The apple never fell close to or far from the tree. It was picked! Move on. Don't make excuses for past mistakes that can't be undone. Face the future with resolve.

*"He has ordained for you the faith
which He enjoined on Noah,
and which We have revealed to you;
which We enjoined on Abraham, Moses and Jesus,
saying,
'Observe the faith and do not divide yourselves into factions.'
But hard for the pagans is that to which you call them.
God chooses for it whom He will,
and guides to it those who repent."
[42:10-11]*

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I’ve never met a pagan. I understand there still are a few pockets of indigenists in the world, but they don’t live in the “civilized” world, no doubt out of horror at what they see happening here. I met a few natives in the jungles of the Amazon, but their ancestors converted to Christianity centuries ago. The world that was filled with indigenists when the great Scriptural texts were written doesn’t exist anymore. Those who divide themselves into military, religious and economic factions are all believers today. They’re not pagans.

The divisions made by Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad were manmade by our ancestors. They don’t have to remain intact in you, even if they remain intact around you. The choices you make don’t have to be determined by hyper-religious factions. If you divided your allegiances using moral discrimination, you’d be amazed at who you’d claim as family and friends. The alliances you have now may be more motivated by fear of your onliness than you’re willing to admit.

“GOD chooses for “it” whom HE will and guides to “it” those who repent.” Now all you need to do is determine what the pronoun “it” stands for in this sentence. I’d say that “it” stands for the moral system HE put in place by which we’re all learning to be rightly guided. What does “it” mean to you?...

*“I believe in the scriptures that God has revealed.
I am commanded to exercise justice among you.
God is our Lord and your Lord.
We have our own works and you have yours;
let there be no argument between us.
God will bring us all together,
for to Him we shall return.”*
[42:16]

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When the Prophet said, “*We have our own works and you have yours*” he was using the word “works” to refer to the *works* of Muslims verses the **WORKS** of Christians and the **WORKS** of Jews. **GOD** gave us **WORDS/WORDS/Words**, which we’ve fashioned into works. It’s time to start to do that **WO**RK from within using all the **WORDS/WORDS/Words** at your disposal.

In this day and age, the LGBT+ community is astutely combining words into works, albeit for many, unconsciously. This is why I say that you {straight people} speak different languages because of your Jewish, Christian or Muslim traditions. But all of tomorrow’s children will come to know the difference between words and works. Words and works will set you free. And everyone, straight and gay, already intuitively knows it.

The more the ultra-orthodox **JEWS**, rightwing **CHRISTIANS** and radicalized *Muslims* come to the realization that their efforts to obey their “God” at the cost of excluding others aren’t working, the more religious extremists will eventually be forced to accuse themselves of being hypocrites. And many of them will choose to go insane and commit violent acts rather than face this truth. They’ll hunt people like you and me down as though it were a sport. They’ll declare that their “God” is the only “God,” thereby giving up all they believe in, in their obsession to win the human “race.”

Much of the inner “we” and “you” so casually projected onto the world around us is the result of bullies we create within to force us to do what our parents once wanted us to do. Honoring our parents is so difficult that, in our youth, we had to create monsters within to terrify us into doing what we were told. Talking to yourself can dissipate these monsters.

GOD understands the dilemmas of our youth and has allowed us to project these moral issues onto others to give us the autonomy to choose how we wish to handle our parents in absentia. These projected relationships often cause us to focus our infantile terror, childish frustration and juvenile rage with ourselves onto some others. This makes the world around us into a distorted mirror of a terrifying inner world many refuse to confront. Responding, rather than reacting, to the world within us is the beginning in reclaiming our projections.

When you look back on your life and see what you’ve done to try to right the wrongs within that you perpetrated against yourself just to survive, your desire to do better will emerge.⁶⁶

It may be difficult to break the projection of others as cripples to admit how crippled you are inside. You may be so wrapped up in wishing to do only good for those who aren’t as whole as you that you can’t see the projection of yourself in them. Before, during and

⁶⁶ Granted, I can’t prove this theory. But given what the Prophet said about *God* helping guide those who wish to do good and allowing those who wish to do evil to guide themselves, the obvious conclusion would be that evil will, in the end, damn itself to the judgment it most deserves. Therefore you shouldn’t waste time being good for **GOD**’s sake. Be good only for your sake. You are your greatest responsibility in life. And the way you care for those you love {and the country you love} will destroy you if you don’t make exceedingly wise, loving and loyal choices in every way.

after you help them, help yourself with compliments, kudos and inner winks of approval. What comes around within will go around throughout.

When you understand the importance of breaking your projections in order to help yourself, you unify your head, heart and conscience. Your thoughts reveal feelings and your feelings reveal beliefs that you didn't know about you before. These are opinions that will help you engage with yourself morally, which will then earn you a more **GODLY** perspective. In this way, you can create a holographic mind that will accelerate your usefulness to humanity in a way unique to you.

You won't feel quite so alone, empty or useless to yourself. You'll be able to achieve an intimacy from within that will make your life meaningful regardless of what you "do" to make a living. You'll be able to use your mind to think rather than to parrot back to you appropriate behaviors that others have tried to make you mindlessly imitate. In the **Buddhist** sense of the **word**, you'll become **mindful**.

You can't survive in this world without this **I/THOU** relationship. The **I/THOU/THOU/Thou** relationship forged through conventional faith was just for practice. You'll go crazy if you give up on developing a healthier relationship with yourself. Take it from someone who's done both.

Everyone will tell you not to give so much thought to what other people think of you, but they don't tell you how to do so. The opinions, reactions and the rejection you've felt from them come both from within and without. The "them" in you is all that's left after enough people have told how to live your life to become more like them.

"them" becomes what's left after the voices of I, you, he {y and x²} and she {x¹ and x²}. The looming sense of "them" emanates out from the dark side of you. It's very real, even if it's only rarely that you have to face it.

When you realize that what others may think of you is, in part, their projection, you won't have to adapt, be conventional, conform, fit in, follow the crowd, kowtow, obey, play the game or toe the line. Guilt will emanate out from within, not in from without.

You can rebel. You can be yourself. You can be original. You can be morally, refreshingly real without acting out against anyone. But you can only do so if you promote intellectual freedom, emotional liberty and spiritual emancipation rather than autonomy. The autonomous are losers who model what not to do.

The **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* somewhat understand this because they feel like misunderstood outsiders, too. The only reason the religious extremists can't get along with one another for very long is because they're fighting within themselves, not with **GOD**

or man. **GOD** allows things to work out in many adequate ways, so long as **HIS** followers remain curious and questioning.

When you see upheavals in politics; when you see upheavals in social norms; when you see pandemics and epidemics – you're looking at aspects of the "them" in you that you ought to rebel against. To the extent that you can feel care and concern for those around you because they remind you of you, you'll be able to take your life more personally. To the extent that you can ask yourself what other people's problems have to do with yours {a

very subjective question}, you'll be able to connect to others in increasingly universal ways.⁶⁷

Rewarding others without asking for evidence from them of having performed good deeds to earn your rewards is a destructive, futile and wasteful gesture. GOD doesn't do it, so why would you? Would you reward yourself for wasting your time, using up resources or distracting yourself from doing what counts?

Most people renounce their anus in an effort to proclaim their purity. They imply they don't consume forbidden fruit. Therefore they have no need for an anus... They conclude that what goes in, stays in, and, therefore, never needs a reason to come out. They claim to be a closed system. But to maintain the ruse, they need alliances built upon theft, collusion and conspiracy.

A belief in GOD is harder to attain than it might seem. It requires work. It's a lifelong struggle. When you catch yourself thinking about what "they" will think of you, remind yourself that this is a story you're telling yourself {regardless of what others may have accused you of} to elucidate some inner challenge you're, as yet, verbally out of touch with. You're searching for a way to tell yourself that you don't have words to describe what you're putting yourself through. You're searching for a way to understand how to think about what you feel. You're struggling to become soulful.

Frustration with ourselves is at the root of many of our actions. We paint the world orange {irritation} in an effort not to paint it red {anger}. We get irritable with others over their height, weight, nose, chin, belly and hair instead of getting angry at ourselves for being petty with ourselves. Judge the house by the person living inside it, not by the color of the picket fence, the size of the awning or the shape of the windows.

Using words like "alien," "ice princess," "loner," "pervert" and other terms that hurt people's feelings are unconsciously going to make you feel bad about you. Using words like "awkward," "different," and "exceptional" are going to make you feel guilty for being awkward, different and exceptional. They're also going to make you feel guilty for being condescending and judgmental.

The feeling is buried deep within the thought. What you tell yourself has an emotional impact on you whether or not you're awakened enough yet to sense it. If you're not aware of that impact, it's because you're an orphan living alone inside yourself. There's no adult yet in the room.

If you don't apologize to yourself and correct your thinking, what do you expect to get from business agreements, familial bonds, national treaties and romantic relationships? Even your relationship to GOD depends on your relationship to yourself. If you're still figuratively under the age of 21, living by yourself and claiming to love your autonomy – you're immature, and it doesn't matter how old you are in external years.

It's only when you explore all of Scripture for your secrets that you come to understand more and more of the enormity of GOD's message for man. Wherever two, or more, inner

⁶⁷ We see this paranoia {irrational fear} in the external world as fear of vaccinations. People don't want to fit in on mass because they're so terrified of fitting in to their self.

voices come together there's an inner "me" and "you" that's being overheard by an inner "us" that everyone interested in progress will want to get in touch with.

The x^1 and y factors accentuate the sexual differences between men and women. But the x^2 factor accentuates what unites us all. We all have an anus. We all come out of a culture that demonizes the anus. And we all, from time to time, behave like an asshole to ourselves. When the assholes finally realize that they, too, have assholes, the whole world will be better off.

Seek **GOD**'s help to attain greater sanity. Even though **HE** isn't like "them," **HE** will affect your experiences in mysterious, un-anticipatable ways that will illuminate you to more of the "them" in you. **GOD** will eventually bring us all together. But for people of faith, like you and me, unity will always occur within more quickly than it occurs throughout. So don't lose hope.

Even though I believe that to be so, there's always going to be internal problems with a perpetrator {head}, victim {heart} and martyr {soul} that I have to deal with all by myself. These habitual patterns need to be understood, or I find that much of my day is consumed with moving through these habitual patterns like a lab rat through a maze; like a girl in a labyrinth; or like a juvenile delinquent in a house of mirrors at the fair.

*"As for those who argue about God
after pledging allegiance to Him,
their arguments will have no weight with their Lord,
and His wrath will fall upon them.
Grievous punishment awaits them."
[42:17]*

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after pledging allegiance to HIM/HIM/Him,
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How can **GOD**'s wrath fall upon those who do wrong if **HE** only helps, never hurts? How is it that we claim responsibility for all that we do right and then shirk our responsibility when it comes to seeking out awareness of all that we're doing wrong? Clearly, the "God" they're arguing about isn't the **GOD** they think "He" is.

What happens throughout your life occurs in a spiritual system in which you help yourself with **GOD**'s help, or you work autonomously to take what you think, feel, and want to believe you deserve. After a lifetime of learning the difference between what you want and what you deserve, you'll be judged for what you've learned from the process.

And the outcomes of your life will be the evidence used to prove to yourself what you were doing all along. So when the Prophet refers to GOD's wrath, he's really referring to consequences "after" life, not during our lifetime, for what awaits us.

Do be dour like Moses. Do be frank like Jesus. And do be cautious like the Prophet. You'd better learn from all three if you want to get it morally right. All lack of joy, lack of happiness and lack of cheerfulness is a sign that there's more for you to learn about yourself. Don't blame your moods on the world. Blame them on your world.

That said, there's still a mysterious justice in play that we celebrate with glee when we see the bad guy get his just desserts. I'm not a chess player, but think of yourself as a pawn, rook, knight or bishop in the game. And think of me as your queen. You can't change the piece you play. Even though the king moves no faster or more versatily than a pawn, the rules of the game will force certain outcomes over time. Such is the mystery of how GOD helps only those who help themselves make wiser moves.

We can't claim to appreciate the WORD of GOD if we can't appreciate the voices within us that we must interact with. We all must awaken to our relationships with ourselves. If we use the words we speak to one another to appreciate the words we speak to ourselves, we'll perceive the power we're holding inside. Only then does our relationship with GOD not go stale, sour, decay or wither.

People self-select the truths they wish to believe rather than observe themselves with the same scrutiny they observe others. As a rule, they have many bad opinions about others to share, but few good opinions of themselves to share with themselves. And, so, they simply cross their fingers and hope they won't be judged as evil or crazy for the seemingly hypocritical choices they make.

Our internal choices are what determine the outcomes of our life. For every external choice we make, there's a new, internal choice we're given. We make it to the next square on the chessboard from which we face new choices. Getting in touch with your internal choices as the result of your external choices is what the Quran is all about.

There are many right and wrong choices in life, but because every choice you make externally corresponds to a new choice you'll be given internally, you'll discover the wisdom, love and loyalty in everything you do by the strength of the relationship you develop with yourself over time. You are a masterpiece in the making. {But you're also a mess that needs to be cleaned up on a daily basis.}

When you observe elderly people who behave irrationally, you're seeing what might happen to you if you don't strive to make better choices. We like to describe the behavior of the elderly as childish, but it's really very complex. They're trying to accomplish something they didn't have the time or inclination to do more slowly and carefully when they were young. Now they're trying to understand how they operate, even if they can't bring that struggle up to the level of words. Sadly, oftentimes, they're spiritual trees slowly turning into petrified wood.⁶⁸

We don't allow people to drive a car without passing an Exam. Yet, you may be sitting behind the wheel of your vehicle without having used Scripture like chapters from the

⁶⁸ Therefore cherish the rock beneath the rock; i.e., cherish the process.

D.M.V. {Department of Motor Vehicle} handbook. If you don't learn how to drive you, when you get old, you'll need a lot more time and effort to figure out how you run. But by then your vehicle may be so full of fender-benders that it may be too late...

Medicine won't ever be able to cure your spiritual malaise. Doctors will only find treatments and cures for your physical ailments. Psychiatrists usually label your personality disorders and give you pills to calm you down. They use interactive talk therapy to help you relate to yourself indirectly through interchange with them. They don't teach you how to talk to yourself. {Maybe they fear that would put them out of business, or maybe they're afraid you'd be in worse company than with them...} ⁶⁹

And religious leaders usually only put spiritual band aids on the mortal wounds you've inflicted upon yourself and tell you something that will soothe you with regard to your relationship to the GOD/GOD/*God* the two of you share.

You don't need a band aid for your spiritual wounds. You probably need a tourniquet or a splint! {Doctors, shrinks and religious leaders are always careful to remember that you're paying their bills...} I couldn't care less about your bills, and I know you couldn't care less about mine. ⁷⁰

I think most of people's problems stem from their fear of talking to themselves. Maybe they wouldn't know what to tell themselves if they admitted how lonely they are in their own company. Making a friend is hard to do. Most people prefer to look for other orphans or kindergarteners like themselves to play with. But they're usually careful not to talk to each other about such things.

Curing yourself spiritually requires that you figuratively become your own cleric, imam, minister, parson, pastor, priest or rabbi. It requires that you become your own doctor, nurse and patient. It requires that you become your own counselor and client. Taking Scripture personally requires an extremely well-developed imagination. Anything less will create wars inside that will lead to more wars outside.

*“Whoever seeks the harvest of the world to come,
to him We will give in great abundance;
and whoever desires the harvest of this world,
a share of it shall be his;
but in the world to come
he shall have no share at all.”*
[42:20]

⁶⁹ Inner talk therapy would actually make the fields of psychiatry and psychology much more vibrant. It would combine faith, **philosophy** and psychology in ways that would benefit the therapists and patients. It would certainly improve relationships with our institutions of healing. And who knows? It might even lower your doctor bills.

⁷⁰ If you don't like my advice or it doesn't work, the cost will have been minimal. And your relationship to me will end quickly, without words and without incident.

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After so many centuries of blending Western thought through curiosity, sex, trade and even wars, it’s become impossible for any of us to relinquish our share in this world; nor would we want to in the brief time we have here to enjoy the bounty of our earthly harvests. We’re all invested in life on Earth {although some are overly invested and others need to work on a greater investment, to be sure}. But what we sow and reap on Earth are clues to our “heavenly” harvest. You’ve been given a lifetime of opportunities to procure your “heavenly” reward. You’d have to be insane not to take advantage of them.⁷¹

Those who’d throw away their eternal life solely to promote their material wellbeing will slowly turn into their own worst enemy {and possibly ours}. And some part of them will figuratively turn to stone. But if you believe that your harvest on Earth is as important as your harvest in the “world to come,” you’ll grow to become rich inside and out. There’s no reason why you can’t do both simultaneously. It’s not just a question of what you do, but how you do what you do. Your attitude counts. A sky that’s constantly grey gets depressing over time, while a sky without any clouds for an inordinate period of time becomes ominous in another way.

The combination of the three Abrahamic faiths will guide you toward figuratively moving humbly as though on your belly like a snake, a little to the right and then a little to the left as you propel yourself forward. In this way, you’ll see that your character is vital to your being.

Others may conclude you’re so cautious that you seem oily and slimy, but you’ll see that this is the only way to prove to yourself {and **GOD**} that you’re using your penis problem to turn your greatest passions into a way to achieve spiritual locomotion. {Don’t worry about what “they” say about you.⁷² How you get where you’re going is your business. Humility never killed anyone.}

Another way of saying this is that the steps of life have very high risers on the way up and very low risers on the way down. When you’ve never done anything before, it’s all daunting and challenging. But when you’ve done everything many times before, it’s easy to trip and fall over the least little change in elevation.

⁷¹ When I see the poor idolize the rich, and when I see the rich idolize the rich, it makes me sick. They’re all dancing around money trees, harvesting greenbacks and using the seeds of their monetary efforts to create economic forests filled with nothing but more money trees. It’s like quenching your thirst by investing in cups. Would that I could say I was once any different.

⁷² (But at the same time, don’t be so naïve that you conclude that everyone’s desires and intentions are good.)

Those who see themselves as having been a seed planted by GOD in a garden will seek the harvest of the “world to come.” They’ll become the luckiest people on Earth, even though their gifts may need to be hidden from the envious and craven.

They’ll consistently look forward to greater abundance of spiritual delights in life because they’re willing to work for greater riches within. And they’ll grow from seemingly being a plant in a garden to becoming a great tree in an orchard.

As young men and women learn to break out of their intellectual shell, rise up through the rock of institutionalized dogma into the light of universal truth, they’ll branch out emotionally and grow like those trees of knowledge they most admire. They’ll begin to bud with hope; flower with inspiration; and bloom with the fruits of their just labors. They’ll get glimpses of the “world to come” through their endeavors, and they’ll discover their own, personal appreciation of every color in the rainbow of hope emanating down from the Lord from his “heavenly” abode.

“Say:

‘For this I demand of you no recompense.

I ask you only to love your kindred.

He that does a good deed shall be paid many times over.

God is forgiving and bountiful in His rewards.”

[42:23]

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It’s really not that hard to love kindred once you love yourself. Once you make an effort to get to know the inner voices of I, you, he {y} or she, {x¹} you discover how much more deeply you have the potential to love more of you {x²}. This is the we, you and they you may have been secretly worried about displeasing all your life. This may have been what kept you conforming to what others told you to do.

When **GOD** speaks about **HIMSELF** in the first person singular {**ilI**} and then suddenly switches to the third person singular {**HE**}, it should be a reminder to you that **GOD** is constantly witnessing own **HIS** own actions. Would that you would do the same.

At this time in history, the Muslim intelligentsia no longer hates Jews and gays, but it isn’t yet safe for them to say so out loud. Because the *Muslim* masses have been so

prejudiced by hateful clerics and imams, the Muslim intelligentsia has to wait for believers of the Quran to discover the magnificence of the Quran on their own.

Patience with yourself may be a virtue, but impatience with others can sometimes prove to be the catalyst required at the time. The JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* masses must be moved along. The clock is ticking. If you don't use the opportunities at your disposal to help them, you will be judged as derelict in your duties.

*“Had God bestowed abundance upon His servants,
they would have committed much injustice in the land.
But He gives them what He will in due measure;
He knows and observes His servants.”*
[42:27]

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GOD bestows abundance in due measure. Many without money have been abundantly gifted with other gifts. And many with plenty of money are indeed poor within. Therefore it's important to take life much more personally than most people seem to do. We're all being tested and may measure up in new ways each day. “GOD knows and observes HIS servants.” And if HE doesn't like what HE sees, HE simply allows them to do as they please. But then their thoughts, feelings or beliefs may become victims to their basest impulses.

*“Whatever misfortune befalls you,
it is the fruit of your own labors.
He forgives much.”*
[42:31]

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GOD forgives a great deal more than we realize because we don't realize how egotistical and, therefore, contrary and defiant we really are. We see defiance in infants,

toddler, children and teenagers, but we don't see the immaturity in ourselves. Therefore we can say that we don't realize how deeply our heart conspires with our penis or clitoris to get what we want, no matter what the cost. We don't realize how our participation in our family, institution of faith and society at large are often more like the construction of an ivory tower in tribute to a babbling idiot than it is like a bridge we can cross to get to the other side.

Do you want to think of yourself like a bridge or a tower? Do you make an effort to connect east and west, Democrat and Republican, Jew and gentile, and gay and straight? Or, do you live your life like an edifice under construction with an eye to achieving the highest story with the greatest view? {In the former metaphor {bridge} you'll have to make your way across. In the latter metaphor {skyscraper}, you may come crashing down.}

Personally, I couldn't build one without the other. GOD asked humanity to spread out over the whole world in the Tower of Babel story, but the people at that time decided to build an edifice that would take them up in the direction of the sky instead of going far and wide.

Why wouldn't GOD acquiesce to our desires by sometimes letting us have both? The answer to how to become the kind of person who's allowed to do just that lies in the next story of Genesis: in becoming an Abraham unto yourself.

Many who cry out about their faith being victimized by people who don't believe as they do have no clue what principles are or where their principles come from. They've confused their thoughts, feelings or beliefs with external ideals they wish were true. And then they behave in ways that are pushy to get what they want. They pass through the two extremes of selfishness and selflessness as though swinging from a pendulum. They're unable to stop themselves in the middle because they can't see what they're doing or the speed they're traveling. But you can see what they're doing. You just may not be able to see how you're doing something similar inside to yourself.

People don't often want to think about self-centering rather than being selfish or selfless because they can't yet internalize their principles. Instead, they tell *you* how to live *their* life. They don't live up to the principles they espouse. And then they end up being deeply disappointed with others.

The one person in the world they could improve, they don't bother to work on. The one person they could teach how to believe, they ignore. For this, I believe, we'll all be judged when our journey comes to its end. GOD doesn't like hypocrites. Who does?

We can see this problem in others, but that doesn't usually do us much good in becoming self-centered from within. It's, therefore, up to each of us to try to perceive what GOD is forgiving us for, and then do our best to improve ourselves proactively. Our greed for inner riches should know no bounds, but our greed for outer wealth should be curtailed. Lust for self-intimacy should be encouraged, but lust for others will surely look unseemly over time.

We're all getting exactly what we deserve, so we don't need anyone making things harder for us than we already have it. If you don't believe in marriage equality, marry someone of the opposite gender. If you don't believe in abortion, don't get pregnant. If you

don't like the idea of a Jewish homeland, make your own home more of a place that grounds you in justice and the rule of law, and see how well you do at that.

Rightwing CHRISTIANS tell themselves to hate the sin and love the sinner. But they don't do it because it can't be done. If they could really hate the sin, they'd avoid the sin. And if they could really love the sinner, they'd love themselves. Their sins are no less obvious to ONE and all.

But they're not interested in loving themselves or stopping themselves from sinning against themselves. They're only interested in loving heterosexuality. They're only interested in loving fetuses, not their own inner child. They're only interested in telling everyone how to live their life for them.

"Whatever misfortune befalls you, it's the fruits of your own labors." The Prophet isn't saying that the victim is always to blame. The Prophet is saying that the perpetrator is always to blame. And that's difficult for most people to understand. They assume that they're always the victim. If you want to become a martyr, sometimes you're going to have to blame the perpetrator you're stuck with.

We all perpetrate crimes against our many selves in an effort to magnify our bad habits so we can correct them. That happens at such an unconscious level, however, that most people aren't even looking for evidence of their own crimes and misdemeanors. Lack of humility isn't a hyper-religious or atheist issue. It's ubiquitous.

It's up to all of us to make sure that nobody gets away with crimes and misdemeanors. But it's up to you to make sure you don't get away with your crimes and misdemeanors against yourself. If you keep your quest for morality clean, you'll see the world get cleaner.

Many people are so greedy for money that they sacrifice their hunger for honey. Greed isn't a JEWISH trait. Greed is a trait you'll find in JEWS, CHRISTIANS, *Muslims* and everyone else on Earth. We all seek comforts of the body. If you're only reminded of greed when you think of JEWS, you aren't looking closely enough at yourself. "THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL." [Timothy 6:10]

Words are like coins. They have two sides. It's not the love of money that's bad. It's the obsession with money that's bad. Your love of money is commendable if you've learned how to save and spend within your means. But some people's love of money is despicable. They only know how to enrich themselves by stealing from others.

Misfortune is the key that always unlocks our inner weaknesses {crimes and misdemeanors}. Misfortune motivates us to search for our moral mistakes to give our losses meaning.⁷³ But our moral mistakes and our misfortunes aren't causally connected. You haven't been victimized because you're a bad person. You've been victimized because you weren't willing or able to defend yourself against the perpetrator within you. The more you acknowledge that you have two worlds, the more powerful you'll become in both.

⁷³ Loss of his firstborn son was what prompted Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. You, too, are plagued by you, but you may be blaming the GOD of the Israelis, instead. You just may not know it because your religious tradition didn't tell you that Torah is a document you, too, signed before GOD. But they also didn't tell you that the Gospels are a document you signed before **GOD** and the Quran is a document you also signed before *God*.

GOD helps those who help themselves, not those who help themselves to whatever they want. Therefore the enlightened individual should turn his misfortunes, problems, challenges and unanticipated shocks into learning tools by internalizing his conviction not to do to others what fate has taught him to find deplorable.

Although you may have been victimized by others, you may discover (to your chagrin) that you've also been victimizing yourself an equivalent way. That may lead to horrible conclusions about you if your child was murdered at Sandy Hook or your grandparents were victims of the Holocaust. We can be innocent victims in the world around us while still perpetrators of crimes against our own humanity.

Sometimes it takes a terrible loss in the external world to bring up the questions of perpetrator, victim and martyr. That may seem like the worst time in the world to have to delve down within. These life lessons lie in **GOD**'s hands. It can take a lifetime to make sense of your fate. But such is life.

The greatest evidence of insanity is the feeling of anxiety. It's understandable that people would be anxious about doing new things. But why are they anxious about being themselves? Anxiety is the feeling that results from inner threats. When you threaten yourself in order to get you to give you what you want, you produce anxiety. What better way to blackmail you into giving you what you want, especially if you're not more astute in using more generous means?

We can't question **GOD**'s perspective. We can only ask **HIM** to reveal to us what we can learn from our losses. Blaming **HIM** for the weight of the challenges we've had placed on our shoulders is something **HE** forgives us for, especially if we're suffering over the loss of someone we dearly loved.

The despicably manipulative will blame other, less fortunate, victims for his misfortunes in the hopes of not acknowledging what he's doing to himself. The spiritually astute will look at what he can learn from victimization, so as not to allow himself to do that to himself.

The fatalistic individual will conclude he must help others to achieve forgiveness in his "God's" eyes. The hopeful individual who seeks forgiveness from himself will help others in order to seek his fortune from within. The love of money may well be the root of all kinds of evil, but it's the love of honey that's the root of all kinds of generosity of spirit.

When we force people not to do that which we detest, we run up against moral dilemmas. We discover that we've projected our fears onto them, and then stop them from doing something we'd already learned was wrong. In our effort to become wiser, more loving and loyal to ourselves, we discover how intolerant we can sometimes be to those who don't yet know how to act any better towards themselves.

People who are anxious often eat, drink or take drugs to calm themselves down. Some exercise to excess. Some shop. Some hunt. Some pray to excess. But beneath these calming actions may lie tremendous anxiety at what they'll do to themselves if they don't obey their own urges. The kinds of behaviors we see so candidly expressed in *Muslim* extremists are

no different than what we may be figuratively doing to ourselves. A coward dies a thousand deaths. A brave man dies but once.⁷⁴

You just might be a coward who hasn't admitted it yet to yourself. You just may be threatening to kill yourself with needle-like pricks to keep you moving forward rather than with a knife or a gun. If so, you've got to turn around and face your own bully. Don't struggle for a lifetime with crippling anxiety, as I did.

Don't stop people from doing what feels natural to them. If they don't want to sleep with a member of the opposite gender, what's it to you? If they don't want to see a pregnancy to term, what business is that of yours? Figuratively putting your nose up the butt of a gay man or the vagina of a woman should be the best evidence you could possibly have that your nose should be deeply offended by the stench coming out of your own derriere.

Until I looked at my suicide attempts as blatant evidence of a life poorly lived, I had no idea how insulted I felt at having tried to kill myself. I'd been such a coward! And the more I got in touch with my resentment against me for that, the more I could see why I'd been so unpopular at school growing up. I'd been the last person I wanted to sit next to or spend time with on my lunch hour. I always ended up walking home alone because no one wanted to be in such bad company – not even me.

But my disdain of me had been based on how deeply I'd wanted others to like me. Coming from a family of Holocaust survivors, I didn't have a clue to the great challenge all of us have in proving to the world that we're likeable. And because my family was also the product of 2,000 years of CHRISTIAN disgust in which they projected their disgust of themselves onto the Jews, I clung to my family while hating myself because of the low self-esteem we were all secretly dealing with at our house. {Now that *Muslims* have found so many reasons to judge one another, perhaps they'll understand what we've been doing to ourselves for 5,780 years.} GOD works in mysterious ways. Self-hate isn't just for Jews anymore...

Breaking the cycle of projection is harder than it looks. Indigenists were blessed by GOD with a world they conquered with information about Mother Nature that they used every way they could. Moses was blessed by GOD with wisdom. Jesus was blessed by GOD with wisdom of the heart. And the Prophet was blessed by *God* with loyalty to wisdom and love for the sake of life "after" life. Sadly, modern man utilizes and abuses his gifts by not giving credit to all his benefactors.

The N.R.A. proudly takes responsibility for the gunning of America. Their members are promoting penis power through firearm sales. And if they think their method of making and promoting their external forms of power will be justifiable before GOD, they're going to have to make that argument to HIM themselves.

⁷⁴ William Shakespeare: "A coward dies a thousand times before his death, but the valiant taste of death but once. It seems to me most strange that men should fear, seeing that death, a necessary end, will come when it will come." Most fear anxiety, not the end they know will eventually come.

But I suspect they may find themselves in the same courtroom that presides over those who make money through the sale of tobacco products, some financial products and some drugs {both illicitly and lawfully abused}. They're going to face the same judge the *Islamic* terrorists and climate change deniers are going to face when their cases come to trial. I suspect that if they looked within, they may find nothing at the bottom of themselves except a big black hole empty of all guilt. What will happen when they fall through that empty vacuum inside themselves? Where does it go? Nobody's recently come back to tell...

When you use the force of your penis or clitoris to promote either your own crude urges or hyper-religious urges, you turn into a hypocrite. You empty yourself of you instead of filling yourself with you. You implicate yourself as a conspirator of crimes against your own humanity. And as evidence of your crimes, you become anxious without good reason.

When you use the force of your penis or clitoris to promote your crude urges or hyper-religious urges, you figuratively enter your anus from the outside in. And the more you find that self-sodomy suits you, the rougher and harder you'll plunge. That's the sort of behavior that should even make a gay man wince...

This isn't what we endeavor to do. This isn't our agenda. And this isn't the way most of us pursue sex with our partner. There's no way you can literally use such perverted techniques on people who already have penis or clitoris problems. If you take a closer look at the behavior of those who take advantage of the poor and disenfranchised, you should be able to imagine how they must suffer for being such a pain in the "touchas" {Yiddish: behind} to themselves.

GOD, in **HIS** infinite wisdom, allows us to project our desires onto other people, places and things. If you project your desire to kill yourself through your religion {as *Islam* is presently doing} or your desire to plant poisonous seeds {as those in Monsanto [Bayer] were doing}, you may not pay much of a price for your crimes here on Earth. But in my humble opinion, you may be very sorry indeed, afterwards. Wouldn't you want others to pay a price if they made life "hell" on Earth for you?

When you can't see the climate changing within you; when you can't see the horrible storms and fires that are destroying your inner world – there's no reason to change the way you're doing a thing externally. Spreading insanity then becomes the law of the land. And you discover for yourself why hypocrisy is something that may only leave you shrugging your shoulders.

If you've got a penis problem, you could buy a gun. But see if it helps. You'll still be a dickhead if you don't look for better ways from within to protect yourself from harm.

The spiritual toddlers want what they want when they want it. And they're willing to take anything they want and assume they'll be forgiven for it because they believe their "God" will adore them forever. That's how toddlers think.

The spiritual children want what they want when they want it. And they're willing to take anything they want and assume they'll be forgiven for it because their "God" is bigger than our **GOD**. That's how children think.

The spiritual teenagers want what they want when they want it. And they're willing to take anything they want and assume they'll be forgiven for it because they believe we abhor ourselves more than they abhor themselves. That's how teenagers think.

How would you handle these moral predispositions if you were GOD?

People don't want to be angry at themselves. People would rather feel sad for themselves. They'd rather feel like a sad victim than an angry perpetrator. Many would like to feel like a Jew or a gay person without having to through all the smell and the mess we have to live with... Some would like to feel martyred, like Jesus. If not, they know they won't have a rationale they can use to defend themselves before GOD.

Don't strive for perfection. GOD was perfect. You're not. Instead, strive to live with your imperfections humbly. That would be a more realistic goal.

Self-consolation is the great candy in our emotional diet. It's far sweeter than the love of others when you're in pain, or suffering. People yearn for self-consolation because it's a reminder that some lessons in life will be learned the hard way, from the outside in. When you find someone with whom you can share consolation, you may even marry him or her because the feeling of shared sweetness is so delightful that you may assume you're going to want to remain together for the rest of your lives.

But what if you're still a perpetrator of crimes against your own humanity because you're threatening you with the sharp point of a needle in your skin all the time? What if this is how your parents showed you how to get ahead {a head}? What if you're not a suicide survivor because you never literally did the deed? What if anxiety is the only internal evidence of your crimes against your humanity?

It's easy to see that the masses vote against their own interests when those in power use sorrow to manipulate the self-ignorant. People vote the ticket that will satisfy their desire for revenge against others and sorrow for themselves unless they can be convinced to vote for a better cause. They're emotionally easily manipulated with anger, fear and sorrow. And their hyper-religious leaders know it.

Growing up in the presence of five Holocaust survivors taught me that. They'd seen it all before. Each of the five Holocaust survivors in my family had his own special lollipop of self-consolation that he sucked on in the secrecy of his or her heart. As an infant, I took a lick from all of their lollipops.

There wasn't a single member of my family who shared their secret secret with anyone other than that American toddler in their midst who couldn't yet talk. They confided their secret in me because they didn't have the ability to confide it in themselves. Their eyes projected everything they'd seen and been through. But not a word of it ever escaped their lips.

Polishing your gun is like masturbating. It does nothing to infuse your life-giving essence into the world around you. Collecting firearms or trading them for the next bigger gun is like buying contraptions to augment your penis or breasts. Such behaviors don't make you more masculine or feminine. And they certainly don't make you more attractive to you ever time. You know the way GOD made you. And you know the ruse you're living under when you give others the impression that you're someone you're not. The emptiness you create now will be the emptiness you'll receive when your time here is done – unless you do something to fill yourself.

Hitler may have been a Roman Catholic, but he could never have made it to "heaven." Do you really think that Pope Francis wouldn't wrestle with Jesus if HE tried to let Hitler

in to “heaven”? The Nazis have gone, and they won’t be back. I don’t think you ever need to worry about meeting up with them “after” life. The system is made to work whether or not you choose to work it.

If you admire what the Nazis did, there’ll be a place for you, too. If you deny the Holocaust, you’ll discover that place for yourself. And if you think I have nothing to back my words up with, you don’t yet appreciate the power of words. Life is much more important than it looks.

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to those who believe and put their trust in Him;
who avoid grievous sins and lewd acts
and when angered,
are willing to forgive;
who obey their Lord,
attend to their prayers,
and conduct their affairs by mutual consent;
who give in alms from what We gave them
and,
when oppressed,
seek to redress their wrongs.”
[42:36-40]*

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It’s the guilty nowadays who refuse to excuse, forgive or exonerate. It’s the guilty who judge others as lewd and sinful. Those who are afraid they’ve done something terribly, terribly wrong are terrified that GOD won’t forgive them for what they’ve done. And so

they become martyrs to a cause of their own choosing, instead. As each of us learns more about matters of his own heart, he discovers this wisdom to be true about all hearts. That's the way GOD made us.

I'm not afraid that being gay or having twice tried to kill myself are acts GOD won't forgive me for. I'm now in awe of HIM because I'm no longer afraid of me. I've excused myself for the excesses that led me to suicide by having disciplined myself over my lifetime.

Self-discipline has led to forgiveness. And out of forgiveness, I've learned how to exonerate myself in some key ways. Being Jewish is nothing I need to be excused for. Being gay is nothing I need to ask forgiveness for. But being me is something I do need to exonerate myself for before GOD. It's got nothing to do with you. It's got to do with a new way I interface with myself.

The Jews and the gays have been sacrificed, scapegoated and scorned for a very long time. But that's not because people have been angry at us. It's because they're terrified of what they think we're going to tell GOD about them. That's not something we need to worry about. That's not our problem.

It's my opinion that GOD only wants to hear what we say about ourselves. Why would GOD be interested in gossip? HE saw it all as it happened.

Those who don't contain their anxiety will see themselves become utterly apathetic to vital aspects of themselves. Self-apathy will lead to emptiness, the kind of emptiness that makes it possible for people to relax their moral authority to such an extent that they figuratively fall right through their own black hole.

The rabble rousers are all angry men and women, regardless of their faith. They're full of hateful rhetoric that mirrors their feelings for themselves. They aren't afraid or sorry about a thing. They don't have the ability to self-console without substances like beer, sweets and pills. They aren't in awe of GOD because they aren't yet in awe of what they've

done for themselves. They're just cold, calculating creatures that are hiding from HIM the best way they know how, behind unconscious indignation at having to be themselves instead of someone else. And anyone who gets in the way of their emotional greed for more reasons to be angry at others {such as Democrats, Jews, gays, people of color and women} becomes their victim. They're going to play peek-a-boo with GOD for as long as they can.

What other game can babies play?

The CHRISTIANS decided to bring "hell" up from the bowels of the earth for the Jews during the Holocaust. After 2,000 years of making it "hell" on Earth for us in Europe, they decided to rid themselves of their Jewish problem once and for all. And the same can be said about the CHRISTIANS today who disdain brown Catholics who want to immigrate

to this country. But the Holocaust and culture wars are just a preview to the “hell” that’ll reach our shores if the *Muslims* get their way.

{Remember, we, Jews, don’t believe in “heaven” or “hell.”} We’ve been trying to convince the Muslims to accept a two-state solution since 1948. Now the JEWS are slowly pushing the *Muslims* out of our land. All the Muslims need to do is recognize that it’s ours, and we’d be happy to rent them a piece of it. All they’d need to do to change their attitude is to embrace gays and Jews. It’s that simple and that far-fetched.

“hell” hath no fury like a gay-Jew scorned.⁷⁵ I certainly can’t stop anyone from being incensed with me for being gay and Jewish. Let those who insist on behaving like ancient JEWS by sacrificing anyone they don’t like – like a barnyard animal – receive their just desserts. Split every country on Earth in two! It’s not my problem. Other people’s grades aren’t going on my report card. I vote wisely and make sure that my representatives prove to me that they care about my best interests. That’s what California dreamin’ is all about.

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Nothing stops me from speaking up when I see injustice except anxiety over what others might do to me. I’m fair to others because I’m fair to myself. But the more injustice I’ve made my way through internally, the more clear-sighted I’ve become. Although we’re all getting just what we deserve externally at this time in our spiritual development, I couldn’t be happier about the way things are looking for Jewish and gay communities overall.

The spiritually rich will achieve justice within regardless of whether they’re financially rich or poor. As they transfigure themselves, they’ll produce lasting change in the world around them for which, I think, they’ll deserve to be rewarded in the “world to come” regardless of what happens in the short run. This may explain why progress seems so slow.

Eventually, JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will decide to stop blaming gays and Jews for oppressing them. It’s simply not true; it never was. The oppression the religious extremists suffer comes from has an internal source they’re, as yet, unwilling to look at.

This misunderstanding of the source of their problems spins out into the political problems we see in the world that we all need to learn to understand. Surely it’s no surprise to Christians that the tension between Americans and Russians is a predatory territoriality issue that doesn’t emanate out of the body and blood of Christ.

If you think CHRISTIANS are going to bring peace to the world through their idea of love, you’re deluded. CHRISTIANS are only going to exacerbate world problems. A good question is what all Christians could learn from GOD if the Eastern Orthodox Christians, Catholics and Protestants would unify their messages.

Orthodox JEWS like to think GOD will judge them as wise for their prejudicial positions. Orthodox CHRISTIANS like to think Jesus will close an eye to their hateful feelings. And

⁷⁵ “‘hell’ hath no fury” is an interpreted line based on a quotation from “The Morning Bride” a play by William Congreve {17th Century British}, which reads in full, “Heav’n has no rage like love to hatred turn’d/Nor ‘hell’ a fury, like a woman scorn’d.” [Wikipedia]

⁷⁶ “California Dreamin’”: 1965 song by the Mamas and the Papas: “All the leaves are brown/And the sky is grey/I’ve been for a walk/On a winter’s day/I’d be safe and warm/If I was in L.A./California dreamin’/On such a winter’s day.”

orthodox *Muslims* like to think *God* will glorify them for all the Islamic blood they're spilling.

Needless to say, *GOD* will judge us all. The only thing you'll be able to take with you when you die is your relationship with yourself. If that's not good enough, too bad. Your timed test will have ended.

Each day figuratively begins with your birth and ends with your death. Each morrow is a miraculous resurrection. In this way, *GOD* has been participating in your life all your life. Your inner world looks as good as it does because of your actions combined with your influence on your inner forces. If you want your two worlds to look better, just remember that your actions only speak as loud as your WORDS/WORDS/*Words*.

The process of self-transfiguration is complex and simple at the same time. Once you've got your head, heart and soul on board with the spiritual process that we're all a part of, then you can look to the spiritual meaning of your penis or clitoris as a delivery system of righteous power. Then you'll be able to engage your desire to be yourself with your transfiguration {spiritual evolution}.

Then you'll see all the wonderful ways you're being coached, conditioned, instructed, taught and trained for a great role in life. Then you'll notice whether self-pity is riling you up inside instead of moving you toward self-consolation. Then you'll look back at the path you took to get where you are today, and you'll see all the switchbacks you had to take up the mountain. Then you'll see that snake-like path that got you thus far.

Never again will I deny my good nature even on those days when it's grey and cloudy inside. Why would I not thank the serpent in the Creation story for augmenting Eve's understanding of *GOD*'s design? I can see how far I've come since my first day on Earth. I'd been listening to too much gossip.

You can revel in your y factor. You can revel in your x^1 factor. Being a man or a woman should be a great gift in your eyes {but it's no reward}. Until you explore your x^2 factor, whether physically, intellectually, emotionally or spiritually, you're going to feel sorry for yourself because you believe you're nothing more than a dirty little hole out of which comes nothing more than leftovers.

Your anus is the organ of elimination. Elimination is the essence of loss. Loss is the essence of learning. Learning is the essence of life. Hence, *GOD* began Scripture with a story about loss to awaken you to the possibility that, in *HIS* eyes, everybody has a tendency to behave like an asshole. *HE* just didn't want to express himself to *Moses* that crudely.

If you work out at the gym to build the muscles in your arms isn't it because you want your partner to feel safe and secure in your arms at night? As you hold your partner intimately, don't you secretly wish to hold yourself the same way? Your partner is for divine practice. You internalize the spiritual process by conditioning yourself to be a "you" in an amazing "it."

Avoiding grievous sins such as (#6) killing {black}; (#7) adultery {dark grey}; (#8) stealing {medium grey}; and (#9) lying {light grey} – will help a great deal in seeing yourself as (#10) covetous {off white} in always having wanted to get to know you. You are the most fascinating person in your whole world. You're a colorful person, but you may, still, suffer from a black-to-off white view of yourself.

The 5th of the Ten Commandments {the last Commandment on the first tablet}, to honor your father and mother, can't be accomplished without honoring yourself. Surely you've done that for many years, albeit unconsciously. Don't wait until your mother gets to the age of mine {98} to stop honoring her and start humoring her. She's only human. When all is said and done, she's just another student in the school of life. Forgive her for messing you up when you were just a projection of her infant, child, adolescent and young adult.

You can't possibly add Christ's two Commandments to the other ten without making your way out of your head and into your heart to achieve your unique sense of self-love given the body you were given. Lewd acts, such as threatening the one you should love the most {you}; shaming your character with unbridled greed, lust and gluttony; insulting your everlasting soul with apathetic disregard for all that you believe in – are far worse.

Embarrassment figuratively emanates out of your penis or vagina. It starts out as a desire to be someone else. From there, it moves to your heart. Embarrassment becomes an emotional reaction to the body you've been given. From there it moves to your head. Embarrassment is a thought about what you've been in case in for a lifetime. If you're embarrassed, it's because of something you want from your body that you can't, or won't, give yourself.

Shame emanates out of your stomach and surfaces at your navel. Shame is a thought and an emotional reaction to the character you've developed {strong or weak} over time. If you're ashamed of yourself, it's because of character defects you can see and, therefore, know you need to work on.

Many people are embarrassed about the body they were given, but few are ashamed of their character. They politely conceal their body and their character from polite society in the hopes that both will be overlooked.

Humiliation emanates out of your anus. Humiliation is a thought about that part of your body that brings up an emotional reaction to the spiritual achievements you haven't amassed in coming to know and love yourself. This conclusion settles in your soul as the aspect of guilt known as humiliation.

Did you think loyalty to you would come to you any other way than through guilt? Without explaining the roots of embarrassment, shame and humiliation using the human body as your guide, guilt is just a word. When you're ready to express your loyalty to GOD, I suggest you get past the humiliation you may have in being as human as the rest of us. For some, it's humiliating when they realize they were made in the same image of GOD as gays and Jews.

The lewd acts perpetrated against women literally should be a clue to what men are doing to themselves, figuratively. Men rape themselves. They torture themselves. And they steal their honor out from under themselves.

Don't do to you what was done unto you. The prisons are full of guilty men who don't understand why they committed the crimes they're convicted of. They did so because they projected their self-worth onto others and then chose to get even. But, in the end, they've gotten even with themselves. They're right where they belong until they learn how to treat themselves better.

The truth behind the "she asked for it" defense is that most men can't see how their x² factor is mirrored in others. They act out their anal issues to discover what a rooster-sucker

they really are. Just because you didn't ask to be a combination of x's and/or x and y doesn't mean you're not responsible for how you're made. You're made in GOD's images. If you forget that, there'll be a price to pay sooner or later. If you think you have the right to violate the x² in you that may have been violated by others, I'm here to tell you that you're wrong. If you conduct your affairs by mutual consent, you'll learn naturally how to conduct your inner affairs by mutual consent.

The man who can embrace himself while embracing someone he loves has beautiful arms even if he hasn't built up his biceps. The man who can contain his anger by expressing it directly to GOD {with salty tears at having been victimized by ignorance} has a beautiful soul even if he can't yet express his wisdom, love and loyalty as well as he'd like to.

Remember, GOD cried copious tears for the people who lived at the time of Noah. GOD cried copious tears for GOD on the cross. Would you like to drown in HIS sorrows, or would you prefer to float through your own? The choice is yours. Getting through spiritual puberty depends on getting that question right.

You don't have to love the Jews. You don't have to love Jesus. You don't even have to like the Prophet Muhammad. You're free to like or love whomever you please. I, personally, don't love Moses, Jesus or the Prophet Muhammad. But I do like all three of Them. If you dislike Them because of the way Their followers behave, you're being irrational. Nobody's grades are going on your report card. If you think you're going to graduate *magna cum laude* with that attitude, you're sadly mistaken.

Israel is the most democratic country on Earth. Do you really approve of the system we have in America where only tycoons can hold the highest office? Do you really like the system we have now where people in public office suck the excrement out of the derrieres of billionaires? Thank you Russia! You've proved to us that we don't want what you have! We don't even want what we have! (The PROTESTANTS, with the help of the JEWS, CATHOLICS and the Russian Orthodox CHRISTIANS will steal as much as they can out from under everyone.) Where would we be without Jews, Christians and Muslims like you and me?...

Give up the jealousy you may harbor over the body GOD gave some others and give up the envy you might have over the contents you haven't yet attained. Your container was personally selected for you by GOD with good reason. Your container may not feel full today, but that's only because you haven't yet fully filled it with holy contents. Don't covet what's not yours. Earn it!

GOD isn't doing anything to stop you from doing your work. Quite the contrary; HE's leaving you hints everywhere you go. You'll receive more obvious hints as you deserve them. Therefore spend more time looking within for the reason you have the contents you have and less time bemoaning the way you look on the outside. Vanity lasts only a lifetime. But your conceit may last forever if you've shared what you know kindly...

If you think you're smarter than others, you may actually be right. But if you think you're smarter than yourself, you're dead wrong. You could hurt yourself in a New York

minute. You may know that you know more than others, but you have no idea how much you know about yourself.

Obedying GOD and celebrating HIS presence isn't something you need a religious institution to tell you how to do. Your personal relationship with our Creator is no one's business. And yet the institutions of faith are constantly telling us who to vote for and who to vilify.

The Quran is refreshing in its assertion that we're not our brother's keeper in the deepest, spiritual sense of the word. We are our brother's keeper, in the sense that we're each a stranger and unexpected neighbor to ourselves who we must endeavor to make into a brother and friend.

Many still judge one another by the color of the fence between their two worlds {black, brown, yellow or white}. They dislike people whose skin is either light or dark because they fear that their inner world will be hypocritically different from their outer appearance. Don't judge a house by the fence around it! A white, picket fence says nothing about whether the inhabitant of that house has created a home within it.⁷⁷

When you look at people's windows {eyes} into their soul and conclude they aren't soulful because their windows aren't round or the glass in them isn't blue, you become less capable of weighing your thoughts and feelings in your conscience. When you perceive others as wanting because their eyes are a different shape or color from your own, you lose a little hindsight, insight and foresight. You become less perceptive, and you find yourself becoming figuratively cross-eyed just to perceive the obvious.

These are trick questions presented by the Teacher in the school of life. If you don't blind yourself to appearances you won't pass these elementary level tests. If you don't learn how to look within and listen to yourself, you won't learn how to look without and listen to others.

And yet, I sometimes listen to what I've just said to myself in disbelief! I can't believe I'd be so dumb as to think I'd ever agree with such a statement. But I keep trying to tell myself things that no sane human being would ever agree to if they heard that sort of nonsense out loud.

*"Those who seek to redress their wrongs incur no guilt.
But great is the guilt of those who oppress their fellow men
and conduct themselves with wickedness and injustice in the land.
Woeful punishment awaits them."*

[42:41-42]

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⁷⁷ Don't envy another person's gifts from GOD. Their struggles are theirs alone, and your struggles are yours. If you knew what others are really going through, you'd take your own problems over everyone else's.

Nobody would want to entertain the thought that his ego is edging GOD out. They don't want to have to feel guilty because they don't want to address the painful challenges guilt brings to matters of the heart. But they may also not want to face the belief that guilt also brings up embarrassment, shame and humiliation for reasons that they can't quite fathom. They may be secretly terrified that their guilt portends what will happen to them "after" life for how they've treated themselves. After all, they're a person, too.

Many such people think they're here solely to teach, not to learn. When it comes to what they believe, they can only quote Scripture to others. They haven't got a clue what it could mean for themselves.

They use Torah to debase the gays and Jews and to augment themselves, regardless of their faith. There isn't an original thought in their head. They don't even realize that the Teacher is ignoring them while they're busily paving their way to "hell" with what they call "the best of intentions."

Many a believer is broken by a world Moses didn't explain to him in enough personal detail. Many are shattered by a world Jesus learned to move past in order to know GOD's love, but which has shattered their heart slowly over a lifetime. Many a believer is so poor, undereducated and suspicious that he thinks that being broken and shattered is his ticket to "paradise."

If you want to deal with your problems down to the bone, you're going to want to look for those issues that make you feel guilty about the way you're treating yourself. These are the places where your breach between your two worlds begins. These are the places where you give yourself permission to move from the outside in, as though a stranger invited into an abandoned house. In this way, you'll use your challenges in being yourself to learn to better trust yourself as your own best, potential friend.⁷⁸

The word "stranger" in Hebrew is זָר {GER: alien, sojourner, foreigner, immigrant}. The word "stranger" in Hebrew is also זָר {ZAR: to turn aside, loathsome, adulterous}. מְזִיז, {MEOOZAR} is a variation on זָר {ZAR} that means "weird" or "odd." When you come to see the stranger in yourself, it will humble you. You're truly weird. But only the humbled are able to learn from the weird one they're with.

You can heal yourself spiritually by repairing the emotional damage you've done to yourself. You can get through the insults and resentments you have against yourself by bettering your relationship with you. That doesn't require external indulgences. That doesn't require emotional indulgence. It just requires spiritual inquiry.

What you deal with physically is the realm of the medical practitioners. What you deal with emotionally is the realm of the psychiatrist, psychologist or therapist. But if you can heal the religious wounds you suffer in your conscience, I think you'll be in a better position than you were before to manage your other ailments. Even your monetary wounds can be healed if you get your whole house in order.

⁷⁸ CHRISTIANS sing about what a friend they have in Jesus, but they don't seek to become their own best friend. They ought to learn from Christians what it means to make a friend of themselves. America is the first and foremost friend of Israel. We've shown the world what friendship means from the inside out.

Seeing yourself as a hypocrite is a sad but commonplace experience for the true believer who's seeking himself while in **GOD**'s presence. It's the true believer who avoids hypocrisy at all cost externally while having no clue to what's going on within him. Those of us who want to learn about ourselves want to discover the ways in which we've acted hypocritically and disingenuously toward our self.

Until you contrast and compare the principles by which you engage with the world around you to what you did previously in life, you're not going to discover your character flaws. {And for others to point them out to you won't do you much good.} It's your friend within, not the friends around you, who has to guide you toward greater honesty, sincerity and self-legitimacy. It's the **GOD** within who has to do this work with you. We're all in this alone, together.

*"If they pay no heed,
know that We have not sent you to be their keeper.
Your only duty is to give warning."
[42:48] ⁷⁹*

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Some believers are hypocrites who terrorize others, while making the claim that Moses, Jesus or the Prophet gave them license to do so. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those who hate gays and/or Jews are the loneliest people on Earth because they believe there are holes in their "God's" system that they must fill. They believe they may fall into these holes if they're not careful. They believe that loneliness is spreading, and it's their duty to galvanize the world, as did Hitler, to produce a master race. As we all know, there's a dirty, little hole in everyone.

If there's anything, anything at all, you can say you know about your **GOD/GOD/Gođ**, it's that **HE's/HE's/He's** unpredictable. The more you bank on "Him," the less you're going to know about **HIM. HE** works in mysterious ways with good reason.

When you internalize the story of Cain and Abel in which Cain questioned whether he was his brother's keeper, you should recall that he used the trick of asking a rhetorical question to avoid his guilt about what he'd done. [Am I my brother's keeper?] Those of us who have no desire to avoid our guilt {because people have been blaming us all our life for one thing or another} are in a better position of being able to compare the needs of our head to those of our heart and penis. We're in the enviable position of being able to answer rhetorical questions with real answers. Half of us {our head and heart} are our brother's

⁷⁹ The Prophet was not sent to take on anyone's guilt. He was only sent to warn others.

keeper. But one-quarter of us, our penis or clitoris, may not be. Therefore it's up to our soul {where our conscience lies} to decide how to behave toward ourselves, and others.

Man thinks he's his brother's keeper {Torah}. He feels he's his brother's keeper {Gospels}. But he wishes it were otherwise {Quran}. Herein lies the misunderstood mystery of the Quran.

A man's head will agree with his heart, but his heart may choose to agree or disagree with his penis. {This is what they used to call a woman's prerogative.} And his penis may not want any help from either of them. It may autonomously want just what it wants, regardless of the outcome. There's only one serpent on every tree of knowledge and one worm in every apple. And "it" always claims to "know" what would be good, right or better.

In his soul, everyone knows a person has to live with his desires even if they sometimes cause him to behave hypocritically. Each of us has to learn how to operate himself more diligently day-by-day. The stakes are high, but life is a gamble. If you become a master player in life, you may still have to pay a terrible price for your decisions in the end.

Jesus was born in בֵּית לֶחֶם {BETHLEHEM: house of bread} and was raised in נֶצְרֶת {NAZARETH: shoot or sprout}. You, too, were born in a house of bread {your mother}. And you, too, were raised up like a shoot {y} or sprout {x¹} making your way through the ground of reality into the light of self-love.

Simply put, there are anuses and then there are assholes. Although everyone was born with an anus, not everyone behaves like an asshole. An anus literally removes waste from a biological system. But it's only part of a greater system of loss and elimination. If you behave like an asshole to yourself, you're ignoring the importance of the spiritual system you're a part of.

I thought about unkind things I would have liked to do to some others that I was fully prepared to justify with their unprincipled behaviors. In other words, I wanted to teach assholes a lesson, but I didn't care enough about the consequences in wanting to do so for me.

It was challenging and shocking to turn all that around to discover the asshole I was being toward me. Everything I thought about doing to other people, I was already doing to myself! That's when I could see how mean-spirited and hypocritical I was. That's when I saw what happens when vengeance is mine, although that was first said by the Lord.

I was an asshole even though I wasn't *just* an asshole. I was only slightly better than most others. (But this is a difference **GOD** is looking for.) This is the difference that turns change and transformation into transcendence, which leads to transfiguration.

Naturally, this desire for revenge against one's self is just as strong in women. Externally, it appears that many a woman who's "vaginally challenged" gets her just desserts, while many a dickhead gets away with murder. The system isn't rigged in favor of men internally. They both will pay for their crimes against their own humanity.

This truth acknowledges that everybody has an anus, but it warns that you can't determine who's behaving like an asshole just by looking at his faith or **philosophy**. Only once you can look inside to determine in what ways you're behaving like an asshole to yourself can you accurately separate the anuses from the assholes.

GOD-consciousness has been available to Western man for 5,780, 2,020 and 1,442 years. We're all wise enough, loving enough and loyal enough to ourselves now to take responsibility for our own actions without pointing fingers at others for making us do something that wasn't in our own best interest. The truth is {obviously} more complicated than it looks. But the truth has also become much simpler than it sounds. *"If they pay no heed, know that GOD did not send you to be their keeper."*

Telling gays and lesbians we can't have sex with those we love because of our gender is one way that straight people show us that they believe they have the right to determine our fate. Many straight men also believe that men should have that power over women. And if you really scratch the surface, CHRISTIAN, white men believe they're also superior to CHRISTIAN, black men, Jewish men and Muslim men. In each of the Abrahamic faiths, there are believers who believe they possess the one and only true "God."

They behave like little pharaohs. They project their body and being onto the rest of us. They see us as slaves who are going to build their pyramids for them, They see our deeds as mausoleums that will house their souls. And they see us as trophies they'll present to their "God" as proof of their greatness. This is what it means in the modern sense of the word to be an idol worshipper. They objectify everything in the world around them while subjectifying very little of their world within. Consequently, they take everything literally and use everyone as means to their ends.

The extreme religious communities in all three of the Abrahamic faiths promote human possession even if they claim to be opposed to slavery. They're like the old-time slave masters who believed they had the right to determine the liberties they gave to those they'd purchased with their hard-earned cash. Today, that's perceived of as the height of autonomy. Such people assume the right to treat the rest of us like slaves with limited rights based on their "God's" will, as they happen to interpret the written WORD/WORD/Word. They take Torah literally. They wish to go back to those ancient days because Moses described that gays should be killed and slaves should be treated fairly, and they want the opportunity to do just that.

The fundamentalist religious parties in all three of the Abrahamic faiths insist that every person's penis or clitoris is their property, to do with as they please. Therefore they declare that all men and women's desires lie in their hands because only their hands lie in their "God's" hands.

Your duty is to give warning. You can't lead them out of the nest of snakes they're living in. They're going to go through the "hell" on Earth they're creating for themselves. And because they've been given ample warning, they're going to have to stop themselves down here, because I seriously doubt there's going to be any free lunches up there.

*"Thus have We inspired you with a spirit of Our will
when you knew nothing of faith and scripture,
and made it a light
whereby We guide those of Our servants whom We please."*

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when you knew nothing of faith and Scripture,
and made it a light
whereby **WE** guide those of our servants whom **WE** please.”

GOD watches as some believers use intimidation, hatred and derision to get the masses to accept domination as their due. They try to get us to further objectify ourselves so we can be further dominated and controlled. The fanatics antagonize us to keep us under their constraint, but **GOD** is teaching us how to revolt more cleverly using greater combinations of the power of **HIS** WORDS. We have less reason to be anxious.

Once Americans realize we aren't anyone's spiritual keepers or possessions, we'll stop the extreme, religious communities from continuing their assault on the rest of us here, and abroad. We'll become lights unto nations, just as Israel is a little light that shines up at the lighthouse of Christianity that pierces the night full of stars that we yearn to explore.

We're not animals to be shot and killed. We're not pets to be possessed. We're not going back to the days of pharaohs and slaves. Our work will be dignified in the external world with fairness. There's no reason to allow 1% to own 60%, or more, of the wealth. The JEWS, Russian Orthodox CHRISTIANS, CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, *Sunnīs* and *Shīites* must be convinced that continuing in the direction they're going isn't in their best interest.

I don't want a religious leader who wants me as a member of his faith. I'm not his "member." I'm not a subject to any one interpretation of **GOD's/GOD's/God's** WORDS/WORDS/Words. If Jews, Christians and Muslims were to study Scripture together, they'd discover for themselves **GOD's** designs for modern man.

“GOD guides those of HIS servants whom HE pleases.” Some **HE** inspires with wisdom, love and loyalty. Others **HE** simply allows to wander around inside themselves creating only foolishness, hatred and self-will run riot. In this way, **HE** makes it clear that there's a road in life. You could describe it as a road with a fork in it. Those who want to negotiate with themselves will go one way {right}. Those who want to use threats of revenge,

⁸⁰ **GOD** inspired the Prophet by sending him the Archangel Gabriel with the third step up to **HIS** throne.

intimidation and financial bribes to keep people in line will go the other way {wrong}.⁸¹ And those who can see both roads from above will know which is which and what leads where.

Seek GOD's counsel when you're tempted to go the wrong way. Seek HIS counsel if you wish to go further to the right. Don't allow yourself to be violated by you any longer. You're the only one who can offer you reliable counsel you can trust.

⁸¹ The political left is usually right, and the political right is usually wrong. But unless you can view both roads impartially from above, you're putting on your own handcuffs.

Surah 43
سورة الزخرف
Ornaments Of Gold

It's not only women who adorn themselves with ornaments of gold. Men do, too. A stylish hotrod, a racehorse, a boat or a plane – these are the ornaments of gold men figuratively adorn themselves with that a modern interpretation of the Quran can address. These are the material vehicles that transport men to positions of self-importance through self-indulgences. These ornaments glorify their wealth whether or not they realize that these ornaments may also obfuscate their poverty.

You know by a man's shoes, his suit, tie, watch, piercings and tattoos that he cares about his appearance. But you know by his zip code, car, the school ring he wears and the blond on his arm that he also enhances himself with the trappings of self-adoration.

Whereas women have been given permission by society to use literal ornaments of gold, men usually adorn themselves very cautiously with jewelry for fear they'll look too pretty and vain, and then may be accused of being gay or low-life. But basically, we're all doing the same thing. We accentuate our place out in the world by sending succinct signals about what's going on inside us.

We all know that our place on the world stage is brief. We all know that our important lines spoken in the limelight are few, and our role in the greater scheme of things, small.⁸² We're not on stage very long, and the spotlight is seldom as a flattering or as intense as we'd hoped for. We should look past the stage lights to the gods, the upper balconies where the angels figuratively look down upon us all. We should imagine our many selves from their point of view. This will humble some.

What importance is the costume you wear in the play if you don't consider the intentions of the playwright? Why care about the setting and the scenery when this stage is but a call for auditions for what's to come? How many really care about those seated in the orchestra or the lords and ladies sitting in the box seat? Even if it's all an exercise in ego, could it still matter?

Reality, like gravity, is a theory that exerts a force upon us all, whether we acknowledge it, or not. Just because gravity isn't something you can see doesn't mean that there's no evidence for it.

When you look at a reflection of a bridge on a river or lake, you're looking at something unreal created by something real. You can see people and cars crossing both bridges, but your mind tells you which of the two images is real and which is a copy of reality.

Man is made in **GOD's** imagination. Making your way through life externally is like a reflection of what you're making your way through internally. What's going on inside you is the real bridge you're building, crossing and observing from afar. What you see outside you is a reflection of the real, internal world because only your moral relationship with yourself is real. Your thoughts, feelings, beliefs and passions illuminate you to who you are in the same way that the sun produces myriad, glittering patterns on the surface of the sea.

⁸² Some things are not things. Some things are immaterial. When you die, you'll take every immaterial thing with you, and you'll leave every material thing behind.

In the end, you'll leave the external world. And on your deathbed, you may finally acknowledge that the only thing you have left is what's real. But you don't really have to wait until the last day of your life to draw this conclusion. You could choose to use your inner eye in conjunction with your other two. You could discern real from surreal. Inner reality is real. Outer reality is surreal.

If you listen and watch people on a bridge, those people will have an effect on the reflection they make within you. They may move you in some way. They may move you in a way that's entirely subjective. Therefore be careful about confusing movement in the world around you with movement in the world within. There's a moral lesson being presented to your senses at all times in the school of life. Don't confuse your external lessons with your internal lessons. Don't spend your precious time teaching people lessons they don't want to learn. Teach yourself, instead.⁸³

Moses said it all matters. Jesus said it all matters. The Prophet said it all matters. All three suggested, in effect, that this world is an audition for the real play; the classroom before the graduation; the journey before your arrival at a destination of unimaginable, moral importance.

It doesn't really matter what metaphor you use to describe the importance of your life. Either every aspect of your life is important to you, or it isn't. And anyone who wishes to end his life because this life seems less important than you do should be free to do so. We're not our brother's keeper when it comes to his spiritual convictions.

But why would you hasten your demise if you've framed yourself, cheated yourself and screwed yourself over? Why wouldn't you, rather, make amends to yourself? Why wouldn't you try to repair your tarnished name?

Moral bankruptcy becomes the outcome of fanatics who insist we must conform to their beliefs. And believe me, their beliefs about us are always reinforced by their beliefs about themselves. They have an extremely low opinion of themselves that they don't wish to heal.

The re-creation of the State of Israel prompted these questions, and the sanctity of the Jewish people will keep the importance of life alive; all life, including Jewish, gay and Muslim lives. The jealousy of CHRISTIANS and the envy of *Muslims* will not endure. The insistence on only the literal interpretation of some aspects of Torah by JEWS will also not endure. The future cannot be supervised by extremist religious people. They only acknowledge extremes. They can't acknowledge all of the facts.

Unity between Jews, Christians and Muslims is becoming ever stronger. This unity is most celebrated at pride parades. You can't stop, graduate or fail people just because you don't like what they know about themselves. You can't even covet your knowledge of others without bankrupting yourself. You ought to learn more about life. The only control you have is over how fast you want to move through each lesson given by the Teacher. (Denial is, by far, the fastest means of spiritual transportation to perdition.)

You're not the Teacher, no matter how satisfied you may be with your grades at this time in your education or all the attention you may be getting in your little corner of the

⁸³ An average parent teaches his or her child not to touch fire. An outstanding parent adds to that the difference between FIRE/FIRE/*Fíre* and FÍRE. Don't end up a charred mess inside because you couldn't figure out the difference between hot as "hell" and cold as "hell."

classroom. The religious leaders of the world are beginning to realize that without acknowledging the moral importance of the Jews and gays, their own moral positions deteriorate until their dogmas dissipate their power into thin air.

If the external ornaments of gold don't reflect your internal ornaments of gold you're lying to yourself. You're presenting yourself as a witness to an external aspect of reality that doesn't reflect very much of the truth.

Your heart, like a lake, will reflect the concrete ideas you hold. But your beliefs will remain all around you like thin air. Nobody will be able to see what you believe by your actions. But if you try harder, you can build a bridge from one land {head} to another land {heart} to yet another land {soul}. And then an acre of an inner Israel will become yours.

People are finally learning to look more closely at what everyone does to determine what they believe by their actions, not just their words. Actions speak louder than words. But because people make promises they won't be around to see fulfilled, we must remind them that their WORDS/WORDS/*Words* also matter.

In the past, men were conditioned to be like bulls, and women were conditioned to be like cows. Bulls pulled plows. Cows produced calves and gave milk. The rich were the landowners, and the poor were like their cattle. Acknowledging that Jews could own land of their own threatened the power structure of feudal Europe then, and it threatens the power structure of feudal thinkers today. *Muslims* don't want Jews owning land anywhere in the world because it draws attention to Jews owning the land of Israel. Just try to buy land in a Middle Eastern country if you're Jewish!

Feudal thinkers are terrified of the thought that today's bulls aren't "real" bulls and today's cows aren't "real" cows – just cheap imitations of the bulls {males} and cows {females} of the past. They're afraid that the roles of men and women will become so intertwined over time that they'll lose the influence they and their ancestors held in the past. They're afraid of changes in the roles of men and women in society. The very thought that they might not be manly enough or feminine enough brings up self-consolation is more than they can endure.

Criticizing a man because he's a passive rather than an active participant in bed is a cruel and unkind thing to do because it insists on maintaining a status quo that modern men and women have long since left behind. Stay out of people's bedroom. Their bedroom isn't your barn, coop or zoo. Their sex life is none of your business. The ways in which they choose to use their body may offend you, but it doesn't hurt you. Your argument is full of bull {y} and devoid of cow {x²}. That's what makes a penis or clitoris {y, x¹} so different from an anus {x²}.

But there are those who use their rectum {x²} in figuratively obscene ways. And those ways may have nothing to do with their sexual behavior. They have to do with the way they speak or what they're trying to accomplish. There's a lot of putrid speech coming out of people's mouths that give me the impression that it's really coming out their other end. And there's a lot of putrid behavior coming out of people's actions that give me the impression that their intention is to defecate all over those they deplore.

I'm offended by these people's opinions of gays and Jews, but their unkind behavior is often focused on other minorities that aren't like me sexually or religiously. I look for colorful ways of describing these manure-heads to give warning. Even without getting a whiff of what they're doing, you can see that what they're promoting is oozing out something that's smelly, dark and brown.

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GOD has destroyed one nation after another down through the ages, while keeping HIS moral principles in place to promote HIS overall plan. There aren't any holes in the earth where previous civilizations existed. There are still people in those places. And although the people there today may not believe as their ancestors did, theirs were the ancestors of the modern world we live in today. Everything is a part of HIS designs even if HE only helps the righteous while allowing the sinful to dig their own graves.

Will the United States fall like the Roman Empire? Will China rise and have a golden age like Britain, Holland, France and Spain once had? Are there moral lessons to be taken away from the 20th Century defeats of Germany and Japan and the collapse of the Soviet Union that are pertinent to India and Indonesia? The answers lie in Israel whose people survived 5,780 years and all prior civilizations on the planet.

Today's "prophets" claim the world is coming to an end; that their homeland has been morally defeated and will, therefore, soon collapse into despair. But the truth I see is that every individual projects his own hope or demise onto the world around him. I see that few look at their own death as a hopeful sign for the ongoing future of the planet. Most dread the end because they have little faith in GOD's designs.

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The Earth is a reflection of the “heavens.” But people have learned to distort the image of the “heavens” with warped mirrors that lie about the nature of GOD. Moral repair is a polishing process that improves your reflection of reality over time. Not only does moral repair improve your opinion of you. It improves GOD’s opinion of you, too. It even improves your opinion of GOD! ⁸⁴

It’s easy to know in your heart of hearts {soul} that there’s only ONE universal GOD.

It’s much harder to learn why HE allows bad things to happen to someone as good as you and good things to happen to people as bad as them. We all take misfortune personally, as well we should. Anyone who doesn’t pause to wonder from time to time why he’s here at all is oblivious to his surroundings as well as to the moral questions of his life.

No one wants to credit GOD with the weather, but, nowadays, there are those who don’t want to blame man for it, either. They want to assume the world turns all on its own. They want to assume GOD created the universe, and then got out of the way and let the rest unfold like a wound watch. They want to assume GOD is above interfering with their outcome. And for the most part, they may be right.

Does a teacher call on students who he knows never do their homework? Why bother! Let them waste their time in class. Let them do what they want at their desk with the education they’ve got if they don’t want to come to class prepared to participate and learn more.

There are more and more good students interested in doing the hard work necessary to get high marks. GOD calls on such people. HE calls on those like you. But HE only calls on us to the extent that we’ve done our homework. If you’re not prepared to participate, don’t worry about being called on. You can simply make do on test days just like everyone else.

What makes the Quran modern to modern thinkers is that it proclaims that GOD didn’t create the world and then turn HIS back on it to watch it unwind. What makes the *words* of the Prophet come alive and of interest to students of life today is that they can observe

⁸⁴ This is vital in procuring HIS help.

GOD's participation in their two worlds at all times. They can see that HE's always engaged with the willing students. That's the kind of faith HE's leading you to, too. That's what it means to be loyal not just to HIM, but to HIS spiritual, operating system {SOS}.

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The routes GOD has traced out are visible to us if we learn how to perceive them. We can't do so with our eyes or ears. HE presents us with routes akin to the smells carried by the wind. We need to use a different sense to follow HIM.

Our intuition is like our sense of smell. It follows unseen and unheard evidence. But your intuition can be honed with wisdom, love and loyalty if you're realistically motivated by what you'll find at the end of it all.

You'll come to know GOD to the extent that you seek to know yourself. If you want to find out as much as you can about you, HE'll compliment your self-knowledge with more and more awareness of HIS nature. HE made you in HIS image so you'd reflect on HIS nature through your nature.

The history of ancient Persia was once drastically changed by Queen Esther.⁸⁵ And the future of modern Iran will eventually be changed by queens as well. Straight people worldwide are slowly discovering how primitive and restricted their nature still is. They're slowly coming to admit that they need the LGBT+ community as much as we need them. Leave matters of unity to princesses and queens. We have a history of working miracles, especially once our mother dies and we ascend the throne.

⁸⁵ "According to the Hebrew Bible, Esther was a Jewish queen of the Persian king Ahasuerus {Xerxes I, 486-465 B.C.E.} Her story is the basis for the Jewish celebration of the holiday 'Purim.' She's associated with anyone in a position of power who takes a decisive role in the future of his/her people." [Wikipedia]

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Some men are more like infant Adam who woke up from a deep sleep to suddenly see a woman {Eve} before him. They conclude that she {x} came out of him {y}. [Genesis 2:18] They see women as inferior and dependent on men. They see woman as here to serve man, as would a mother with a child. But if she serves herself with adornments, but chooses not to develop a vocabulary with which to defend herself, how sad is that?

Men who promote women who are seen but not heard are screwed up. Their penis is up their anus. And this, of course, results in spiritual constipation. They can't get out what's really inside of them. But that will give some women more incentive to speak up for themselves.

The idea that GOD would have created women different from men doesn't address why HE needed women in the first place. GOD gave Adam Eve because he was lonely. But GOD gave man woman (in my opinion) because he needs to learn how to listen {x²}, and she needs to learn how to talk {x²}. No one is more aware of that truth than a gay man, who agonizes over both.

Young men need sex to overcome loneliness. Middle-aged men need money, children, hobbies and/or pets to overcome loneliness. And old men need a relationship with themselves to overcome loneliness. But you love who and what you love when you love it to the extent that you can loyally love yourself, even if you don't consciously always know what you're doing.⁸⁶

First GOD divided the universe in two by creating the “heavens” and Earth as a clue to HIS designs. Then HE divided us in two by creating our head and our heart and called one

⁸⁶ We all have experiences that taught us that someone we gave our love or trust to couldn't reciprocate it to the degree we anticipated. They became like a slot machine that didn't pay out after we invested a lot in it. We gambled and lost our outlay. Self-love reduces your losses in the future by teaching you how and when to bet. It insures that you give to yourself before, not after, you give to others.

half of us “Adam” and the other half “Eve.” Then HE added a beguiling serpent or worm to the mix, and the rest is HIS story.

The three Abrahamic faiths aren’t wrong, but none of them is completely right. Only GOD is right. Everyone else should *strive* to do better.

As a man who has no interest in sexual contact with women, I’m left with only three reasons for spending time with women. I find a woman interesting because of her (#1) mind, (#2) her heart or (#3) her soul. The only other reason I might have for spending time with a woman is to enlighten her, so she’ll, in turn, enlighten men, other women or children. I’m not interested in a woman’s body, her money or the adornments of her life. I’m only interested in her as a person.

I wish I could say the same, however, about men. GOD, how I wish I had the body I think would be ideal to attract the men I’m most attracted to!... If they could love my body as much as I already love theirs, I can only imagine how incredible the sex would be between us... Sadly, I don’t have the body I need for that. But fortunately, I have the brains I need to see through this, my deepest fantasy. All the rest now becomes lessons in coming to understand the moral edges I’ve been given.

I’m not interested in taking bribes. I’m not interested in coveting something I can’t have. And I’m certainly not interested in more pain and suffering. Therefore I have no course of action other than to pursue me, with GOD as my Witness.

GOD knows, there aren’t any straight men who are seeking the company of women just because gay men have convinced them that they could learn a thing or two from women... They like women for other reasons. If you want to discover the secret of a woman, I recommend look for what you two have in common $\{x^2\}$, not what makes you different $\{x^1/y\}$. Save your differences $\{x^1/y\}$ for the bedroom.

Whether you’re straight or gay, if you’re looking for an external soul mate in addition to your internal soulmate, (and you already know that that soulmate is you), I recommend you pursue someone who you’d be willing to have watch and witness as you pursue self-love over your lifetime.

And if you want to discover the secret to being a man, you’re going to want to form an attraction to one man. And apparently, for some men, doing so is so embarrassing, shameful and humiliating that they have to hate gay men in order to maintain an “appropriate” distance from themselves.

I seek the company of women because my mother was a disciplined woman who modeled truths about wisdom of the heart, made accessible to her given the level of attraction she could hold of herself. Because of her skills, I succeeded in achieving an unusually close relationship with her, even though she wasn’t especially kindhearted to others or intellectually imaginative. She helped me overcome my loneliness, but she never understood my onliness. She thought I wanted to be different just for the sake of being different. Because she’s now demented and our relationship has dissolved, when I think of her I’m reminded that I’m not lonely without her. I’m onlier without her.

Loss is human. My losses may not be anything like your losses. The loss of the mother of a 67-year old man may not be something you can relate to. The loss of a gay man whose former partner cheated on him may not make you wince, but mischievously wink.

Loss is real, even though it's personal and subjective. If you couldn't give a damn why GOD was out so upset when HE was out one, little fruit, you aren't going to ever get out of your religiosity or lack of spirituality. You're going to externalize your "God" or the universe to maintain as tight a control as you can over your particular dogmas.

GOD first created men to tutor women in matters of the mind. That strengthens the argument that HE then created women to tutor men in matters of the heart. And now that we all know so much more about both, don't try to predict what you're going to learn from the next person you meet. Loyalty to your life is a far more mysterious subject than you might have previously concluded.

To separate the value of males from females by financial remuneration, gender, job description, religious duties or social function makes no sense at all, and never did. You can't even determine many men from women, and women from men, by their outward appearance anymore. Transgender people $\{x^2 - y/x^2 - x^1\}$ are confusing our eyes all the time. Therefore we should admit that our eyes are useless in this regard {and our ears aren't much good, either}. We must figuratively use our nose to become a more spiritual person from here on out.

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dwellings with silver roofs,
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The silver and gold of this world can't be compared to the silver and gold of the "world to come." The mercy we're able to bestow on one another will become the silver in the next world. And the justice we're able to bestow now will become our future gold. All that glitters like gold down here, in my humble opinion, reflects the 24-caret golden principles that will someday adorn our spirit when we've given up our body.

The only thing that leaves a lasting scar on Earth and in our soul is that which we do out of vengeance. Leave gender and sexual identity out of your pursuit of gold and silver. Don't behave basely or corruptly. So far, the planet has been raped of silver and gold. When will we restore it with the silver and gold within us?

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The path of Judaism leads to the sanctity of life. The path of Christianity leads to the sanctity of life and celebration of life "after" life. And the path of Islam leads to the sanctity of death for the sake of the "eternal life." Would that we could combine our journeys so we could enjoy the blessings of this world now before forever. That is the straightest path.

Most of us wouldn't chose death for the sake of the next life. But the idea of choosing sanctity, celebration and life may also feel like too great a compromise. Such is the affect your father and mother may have had upon you. Such is the edge of your inner world that you need to circumnavigate alone.

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[43:72]*

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Your sustenance in the “world to come” will be linked to the prohibited and permitted fruits you ate in this world. That may sound sinful or provocative, but you’ll learn to face your fear of you if you can turn it into awe. When you begin by facing questions of temptation around you, it leads to the deeper, more personal temptation of getting to know yourself – the most abundant tree with the most plentiful fruit available to you on Earth. You are a preview to the abundance of possibilities in the “world to come.” “Life is a banquet, but most poor suckers are starving to death.”⁸⁷

Each of us first comes to identify as a tree of external knowledge instead of imagining his life as a myth, story or fable from which his experiences will warrant the future harvesting of wisdom, love and loyalty. Those who can appreciate the Creation story as a metaphor about a tree will have no problem embracing the symbols of Christ {bread and wine} as an expression of their physical container being filled with emotional contents. And when matters of their head and heart have become real, they’ll come to the similes of the Prophet Muhammad to make sense of the scented herbs of life from a deeply personal point of view.

Your truth will never be anything like mine because your body is nothing like mine. Your truth will never be anything like mine because your experiences are nothing like mine. Your thoughts, feelings, beliefs and passions are figuratively filling your container in a unique way for you over time. The metaphors and symbols of life may appear to separate us, but similes have the potential of uniting us. When you can say that you’re *like* a tree of knowledge and your flesh and blood are *like* bread and wine, you open yourself to others’ experiences of faith. You bridge your inner world with others in magical ways.

Truth is the most personal creation **GOD** ever wrought. Therefore the ornaments of gold you create for yourself will fit only you. When you come to understand that, you’ll mother your mother and father your father all the more. You’ll wish you could have united with them spiritually more deeply. And you’ll use your memory of them as a guiding light wherever they had the capacity to shine it.

At one time, your mother mothered you and your father fathered you. As you grew into adulthood, she may have become like a sister and he, like a brother. But if you’ve had the good fortune of being able to have them in your life into middle age {as have I}, you’ll begin to see yourself begin to mother her and father him. The cycle will come full circle. And the meaning of tutoring you in the school of life will become real.

You can’t sanctify death if you haven’t sanctified life. You won’t even be able to sanctify life if you don’t use the overarching metaphor of life as like a school in which you’re sanctified for desiring to learn about yourself. Only then will you work your way through your curriculum with good grades and hope as you approach your final exam. Only in this way will you prepare to graduate with joy, happiness and good cheer having sanctified life with life, and death with peace of mind, serenity and tranquility.

⁸⁷ “This line is spoken by Mame Dennis (played by Rosalind Russell) in the film ‘Auntie Mame,’ (1958).” [Wikipedia]

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[43:89]*

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Bear with yourself and wish yourself peace. You, too, shall learn. Don’t worry quite so much about them. Most of “them” are voices inside you that you fear because you haven’t yet learned how to unify their messages.⁸⁸

⁸⁸ Flight attendants tell you that in an emergency you should put your own oxygen mask on first. The flight attendants and the pilot will be doing the same. They know that the wellbeing of everyone depends on everyone following the same orders. The more you understand “them,” {the pilot and flight attendants within} the more included you’re going to feel on the journey you’re on. Your sense of care and concern will become internalized. And kindness and peace of mind will be yours.

Surah 44

سورة الدخان

Smoke

I previously discussed the spiritual interpretation of smoke as the fourth of the seven spiritual attributes of fire. Smoke corresponds to prayer in the religious tradition. Smoke {prayer} is produced only after the attributes of illumination {wisdom}, heat {love} and burn {redemption} have been separately experienced as real.

The ancient JEWS had no way of producing anything that could rise, float, fly or leave the Earth without returning back down to it. Therefore they concluded that their prayers could only be taken up to GOD through smoke since smoke rises naturally. Smoke was the only vehicle by which early believers could imagine getting from Earth to GOD's abode above the clouds. Smoke was, in fact, a worldwide medium of communication for all ancient peoples with those on the "other side."⁸⁹

The sacrifices that were burned on the altar of the first and second Temples in Jerusalem were intended as gifts to figuratively feed GOD. The ancient Jews saw themselves as figuratively fed by HIM, and they wished to give back in like kind. This, they believed, would mollify HIS awful temper.

In exchange for this act of devotion, they hoped their sacrifices and prayers would rise with the smoke of animal sacrifice above the clouds to GOD's abode where HE would answer their prayers in the affirmative if their gifts were adequate. In the modern sense of gift giving, the animal was the gift and the smoke was the envelope that contained the card to indicate who the gift was from and what the gift meant to the giver and said about the Receiver. In this primitive way, GOD was literally gifted with food and figuratively bribed with prayers of homage to get HIM to give them what they wanted.⁹⁰

The concept of "hell" was created by Christians as a punishment for not gifting GOD with the right kinds of sacrifices. A good Christian was expected to sacrifice himself (not animals) with all his body and blood in exchange for GOD's love, as Jesus did. And through Jesus, a good Christian was reserved a place in "heaven" {GOD's abode above the clouds} for giving his life in sacrifice for a life everlasting if he was obedient to the Church. And since the churches have been constantly fighting with one another for the past 2,000 years,

⁸⁹ In Eastern traditions, the smoke of incense is believed to rise up out of this world to the "Other World" where their ancestors reside.

⁹⁰ The reticence of the ancient Jews to give up animal sacrifice is still an issue for many JEWS today. The topic was first brought up more than 200 years before the Romans took the question out of the hands of the Jews by crucifying Jesus; destroying the second Temple; and emptying ancient Israel of all Jews. But some sects of today's orthodox JEWS still try to sacrifice a goat from time to time on the Temple Mount. They still want to sacrifice an animal for their sins. That attitude was expanded upon by CHRISTIANS by way of the Holocaust in sacrificing Jews like animals and is still the thinking of *Muslims* to include those they see as animals today: anyone who defies them.

it was a gamble (then, as it is now), whether a good Christian was a member of the right church. Little has changed in that respect to this day.} ⁹¹

The concept of “hell” was augmented by the Prophet. But instead of believing in Jesus as GOD, a Muslim was granted a way into “heaven” through obedience to the *words* of *God* as given by the Prophet. The great advantage in those days in becoming a Muslim over a Christian lay in the promise of sex in their *God*’s “abode,” something Christians had overlooked in their good deed, reward program. A good Muslim man didn’t have to figuratively leave his genitals outside the pearly gates. His penis, too, was promised a reward in “paradise.”

Today’s believers are interested in earthly incentives along with a “heavenly” reward. They aren’t willing to wait for their reward until after life. Only the truly modern believers know that their life is being judged at each and every step along the way.

For this reason, extremist religious people are more hyperbolic and less thankful, appreciative and grateful for what they have. They take their earthly incentives for granted because they don’t see in them motivations to help comfort the poor, the disabled and the disenfranchised. In fact, they’re generally opposed to all of them (unless they look like and believe exactly as they do.) This causes great tension between fanatic believers and between fanatic and true believers.

The wars between CHRISTIANITY and *Islam* continue to this day over who has the better faith, while JEWS look on smirking that only they hold the real faith since they never got mixed up in any of the “heavenly” incentivization programs. There are now synagogues, churches and mosques with a variety of novel opinions about the “afterlife,” each claiming to hold the only ticket to “paradise” for those who are interested on getting on board their train of thought. In truth, they’re all still fighting over who’s got the bigger and better penis and “God.”

Christians have gotten their anger at the Jews and Muslims out of their system. But the CHRISTIANS are still furious with the Muslims for not converting to their GOD {Jesus} in light of all the technological rewards the Christian world has contributed to societies around the globe. And the *Muslims* are furious with the Jews and Christians for not converting to their *God* – well, just because they say so.

GOD save us all if we can’t work together to open hearts and minds! The world can’t survive much more religion. Without the help of the LGBT+ community they’d be lost in a masquerade. Without knowledge of why you were created in **GOD**’s images with an anus, your head is still going to be up in there in the dark massaging your ego.

⁹¹ After the horrible outcome of martyrdom in Israel at Masada in 73 C.E. when more than 900 Jews chose to kill themselves rather than become slaves to the Romans, Judaism moved away from self-sacrifice through suicide to self-sacrifice through righteous deeds for others. Anyone today can see the need to do more than just that. You’ve got to do good deeds for yourself or you’ll end up trying to quench other people’s thirst from your empty cup.

But even together, we're going to need a whole lot of help from everyone on Earth to demonstrate what inclusivity looks like. The Abrahamic triangle **GOD** created so long ago now exposes little more than the ego and audacity of spiritually undereducated men and women who escape the modern age they were born into by insisting on living in a prudish past.

Sentimentality, nostalgia and romantic interpretations of the past are fine, but when you turn around to look back with such exaggerated passion that you don't ever want to face forward toward the future, you take the risk of walking forward backwards. Is it any wonder religious men, women and children are so apprehensive, distrusting, doubting, hesitant, skeptical, suspicious and wary? How fast would you move if you were looking in the opposite direction of where you were going?

Everyone {including the JEWS} wants to graduate this world with high marks. But since no one can promise the satisfaction promised by the Christians and all the straight sex promised by the Muslims, you'd better fill up on life now... Modern man has little choice but to deal more constructively with his vacillating belief in the sanctity of life if we're all going to move toward a universally agreed upon reward system for a life well lived.

*"There is no god but Hím.
He ordains life and death.
He is your God and the God of your forefathers.
Yet, they divert themselves with doubts."
[44:7-9]*

*"There is no god but HÍM.
HÉ ordains life and death.
HÉ is your God and the GOD/GOD of your forefathers.
Yet, they divert themselves with doubts."*

It's worth questioning who's doing the talking in the above sentence: "*There is no god but HÍM.*" Is this coming from the Archangel Gabriel or from the Prophet? If the Archangel Gabriel recited these words and the Prophet memorized them, then you and I are recreating a discussion over what one said to the other. We're privy to holy gossip, while discussing amongst ourselves what that might mean for us today. A Muslim will tell you it says one thing about **HÍM**. A *Muslim* will tell you it says quite another about *Hím*.

Man has always had doubts, but his doubts shouldn't be about the "God" of his forefathers, but rather, about the **GOD** we're challenged to cherish for ourselves today. The doubts we experience aren't always about our wisdom, love or loyalty, but about whether

metaphors, symbols and similes are meaningful ways of interpreting our existence. In other words, are WORDS/WORDS/*Words* even going to be enough?

Do you have enough curiosity about yourself to discipline you wisely and reward yourself lovingly? Or, are you, in any way, out of your own control? Do you have a friend in Jesus, or do you have a friend in cheesecake? And what difference would it make if you cared more about cheesecake than Jesus?

Do you have enough courage to face yourself boldly, or is cowardice still running you? You may be brave enough to fight through an auto-immune diseases, but are you willing to bring that battle to full consciousness? The battles are occurring on many levels of life.

Your assessment of your sanity relies on your education. And needless to say, your particular answers will indicate what your syndromes looks like to you. You're a unique combination of reasonable and unreasonable desires that may have already deepened into ruts that you're finding difficult to get out of. But Jesus isn't ONE of them unless you're throwing HIM, like pie, in other people's face.

What do you think GOD is going to do with your contents when HE gets it? The wisest and most loving thing I can imagine GOD doing with it is to give it back to you in a new container in a way that will help you appreciate yourself even more. I'm not referring to **reincarnation** literally. I'm referring to reincarnation figuratively. That's the kind of incentivization program that might do everyone a lot more good. The more we can concern ourselves with inner rewards each day, the more the concepts of traditional ideas about "heaven," "hell" and **reincarnation** become more (and less) meaningful when you think about them.

If you weren't popular in the past; if your parents said they loved you and proved it in every way, including worry, but without care and concern for the deepest part of you – you may have reason to wish for **reincarnation**. You may have had good reason to wish to die, but now have good reason to wish to be reborn as a whole other way.

Fear of the unknown is a given for anyone who's sane. Fear of pain and suffering is also a given for anyone who's in his right mind. Some fear of death is natural for anyone who isn't utterly crazy. But regardless of the degree to which we conclude we're sane, we all have to go through experiences without knowing how they'll turn out. We all have to experience uncertainty, whether we want to, or not. This aspect of life is a universal truth. That you already know.

But there is, in my opinion, a smoking gun in the psychological theory called "projection." When you find yourself struggling to break through thoughts, feelings, beliefs and wants about another person or people, consider that that may be an expression of devotion that you inadvertently gave to GOD that HE determined you're ready to have returned to you. This then becomes the essence of your Israel, your struggle, your process, your work. This then become the essence of your design.

The more you can break through your projections, the more you can discover the essential you. In that sense, the concept of GOD becomes more like a foreign language you're learning to decipher than a menu you're ordering off of in a house of prayer.

We can't afford anymore loyalty to a "God" who's exclusive. That will only create more wars and division. It makes more sense for us to be loyal to our many, wonderful selves and then share that loyalty with everyone we meet, in the most sane and appropriate ways.

The word "KADOSH" means "holy." As you know, it comes from the verb "to separate." Holiness in Judaism comes from having been separated from the nations. Holiness in Christianity allows for annulment of unifications that have been divisive. And holiness in Islam allows for divorce.

Together, separation, annulment and divorce allow us enough exclusion from others to live our life without being forced to suffer for our prior mistakes. But we should use this societal knife wisely. People who are divorced from themselves tend to marry again and again while blaming past spouses for all their grievances. When does personal responsibility take hold?

The younger generation intuitively knows they can't believe in today's "Gods." They already don't buy into the hatred the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* hold against the LGBT+ community. From that, you should be able to see some of the handwriting on the wall. Their children aren't going to believe in the "God" the extremists embrace today. And future generations aren't going to tolerate hatred against gays at all. They're all going to look back at our time through the eyes of history and see us as primitive because we couldn't yet believe in ONE universal GOD. And they're going to look at our issues as evidence of our primitive outlook on life and GOD.

Look at how the Republican Party leadership is dealing with Trump. Look at how the French dealt with their leaders who conspired with Hitler. Look at how the South dealt with slavery. Look at how the Spanish dealt with the Jews and Muslims during the Inquisition. Look at how the Christians dealt with the Crusades and Muslims with jihads to acquire Israel. Look at how you deal with yourself.

What are we really fighting about in the Middle East? Are these real estate squabbles or is there something more substantial beneath these ongoing wars? And if so, what are we supposed to take away from them personally? Life might be a school with one Teacher, but much of the class doesn't know it; doesn't want to know it; or simply doesn't care to question appearances in a way that will force them to take all wars to heart.

Israel is the fruit the heterosexual, religious bigots are fighting over. The *Muslims* have projected their testicular power onto Israel, and by extension all Jews. And the *Muslims* want to squeeze us until Israel exists no more. But they're really grabbing at something that's hanging within reach in their own underwear. The strength and vitality of Israel and by extension, Judaism, makes them feel that our Jewish power depletes their Muslim power. And that's simply not the case. Your power is yours to discover or deny.

The virility of the Jews in the eyes of anti-Zionists diminishes the ability of the anti-Zionists to achieve and maintain their figurative erections. The anti-Zionists yearn for the magic bullets they believe Jewish males possess: the semen; the milk; the secret to

everlasting life that will bring them the “honey” they yearn for when they die.⁹² Israel is their ticket to “heavenly” rewards on Earth in their lifetime... Such is the outcome of the heterosexual, religious bigot who refuses to figuratively get to know himself below his own waist.

Gays don’t suffer from these issues because of our familiarity with our own anus and the anuses of other men. We seek to solve some of our problems with sodomy rather than war. We lust for lust, not blood and guts.

Straight men are never going to be able to substitute sodomy with men for their syndromes, any more than we’re going to be able to have satisfying, sexual relations with women. {We’re better at projecting our x² issues externally through outward forms of creativity, not through sex with women.}

The JEW is afraid of a Jew getting in his pants. The CHRISTIAN is afraid of a gay getting in his pants. And the *Muslim* is afraid of a gay-Jew getting in his pants. But they’re all really suffering from fear of guilt at not having known how they operate.

Uncertainty in life could be better managed with guilt than with violence. You could advance your standing more hopefully in this world and in the “world to come” using self-repair. The more faith you can put in you, the more faith you’ll be able to put in life as a process.

The entire class should worry about the class curve as a whole and each of us should worry about our own grades. In that sense, it’s up to us to talk among ourselves about what each of us ought to do to pass the final exam. But this can only happen if we support one another and help one another by working together cooperatively throughout the school day every day. (Isn’t that what we witnessed from gay-men during the A.I.D.S. epidemic. Isn’t that what we learned about Jews during the Holocaust?)

Everyone needs a reason to live. Without it, despair will overtake him. Everyone needs a reason to love. Without love, loneliness will engulf him. And everyone needs a reason to die. Without it, emptiness will overwhelm him.

If you can learn how to live, love and die, you can master your journey with yourself. You can appreciate the juice that spurts out of your own forbidden fruits if you work to achieve orgasms {ecstasy with GOD} in addition to orgasms with a man or a woman.

In that sense, your ability to unite yourself with you {cooperate} is the most important of all your work habits. All your grades depend on your ability to cooperate with yourself. Cooperation is the key to all happy endings. What difference does it make if you don’t know how to turn your house into a home if you’re never there? What difference does it make whether you espouse that you should “Love your neighbor as yourself” if you have no intention of ever knowing or loving yourself? To the extent that you can cooperate with you, you can like {know and love} yourself.

This is the question the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* refuse to ask. They only want evidence that their “God” likes them. They don’t want to make their body their home. They don’t care enough about where they are in the now. They don’t want to stay here any

⁹² Semen is the milk of men; The secret to man’s milk lies within every man’s reach. It requires only his own goodwill for him to receive it. It doesn’t have to be consumed literally. That every boy will do. That, only some men yearn for.

longer than absolutely necessary. And they certainly don't want to spend all their days learning to like themselves by using their head and heart in unison with their conscience.

Only those of us who've experienced suffering will willingly choose to do all that we can to relieve ourselves and others of pain and suffering. The rest simply walk away telling themselves that liking themselves simply doesn't matter in the greater scheme of things.

What good is a hammer without a nail or a screwdriver without a screw? What good is a key if you only use it to unlock the secrets to "your" idea of "heaven"? Tools (like money) are meant to help people, not to bribe "God." The more you pursue "Him," the more you'll evade HIM.

This is why the Middle East looks as bad it does. Until the ultra-orthodox JEWS, rightwing CHRISTIANS and fanatical *Muslims* figuratively release their grip on their penis; pull out the thumb of their other hand from their rear end; and stop stroking themselves in both places simultaneously – there's going to be little opportunity for good pupils of life to progress with their studies. When you massage your ego and the delivery device of your life-giving substance, you only produce evil.

What's going on in plain sight of the class and the Teacher these days is simply abominable! The big news is not about the sex lives of gay-Jews. The big news is about the real perverts in our midst who are sodomizing us all.

Russia is the prime example of what will happen to America if religion continues in the direction it's going. Its people will be further oppressed and become even more depressed. They'll do worse than abuse spirits instead of seeking spirit. The oligarchs will hold religious leaders captive. And faith will continue to collude with money to the detriment of freedom, liberty and self-emancipation. You can see from here that it's happening there. But can you see the inner oligarch that's making that happen in you?

Fear, not anger, leads men to behave violently. Men are so terrified of one another's penis that they'll do terrible things just to prove they're not afraid of "it." In their effort to fear their Lord they'll disrespect themselves by denying they were made in the Lord's image with a penis, two testicles, an anus and a prostate gland just inside that anus. This truth, humble as it is, leads to such fear, frustration and rage in men that it causes the sanity of some to fly right out the window. Imagine how scared they are of the word "mortality."

Determination to control others with an iron fist leads to the kind of tears Pharaoh was ultimately forced to shed. Loss leads to sorrow, but sorrow eventually dries up like rain on the ground. That creates more fear, frustration and rage. And it could all be easily avoided if people gave up their fear of their "God" for awe of themselves in how GOD made them in HIS Abrahamic images.

If you could learn to operate a cell phone, you can learn to operate yourself. People who push your buttons obviously know more about you than you do. And even if you can see that you're really doing it to yourself, you still need to learn how to stop it.

If you take public transportation to work, you know in your parallel, inner universe that you're figuratively driving a valuable vehicle to work. If you could learn to operate your vehicle better than you do now, imagine the possibilities for change in the world we share.

Learn to operate yourself like a cell phone or automobile and you'll be able to access your spiritual G.P.S. device. It's not only how you literally get where you're going, but

where you're figuratively headed that counts. To stop you from feeling angry, disappointed or frustrated with yourself, you need to expand upon your relationship with GOD/GOD/God.

The road to love doesn't always end with love. But it doesn't have to end with anger, fear or deep disappointment in yourself, either. Emotions aren't the whole story. They're an important element of the whole story.

When you can't love the other guy because of his behavior, lack of emotion is the only logical place to go to inside. If you can't avoid negative feelings, turn off your feelings altogether – but turn them off consciously. If you do so unconsciously or subconsciously, you may hurt or offend someone.

There are really only three states of mind: (1) knowing (2) questioning, and (3) doubting. Because it's more pleasant to know than to question, more people profess than ask. Because it's more pleasant to question than to doubt, more people denounce than suspect. Only when all else fails do people admit that they don't know, haven't questioned and, therefore, have their doubts.

Instead of getting their questions answers, people often end up living in an anxious state of dread about what may happen next. And as every tight-ass knows, anxiety is figuratively located in your anus.

There are really only two states of feeling: (1) loving and (2) fearing. Because it's much more pleasant to love than to fear, people profess to love rather than fear. Because it's more pleasant to feel pity than fury, people profess to be sad more often than angry, and angry more often than frightened. And because people can't get all their feelings sorted out, they often end up living in an anxious state of dread about what may happen next.

GOD can afford to give you autonomy, freedom, liberty, emancipation and self-will.

HE can give you the option of going in any direction you want. HE knows that the one thing you can't do is move out of the present into the future. That you can't control. And GOD knows once this second in time is over, all bets are off. Now you have to answer to HIM.

If you're feeling somewhat perplexed by the depth and complexity of the meaning of life, don't worry. You're not alone. Life is meant to be this way. GOD doesn't make people simple. HE prides HIMSELF in making people biologically complex, intellectually complex and emotionally complex so they'll strive to figure out their moral issues so as to, thereby, develop their soul. If it were easy, everyone would cheat to achieve soulfulness. You can't cheat. The system has fire walls built around it.

The Golden Rule in Christianity states that you should do unto others as you would have others do unto you. The Platinum Rule in Islam implies that you should do unto yourself as you would have you do unto you.

In either pursuit, people are only for practice. Once you graduate doing unto them as you would want them to do unto you, you should do that unto yourself. That's when you find {and not before} that it all emanates out from within.

The Prophet makes the claim that people “*dívert themselves with doubts.*” This is true. But the question is what people should do, instead. If you really believe that the Lord is your Teacher, then doubts are a part of the educational process. When you doubt, it brings up confusion. When you find yourself living in confusion it brings up anxiety. And when confusion and anxiety about who you really are occur for long periods of time, it brings up apathy that leads to insanity and violence.

Sadly, insanity, thoughts of violence and violence solve problems that the spiritually undereducated can’t solve any other way. But insanity, thoughts of violence and violence against others hurt you even if they’re, paradoxically, cathartic for brief periods of time. Once you’ve gotten revenge out of your system, it’s back to the drawing board. The prisons are bursting with men and women who are living this truth.

Because the undereducated haven’t alleviated their doubts with better questions concerning the function of their head, heart and conscience, they often behave in increasingly irrational ways. They become afraid that others may suspect that they don’t know what they’re doing. Then they hide their fear with bluster, bravado or bullying. {This is the sort of attitude that made Adam and Eve so vulnerable to temptation by the serpent.} And if the undereducated don’t literally hurt anyone, they nevertheless take something to relieve them of their suffering, such as a video game or drug to escape reality.

Playing video games to let out your feelings and unleash fantasies would be an excellent alternative to violence if it included teaching you to observe yourself more intimately. If not, the games you play turn will turn into crutches. The crutches won’t work over time, and it’ll all come crashing down with even greater self-disappointment. The same can be said of drugs at a much higher level of risk.

Each *Muslim* Day of Rage against Israel is equivalent to a video game or drug. It’s mass escapism from a reality that enrages them more than they can put into *words*. But if you think things are ever going to get better for *Muslims* the way they’re going, you, too, are insane. They’re just modeling problems we’re all already familiar with in our own ways.

Many men jump to answers without any inner dialogue. They carry a gun to give themselves a sense of self-importance. They put their penis where it doesn’t belong to assuage their anxiety. Or, they participate in violent expressions of rage – all to distract themselves from themselves.

When a pervert put his penis where it didn’t belong in the past {in the mouth, vagina or anus of an underage partner}, other men didn’t object as much as women did. Many men turned a blind eye. But that’s changing and today more men wish to protect children and adolescents from perverts. Morality is getting stronger and, paradoxically, liberalism is, too.

Undereducated men verbally maim, literally rape and kill others to express their frustration with a spiritual system they can neither talk about nor explain. And if their conscience is too repressed to allow them to talk to anyone about what they don’t know regarding operating themselves {because they were never taught how to address themselves in the privacy of their own mind}, they simply react vindictively.

The spiritually undereducated are internally like Helen Keller was externally. They’re intellectually blind, emotionally deaf and, therefore, spiritually numb {unable to talk about

what's going on inside them}. They can't perceive what they're thinking; listen to what they're feeling; or talk to themselves about what they believe is happening inside.

The spiritually undereducated are awful, while Helen Keller was awesome. When you come to see all that you're having to deal with inside, you should be able to claim that most days are more like Halloween than Christmas. You should see yourself surrounded by zombies {the hyper-religious} who can't wake up; vampires {businessmen} who suck the life force out of others; and monster types {the seething and enraged} who descend on Tokyo like Godzilla or grab and squeeze women to death like King Kong in New York. You should see that there's been good reason for you having become numb to some aspects of reality that were too terrifying for you to face.

Achieving the eternal rewards of self-knowledge while coming away hating some people is counterintuitive. It's like finding school so boring and useless to you that you decide to quit to get a better education. When wisdom doesn't lead to love, and love doesn't lead to loyalty, people react with irrational allegiances to anyone who promises to break their cycle of frustration and disappointment.

Some people are especially prone to magnifying what their father did with the unstated expectation of achieving worse results than he had. Now if that's not self-defeating and insane, I don't know what is... ⁹³

Even men who are vehemently opposed to recreating or augmenting their father's mistakes are often plagued with messed up fantasies of committing violence against members of their own gender and acts of sexual depravity against those they're sexually attracted to. They haven't succeeded in internalizing their problem because they can't talk to themselves with head, heart and soul about what their penis or clitoris is figuratively whispering to them to do.

Let's go back to the equation you should by now know and trust: $y + x^2 \pm x^1 + x^2$. Men and women behave equivalently { \pm } although not equally { $=$ }. They both project their problems onto the external world, although their problems are somewhat different at their source.

Thoughts of love for your mother { $x^1 + x^2$ } are not equal to expressions of love for yourself. Thoughts of love for her may motivate you to perform good deeds for her sake that are based on making her happy. But if you're acting in socially appropriate ways for her sake, you're going to react to that self-betrayal with guilt. Deep down inside you're going to wonder why you can't act in socially appropriate ways for your own sake.

If your thoughts of your mother bring up feelings of guilt and onliness in not having achieved more intimacy with yourself, know that these thoughts, as painful as they are, were meant to bring you conscious awareness of your commitment to fill yourself with self-understanding. Thoughts and feelings that push their way to the surface of your soul are first going to feel more like a pimple forming under your skin.

You can't love your mother instead of loving you. Your effort to do so will deplete you. Yet, the more you love you, paradoxically, the more merciful and forgiving toward your mother you'll become.

⁹³ Albert Einstein {Jewish} was credited with saying, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Insanity ought to be described as thinking the same thing over and over and expecting different emotional results. You really don't have to do anything to go crazy other than avoid all the forces within you.

Your thoughts about your father are also intended to ask you to choose between similarities {x²} and differences {x¹} you have with him.

If you can't yet laugh off the fact that your parents are human, you may be too serious. But if you can share your inner image of each of your parents with yourself, you'll surely succeed in honoring them when they're young and humoring them when they get old. More than that, I don't believe you're required to do.

The mystery of the seven attributes of the fire burning in you can't be solved without reflecting on your flame while in the cave of your mountain {imagination}. From the attribute of fire focused on in this surah {*Smoke*}, you can learn how to learn to pray simply by learning how to hold a more inquisitive dialogue with yourself. In that sense, you were only given to you for practice. In that spirit, Jewish prayers {head} and Christian prayers {heart} combined with Muslim prayers {soul}, are essential for the healing of the whole world.

The Jews often don't ask the right questions because they're not wise enough; the Christians often don't have all the best answers because they aren't self-loving enough; and the Muslims often aren't able to weigh the wisdom and love within themselves because they aren't soulful enough. {The higher your altitude, the better your attitude}.

GOD has given us problems that are too big to be contained in any one person. {Wasn't that sneaky of **HIM**?...} We need solutions to problems that come from bigger men and women who come from higher places in themselves because today's internal problems are too big for any one faith or **philosophy** to solve.

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enveloping mankind:
a woeful scourge.
Then will they say,
‘Lord,
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We are now believers.’
But how will this new faith help them
when an undoubted apostle did come to them
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Moses had to have been crazy to agree to go back to ancient Egypt where he’d killed a man... But GOD helped him overcome his guilt. And then he was able to face his past with courage and conviction.

Jesus must have been nuts to have gotten between the ancient Israelis and the Romans to suggest a better way of resolving disputes from the heart... After HIS crucifixion, the second Temple was destroyed and the Jews were sent on a Diaspora that lasted 2,000 years.

And then came the Prophet who was surely a madman if he thought he could achieve something Judaism and Christianity couldn’t accomplish... But the proof of his contribution is being slowly realized in the soul of every modern man and woman today.

Each of us is like “*a madman, taught by others.*” But this world requires many more mad men and women. This world requires people who are so mad that they grieve about what they were taught to believe because it didn’t suffice. Only such men will insist on finding new ways of solving their problems, which will, in turn, change the world around them. Moses, Jesus and the Prophet were such men. With GOD’s help, you’ll become like Them, too.

Dedicate your life to change, not exchange. Go forward in history, not back. Don’t try to replace the problems you have with those of our spiritual ancestors. They graduated this school leaving us with new, moral conundrums.

If you close one eye and tie one hand behind your back, you’ll surely lose out in some way. If you turn the other cheek without having turned the first one, you’ll feel squashed or stretched somewhere within. Be realistic. Don’t use your imagination to participate in a reality you despise. You’re one of billions of students who want to leave this school better than when they enrolled in it. Walk gently and speak softly. But, whether you’re going up or down, continue to climb.

If you have problems being you, it may lie in your loyalty to people who are, in their own special way, a little insane. By helping yourself become sane, you’ll learn what the word “loyalty” means. Teach less. Ask questions. Learn more.

At one time, I thought like my mother $\{x^2\}$ and felt like my father $\{y\}$. I pretended to be a nerd and rejected being a dork. And I wondered why I was so uncomfortable trying to be me $\{x^2 + y\}$ by outwardly serving only them.

But my parents divorced when I was seven years old. After that, I couldn’t in good conscience give both of them my loyalty. Was it any wonder my head and heart were constantly brawling with one another throughout my formative years? Now I can see that my shell is more like my father and the nut inside is more like my mother.

I discover that I needed to think like my father thought {y} I feel like my mother felt {x²}. Only then could I get comfortable with the conflict inside. Because I can now think {y} and feel {x²} consciously, my highest desires are free to interrupt anything I want to believe that isn't in my best interest.

My mother and I had something in common that connected me to the earth, an arrow pointing down {x²}. And my father and I had something in common that connected me to the sky, an arrow pointing up {y}. The combination of those two arrows created the Star of David that is my guiding light. It's become my symbol for "me." It's what makes it possible for me to be like everyone. It's even made it possible for me to appreciate the signs of the Cross and the Star and Crescent.

Then the figurative sword fights I had with men stopped. They'd all been arranged by **GOD**, anyway, to help me help myself. Now I am the way I am, whether anyone likes me, or not.

Accepting myself realistically as one of a kind has made all the difference. I love me for my realistic appraisal of myself. I can see that thinking like I do {y} and feeling like I do {x²} has given me a loyalty to my parents and tradition that has led to greater strength and self-esteem.

Now I'm not only not arrogant; I'm no longer a bigot, misogynist or heterophobe. I've been able to externalize my desire for autonomy and internalize my desire for freedom, liberty and emancipation.

The "palpable smoke" enveloping mankind {prayer} will figuratively choke the hypocrites internally just as the "palpable smoke" {smog} enveloping mankind will choke us all. While we conceive of ways of working together to prove that all three of the Abrahamic traditions are right, we're going to see how the hypocrites are going out of their way to prove us all wrong. They insanely insist there is only one of three "Gods," theirs. And they want us to go to war again and again for one of "Them" to prove that the other two don't exist.⁹⁴

Today's "woeful scourge" is pollution. We're choking to death on our own, manmade waste. We've so polluted the land, sea and sky that there's nowhere to run, swim or breathe. We unconsciously pollute the world around us to prove to ourselves beyond a shadow of a doubt that we've polluted the land, sea and sky within us.

The hyper-religious tell us only to pray for solutions to our problems. That, of course, is insane. We should associate the smoke within that comes from our holy flame with prayer. We should raise ourselves with WORDS, work and prayer. And we should organize with others to achieve worldwide results.

What we'll get for our efforts will be a sense of home at home. What we'll lose if we don't will be our only home: Earth.

If we don't work together to solve our technological challenges by achieving clean energy resources, the 11th plague will destroy the whole planet: apathy. Crying over the

⁹⁴ If you, too, have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution or have had to take psychiatric medications just to cope, it shouldn't surprise or shame you. Being unable to cope in a world as crazy as this one is a sign of a struggle you could even be proud of. It's those who don't realize they are a little crazy that I'm most worried about. And many of them hold the highest positions of power in every land.

loss of their firstborn son, as did Pharaoh, isn't going to stop today's "pharaohs" from killing anyone, not even their own children. Their greed is too great. They don't give a damn about their own inner home or our home: the planet. You can't go in and cut out a cancerous ego. Some assholes just have to be left the way they are. But don't screw with them. What they've got is contagious.

Only to the extent that you can care about yourself can you care about anyone or anything else. To believe otherwise is insane. You'd have to be a madman to try to convince us you care more about others than yourself. If Palestinians cared more about themselves than they care to loathe Israelis, they'd accept our rental agreement. Who says you can't rent land to create a nation?

We're all in a spiritual Catch-22. We each need to pray to **GOD** for assistance many times a day. But most everyone is praying to their "God" through stylized rituals on special occasions. Devoted Muslims pray for answers on Fridays; devoted Jews pray on Friday nights and Saturdays; and devoted Christians pray on Sundays. (And the devoted Christians usually pray in churches filled with black or white laity; thereby making their faith look more like a weird chessboard than a universally, inclusive faith.)

If you're CHRISTIAN and don't want to crucify another Jew; if you're *Muslim* and can't think of anyone you'd like more to crucify than a Jew – try imagining crucifying a dog or a cat, instead... See if that makes you feel any better...

If you have to get that much guilt out of your system, then I recommend you go back in time 2,000 years and do to an animal what you'd like to do to a human being. Let's see if that will get your guilt out of you. (And invite some JEWS to go with you. I'm sure they'd love to go along for the ride...)

You really ought to ask yourself whether **GOD** should ever take us seriously. Men are mad. Nobody at the extreme ends of any of the Abrahamic faiths wants lesbians or even straight women leading their religious "services." They can all agree on that! They swear that gay men and women will ruin religion for everyone. What they fear is that we'll ruin religion for them. The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* pray that that will never happen, while the rest don't even know how to pray.

"How will this new faith help when an undoubted apostle did come to them and they denied him," each in his own way? How did the Prophet contribute in describing a system that Moses and Jesus weren't able to fulfill? How are we supposed to become inclusive after thousands of years of exclusivity keeping us apart? The problems of today are bigger than ever. Therefore the solutions must get bigger, better and more creative.

Jews and Muslims don't want the CHRISTIAN brand of love. Jews and Christians don't want the *Muslim* brand of loyalty. And Muslims and Christians don't want the JEWISH brand of wisdom. Only Jews, Christians and Muslims want what everybody's been given by **GOD**. But who's willing to claim to be a true believer nowadays? Most people I know have turned their back on religion altogether! Can you blame them?

You and I want universal versions of our inner forces, not the exclusive versions being offered by present-day crackpots in houses of prayer. In essence, everyone secretly wants what the LGBT+ community is fighting for: the freedom to pursue becoming ourselves.

But what's going on in my inner world and bedroom is none of anyone's business unless I choose to share my sex life with them, which I don't. I'm willing and eager to talk about my love life: how I make love to me. Everything else I consider private.

The wars against Israel will never end until universal solutions are achieved that give Jews, Christians, Muslims and the LGBT+ community the freedom to pray our own ways. This will only happen when straight men realize that the way they treat one another is a mirror of the ways they treat themselves. And the way they treat themselves depends on their relationship to their anus, which is the gateway to their ego.

There are some men who are relaxed enough within themselves to discuss such matters with others. But those who don't treat their penis problems at their source will turn into assholes over time. They'll go out of their way to fu[screw]ck us over in their hopeless attempt to penetrate themselves. Clearly, they need help. But I ain't goin' in there! It's dark, dank and smelly in there! (And they couldn't find their ego by themselves with both hands tied behind 'em...)

The Catch-22 **GOD** has given us isn't hard to describe. Would we rather breathe fresh air or die choking on the retched refuse of our own waste? It's not just a technical question; it's also a spiritual question. Where there's a lot of smoke, there's a blazing fire. Where there's little smoke, there are only dying embers.

Many will claim to see the truth and yet they deny the truth. Many will insist on remaining an asshole to their last dying day, even though that may not be realistic in terms of what may come thereafter. They may never affirm or deny what they're doing because they may really not know.

*"Yet, if We but slightly ease your torment,
you will return to nonbelievers.
On the day We bring down the supreme scourge
We will surely be avenged."
[44:15-16]*

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GOD makes a good point. People won't repent any more than they choose to. Many would rather work on breathing one breath at a time than worry about there being any oxygen left for their children's children to inhale. It's as if every breath is costing them more than they can bear.

They're getting just what they deserve given all that they don't know, but by this time in man's history, they should know better. And their grandchildren will curse them between gasps if we don't make big changes fast.

What choice does **GOD** have but to threaten us with the supreme scourge {atomic warfare}? What else can **HE** do except allow us to threaten ourselves with the ultimate vengeance upon ourselves: death of the human race.

“VENGEANCE IS MINE, saith the Lord.”

[Deuteronomy 32:35]

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[Romans 12:19]

“**WE** will surely be avenged.”

[Quran 44:16]

If you want to take responsibility for the vengeance you’re unknowingly inflicting on yourself, you might seek to lower your defenses. If you can’t stop behaving vindictively toward yourself, you can hardly claim not to be a vindictive person toward others. To the degree you can see you’re harming yourself, you can change, transform and transcend.

You might like to try filtering your actions through your conscience rather than just using your head, heart and penis as your guide. You might like to look more deeply at what you’re thinking and feeling. After a lifetime of thinking about whatever came to mind and feeling whatever was in your heart, maybe it’s time to start talking about what’s going on inside.⁹⁵

But the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* don’t want to change their methods. They want to satisfy their base desire for religious supremacy in all the ways they’re presently employing. If they thought differently and felt differently, they’d change their behaviors.

“We tested Pharaoh’s people long before them.

A gracious apostle came to them,

saying,

‘Hand over to me God’s servants.

I am a truthful messenger.

Do not hold yourself above God.

I bring you clear authority.

I adjute you by Him who is my Lord not to stone me.

If you have no faith in me,

leave me to myself.”

[44:17-30]

⁹⁵ Surely by now you must admire my intelligence. But you must have also concluded that I couldn’t possibly have a monopoly on brains. Maybe inner talk therapy works. Maybe this is the work in life that takes the most effort, not what they’re paying you to do 40 hours or more a week. And maybe you could be doing both at the same time instead of cursing one of your jobs and not doing the other.

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This story is the Passover story. It isn’t lying dead in history books. It’s still alive, even in the Quran! Those who think they can outsmart **GOD** by dismissing Passover and the Last Supper will run out of tricks by which to exchange thoughts instead of changing their thinking.

They just don’t believe in **GOD** as deeply as they believe they believe. They tell themselves that their “God” is on their side, while my **GOD** is manufactured. Are they blind to what they’re doing? They must be kidding themselves. Their obsession with the “world to come” produces the ignorance that fuels their gluttony, greed, lust and resentments.

*“We saved the Israelites from the degrading scourge,
 from Pharaoh,
 who was a tyrant and transgressor,
 and chose them knowingly above the nations.
 We showed them miracles
 which tested them beyond all doubt.”
 [44: 30-33]*

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 which tested them beyond all doubt.”

So...? Have you learned nothing from Torah? Have you learned nothing from the Gospels? Where do some get the chutzpah to reject the Quran as cult-fiction? Do Muslims

live in the penthouse of a three-story building and fly in and out via the roof using a helicopter? They take the stairs just like everyone who comes in on the ground floor.

*“As for the righteous,
they shall be lodged in peace together
amid gardens and fountains,
arrayed in rich silks and fine brocade.
Even thus:
and We shall wed them to dark-eyed houris.
Secure against all ills,
they shall call for every kind of fruit;
and,
having died once,
they shall die no more.
Your Lord will,
in His mercy,
shield them from the scourge of hell.
That will be the supreme triumph.”*
[44:50-58]

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“WE shall wed them to dark-eyed houris.” The word “houris” needs more than a one-word translation. “Houris” commonly translates as splendid, female companions of equal

age who are well matched, with lovely eyes and a modest gaze. They're pure beings of "paradise" who hold the attributes of humans and *jinn*. They enter "paradise" after being recreated in the hereafter.

The Quran states that the "*jinn*" {Anglicized as "genies"} are made of a smokeless, scorching fire. But because they're also physical in nature, they're able to interact in a tactile manner with people and objects, and likewise be acted upon. Like human beings, the jinn can be good, evil, or neutrally benevolent. Therefore they have free will like humans, unlike angels. But jinn are generally considered devilish in nature. {satan is considered to be a jinn.} The jinn aren't particular to Islam. They're believed to predate the Prophet in the folklore of the Arabian Peninsula.

The concept of being wedded to an houris corresponds to the x^2 factor in every man, the ideal receptive part of himself that he projects out, and, usually, then seeks around him in women instead of looking for it within. The opposite of that is the y factor in every man that he projects out as manliness that he figuratively gives to the world with his one, special, mysterious, moral appendage.

Men want to idealize half of themselves $\{x^2\}$ and project it out onto women while internalizing the other half $\{y\}$ in an effort to conclude that they're manly. In trying not to have to internalize their x^2 factor, Muslims idealize women in the "afterlife" as hourises in "paradise">{prizes}, and they idealize themselves as all man $\{y\}$ deserving of such a prize.

A woman isn't a reward. She isn't a cow. She isn't a trophy or a prize. GOD doesn't traffic in human beings. If you expect to be wedded to a splendid, female companion of equal age who's perfectly matched for you, with lovely eyes and a modest gaze – look inward. She's you (x^2)! The perfection you project into the "world to come" is an aspect of yourself you should be connecting with now, not later.

Just imagine what it would be like with more than one man in "paradise." Imagine if he'd have to watch another man enjoying "paradise" with principles and a penis different from his own. Suddenly, jealousy and envy would break out everywhere. Suddenly there'd be fist fights over hourises. And they'd all find themselves back to life on Earth. "paradise" would dissipate into thin air.

The JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* belief in demonic forces amount to nothing more than natural, inner forces we project out onto others and then fear will make their way back inside us. Nothing, and no one, causes us to do things that are against our better judgment. You can't believe that GOD has the only right to be vengeful against you if you believe in supernatural creatures like jinn, hourises and satan. That would take vengeance out of HIS hands.

The idea that demons exist outside of us is losing ground as believers see through the loophole in men who blame satanic forces for causing people's sorrows. Obviously, men need to learn to take responsibility for their own actions and vindictive reactions.

As a man becomes more educated, worldly, logical and rational, he begins to believe in demons less and in his inner demons more. Another way of saying that is that he begins to realize that all of his desires {penis problems and anal issues} are of his own making. In

psychological terminology, it's his ego that gets in his way, not supernatural forces around him that have made their way inside.

Psychology leads us in the direction of spiritual linguistics which claims that our inner demons {in the universal sense of negative desires, impulses and urges} spur us to behave contrary to our better judgment, often unconsciously. And even when we witness ourselves acting against our own better interests and can't stop ourselves, at least we know that the devil didn't make us do it. The devil doesn't bake cheesecake to tempt us to go with him to "hell." Sodomy among men isn't a dessert any more tempting than vaginal sex. It's all a question of taste.

Obsessions and compulsions that influence your behavior in negative ways can be eradicated with inner talk therapy, one-on-one therapy, group therapy, drugs and societal support – but only if you have a sufficiently spiritual foundation on which to help yourself strive to become more like you believe you have the potential to be. People become able to consciously engage the inner forces that previously unconsciously drove them if they can figuratively move their focus to below their belt without sexualizing the spiritual function of their penis or clitoris, testicles or ovaries, and anus. In this way, men can learn to share themselves intimately with other men without sexualizing their desires, needs and wants – something most men today still have trouble doing.

satan isn't going to make his way into you through the dirtiest hole in your body. And your penis isn't going to find "paradise" in the vagina of an houris. These are clues to psychological stumbling blocks you need to move through on your own. Sexualizing these challenges isn't going to internalize them. They have to become thoughts you face in the privacy of your own mind.

But so long as the undereducated blame supernatural forces for the ways their lives are turning out, they're not going to take full responsibility for their actions and vindictive reactions. They're going to blame those pesky gays for sexualizing their anus and those damn Jews for turning every little thing into a complex, moral issue...

Projection is the cause of all the psychological problems on Earth, not satanic forces that are swooping into the anus of innocent, but naïve, young men... If you don't figuratively face the hole in your bottom, sooner or later, you'll be accused of having a hole in your head...

Anxiety may be more prevalent in you than you may have suspected. Just doing some of the littlest things that others do without a second thought can be very taxing for me. I know where most of my edges are. But questioning myself rhetorically doesn't change a thing. I have to ask myself with real interest why I get anxious at those moments I do. The answers don't instantly and magically appear. But, over time, I do experience brief, clarifying visions with **GOD**'s help. If you're not so contrary that you scorn what you tell yourself, you'll find that your insights into you will become helpful and wise over time.

This isn't magic taught to me by satan. This is the result of self-inquiry. But the hyper-religious will shun all forms of self-knowledge today in the same way that they used to rail back in the 1960's about man going out into space. They said it was "God's" domain, and man should go there.

JEWISH, religious leaders who encourage dogma are endangering Jews everywhere, as well as the State of Israel. And CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* religious leaders who promote sexual and religious dogmas deserve even hotter spots in their "hell." A man should be able

to desire the unification of his head, heart and conscience and to share that unity with other men without fearing being called a faggot or a dirty Jew.

What will *Muslims* tell *Allāh* about their poverty? What will CHRISTIANS tell GOD^{GOD} about their prejudices? And what will JEWS tell GOD about their tribalism? Each is lost in his own masquerade.

Dividing Israel up like a pie or a prize isn't the answer. Converting all the Jews to Christianity upon the return of their Messiah isn't the answer. And converting all the gays to straights isn't the right answer, either.

Gardens, fountains, silks, brocade and sexually compatible mates are comparable to the inner beauty, wealth and companionship that anyone can seek and find within while still here in Earth. But these attributes can only be attained if you're willing to learn from others how to be yourself. And that can easily happen if you pursue modesty, humility and self-devotion.

Islamic terrorists are furious at how well the Western world is doing without the benefits of Islam. They just don't understand the principles we've used to get where we've come today. When undereducated people are exposed to new forms of morality, it's common for them at first to want to kill the messenger so as not to have to embrace the message.

When Muslims learn to analyze the blessings of Judaism and Christianity, they'll come to appreciate the Islamic principles and virtues elucidated in the Quran that are helping them get where they'll want to be tomorrow. Then they'll contribute more gratefully to everyone's earthly incentives and "heavenly" rewards. Muslims are called on today to help us draw down even more of GOD's benevolence through righteous cooperation between the faiths. {Forbidden fruit is only sweet if you share it with yourself, and then others.}

Once we're dead, some may be secure in the knowledge that they'll die no more. That, however, is a supposition, not a fact. If we sanctify life with our individual, ongoing celebration of life (and life "after" life), I think we'll be less concerned with the burdens of having to die more than once. I believe our Lord will, in HIS mercy, shield us from the scourge of "hell" if we learn to cooperate rather than squabble with ourselves. That will be the supreme triumph.

Surah 45

سورة الجاثية

Kneeling

Jews don't kneel in prayer. Christians kneel in prayer. For us to literally lower ourselves before GOD would be a disservice to HIM and an insult to us. We were chosen to stand before GOD. Christians kneel before the Lord as a sign of respect and dutiful regard. They take this position to express penitence and awe of HIM. If HE could hang on a cross for them, they can bend down to their knees for **THEM**.

But every man has to learn how to prostrate himself before his Creator whether he does so literally or figuratively. His misdeeds to himself are too great and his hypocrisy too blatant not to relinquish, or at least diminish, his ego before **GOD**. And in that sense, we all first learn how and when to stand, kneel and prostrate ourselves before ourselves. Self-respect, therefore, becomes something you need to acknowledge and then practice.

Jews have been branded with the stereotype of prostrating ourselves before money. Christians have been labeled with the stereotype of prostrating themselves in debasing ways before one another sexually. And Muslims have been stereotyped as prostrating themselves literally before *God*, but never figuratively.

When you contemplate the meanings I give to this surah on kneeling, I hope you'll remember to ask yourself in what ways you're upstanding; in what ways you've been brought to your knees; and in what ways life has forced you to prostrate yourself to outcomes you never would have wished for.

*"Surely in heaven and the earth
there are signs for the faithful;
in your own creation,
and in the beasts He scatters far and near,
signs for true believers;
in the alternation of night and day,
in the sustenance God sends down from heaven
with which He resurrects the earth after its death,
and in the marshaling of the winds,
signs for men of understanding."
[45:2-6]*

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there are signs for the faithful;
in your own creation,
and in the beasts **HE** scatters far and near,
signs for true believers;*

in the alternation of night and day,
in the sustenance **GOD** sends down from 'heaven'
with which **HE** resurrects the earth after its death,
and in the marshaling of the winds,
signs for men of understanding."

The "heavens" and the Earth create the sense of up and down that gives us our moral sense of right {figuratively, up} and wrong {figuratively, down}. We're all very small when you imagine the immense space there is above our head. And yet, our feet are all equidistant from the ground. When measuring the truth using the "heavens" and the Earth as our yardstick, there's a great deal of moral room in life for a man to figuratively grow taller regardless of his physical or social stature. This makes growth a spiritual enlargement of one's being that can only happen through experience, contemplation of our experiences and prayer.

The beasts **GOD** scatters far and wide are signs of the naturally wild ways in which we forage the earth for sustenance. Some beasts are harmless. Others are deadly. A man should watch as his inner beasts disembark from his ark. He should look at the animal kingdom as a mirror of his character. If he's unwilling for his inner lion to lie down his inner lamb, how can he expect to ready himself to look upon the face of **GOD**? He'd only defy and debase his nature with his eyes.

"*The alternation of night and day*" literally becomes more extreme the nearer you get to the North and South Poles. But the man who lives far from his own inner equator will experience greater moral shifts in light and dark, and the harsh inner climes of extreme feelings about himself.

The changes in light each day and each season, year after year, should be a reminder of the consequences of our feelings for ourselves and the repetitions of work we're given that will improve ourselves over time. Warmth for yourself will vary greatly from day to day. You must observe your thoughts and feelings in many a different light to achieve illumination from **GOD**'s light.

The seasons rejuvenate the planet, giving us hope that our own life may feel continuously rejuvenated before we have to face death. But the vastness of the universe; the profundity of life; and the moral clues **GOD** gives us to **HIS** reason for having created us and maintaining us – make life challenging for us all.

*"It is God who has subdued the ocean for you,
so that ships may sail upon it at His bidding;
so that you may seek His bounty
and render thanks."*

[45:12]

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and render thanks.”

Life is more like poetry than prose. A small piece of land was given to the ancient Jews so we'd struggle to teach the world to ground ourselves with GOD's wisdom. The vast oceans were given to the ancient Christians: so they'd learn to sail the seven seas to find proof within themselves of GOD's love even on rough seas {through conflicting emotions}. And the “heavens” were allotted to the ancient Muslims to fly over it all to look ever further into our inner universe to discover the grace of *God* through the attributes of a unifying sky.

The bounty you seek and the thanks you wish to express were taught to you by ONE and all. But without the journey of discovery in finding GOD's abounding love for HIS creation, none of this would be worthwhile. Human connections are often just too brief or impermanent to learn all about love through your own meager inquiries.

We don't just need GOD's love. We need to know the wisdom behind HIS love for us, so we can come to appreciate HIS loyalty to each and every one of us. This is the inner experience of feeling beloved {blessed}.

Some get a fleeting sense of love from sex with a stranger. Others get it from long-standing relationships with family and friends. Some get it from service to community. And some get it from nature. It doesn't matter where you find love. What matters is that you recognize its importance in your life so that you don't let it slip through your fingers. Love gives your life meaning. Love brings you to a sense of life everlasting. Matters of the heart are eternally meaningful. That can't be said of wisdom or loyalty.

Whenever I don't feel beloved by GOD, I feel anxious and afraid. And although negative emotions are unpleasant, it's always been a struggle for me to look at my feelings as GOD's grace in my flesh.

My feelings are helping me to evolve in the direction of GOD. My body ages with feelings that age like fine wine. This is what it means to have an inner parent that looks out for your inner infant, child, adolescent and young adult. In these ways, I discover as many of the meanings of GOD as I can.

*“He has subjected you
to what the heavens and the earth contain;
all is from Him.
Surely there are signs in this for thinking men.”*

[45:13]

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to what the ‘heavens’ and the Earth contain;
all is from **HIM**.
Surely there are signs in this for thinking men.”

The world around us is a mirror of our world within to the degree that we take wisdom and love to heart. This people know consciously. But they may close an eye to injustice and hatred around them in order to live with themselves in “peace.” You can escape this madness by not seeking distractions that will distance you from yourself. The more you take *you* to heart, the more you’ll take *me* to heart.

It cannot be otherwise. When **JEW**s tell you they have nothing against gays while refusing to allow us to marry, they’re not telling you the truth. When **CHRISTIAN**s tell you they hate the sin but love the sinner, they’re lying to themselves. When *Muslims* tell you they have nothing against Jews so long as we get out of Israel, they’re deep in denial. What they’re all really saying is that they hate themselves because of the genitals and anus they were given, and they hate **GOD** because of the limited faith they were given in the

way **HE** made them in images **HE** didn’t first get approval from them. They’re always going to find someone or something around them to use as a scapegoat for their self-denial.

Begin by apologizing to yourself for all the time you may have wasted avoiding yourself until now. You’ve surely done yourself a terrible disservice by taking you in a morally apathetic direction you may never have really intended to go in. If you look at the ways in which you’ve treated you so unfairly, you’ll begin to see how you may have used minorities and the Earth as unsuspecting scapegoats.

Let your thoughts now take you anywhere they might want to go, like the wind snags a sail that drags a boat across the surface of the sea. Use your thoughts about your feelings, like a rudder. Direct yourself, but don’t anchor yourself in muddy apathy any longer. Use your faith in you to harbor you in a secret inner place in your heart that you can hold dear.

Feel the mild breezes within as they caress you and know that **GOD** loves you in ways you may not yet be able to imagine. Until you can fly over your thoughts and feelings like a seagull in a mist that’s drizzling down words from a higher place in inner space, you’ll never remain harbored anywhere for very long.

*“Tell the believers to pardon those who dread the days of victory,
when God will reward men according to their deeds.
He that does what is right
does it for his own good;
and he that commits evil does so at his own peril.”*

Then to your Lord shall you be recalled.”
[45:14]

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Then to your Lord shall you be recalled.”

You don't have to worry about your place in the “world to come” every minute of the day. You can let go and enjoy the moment you're in if you can believe in the rippling effects of “paradise” in the here-and-now. You can reward yourself for your deeds to yourself with modest self-appreciation. You can commend yourself for your smiles and compliment yourself for your kindnesses.

Now is not about what GOD will do for you when you die. It's about what you're doing for you that HE's witnessing with you here, now. Do you think HE's proud of you? You should. You could. You can, if you keep your nose clean at all times by sticking it in your business and not getting maliciously in other people's face.

Some are unconsciously anxious about going to go to “heaven” where they'll find themselves alone with their “God” for all eternity. They can't imagine anyone else being as good as them. They can see a great deal of imperfection in others, but they're doubtful that there could be anything wrong with themselves.

Many bad people aren't afraid to behave like a god, while you're probably very cautiously trying to come close to emulating HIM. You may not want to dance around yourself like a golden calf or reward yourself with a little positive attention. You may not want to let go and let yourself enjoy the thrill of being you right now for fear you may go too far.

You may not want to spoil yourself like fruit. You may be concerned that aging maturely may damage your inner infant and child. Don't be afraid of crossing the bridge of spiritual puberty to adulthood. (You already did so literally.) Don't worry about giving up your outer innocence for inner experience. (You already did that, too.) Life is about growing, not standing still. You're not plastic fruit. You're real.

Your bad habits may be quite minor in the greater scheme of things. They may only appear momentarily severe when you're impatient or upset. And then the little, closet door within closes, and you have to make do with the momentary view you got of all you stuffed away out of sight.

You may actually discover that many days you care a lot less about yourself than GOD does. How will you perceive how beloved you are to HIM if you can't see how you love and snub yourself? Take a detour from time to time. Slow down and look closely at

something new inside up close. If you take your imagination for granted, you shouldn't be surprised if you end up, confused, depressed, doubtful and suspicious. Even constant certainty is a bad sign, too. Finding yourself on the wrong side of the tracks inside is common when you aren't willing to reflect on where you're going or where you happen to be.

*"We gave the book to the Israelites
and bestowed on them wisdom and prophethood.
We provided them with wholesome things
and exalted them above the nations.
We gave them clear commandments:
yet it was not till knowledge had been vouchsafed them
that they disagreed maliciously among themselves.
Your Lord will on the day of resurrection judge their differences."
[45:15-17]*

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Don't worry about how GOD is going to judge us. Don't worry about how ^{HE}HE's going to judge the Christians. Don't even worry about how *He*'s going to judge the Muslims. Instead, give thought to how you judge yourself. You'll be shocked at how unpleasant your life can be when you don't appreciate your own company. You can make it a living "hell" for yourself without even consciously knowing it.

The day of resurrection is tomorrow. ⁹⁶ You'll be resurrected in the morning from the day before. And you'll be crucified all day today. **GOD** doesn't need any more than this moment in the now to determine what the next moment will look like for you. **HIS** designs don't take shape like yours. **HE** can come at them from any direction. As your present leaves your hands, your future lands in **HIS**.

⁹⁶ The Day of Resurrection will be the day after you die.

Maybe it's time for you to go into your closet now that the LGBT+ community has come out of theirs. Maybe it's time for you to get into that tiny, cramped place you call your soul and see how you feel all by yourself, alone in there. Maybe you should take a look at all the crap you've thrown into your closet and think about getting a closet organizer, more hangers and a modular storage unit.

GOD may have exalted the Jews above the nations, but **HE** didn't exalt the Jews above ourselves. We've got the same problems within that everyone else has. We may disagree vehemently among ourselves on the outside, but we rarely kill one another. And the same is true of gays.

Those **JEWS** who break the 8th Commandment by stealing are as bad as those **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* who do so. **GOD** has knowledge of all things. So keep your nose clean whether your shnoz is alpine, Roman, Semitic, thin, wide or otherwise.

*"And now We have set you on the right path.
Follow it,
And do not yield to the desires of ignorant men;
for they can in no way protect you from the wrath of God."
[45:18]*

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Follow it,
And do not yield to the desires of ignorant men;
for they can in no way protect you from the wrath of **GOD**."*

The wrath of **GOD** occasionally comes to us from the outside in. But it is, as a rule, your own wrath that causes you the most harm because your frustrations with yourself are the most damaging of all.⁹⁷

Of course there are accidents, incidents and the horrors of war that distract us from frustrations with ourselves. But if you can get your anger at yourself under control, you'll do much better handling anything the world throws at you.

Forgive yourself for frustrating you but learn from your negative tendencies. Return to the equatorial region of your inner world. Stay away from the cold, harsh extremes of bipolar emotions unless you're an emotional explorer with all the psychological tools you need to brave the harsh winds and freezing cold of self-apathy.

⁹⁷ That which is damaging externally affects your body or your world externally. That which is damaging internally effects your head, heart and the development of your soul.

*“Do the evil-doers think they are equal in Our sight
to those who believe and do good works,
so that their lives and deaths shall be alike?
How ill they judge!”
[45:20]*

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Why would you care what the evil-doers think of you unless you're internalizing their criticism? You already know they think they're better than you, and you already know you think you're better than them. Of course, you need to know more about the latest plan they cooked up to take more control away from you. But you especially need to look at whether you're doing to you what they're trying to do to you. You might just find yourself with enemies around you mirroring your enemy within.

I've met a few, wonderful people who've graduated the 10th Commandment. They aren't jealous or envious of others. In fact, when you tell them good news about yourself, it truly makes them happy to hear it.

But you can't think critically about yourself if you can't look at the good fortune of others and ask yourself honestly why you aren't that lucky. If you avoid jealousy and envy, you haven't transcended it. You're a parrot. You're mimicking what other people are telling you to feel. You're not thinking or feeling for yourself. When good fortune favors other people, it stands to reason you deserve it, too – if you're truly happy about their good fortune. If so, it makes all the sense in the world that you'd deserve to feel as good as they do.

The more reasons you have to celebrate your good works for you, the more reasons you'll have to celebrate your good works for others, and their good works for themselves.

It only makes sense that GOD would give you more and more opportunities to improve yourself emotionally if you use all the opportunities given to you.

The more you've got, the more you're expected to give back. It's all a spiritual process it's possible to observe. It all happens like the seasons, one flowing seamlessly into the next with a few harsh exceptions to the rule. With climate chaos around us happening at an increasingly wilder pace, don't assume you'll be able to anticipate the weather within you with any certainty. But don't assume you haven't had a hand in your bad, inner weather, either. It would be much wiser to consider yourself guilty until proven innocent.

*“Think!
who,
besides God,*

*can guide the man who makes his lust his god,
the man whom God deliberately confounds,
by setting a seal upon his ears and heart
and drawing a veil over his eyes?
Will you not take heed?"*
[45:23]

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The man who makes his lust his god has always been accused of being gay. He's always been accused of being the type of man who crosses a sexual boundary that proves he's in league with the devil. The hyper-religious still think this way. They'll project their syndromes onto anyone who threatens them with spiritual work. Spiritual labor is the last thing they want to do during their lifetime. They give everything over to their "God" to do for them. They let "Them" work for them. How lazy these self-proclaimed "faithful" are!

Those of us who've come out of the three religious traditions into the modern world can see that we've all got a seal of some sort set upon our ears and heart. We've all got a veil draped over our eyes at times. These inner inhibitors have been set by GOD. Clearly HE inhibits us with seals and veils to make us take note of what we're missing within and without. *"Will you not take heed?"*

GOD can help or hinder our appreciation of HIS designs. HE can motivate us to think.

Or, HE can leave us alone to mindlessly mimic others, instead. It's so easy to see the seals on others' hearts and veils over their eyes. It's not so easy to see our own. Until you look closely at your pattern as though it were a uniquely carved snowflake, you'll only see your "God's" handiwork around you.

Those who have a desire to sacrifice themselves for their Lord are going to set in place external seals and veils to make other people's journeys as difficult as possible. They're going to condemn us all for not sacrificing ourselves as they say and do. These undereducated believers will choose to go against their own best interests in their twisted effort to do better.

The religious extremists are those whom **GOD** deliberately confounds. But mark my words, I think **HE** deliberately confounds us all. How else would any of us learn to think?

Those of us who sacrifice ourselves in the course of our daily life by being patient with strangers; cooperative with loved ones; and helpful in responsible ways to those in need – will be able to access our inner veils and seals. We'll slowly become the recipients of a sort of "paradise" within ourselves during our lifetime. We'll become hopeful and optimistic over time. We'll become meek enough to inherit the Earth because we'll have worked for something we couldn't before even find the words to put into words.

But not all those who can hear you can listen to themselves. Not all those who can see you can perceive their own inner circumstances. Not all those who can touch you can be touched by their own hand. ⁹⁸

A seal is set over your ears and heart and a veil over your eyes when you behave egotistically, making your lust your "God." These are **GOD**'s way of concealing your shortcomings from you so that you can't see, hear or feel your own beauty. These are **HIS** ways of making you impatient.

You peer through your veil with arrogance, ego and defiance rather than downcast eyes. Your seal distorts the "heavenly" music in the world around you, tempting you to perceive some others with cynicism, scorn and derision. But these are nothing more than opinions that are rooted in opinions. Your fate is sealed.

Only you can lift these impediments, despite how heavy and cumbersome they might feel. Don't bother to ask **GOD** to do it for you. Ask **HIM**, instead, to do it with you.

GOD lifts the veil from the eyes of some to see their own modesty, humility and grace. This vision makes it possible for them to contrast and compare their opinions of themselves to what they were before. In this way, they come to love life as they become morally more alive with thankfulness, appreciation and gratitude.

Lust doesn't have to be only for sex with someone of the opposite gender. You can lust over many others for many reasons. You can even lust over things, such as money, power, prestige, food, drugs or even infamy. Lust is a combination of external wants, mixed feelings and unexamined thoughts, that, when activated without belief in yourself, will lead you to banishment and perdition.

Lust was personified and anthropomorphized in the conversation Eve had with the serpent that they brought Adam in on. When you don't include the voice of your conscience in with your three-way conversations {head, heart and penis}, you act on your inner forces without conscious awareness of all that's motivating you. You behave autonomously. ⁹⁹

⁹⁸ The worst offenders try to outlaw or ridicule masturbation. They externalize their disgust with themselves in touching themselves below the waist. And then we wonder why they're out of touch with the rest of us.

⁹⁹ "WHEN THE WOMAN SAW THAT THE FRUIT OF THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD AND PLEASING TO THE EYE, AND ALSO DESIRABLE FOR GAINING WISDOM, SHE TOOK SOME AND ATE IT. SHE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS WITH HER, AND HE ATE IT. THEN THE EYES OF

Gay sex doesn't lead to evil outcomes. Men perverting sex outside their bedroom by figuratively screwing over the little guy with lust for money, power and prestige leads to evil outcomes. This is the unholy union you ought to be afraid of. This is the sodomy the religious can't talk about. This is what led to the warnings the Prophet gave in this passage. *"Will you not take heed?"*

Jews, Christians and Muslims aren't exempt from these forces. Nor are today's nonbelievers. **GOD** made every man using the same metaphoric template HE used in the Creation story. Figuratively speaking, we're all spiritual descendants of Adam and Eve. We're all doing the best we can to bring all the forces within us to consciousness. But without awareness of how we're made, we're doomed to repeat the mistake of our forefathers all the way back to our first, religious father {Abraham}.

If you use Jewish eyes to perceive Adam, you're going to become wise. If you use Christian eyes to perceive Adam, you're going to see him as Michelangelo did, with a slightly erotic, naked and loving relationship that brought him in touch with GOD. And if you use Muslim eyes to perceive Adam, you're going to use your inner eye to perceive your loyalty to *God* through Torah, the Gospels and the Quran.

The serpent between your legs is doing much more than hanging around waiting for you to urinate or get an erection. It's figuratively talking to you all the time about the next urge you'll have that will, in its opinion, determine the difference between survival and perdition. It's only those of us who've raised the volume of our serpent's prattle who have a fighting chance of figuring out why we think we want what we want. It's only those of us who've learned to question our obsessive, compulsive disorder {O.C.D.} who can see it as a potential virtue through mistakes made and atoned to for the sake of our redemption.

"A.D.D." {Attention Deficit Disorder} occurs if we focus on something obsessively. We all experience A.D.D. at those times that we can't separate our thoughts from our feelings. But the religious extremists are psychotically focused on some aspects of the external world that they then think will make it possible for them to take over the world. What they don't realize is that each of them is slightly focused on something that's very personal. Their A.D.D. is as selective as ours. This is why criminals are caught. This is why the religious wackados never succeed in getting their way for very long.

You might like to say that I suffer from "D.D.A.," the opposite of A.D.D. I'm obsessed with the obsessions of others that may cause havoc for us all. (And I suspect you are too.) As liars and thieves get cleverer, it forces us to get wiser, more loving and loyal to life.

GOD works in mysterious ways.

Gay men in monogamous relationships, whether they're married to each other or not, are taking full advantage of the blessings of self-knowledge when it comes to their sexual

BOTH OF THEM WERE OPENED, AND THEY REALIZED THEY WERE NAKED; SO THEY SEWED FIG LEAVES TOGETHER AND MADE COVERINGS FOR THEMSELVES. [Genesis 3:6-8] There's no mention of the discussion Eve had with Adam before he agreed to participate in the temptation she experienced with the serpent. But you know how your head struggles with your heart after your desires have convinced your heart to do as "it" pleases. And you know how easily your thoughts sometimes surrender to your feelings and impulses. If not for your conscience stomping noisily through your garden, you might never do the right thing.

desires. The rest of our community is on journeys that make many educational twists and turns, and often come to dead ends or to traffic problems that slow them down. Dick wants what he wants. If you don't control "him," you're going to get screwed from the outside in or the inside in. Every one of Scriptures tells you that that's guaranteed.

Metaphorically speaking, the boys are figuratively swimming around in the Sea of Galilee and the men are doing the crawl down the Jordan River headed for the Dead Sea. But neither of them has a clue to the spiritual way of fishing themselves out of their fate, because they don't know how to set a date with destiny.

Figuratively making it out of the Jordan River and into the land of Israel is an exercise we each have to go through within. This isn't just a male problem in America. This isn't just a male problem for Israel's neighbors. This is a very real problem for all Arabs as they discover they're living within the Biblical boundaries of the land GOD gave to us, the only material gift **HE** ever gave and then put in writing.

*"They say,
'There is this life and no other.
We die and live;
nothing but time destroys us.'
Surely of this they have no knowledge.
They are merely guessing."
[45:24]*

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Atheists guess. Agnostics play hunches. Believers have clues they use to create dogma. But the those who can think for themselves can build their inner world, using **GOD** as a Partner in erecting a spiritual mansion in life using enduring, moral construction materials to build it. They have knowledge on their side!

*"Say,
'It is God who gives you life
and then He causes you to die."
[45:25]*

“Say:
‘It is **GOD** who gives you life
and then **HE** causes you to die.’”

Every time there’s a war between Muslims and Jews in the Middle East, more Muslims always die than Jews. There is in this a clue to the moral arguments being made on both sides. The extremist *Muslims* don’t want to look at the poetic license **GOD** uses to make **HIS** point. They wish to avoid the moral choices brought to their side by our Creator. And they don’t care how many Muslims die so long as they can continue to kill Jews.¹⁰⁰ It really makes a gay man wonder what they must think is so special about Jewish penises... Are Muslim circumcisions any different from our own? Or is it our anuses that fascinate them? One can never be sure when dealing with unconscious forces below the belt.¹⁰¹

The obvious question is whether **GOD** allows people to be murdered, and, if so, why? How does that further **HIS** cause? And how does it further our moral endeavors? What moral strength can be achieved if someone you love is brutally killed? How do you keep faith and hope alive when the worst of all seeming injustices and losses befalls you?

These are the questions my parents had to ask and answer for themselves after the Holocaust. These are the questions my half-brother and half-sister had to ask themselves as children after their mother perished in a Nazi oven. And these are the questions my first cousin had to ask herself when she found herself orphaned after the War and a guest at our table.

Being born into a family of five Holocaust survivors, I was privy to their secrets whether I wanted to be, or not. My intuition was activated by something I saw in my family members that was expressed differently by each of them. But it took me a lifetime of searching to figure out what they were unconsciously withholding from me. But now I know.

*“You shall see each community on its knees.
Each community shall be summoned to its book,
and a voice will say,
‘You shall this day be rewarded for your deeds.’*

¹⁰⁰ We see the same behavior in all people. When people want what they want, they convince themselves they have a right to it. But when they convince themselves that they should want what they deserve, they raise their moral standards to deserve better.

¹⁰¹ As a gay man who set out early in life to answer these questions, I can tell you with great certainty (from my vast and extensive studies on the matter...) that there’s no material difference between a Jewish, Christian or Muslim penis. And I can say the same about their anuses. It’s all about the head, heart and soul they’re attached to.

*This book of Our speaks with truth against you.
We have recorded all your actions.”*
[45:27-29]

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The word “knees” is, of course, being used figuratively in this sentence. No one is suggesting that people are going to have to go down on their knees to pray like Christians. People will simply be humbled by their ignorance of a greater truth.

Anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, homophobia, misogyny and racism are like biting your tongue. There’s no one in your mouth to blame for the pain except you. And your effort to tell others about your mistake is thwarted because your tongue needs a moment to recover from the pain and shock of what you did to yourself. But some people spend a lifetime figuratively biting their tongue. They make a career out of it and call it “work.” But there’s more to work than holding back what you’d like to say.

Now imagine how it feels to kick yourself in the testicles by mistake. It takes a lot more than a moment to recover, and your penis is completely useless until your testicles recuperate. Such is true about the delivery tool of your power. And biting your tongue isn’t going to change that truth.

Men think that their testicles are the source of their power. They tell themselves that they need “balls” to get what they want in life. Nothing could be further from the truth. Is the assembly line the source of power in a factory? The source of the power of a factory lies in the guidance from those in the board room. If upper management doesn’t use its head, heart and soul, the assembly line will produce an inferior or defective product. Is your semen coming off a production line that’s any different? Your power doesn’t lie in your testicles.

Everyone hurts himself in those places he knows will send him the message he needs to hear. We have no choice about feeling pain. But we do have a choice whether we want to question why we did what we did to ourselves.

I always find it interesting to try to talk to my penis. It invariably goes limp with figurative excuses and denial, or it just figuratively babbles incomprehensively when I look down asking it why it allowed me to do to me what I just did. But the problem doesn’t figuratively lie in my penis or testicles. The problem figuratively lies in my prostate gland {ego}. (This is probably why GOD didn’t bother to ask the serpent its side of the story when Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent. No one can talk to an asshole. So HE just moved the conversation along to the consequences for their behavior.)

Ever since the Nazis surrendered in 1945 and everyone put the Second World War behind them, people will tell you that the reasons they do what they do are moral, not

egotistical. And yet the Israelis are vilified at the United Nations while the Muslims are excused for their anti-Zionism. Clearly, today's morality lies in the eyes of the beholder.

Here in America, the Democrats have consistently gotten it wrong on Israel and the Republicans have consistently gotten it wrong on gays. And that's because of anti-Zionism on the left and anti-Semitism on the right, respectfully. They all have trouble with those pesky Jews, only today they've got to face

s in America and all the Jews living in Israel. **GOD** works in mysterious ways.

In the meantime, the American Jew who tells himself that Israel isn't his problem will continue to watch as JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* teach him otherwise. The Jew who separates himself from Israel is suicidal and doesn't know it. Only time will tell when the veil is lifted and the seal is broken.

This surah on kneeling is more important today than it ever was before. If all Americans don't figuratively get down on our knees to pray with much greater humility for what we have and what we're all striving for, we'll get precisely what we deserve. The inability of our government to take action on almost anything of moral consequence is a reflection of something each of us must look at in ourselves. Collusion and conspiracy aren't just occurring around us. It isn't just a problem in Russia anymore. We're all begging the Jewish president of Ukraine to help us get reelected inside. **GOD** works in mysterious ways.

Surah 46

سورة الأحقاف *The Sand Dunes*

I once visited some sand dunes on the California coast that were so vast that it was possible to be surrounded by them on all sides and see nothing but sand as far as the eye could see. I'd never experienced a place like that before. I've been to deserts in Africa and elsewhere, but I was always on a road or a path. Being on a sand dune without any sense of where the sand ended and civilization began was an eerie and disorienting experience.

Your mind can take you to one, figurative, sand dune after another. You can climb to the top of your thoughts with conclusions, and still have no idea where you are or where you're headed inside yourself. Confusion is like a vast desert of sand that ripples like the waves on the sea. Confusion moves because of an inner wind. It morphs. But confusion never gives you any indication where you're going.

GOD gave us the topography of the Earth to mirror our inner world. If we don't make the connections between our two worlds, we're not taking full advantage of life or the Scripture we were handed down by our forefathers. We aren't personalizing our experiences to make greater spiritual meaning out of them.

Muslims and Jews don't eat pork because they don't want to live their lives like a pig that'll eat anything. They don't want to hog space without making good use of it. They don't want to think of their mother as a sow. They don't want to behave piggishly or sound like they're snorting like a piglet when they're pleased.

If you don't eat pork products without any reason other than because you were told not to, you're behaving mindlessly. But if you connect your eating habits to your spiritual habits and goals, you're doing what you're doing with good reason. You're connecting your outer world to your inner world.

Ultimately, whether or not you eat kosher or halal, you should yearn to learn to discern between good and evil, right and wrong, and better and worse. Regardless of what goes into your mouth, you should be very concerned about what comes out of it.

*"It was but to manifest the truth
that We created the heavens and the earth
and all that lies between them;
We created them to last for an appointed term."
[46:2]*

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that **WE** created the 'heavens' and the Earth
and all that lies between them;
WE created them to last for an appointed term."*

GOD created the world in stages, just as HE gave us HIS full name in stages. Each day is a stage in the progression of HIS designs for man to learn to get along with his brothers by discovering more about himself. And just as the day relies upon the night; the spring upon the fall; and the animals on the plants – the true believer relies on all three Abrahamic faiths to actualize himself because he, too, sees himself developing in stages.

The Christians discovered they couldn't succeed without the Jews. And the Muslims will soon discover that they can't succeed without the Christians and the Jews. There's poetry and progress to GOD's designs. Life doesn't rhyme spiritually if you try to use loyalty to the Quran without the wisdom of Torah and the love in the Gospels. If you don't combine the messages of all three faiths, the disaster happening in the Middle East will spread to where you live. Immorality will knock at your door.

“Say:
‘If I have indeed invented it,
then there is nothing you can do to shield me from the wrath of God.
He well knows what you say about it.
Sufficient is He as my witness,
and your witness.
He is the forgiving one,
The merciful.’”
[46:8] ¹⁰²

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The Prophet Muhammed isn't your problem. You are. You're trying to be self-sufficient, and you can't do it alone. Not only do we all need one another; you can't become

¹⁰² “If I, {the Prophet}, have invented {the Quran}, then there is nothing you can do to shield me from the wrath of GOD.”

self-sufficient without **GOD**. Nowadays, everyone even needs gay-Jews in his/her life. You won't be able to make peace with yourself if you don't recognize how deeply you need people who are incomprehensibly different from you as you are now.

Don't worry about "them." Together we can take care of "them." Most of "them" are the personification of conclusions you've projected onto nebulous strangers, and then suffer from inside. And the "them" that you're most worried about externally, we're worried about, too. Together we can defeat all of "them."

"Say:

*'Think if this Quran is indeed from God
and you reject it;
if an Israelite has vouched for it and accepted Islam,
while you yourselves deny it with disdain.*

Surely

God does not guide the wrong doers.'"

[46:10]

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I endorse the Quran. I, a gay-Jew who lived for a time in Israel, speak some Hebrew and own land there! I do so because I need everyone on Earth to help me care for myself. I can't find peace within me without making an effort to help others make peace with themselves. I can always go to Israel for safety. Israel is the safest nation on Earth for Jews. Where are you going to go if JEWS, CHRISTIANS and/or *Muslims* take over your country?

I don't think there are many non-Muslims who've read the Quran. But I don't think there are many Muslims who've read Tanach or the Gospels, either. People tend to believe what their ancestors were told to believe. They don't question what they know; what they feel; what they need; or what they conclude to be universally true. They just live and hope for the best.

*"Yet, before it,
the book of Moses was revealed;
a guide and a blessing.*

This book confirms it.”

[46:12] ¹⁰³

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Since the Prophet stated very clearly in this passage that the book of Moses {Torah, and by extension, the whole of Tanach} was revealed by GOD and is a guide and a blessing, then clearly the Quran is a guide and a blessing because it confirms all that GOD had previously stated in the Old and New Testaments.

The Old Testament is the key to Scripture that Christians and Muslims can't live without. And if they can't live without Tanach in this world, they won't be able to live without the WORDS of GOD in the “world to come.” That becomes the very definition of “hell.”

The CHRISTIAN concept of “hell” boils down to a world without Judaism. The *Muslim* concept of “hell” boils down to a world without Judaism and Christianity. So you can see why the first and lowest level of “hell” is a frozen lake. Think of that as the Dead Sea on such a cold day that it froze over. That cold a day lives within you.

You can see from history what a mess the Christians made of their world by not consciously working together to improve their relations with the Jews. And you can see what a mess the Muslims are making of the Middle East and Europe without good relations with the Jews and Christians. (It boggles my mind why the United Nations is so antagonistic toward Israel. Can you cut off a Jew's right arm {Jerusalem} and tell the rest of him not to flinch?)

It's as if JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are here to create “hell” on Earth as a preview of what's coming for those who don't embrace one of the three faiths. Tanach, the Bible and the Quran may be made up of the WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of GOD, but if you believe in the messages of all three, you're not going to feel so alone, banished or abandoned. The WORDS of GOD will console you.

It's taken the Christians 2,000 years to admit they need the Jews because GOD needs the Jews. And even now, there are many miserable CHRISTIANS who'd still like to round up the Jews, stick us all in Israel, and keep us there as though in a ghetto {or an oven} until Jesus converts us all to Christianity. (Do these CHRISTIANS also plan to round up all the blacks and hold them in Liberia until Jesus comes and turns them white? The exclusivity of the Abrahamic faiths is impossible to influence without each and every soul questioning his own intentions.

¹⁰³ The Quran confirms the two Scriptures that came before it.

The way the *Muslims* have been behaving for the past 70 years toward us is appalling. But at least in their case, they've only been around for 1,400 years and have only treated us as badly as the *CHRISTIANS* recently. But if you think the *Muslims* aren't now planning the next Holocaust, you're in a trance. Nobody will be able to wake you up.

If you think Hitler was an anomaly to "Christianity," you're wrong. His was a passionate and heated orgy of evil that was perverted and cruel, but not unfamiliar to the heart of *CHRISTIANS*. And the Roman *CATHOLIC* "hell" he created here on Earth caught up all those *CHRISTIANS* who so hated themselves that they wanted vengeance on the Lord for having created Judaism in the first place. This is what caused the Holocaust, not politics. {What better way to show *GOD* your displeasure in having been created than by disappointed *HIM* to tears with the way you behave towards his firstborn son: Judaism. Did you learn nothing from the outcome of Jesus?}

*"We have enjoined man to show kindness to his parents.
With much pain his mother bears him,
and with much pain she brings him into the world.
He is born and weaned in thirty months.
When he grows to manhood and attains his fortieth year,
let him say,
'Inspire me,
Lord,
to give thanks for the favors You have bestowed on me
and on my parents,
and do good works that will please You.'
Grant me good descendants.
To You I turn
and to You I submit."
[46:15]*

*"WE have enjoined man to show kindness to his parents.
With much pain his mother bears him,
and with much pain she brings him into the world.
He is born and weaned in 30 months.
When he grows to manhood and attains his 40th year,
let him say,
'Inspire me,
Lord,*

to give thanks for the favors **YOU** have bestowed on me
and on my parents,
and do good works that will please **YOU**.
Grant me good descendants.
To **YOU** I turn
and to **YOU** I submit.”

Did you really think **GOD** didn't create me the same way **HE** created you? Do you really think I'm not a part of **HIS** designs because of my faith or whom I sleep with? You should be ashamed of yourself if you've put your nose in something that was never your business to begin with. If so, you should learn to set better boundaries around your opinions. If you can't set boundaries around your own views, how can you claim to understand the boundaries set by your family, friends community, nation and religion?

If you can't treat every group of people as you'd like to be treated, use your imagination to perceive how that would make **GOD** feel. **HE**'ll likely confound and confuse you with a syndrome you can't escape until you admit the error of your ways.

Life is a journey, but it's more of a stop-and-go ride than we'd like to admit. If you think you're going to accelerate without end, leaving here like a rocket escaping the gravitational pull of the planet, I've got bad news for you. Your syndromes are going to turn your exodus into a stop-and-shop, circular trek with diversions that more resembles the Exodus of the ancient Israelites and the unnecessarily long time it took them to get where they were going. Half the world is breaking the spiritual, speed limit laws and the other half isn't breaking a sweat.

In all the Earth, **GOD** only gave one sliver of land to anyone. And instead of questioning why **HE** chose to do so, **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* have chosen to fight over it. How can anyone hope to set boundaries in himself if he can't respect the boundaries set by **GOD**? Clearly, the schism isn't in **GOD**. It's in man.

The problem you suffer from may be one you have no insight into. When does a tree know that it's grown bigger than it was the season before? Only when it branches out of last year's branches. You can see the difference in color in last year's green {jealousy} and this year's green {envy}. In this, there are signs.

The Arabic girl's name داليا {*Dahlia*} means “grape vine.” The Hebrew girl's name דָּלִיָּה {*DAHLIA*} means “tip of a branch, especially that of a grape vine or olive tree.” And in this lies the secret to what you know and how you know it.

The tip of a branch is the youngest part of that branch. It's the part of the vine or tree that's moving the furthest out into the external environment to create support and reinforcement for future leaves, blossoms, blooms, flowers and fruit. You, intuitively,

already know the difference between your roots, trunk, boughs and branches. You know that you're growing when you sense your vulnerability, guilt and curiosity to improve yourself.

Yet, so often, men want to prove that they have deep roots; a large trunk that can support many boughs; and branches that will continue to reach out to produce even more branches and twigs. Men rarely want to talk about the nature of their flower {dahlia/דַּלְיָה/داليا}. But that's what would makes it possible for them to consciously realize what they're doing.

I'm describing the human experience through the metaphor of humanity as trees of knowledge to make a more profound point about the nature of the mind. And I'm describing the human experience through the symbolism of vines of love to make an even more profound point about the nature of our flowering soul.

Just because you may have learned how to use words to describe what you're going through doesn't mean you can think well or feel deeply yet. You can only use words to the extent that you've grown past the tips of yesterday's branches. (You might be more like a bonsai and not even know it.) Only flowering will reveal your truth to you.

When tears come to your eyes, know that you've reached new growth. Know that you've reached your dahlia/דַּלְיָה/داليا. When you feel as vulnerable as a little girl or woman {x²}, know that you've reached your dahlia/דַּלְיָה/داليا. When you feel verklempt, know that you've reached your dahlia/דַּלְיָה/داليا. You're growing. Therefore you'll eventually fruit. It's all happening in your soul.

Words concretize an experience of being in your imagination that may have started in your conscious, subconscious and unconscious mind without words. This is, again, why I stress the importance of talking to yourself. If you don't raise your awareness of this inner verbal process, you aren't going to know what you're doing for you. And then all bets are off. You're going to disrespect other people's boundaries. You're going to hurt, insult or steal from them to express and magnify what you're doing to you.

Jews, Christians and Muslims understand the concept of boundaries. Somehow their parents instilled a respect for themselves that they'll carry with them to their last dying day. And when they leave this world, they'll instinctively know how to cross that boundary, too, bringing even their ego with them.

*“Such are those from whom We will accept their noblest works
and whose misdeeds We shall overlook.
We shall admit them among the heirs of paradise:
true is the promise that has been given them.”*
[46:16]

“Such are those from whom **WE** will accept their noblest works
and whose misdeeds **WE** shall overlook.
WE shall admit them among the heirs of ‘paradise:’
true is the promise that has been given them.”

This passage continues the idea presented in the previous passage. {“*Inspire me, Lord, to give thanks for the favors YOU have bestowed on me and on my parents.*”} GOD gave each of us our parents, and we began the process of learning right from wrong from them. We appreciate our parents’ gifts as GOD-given if we can make the spiritual connection between them and us.

That doesn’t mean our parents were perfect; it doesn’t mean we are, either. It means there’s a connection between parents and child, like a relay race in which they pass off a baton to us each time we circle the track. In the familial race we run (or ran) we should decide for ourselves which batons we’re going to take over our finish line and which we’re going to throw away along the way. Question what you’ve been given and what you pass on.

Your parents and loved ones were instrumental in teaching you to add words to the forces within you when you were an infant and young child. But they gave you more than a spiritual vocabulary. They motivated you to place your attentions on various parts of your tree.

Those who are focused on their roots will love history and preserving the foundations of faith. Those who are focused on their trunk will pursue money, property and prestige by becoming pillars of society. Those who love their boughs will embrace science and technology. Those who love their branches will reach out to others through hospitality or healing. And those who love the tips of their twigs will seek to learn how to grow through the arts.

We must all learn about self-love and the value of appreciating life as a process that’s recycling around us what’s going on within. Our tutors and classmates in this school can only model the best they have to offer if they know what they’re offering themselves.

Therefore, each of us must delve down into our soul to perceive the challenges GOD has given us alone.

We’re not at all equal {=}. We’re all equivalent {±}. Therefore you should reject those notions your parents taught you that are interfering with your ability to love yourself and your inner life. This is an ongoing test from GOD that nobody should attempt to take for you. Everything you think, feel, want and conclude has your name on it and is written in your handwriting. You won’t be able to blame anyone for very long for what’s been done to you or what you’ve done to yourself. Your tests are yours alone, and they’re always coming.

*“There are rewards for all,
according to their deeds,
so that He may duly require them for their works.”*
[46:19]

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according to their deeds,*

so that **HE** may duly require them for their works.”

GOD will even the score. **HE**’ll prune you in the springtime, whether you like it, or not.

HE’ll harvest you in the fall and, eventually, in the winter of your days, **HE**’ll fell you like a tree. Even if you feel you aren’t winning in life; feeling as though your life is just a sport in your eyes – **HE**’s still going to incentivize you in those ways you’ve played the game fairly.

Look more closely at what you’re doing and how little you may be saying to yourself about what you’re doing. You may be surprised about how much you’re thinking about that you’re not yet fully putting into words. You’ll never be able to read your own mind if you don’t figuratively write down what you’re saying in inner space. That wall you built was so that you’d read the handwriting on it.

Whether or not you feel good about what you’re missing {such as money, love or health} there’s a mystery unfolding in which **GOD** will allow you to earn greater rewards than I can possibly put into words. Therefore speak up inside!

Spiritual linguistics is more than an inquiry into the **WORDS** of **GOD**. It’s an inquiry into the words you’re using in varying places in inner space. It’s the study of how you were personally made in **GOD**’s images to use **HIS** **WORDS** to benefit yourself through all of your deeds. Spiritual linguistics is the study of the self using all seven of the world’s major faiths and **philosophies** as your lexicon. Spiritual linguistics is the way to reunite humanity despite the consequences of the Tower of Babel story that left us all struggling to understand ourselves.¹⁰⁴

You can learn to understand yourself, and others. Learning foreign languages will help in this regard, but it isn’t necessary to become a polyglot to communicate with every person on Earth. Many feel separated from others because they think too far into their future or too far into their past. They don’t want to remain for very long in the now where their serpent is constantly chattering in their ear about what “it” wants.

For the longest time, I lived my life on stage. What I mean by that is that my inner house only had three walls. The fourth side was exposed to the world, to an inner audience and to the Lord. I felt cold, vulnerable and scrutinized. So I built a fourth wall I could use to conceal me from “them.” And I thought it would also (conveniently) conceal me from **GOD**. But it only concealed me from myself.

¹⁰⁴ You might like to imagine me as someone who’s also having a conversation with the Archangel Gabriel. I see no reason in the world why he wouldn’t want to talk to someone like you, too.

Denial is a self-constructed wall that you don't even know you've built. But just because someone modeled for you how to build it doesn't relinquish you from your responsibility to "tear down that wall."¹⁰⁵

If you're on stage, but you find you've built a wall to protect yourself from your audience, know that you don't have to perform your script just as it's been written. You don't have to constantly prepare for the next scene by practicing your lines. You can change the wording. You can leave whole paragraphs out of your character's role. You can even add words your character had never considered uttering before. Your play will become much more exciting if you can learn to improvise. Denial is the memorized script you hear others uttering. Honesty, sincerity and authenticity is improvisation in the moment that you don't even have to think about in advance.

To profit more from what you're thinking, witness yourself as you flow through the three states of subjective time. (1) life after life {the ultimate future}; (2) life in the moment {the ultimate here-and-now}; and (3) life as it was before {your intimate relationship with your past that you can come to interpret differently}.

Watch how you feel when in each of these states of mind. You may find that you're quite devoid of feeling, much like a private eye scoping out a crime scene. You may find that you're calculating and cold in a good way. Feeling can actually be a rare experience that takes you out of subjective time and brings you into a "heavenly" or "hellish" moment quite divorced from how you experience time generally.

When I was a young man, the drug L.S.D. was popular. But there was always the worry that you might have a bad trip. Life is like a journey with many bad trips, whether you take drugs, or not. The problem with drugs is that the wonderful thrill of being on stage in the limelight doesn't last forever. Sooner or later, you find one of your selves sitting in the audience watching you; you find one of your selves behind the curtain reading your lines to you mockingly; or you find one of your selves writing a critical review of you telling you saying you've failed.

Life is a trip, and drugs will accentuate the truth of that statement in unanticipated ways. But if you give alcohol and drugs a chance to get to know you, they'll come to know you better than you know yourself. Just meeting up with them occasionally may not be enough to hurt you, but intimacy with them will subtract from intimacy with yourself.

In short, you should become a private eye in search of evidence for who you are and who you're not. But if you don't know that a crime has been committed against your own humanity, you're not going to understand what's happened to you inside. You're going to think you're going crazy. You're going to want to kill yourself, as I did: literally. Or, you're going to try to kill yourself through escapist behaviors that you're already well aware you're doing.

For some, life is a soppy, sentimental rags-to-riches theatrical comedy. For others it's a diabolical drama filled with revenge. For me, it's a murder mystery and a farce in which the victim didn't die, but always gets himself back in situations when he wishes he could call "Suicide Prevention" to get him out of the mess he's gotten himself into...

¹⁰⁵ Words in a speech made by President Ronald Reagan in Berlin in 1987 demanding that the Russians tear down the Berlin Wall, which had been in place since 1961.

You're going to want to decide what the Playwright wrote out as your main plot. And you're going to want to fast-forward to the end to figure out how you're going to go back to give your main character lines that will advance your story to create the best finish ever.

When you pay attention to all three states of your unique expression of subjective time, time becomes a meaningful part of your life. And after you've seen your relationship with you improve, you'll then see your relationships with others improve.

You should become your own pharaoh and Joseph. You should interpret your dreams. I can't give you answers to your dreams for you. GOD didn't put me here to be your answer man. The solution to your mystery isn't going to raise my G.P.A. in the slightest. I'm only writing all this out for myself. Helping you helps me.

You can do your best to prepare for your future by planning ahead, but the outcome of your life will always remain a partnership with GOD that you're going to want to work on in the here-and-now. The more you focus on the thoughts and feelings you're having in every moment, the more you'll be challenged to use your conscience all the more as your guide. And the more that happens, the more you'll be allowed to revisit your past and clean up the mess you left behind within when you ran away from the challenge of making you your moral guide.

There's an ethical reason for everything. You can get through the moral labyrinths {syndromes} inside you with GOD's help. I'm not your apostle, prophet, emissary or savior. You are.

The two inner places {here} and {now} are connected by free will. You're free to use your will to connect them, or you're free to use willpower alone. You're free to seek freedom, and you're free to seek autonomy. {And we all do both.} It will all turn out for you just as it should in accordance with GOD's designs. HE doesn't have to see your whole future. HE can determine what will happen in the next second based on what you're doing, or not doing, now.

GOD, obviously, chose for me not to die from my suicide attempts. But I'm sure that decision was based on who I was then. Who I've become now couldn't have come up then. Who I am now is based on millions of decisions I've made since then that HE's responded to since. My good luck was earned little by little. But I had to invest in hope to receive its dividends.

There are incentives for all, according to their deeds. GOD has a plan in place that will both reward and avenge you over time, whether or not you're aware of HIS process. If you think you can watch your approach to perfection without doing a thing to morally improve yourself, you're looking through the mind's eye of your spiritual infant, still figuratively held in the arms of its mother.

Your mother was the only person on Earth who ever looked at you as perfection already personified. **GOD** sees you as perfection potentially personified. There's a big difference between your mother's view of you and **GOD**'s. And there's an even bigger difference between your inner mother's opinion of her darling little baby and reality. And every person on Earth you meet is going to make that eminently clear to you over time.

*"We destroyed the cities which once flourished around you,
and made plain Our revelations to their people,
so they might return to the righteous path.
Why did their gods not help them,
the gods they had set up besides Ours to bring them close to Him?
Indeed, they utterly forsook them.
Such were their lies and such their false inventions."
[46:27-28]*

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the gods they had set up besides **OURS** to bring them close to him?
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Such were their lies and such their false inventions."*

When the Archangel Gabriel talks about the **GOD** of the angels, he talks about **OUR GOD**. When you and I talk about **GOD**, we talk about our **GOD**.

It wasn't just hundreds of years ago that **GOD** destroyed the cities which once flourished in the Middle East. **HE**'s done so to Iraq, Syria and Libya just in the past decade. And there's reason for the rest of the Muslim nations to be nervous about their future with all sorts of *Muslim* terrorists creeping around with their eye on overrunning Mecca. The Palestinians are on the edge of destruction because of their wanton wish to take Jerusalem. Beware! The future is unfolding just as it should.

GOD's designs depends on man's plans. But GOD and HIS nature always bats last.¹⁰⁶

The more you look at yourself with the insight of hindsight, the more you'll be able to prepare for what will be, with foresight. The handwriting is on the wall for those in the here-and-now. But people don't have the know-how to read it. They don't have the courage to embrace it. And they don't have the goodness to thank GOD for every word of it.

"hell" knows no fury like Y.H.V.H. Jesus *Allah* scorned. Righteous intention is the name of the game. Making peace with your LGBT+ and Jewish neighbors can't happen unless you learn how to make peace with your prostate/Skene's gland {ego} without figuratively sticking your head up through your anus and, thereby, make a fool of yourself. It all begins as an inside job. It's all a grab for power. Your conscience has to become soulful for your actions to be sanctified by the Lord.

The Holy Scriptures aren't constructed with WORDS/WORDS/*Words* that died after having sat on shelves gathering dust for millennia. They're the living WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of our Lord. And those who believe in HIM are obliged to use all the WORDS of GOD to improve themselves, not just those WORDS/WORDS/*Words* they choose to use to avoid their guilt until now. {Without minorities to mirror your guilt for you – you'd be lost.}

You have your syndromes within your grasp, yet you may not be able to share them with yourself because you may still not consciously understand how you were made. There are so many out there who aren't curious to discover how GOD made them in HIS unique images. You're one of the lucky ones. GOD made you like a sand dune that constantly shifts in the wind. It's as simple as that. But your confusion is lifting. You're getting a better sense of where you are.

It makes poetic sense that the Abrahamic faiths were all created in a desert terrain. Man is as dry as a bone inside. He wanders over sand dunes in search of one oasis after another, calling each person, place or thing that quenches his thirst "A Well of Happiness." And yet, over time, everything and everyone dries up, forcing him to move on to find somewhere else to go to overcome spiritual dehydration.

¹⁰⁶ The expression is "Nature bats last." It's a baseball metaphor. The team that is up to bat in the last inning has the advantage. In modern idiom, it means that our days are numbered.

The important thing I'd like you to take away from this is that you shouldn't separate GOD from nature. Your nature will be revealed to you through Mother Nature. Some are drowning in self-indulgences. Others are shriveling up inside like moist, green leaves that turn crimson-red, then brown, and then crack and crumble to dust. Your four seasons will come to an end. Your time here is finite.

Surah 47
سورة محمد
Muhammad

In many ways, this surah is the core of the Quran. It comes after the surah on sand dunes and before the surah on victory. When you read my interpretations of this surah, you'll see the philosophy that's motivated *Muslims* to become terrorists. You'll see their twisted truth. Theirs is the essence of a misguided faith. This surah is where the old meets the new. This is where poetry meets prose and I meet you.¹⁰⁷

*“God will bring to nothing the deeds of those who disbelieve
and debar others from His path.
As for the faithful who do good works
and believe in what has been revealed to Muhammad -
which is the truth from their Lord -
He will forgive them their sins
and ennoble their state.”*
[47:1-4]

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and debar others from **HIS** path.
As for the faithful who do good works
and believe in what has been revealed to Muhammad -
which is the truth from their Lord -
HE will forgive them their sins
and ennoble their state.”

As for the faithful, don't get too comfortable. There are those who do good works out of guilt after the fact and those who do good works before they take action. This is **GOD**'s department to sort out. We can't know what anyone is, or isn't, thinking. We can only try

¹⁰⁷ If you're a Muslim terrorist reading this, I hope you realize that **GOD** can forgive any guilt you may have if you're willing to work with **HIM**. If Moses was a murderer who could achieve the heights to which he rose, you can raise your moral standing of yourself with **GOD**'s help, too. But don't expect to come out smelling like a rose or looking like a hero. When you cut out cancer, you usually have to dig deep.

to do our best to elucidate HIS path through respectful discussion, debate and negotiation with one another, as well as with actions from within. This is what Jews and Christians are trying to convince Muslims of in the Middle East. What we should do here at home is to figure out that which is evil from that which is good, and then add to that everything we can muster that's right, so we can do even better. This alone will achieve the very best.

The LGBT+ community isn't perverted. Africans don't have black hearts. Asians aren't shifty-eyed. Women aren't ancient conspirators in league with the devil or cows to be herded like cattle. And Jews aren't evil incarnate. The idea that Israel is going to upset your eternal plans is the result of ancient prejudices you need to stop yourself from buying into.

The Jews, Christians and Muslims aren't members of cults that will take over the world. The truth is as real as you're able to perceive it. If you want to see more clearly, earn the right to open your inner eyes; remove the veil from your heart; and break the seal on your soul. This will prepare you for the circumcision to come. This will bring my knife that little bit closer to you without you freaking out that I'm going to literally plunge it into your breastplate. Don't worry. By the time you get to Book Seven, my knife will be in your hand and when the time comes you'll circumcise your soul yourself.

What was revealed to the Prophet must be updated if we're going to make the best use of his revelations today. To continue to use Tanach, the Gospels and the Quran in their original forms without modernization and consolidation is a form of rejection of history and blasphemy we can't afford to indulge in any longer. Our ancestors made mistakes we have the luxury today to no longer repeat. But this can only be done by thanking our forefathers; appreciating our many selves; and showing all the more gratitude to GOD for allowing us to move this world ever closer to HIS "abode."

Jews are the people of the scroll. Muslims are the people of the book. But the Christians have done something very interesting for us all. Today's computers have given us books in the form of electronic scrolls. They're providing us pages that unfold like a scroll, but in an up-and-down direction. Think of the original Hebrew scrolls as unrolled from east to west {counterclockwise} and read from East to West {right to left}. Now think of turning those scrolls North to South. And think of words as being written today from right-to-left or left-to-right as you unravel the message vertically up {"heaven"} and down {Earth} on virtual scrolls.

Most of us use our computer to take us where we want to go within the parameters of safe, virtual space. But there are those who are using knowledge for evil. They rob us online by phishing for information to use against us. Modern men and women are people of a virtual scroll whether they believe in the commonplace understanding of GOD/GOD/God, or not. But if you're going to go phishing, remember Jesus. HE was the first to fish for men.

The technological magic we enjoy and participate in today was mainly achieved thanks to American, Christian ingenuity. It's a modern rendition of the ancient Jewish scroll that makes everything we learn today an unfolding by way of unravelling information from the bottom up to the top.

What you get out of all that you read in the brief moment that it appears on your inner screen is up to you. Your education lies in your own hands. There's no activity more

personal and intimate than reading all about you by yourself. (Reading about others is like sex without a body. But reading to inform you about yourself is intimacy with someone you're coming to love.)

Only by combining the wisdom of Judaism, the love of Christianity and the loyalty of Islam will we guide our children further up the moral mountain with today's contemporary ladders of knowledge. Those who are afraid of having their faith diluted by other Abrahamic faiths will try to curtail their children from climbing this spiritual scaffolding to see the world from a greater height. We should all endeavor to overcome hypocrisy by teaching the next generation to strive for something we know in our heart would be best for us all.¹⁰⁸

What was revealed to Muhammad – which is more truth from our Lord – will forgive us our sins and ennoble our state. None of us can go on this journey alone, even though all of us must go on this journey alone, together. We need the whole world to help in this endeavor. Each of us has opinions that have developed into prejudices that we may not be able to overcome from the outside without looking at the source of our dislikes from within. We can embolden the path of peace by allowing those with more open heads, hearts and souls to help guide us.

*“When you meet the nonbelievers in the battlefield,
strike off their heads and,
when you have laid them low,
bind your captives firmly.
Then grant them their freedom
or take a ransom from them,
until war shall lay down her burdens.”
[47:6]*

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until war shall lay down her burdens.”*

We've seen members of ISIS literally cut off their enemies' heads. They may claim to be upholding this passage of the Quran, but they don't have the education to ponder what this passage means for them personally.

¹⁰⁸ I've been told that some religious JEWS are forbidden or curtailed from using the Internet by their rabbi. That's like owning an orchard and refusing to allow your children to pick its fruits for fear that they'll bite into a worm.

First of all, the men *Islamic* militants are killing aren't nonbelievers. This is a grave error. They're killing believers who follow GOD's first, middle or last name. For this reason alone, men of faith need to come together to discuss their differences, not fight over them.

The only way to change opinions is by filling the hole in another person's head, not by literally removing it. Feelings aren't changed by cutting out a person's heart. Feelings are changed by using the love in your heart to influence a person's feelings. And because you can't literally touch the soul of anyone, you can't reach his/her soul no matter what you do to someone's body. The actions taken by *Islamic* terrorists are expressions of the gravely insane.

Secondly, the war I'm fighting isn't the same as the war the *Islamic* terrorists are fighting. I'm fighting to make the *words* of Muhammad sing in everyone's soul. They're fighting to make the *words* of Muhammad groan in everyone's gut.

The problem with Christianity in the past was that the churches was too eager for their congregants to die for their beliefs. They've since learned that death may be instantaneous but suffering through a life of pain can feel interminable if you don't feel GOD's intentions through all of your own designs. The "hell" CHRISTIAN religious leaders still threaten their congregants with today is a mirror of the "hell" they, themselves, are living in. And they're willing to put anyone on the planet through "hell" here on Earth to get what they want.

The "hell" *Muslims* are creating for themselves in Africa and the Middle East is like the "hell" the Christians pulled themselves out of after the Second World War. And yet, all forms of "hell" in the "afterlife" are mere mirrors of the "hell" we seem to continue making for one another here-and-now.

If the hyper-religious JEWS were better leaders they'd show others how to bind their captives firmly and then grant them their freedom. When you use the truth skillfully, you bind others inside. The freedom all people yearn for is peace within themselves while they're here on Earth. Therefore it makes a lot more sense to turn life on Earth into a "heavenly" reward for everyone, an optimistic preview to an even greater reward to come, than to turn life on Earth into "hell," a pessimistic preview to an even worse punishment yet to come. The only ransom you can hold over people is the truth.¹⁰⁹

Islam follows the last name of GOD because Muslims realize their lifetime is their last chance to get it right. Falling down the steps to GOD's other throne {"hell"} is the worst of all possible outcomes. Muslim "hell" may be better than Christian "hell." And Christian "hell" may be better than the "hell" Jews, gays and other minorities have had to go through

¹⁰⁹ The concept of "hell" is very similar to what Dante described in "The Inferno," a place of gradations of discomfort, pain and suffering depending on your crime.

here on Earth. But in the end, no one can get us out of the “hell” we often find ourselves in except ourselves with the help of one another and GOD.

On first glance, Muslim “heaven” may look much sexier, passionate and appealing than Christian “heaven.” Muslim “heaven” is tailor-made for straight, *Muslim* men. But it isn’t a place anyone else would even want to visit, including, I presume, Muslim women.

And as for as Christian “heaven,” who wants to go to a place where you have to put on wings and take your genitals off? My peter is more important to me than Peter’s gate is to him. I can just imagine all the genitalia piled up at that gate that Christians have had to leave behind... Without my desires, what’s left of me?

The problems between Catholics and Protestants in Ireland today, and the problems between the Russian Orthodox, Catholics and Protestants in Europe in the past may look as though it was tense. But today’s Christian problems are nothing compared to the utter destruction and disrespect of life that’s occurring between *Sunnīs* and *Shīites* in the Middle East these days.

Christians are far less willing to repeat their past mistakes. Christians can see that their past looks a lot like Syria looks today...

I like to listen to what I’m thinking because beneath my thoughts are often very powerful feelings. I don’t want to judge my thoughts and feelings. I want to question them. This gives greater meaning to my desires.

You can question other people all day about their behavior, but it isn’t going to change what you think of them or how you feel about them. But if you question what you think and feel, you’re going to discover very powerful impressions about how life should be lived that you probably concluded when you were very young and inexperienced.

What you think, feel and believe to be true may be very dated by today’s standards. Therefore the importance of talking about your opinions (and the strong feelings beneath them) should be to uncover outdated opinions. Any other reason for talking about others is just gossip.

*“Thus shall you do.
Had God willed,
He could Himself have punished them;
[but He has ordained it thus]
that He may test you,
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The CHRISTIANS think they can't be tested because they believe in Jesus. Just declaring their faith in HIM, they think, is enough to get them into HIS “heaven.” The *Muslims* think they're beyond being tested by virtue of their belief in the *words* of the Prophet. Just declaring their faith in *Allāh*, they think, is enough to get them into *His* “heaven.”

Only the JEWS believe that they're constantly being tested until the very end. But they also believe that so long as they don't suck penises, or have anal sex with anyone, male or female, they assure themselves that they're going to be rewarded in the “afterlife.” So long as they take Leviticus 18 and 20 literally, they think they're in the clear. It makes me wonder whether their idea of an “afterlife” would probably be a place without penises, clitorises and anuses, too. No thank you!

If life is a school with **GOD** as our Teacher, it's the height of arrogance for any student to think he's beyond being tested because he's a personal friend of the SON of the BOSS or *His* right-hand man. No one is beyond learning. No one is a spectator brought here only to watch the class. We're all participating in the Teacher's curriculum. We're all being tested one by the other. {And what you do in bed with your study partner ought to be graded for mutual intensity, not perversity.}

Life is, in many ways, not like a school. It's more like a slaughterhouse where many of the cattle today are being culled from the herd. The hyper-religious should always look back with guilt at how they once tried to cull the herd of calves {Jews}.

Wolves {CATHOLICS} and Foxes {PORTESTANTS} and bears {Russian Orthodox CHRISTIANS} have also culled their flocks of what they considered to be “black” sheep. They should be outraged at the moral bankruptcy of their ancestors.

Today the wild cats {*Muslims*} are bound and determined to catch all the mice and remove them from their nests. The killing of what they consider to be vermin {Jews} is nothing compared to what they plan to do in the future to all others. Don't believe the cats when they tell you they have nothing personal against mice.

Peace will only come to the Middle East when Jews, Christians and Muslims take over running the Middle East. And I'll know that that has happened when I can marry a man in any country I want to in the Middle East and Africa. Marriage equality is the essence of all equality.

If the Jews, Christians, Muslims and the LGBT+ community don't proclaim the truth more loudly, the bears, wolves, foxes and wild cats will continue to argue their dogmatic truths until we're all blue in the face.

They'll insist Halloween comes only once a year, when we know the truth: political vampires are sucking the life force out of the masses. Hyper-religious zombies are insisting there are no problems being created in their religious schools. And monsters with an insatiable hunger for money are biting off people's heads to get into their wallet.

Everyone claims to know all about the Creation story in Torah. But few want to discuss with themselves what it feels like to be like forbidden fruit. There are no linguistic

coincidences in the way words work their way out of our head and into our actions. There's a spiritual process at play that people indulge in with only semiconscious understanding of the tremendous importance and power of words.

People think, feel, want, believe and behave without making any effort to express their inner forces in words that truly move them to behave more righteously. And then they wonder why free will leads to guilt, mishaps and disasters.

The spiritual linguistical process mirrors eating. {No surprise since the forbidden fruit metaphor rests upon the concept of consumption.} We bite into new ideas; chew on other people's opinions; swallow scientific principles; and digest theoretical hypotheses. Then we use all we've consumed to energize us; evacuating everything we can't stomach or don't need.

When we turn around to look at what we've left behind us in life, we may feel guilty at how piggishly we behaved and how much we cleared out of our system in inappropriate ways and at indelicate moments. Man leaves a trail like horse's manure on city street behind him. But does he consider this when presuming his innocence or right to a "heavenly" reward?

There is such a thing as a Freudian slip. A Freudian slip is something that you belch up unexpectedly from the bowels of your being that leaves a bad taste in your mouth about what you think of yourself, to say nothing of how you've disgusted many others around you.

You decide what you're going to munch on. You decide what you're going to swallow and what you're going to refuse to even taste when it comes to mind.

If you still think the Creation story is only at the beginning of Torah and, therefore, isn't important to Christianity and Islam, guess again. If you still think pain and suffering aren't indicators of your spiritual lessons, guess again. And if you still think the outcome of the land of Israel isn't important to your wellbeing, guess yet again.

The lust of other people's money is the root of all evil because the lust for money will lead people to consume their own feces in an attempt to get something that isn't theirs. Neither the look nor smell of them (or their money) would revolt them if they'd just question with greater, spiritual regard what comes out of such behavior. Everything they do do, they don't have to tolerate. But they don't have to admire or adore it, either. They're not toddlers anymore.

"heaven" and "hell" were easier to unconsciously slip into and out of in the past because the institutions of religion were so at odds with one another. Today we're working so much more cooperatively together to help the common man discern good from evil.

But if you think the label of the faith you profess will be enough to get you into "heaven" or out of "hell," you're living a fantasy and need to wake up to reality. If you think it's good to be white and bad to be black; if you think it's right to be Christian and wrong to be Muslim; or if you think it's better to be a straight JEW and worse to be a gay-Jew – you've got a lot more chutes to go down before you find your way up to your next ladder.¹¹⁰

If you think Islam is the only true religion, you're as stupid as the JEW who thinks Judaism is the only true religion. And the same thing must be said about CHRISTIANS

¹¹⁰ "Chutes and Ladders" is a children's board game and a metaphor for life. As such, it's arguably the most philosophical of ways of looking at luck.

who think Christianity is the only true religion. Reality is real. And opinions are like sphincters because inside of each one of them, there's an ego that regulates how and when a man is going to spread his seed deep into something he thinks he needs to contribute to.

Fill the hole in your head or walk around in life exposing your hole to the whole world. You can already guess what people are going to call you. And it ain't "holy." It's "asshole."

If you were brainwashed by your parents, your religious leaders or your political leaders to think that your way is the only high way, and that the rest of us are going low, you're suffering from spiritual insanity, and you may not even have a clue that you're crazy.

This world is real because GOD sanctioned it to be this way. We know HE wants it to be this way because HE gave us three, spiritual texts to confirm the truth, each emanating out of a different place in inner space.

If you happen to think the world would be better off without Jews or gays or Muslims or African-Americans, that's your opinion at this time. But it's my opinion that you're going to suffer for those opinions because they'll hurt you over time, even if you excuse yourself because you think you only think that way.

We know that your head, heart and soul are in agreement with your penis. We can see right through you, and, therefore, we all know what you're going to do. You're going to shaft us. We've seen it so many times before. Don't tell us that this time is different. You're insulting our intelligence.

Of course, you have the freedom to think whatever you please. And you certainly have the liberty to feel any way you wish. You can even claim that you're your "God's" gift to emancipate the world.

But you don't have the option of avoiding the consequences to come. We're going to stop you from believing that your opinions are all good; that your arguments are all right; and that you're better than all the rest of us.

We're going to use all of GOD's tools to stop you from believing in yourself if you deny the good intentions of others. If you're a spiritual mess, we're going to expose that mess and rub your nose in it, like a dog that's peed on a bedspread.

Some express their unconscious guilt by projecting it onto some strangers such as gays, blacks, Jews, Catholics, Muslims, immigrants or all men or women. But some don't figuratively throw their guilt that far away. It lands closer to home with family members, spouses, neighbors or colleagues. And some toss their guilt aside inside and suffer with auto-immune diseases in which they figuratively cut themselves millions of times and heal millions of times, thus creating thick spiritual, scar tissue that they'll think of as a badge of honor.

"HE may test you, the one by the other." But you may not like the grade you're getting if you don't ask yourself the point of each of the tests you're going through, as you go through it. It's hard to live in inner reality when your opinions about others are at least 1,000 years behind the times. It's hard to live with Israel again in existence when you've discovered that Israel, like her GOD, is real.

The Second World War was a religious war to wipe out the Jews. Hitler would certainly have continued until there wasn't another Jew left on Earth. Today's wars in the Middle

East are crusades to wipe out the Jews, too. If you think that the Democrats will continue to help the Jews keep our homeland, you may be overestimating the size of their big-tent mentality. And if you think the Republicans will give up their culture war against the gays you may be overly optimistic, too. Thankfully, most of us are politically somewhere in the middle despite our loyalty to one side or the other.

Sometimes we're our own worst enemy only because we don't want to feel bad for some others. We project our guilt onto them, and then want to distract ourselves from our own syndromes by dealing only with theirs.

In an effort to awaken to our loyalty to our principles, our feelings for some others may have to suffer. And those who are most concerned about how the majority will behave are, of course, the minorities. CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* have a history of losing their head over some minority they think is causing all their problems. Hyper-religious escapism from reality is at the root of it all.

None of us wants to be embarrassed by our friends, ashamed of our family or humiliated by strangers. And so, in an effort not to fight with anyone, we bend over backwards not to feel bad about things that *are* bad. But if you don't fight evil on those levels where it's fighting you, you'll be judged as having colluded with it. ("Collusion" has become a very important word of late. But the word "collusion" should be an even more important word in your inner vocabulary.)

Homophobia always ends up creating religious battles in society to stop the LGBT+ community from modeling how to live and let live. If the extremists can cut us off from our penis or clitoris, they think they'll have arrested their own penis problem or clitoris conflict at its source.

Anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism are similar battles to stop the Jews from thinking. If CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* can cut us off from our head, they think they'll be able liberate their black heart or emancipate their godless soul from its impediments.

The gays and Jews are sick and tired of other people's internal wars, externalized! If you must go on a crusade or jihad, go on a crusade or jihad quietly within. Nobody wants to hear about it.

Such people are bullies. And the JEWS aren't any better. There's no there in there. They all need to get with the program. Until they all support gay rights in Israel, including marriage equality, they're going to be on the wrong side of history.

If you make the Jews feel embarrassed about being cheap, you may not feel ashamed of how your parents raised you to love money. If you shame the LGBT+ community into behaving like straights, you may not feel ashamed of how you're behaving in bed. And if you try to make either of us give up our belief, or disbelief, in GOD, you may not feel humiliated at how your parents raised you to covet your "God" as yours alone.

It's not the job of the gays or the Jews to convince you that you're displeasing in your own eyes. That's GOD's department. Let the facts speak for themselves. Let the outcomes of your actions help you determine where you're headed. But I can tell you that if you oppose Israel and free will, your head isn't going to be shoved up your sphincter to get a better view of what's wrong inside of you.

So you may want to seek the courage to look inside yourself by yourself. Nobody is going to force you to do anything you don't want to do. That job is a smelly job that no one is going to do *for* you. We've got our own smelly job to deal with.

For some, forbidden fruit goes in defiantly and comes out guiltily, {anal expulsively} even though it may burn as it's expelled. They never look back at the trail of waste and the pain they've left behind to mark their trek. They seem constitutionally incapable of learning to give to themselves and receive from themselves in return. And so, they're stuck with stealing and making backroom deals to divide up the spoils. This should remind people to avoid rotten fruit to begin with.

*“As for those who are slain in the cause of God,
He will not allow their works to perish.
He will vouchsafe them guidance and ennoble their state;
He will admit them to the paradise
He has made known to them.”*
[47:8]

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HE will vouchsafe them guidance and ennoble their state;
HE will admit them to the ‘paradise’
HE has made known to them.”

Everyone must die, but not everyone will be slain. To be slain means to die a martyr to the wisdom, love and loyalty you brought into this world. It's no great honor to be slain by working for world peace without including inner peace. GOD will not allow your works to perish if you've used them to ennoble the state of yourself through your deeds to others.

I was a perpetrator of crimes against my own humanity who ultimately tried to kill myself. As the result of my foolish acts of vengeance against someone I should have learned to love (not loathe), I became a victim of my own undoing.

But as punishment for my crime against my own humanity, GOD, in HIS infinite wisdom, made me a martyr to HIS cause. Don't talk to me about martyrs. They're all amateurs in my eyes...

We all have a sense of the “paradise” GOD has made known to us. But there's much HE doesn't make known to us, only because we're never given more of the truth than we've

earned. As you learn more about yourself, you'll discover that the "paradise" your community may have brainwashed you into believing in is only a portion of the "paradise" available to you. And your anger at them for having lied to you is a mirror of your anger at yourself for perpetrating their crimes.

"paradise" is a description of the "afterlife" given in terms simple minds can relate to. The word "paradise" {as you already know} comes from the word "פֶּרְדֵּס" {PARDES} which means "orchard." The big picture is actually a much bigger picture than any of us can see from here about what's "there." When you think about death, try to think about "paradise." Try to think about transfiguration {spiritual evolution}.

Don't be in a rush to get out of the intestines of the snake called "time" that swallowed you when you were conceived. Take your time making your way through time. And politely ask for more time if you're reaching its sphincter and are afraid of leaving time as we know it. "Now" is longer, wider and deeper than you may suspect. And what comes after that is anyone's guess.

It's easy to distinguish good from evil if you know what you're looking for inside yourself. It's easy to find yourself in "hell" anywhere on Earth without bothering to look for the evil it reminds you of within. You can't always understand why the people you love may need to suffer or die young. So you may want to develop faith that **GOD** can help you understand everything. But you'' never achieve the outcomes you seek without facing your guilt at your previous lack of guilt. Developing faith in yourself will get you past your prejudices against yourself.

Over time, you're going to be able to look back on your past to see who you once were. But you might feel that you haven't kept up with yourself; you've been so busy just dealing with life on a daily basis. Now is a good time to make up for lost time.

If you find your garage or storage unit bulging with stuff from your past, you might consider that your closet may need sorting out, too. Nostalgia is the pleasant feeling of weightiness when your baggage hasn't gotten too heavy to lift.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* want to avoid guilt and suffering at all cost, but they only subscribe to their own brand of guilt while they claim to be able to be in touch with everyone else's. Instead of wondering why they should have to endure negative emotions, they find some untouchable {pervert} outside their belief system to accuse of sin, instead. In this way, their low opinion of themselves is projected onto a scapegoat and they aren't ever threatened.

In today's world, we're basically given two untouchables to choose from, the gays or the Jews. But you don't have to choose one {homophobia} or the other {Zionism}. You can, instead, infuse one {gays} with the WORDS of **GOD** and the other {Jews} with modernity.

We should all learn more from the suffering we're going through simply because we aren't able to avoid it. We should all feel more curious and guilty about the suffering we're having to endure because it's ours. Blaming it only on others gives up some of our responsibility in **GOD** having allowed it in the first place. Attaching curiosity and guilt to our outcomes shouldn't threaten our self-esteem. It should help it. We should feel grateful about being in a school where suffering is a core curriculum class we're all enrolled in.

Looking out at how well or poorly others are doing isn't all that helpful. Look within first, instead, at how you used to feel.

We live in the age of anxiety. That means that we're all anxious, just at different times about different things. Filling out forms; looking for street addresses; messiness; and spending small sums of money – make me anxious, although you might find that amusing. We're all anxious about those external issues that resonate with our internal issues.

The evil in this world isn't caused by gays or Jews. Most of the evil is unintentionally caused by well-intentioned jackasses who believe in some aspects of "God," but not in all of HIM. They discount half the world (East or West}. Or they discount half their inner world.

The wise among us learn from other cultures and lifestyles because they're the most modern vehicles of spirituality, not "that ol' time religion." Access to other cultures and lifestyles is an important aspect of GOD's message given in the time in which we live. This is why the American culture, generally, is so beloved worldwide. This is why so much of the world identifies with gay culture more than Jewish or Muslim culture at this time in HIS story.

Those who hold opinions that are unwise, unloving or disloyal to themselves aren't only their own worst enemy. They're everyone's worst enemy. We're all adults who've had to go through infancy, childhood and adolescence. But those who got seriously stuck along the way by assholes who couldn't do better themselves can only be helped to a certain point from the outside in. The rest is an inside job.

The defiance of your penis {y} or clitoris {x¹}, poetically speaking, is a given until you discover the source of that defiance in your anus {x²}. The projection of your desires onto others (coveting}, and insistence that your urges and impulses be given what they want by wanting to achieve more for yourself, is normal. Your penis or clitoris will project what you want with anticipations, demands and expectations until you break your projections through inner work. If your head, heart and soul aren't united, you're going to continue to be disappointed in what you get, or don't get, out of life.

It's all a part of GOD's designs. And I'm sure HE wants us all to learn how to become an adult to ourselves and stop parenting others. I'm sure HE wants us to learn how to intelligently ask "Why?" and "Why not?" from within. Only in these ways can we move through our own mystery to become mature adults who can contribute to history.

In the modern world, it takes a village to raise a child. Today's village lies within, and it's made up of a village idiot, a kind neighbor and someone who thinks he's a king living in a castle high on a hill above everyone else. But that's village life in the modern era. That's what it's like to be a little guy suffering with a big ego. That's what it's like to have to listen and learn to discern from others rather than stick your head up your own anus to massage your ego issues to try to achieve a better relationship with yourself.

There's nowhere for you to go until you modernize you. And then you die. If you don't take ownership and responsibility for yourself, you're going to feel alienated, disenfranchised, distant and separate from some aspects of society regardless of where in the world you happen to live. You're going to feel like nobody loves you because the

somebody who should love you is locked in a dungeon being tortured by someone whose face you'll never be able to really see {your own}.

It takes hard work to modernize a village. It forces you to question your infantile thoughts, childish feelings and adolescent beliefs. It challenges you to witness what it is you really want.

Modernizing you is harder work than it looks on paper. But if you don't do it, you won't be allowed to climb the mountain quite as high as you dreamed. You'll remain a king of a mole hill. You won't reach your greatest summit or create a higher acme for your children or others you love.

And when GOD swoops down to gather you or your loved ones up to HIM, none of you will be as close to "heaven" as you would have otherwise been. If your idea of "paradise" disappoints you now, just think of what you may miss when you leave here for the "hereafter" and look back on where you've been.

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if you help God,
God will help you and make you strong.
But the unbelievers shall be consigned to perdition.
He will bring their deeds to nothing.
Because they have abhorred His revelations,
He will frustrate their works."
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If you help GOD realize HIS designs, HE'll help you realize yours. The connection between what HE wants to accomplish and what you want to accomplish won't be any different if you give up your competition with others and start to compete only with yourself. The more you contrast who you were yesterday with who you are today, the more you're going to challenge yourself to improve your two worlds from the inside out. And

the more you improve both your worlds, the more you're going to feel like an integral part of **GOD**'s universal plan for man. Then, suddenly, the village will be at hand. A small town in your Israel will be yours.

If you feel your greatest plans have come to naught, it's because you've secretly abhorred **HIS** revelations. Any disdain you may have for your wellbeing is a sign of a bigger problem that emanates out from between your legs. It's a sign of how you're treating the delivery system of your life-giving force. And it's a sign of your unwillingness to modernize your interpretation or opinion of Scripture.

There are plenty of **JEWS** who live in the past and have problems in modernizing their interpretation and opinion of Tanach. You can see it in their dress. You can see it in their politics. And you can see it in their attitude of fear and suspicion when you greet them.

There are plenty of **CHRISTIANS** who have the same problem with the Gospels. You can see it in the way they vote. You can hear it in their songs. And you can feel it when you talk to them about gays, illegal immigrants, Muslims, vaccinations, and the question of whether black lives should matter. Either all lives matter, or your own life doesn't matter.

And there are plenty of *Muslims* who have problems in modernizing their interpretation and opinion of the Quran. You can see it in their wars. You can see it in their attitude toward Jews everywhere in the world, not just in and around Israel. And even though they say they'd be fine to let Jews live so long as they don't have a homeland in the Middle East, you know in your heart of hearts {soul} that they're talking about "separate, but equal," a policy of exclusion and repression that America tried once and {thankfully!} failed to achieve.

A black heart is always going to find a black man to hate, even if it has to hate a Jew to express itself indirectly. There's no difference between an anti-Semite, anti-Zionist, homophobe, misogynist or racist. They're all cut from the same cloth.

This world looks the way it does because so many people of faith refuse to believe in a modern **GOD**. They can't imagine what **HE**'d look like current and in the know. They can only imagine **HIM** being old, gray and a little out of it. You'd think that if Christians can keep their impression of **GOD** young, vital and timely, **CHRISTIANS** could keep their image of their **GOD** no more than middle aged.

The problem, of course, lies in the Jewish metaphor of **GOD** as our **FATHER**. That left room for **CHRISTIANS** to come up with the idea of their **GOD** as the white **SON** of their **GOD** **FATHER**, even though their **FATHER** and **SON** are both Jewish. Then they concluded that we all need to convert to **CHRISTIANITY** to become like them.

And then the *Muslims* came along and thought it was their obligation to dismiss that metaphor without examination. Muslims say that their *God* is not their *Father*, but their Guardian and Protector. But they also say that every young Muslim son and daughter has to accept his/her father at his *word*, as though their father were like a god. Whether their father's sense of morality rises to the level the son and daughter have set for themselves becomes more questionable in each, successive generation. Materializing a metaphor in the external world doesn't end stinking thinking.

This is why the metaphor of humanity as a family falls apart. People don't want to suffer through 18-21 years of family ties and then go out into the world and have to treat strangers like more family. That doesn't work because so many people have unresolved issues with their family. They're unconsciously treating strangers like they treated their kin or like they would have liked to but couldn't.

You should treat strangers much better than your family! And you should treat your neighbors much better than your relatives. Treat your spouse much better than your clan and treat yourself like you wish your ancestors had treated everyone who entered and left this world before you came into it.

Treating strangers better than family is something you could learn from everyone how to do, including the LGBT+ community. Because so many of us have had to hide our true identity from our family, we're more tolerant, accepting and admiring of our friends. We've created family values from within that surpass those of straight people. Only some straight people know what I mean.

When building a society, you ought to use the metaphor of life as a sport or a game, not a family. You should want to prove to people that there are fans, players and umpires regardless of anyone's religious upbringing. You should want to insure that the owner of each and every little team doesn't get to determine the rules of the game. You should want to make sure that everyone agrees that the way we play the game is more important than whether we win or lose. {And if you feel you need to call people names, (as I most certainly do), you should do so in a way that elevates you, not diminishes you in your own eyes.}

If you use the metaphor of life as a game or a skill, assembling a jigsaw puzzle is a good example of what the process of living looks like. Your left brain $\{y/x^1\}$ works with rational thinking in black and white words. Your right brain $\{x^2\}$ works with creativity, emotionality and color. When you add to what Descartes said, you make the claim, "I think $\{y/x^1\}$ and feel $\{x^2\}$ therefore I am." Then pieces of your big picture come together to inform you more of what you look like from within. With that big picture you can seek

GOD.

*"Have they never journeyed through the land
and seen what was the end of those who have gone before them?
God destroyed them utterly.
A similar fate awaits the nonbelievers,
because God is the protector of the faithful:
because the nonbelievers have no protector."
[47:10]*

*"Have they never journeyed through the land
and seen what was the end of those who have gone before them?
GOD destroyed them utterly.
A similar fate awaits the nonbelievers,*

because GOD is the Protector of the faithful:
because the nonbelievers have no Protector.”

We see here how the Prophet creates the metaphor of GOD as our Protector. This is a more modern view of HIM than what transpired previously in Judaism and Christianity with their GOD as a FATHER. When we perceive GOD as more like a protector, it's because

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we look to ourselves as our primary protector. GOD protects those who protect themselves. No sane human being nowadays puts as much faith in his father as people did in the past.

I couldn't have gotten through two suicide attempts, two involuntary lockups in mental institutions, drug and alcohol addiction, psychotic and neurotic mental disabilities, sexual obsessions and self-hate without an enormous amount of help from my better half. GOD's protection has been the direct result of the degree to which I've learned how to protect myself from me by helping my better, inner half $\{x^2\}$.

I was my own worst enemy. My world within looked like Syria looks today. I had to become a refugee from myself. I was a wanderer in the world, afraid of going home, with nowhere else to go. There were many nonbelievers inside me, and they all claimed to be voices that were looking out for my best interest. {And I foolishly believed them!} I couldn't make peace with myself because I couldn't admit to me $\{x^2\}$ that I couldn't trust me $\{y\}$. (The spiritually under-educated believers cut this corner by putting their trust into their “God” instead of themselves.) I needed to learn how to trust me before I could learn to trust HIM.

GOD is definitely not my FATHER. GOD isn't like a brother to me. “He's” not my mother. “God” isn't my third cousin twice removed. I describe GOD using nouns that don't refer to family. My relationship to my family fell apart with disappointment. Why would I demean GOD by comparing and contrasting HIM to them? HE's greater than that. My own sense of hope is greater than that.

I compare and contrast my family to me to better myself. That I gladly do. There are wonderful virtues in my family members I unconsciously absorbed from them that I haven't yet given myself credit for. And there are terrible vices in them that I'm still learning to get through in me. Memories of the grove in which I was first planted will come with me through life as a reminder of where I came from as I enter every orchard. The conclusion that I'm better than others is useless to me. A test only measures what it measures. Give yourself a different test, and you'll get different results.

My mother was Jewish. My father was JEWISH. And I'm Jew-ISH. That's a lot to deal with for one lifetime. I'm going to work with GOD to make sense of the syndrome created as the result of this conflict I inherited. It's no fault of my own.

“GOD is the Protector of the faithful” in the same way that I relied on my teachers to protect me in class from physical harm, ridicule, scorn and threats from the kids at the back of the room. HE’s my Teacher, not someone I can call on to rid me of my enemies, as you’d sic a dog on a stranger. I’m here to learn from GOD how to learn from me; not to use HIM to justify actions I take out with resentment at how people treated me in the past. What’s happening in the world around me has to be healed from within me. The world isn’t going to stop to wait for me to catch up.

That said, GOD complained to Moses about the behavior of the Israelites after the Golden Calf incident. HE wanted to destroy them, but Moses argued that doing so would ruin GOD’s reputation with those back in Egypt.¹¹¹ This is why GOD shows such patience with the spiritually under-educated believers today who, like Israelites wandering around in a desert, just don’t get what they’re doing wrong or where they should be going.

In today’s world, the spiritually under-educated believers think they need a gun to bring their “God’s” will to life. They think they need to kill an abortion doctor or the allies of gays and Jews, depending on their degree of insanity. The spiritually under-educated believers believe they have to restrict a woman’s right to choose or a gay man’s right to marry because they think they have to interfere with our relationship with their “God” for our sake. The spiritually under-educated believers lie to themselves, telling themselves that they believe their leaders are closer to their “God” than they are. {But many of the true believers often lie to themselves, too, telling themselves that they don’t believe in GOD.}

Therefore, I pray to GOD to save HIS reputation from the deeds of under-educated believers and atheists alike. I remind HIM that HE has a moral duty to thwart those who scheme against HIM, whether or not they claim to believe in GOD/GOD/God.

GOD’s will can be found in Torah, the Gospels and the Quran, but the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims only want to fight over it. Peace with Israel is only the beginning of a long road Muslims must walk uphill with Jews and Christians to come to understand GOD in the modern inner age we live in.

*“God will admit those who embrace the true faith
and do good works
to gardens watered by running streams.*

¹¹¹ “WHY SHOULD THE EGYPTIANS SAY, ‘IT WAS WITH EVIL INTENT THAT HE BROUGHT THEM OUT, TO KILL THEM IN THE MOUNTAINS AND TO WIPE THEM OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH?’” [Exodus 32:12]

*The nonbelievers take their fill of pleasure
and eat as cattle eat:
but the fire shall be their home.”*
[47:11]

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and do good works
to gardens watered by running streams.
The nonbelievers take their fill of pleasure
and eat as cattle eat:
but the fire shall be their home.”

This surah, entitled “*Muhammad*,” brings up the reasons why Islam, Christianity and Judaism weren’t ever expected to achieve GOD’s designs by themselves. It’s impossible to find balance when you have two of anything, each pulls in opposition to the other. It’s only when you have a choice of three options that people begin to pair up meaningfully, as first seen in the story of Noah and the Ark. Pairing creates sharing. People who are paired up with their better half know what I mean. They have no trouble having a better half {their spouse} and themselves. They have no trouble having a better half $\{y/x^1\}$ and a better half $\{x^2\}$. They have no trouble having a better half $\{x^2\}$ and GOD.

Human nature is too contrary to leave the question of immorality to “yes” or “no,” “on” or “off,” or “0” or “1.” It takes a third perspective on human nature to perceive that morality is more like a dial than a switch. Mankind is far too selfish and selfless to achieve spiritual success without learning to balance the two with self-centering. The selfish must learn to share and the selfless must learn to stop sharing. Not good enough is far worse than too good. But too good isn’t good enough either.

To make good decisions, we need the tension from the wisdom in our head; love in our heart; and loyalty emanating throughout from our soul – to achieve our own good. This is true whether or not we were born Jewish, Christian, Muslim or gay.

Evil is meaningless unless we have gradations of evil. Felonies are worse than misdemeanors. Misdemeanors are worse than breaking the rules. Breaking the rules are worse than little, white lies. If not for gradations of evil, there’d be nothing for GOD to judge, and none of us would escape punishment.

Wisdom is the product of mistakes made, apologized for and atoned for with amends to yourself, and others. But love and loyalty are equally meaningless without gradations of further judgments of yourself from within. This makes life complex, mysterious, unpredictable – and fascinating!

We’re all potential inheritors of “paradise.” We – Jews, Christians, Muslims and gays – are all members of the true faith. There can’t be any debate about that. If you think a “heavenly” reward is exclusive to JEWS, CHRISTIANS or *Muslims*, you’re not thinking

like **GOD**. Why would **HE** exclude the wise, the loving or the loyal just because of their faith {or lack of faith}? Why would the gender of your partner make any difference to your moral destination?

JEWISH dogma, CHRISTIAN dogma and *Muslim* dogma simply make no sense. They're all crazy. {Pick the brand of insanity you like, but don't allow it to take you for a ride. There's more to life than NEWS, WEATHER and *Sports*.}

The debate today over whether Jerusalem is a gift that has finally been returned to the Jewish people depends on what you consider a gift to be. You can see a gift as coming from GOD. You can see a gift as coming from GOD. Or, you can see a gift as coming from *God*. But only **GOD** can return a gift given by you that someone took away. This is the mystery behind miracles. This is the mystery of a life "after" life.

If you want to be a gift to yourself and the world, you're going to want to see some personal good that comes out of yourself. That gift from you and for you should begin with the possibility that Jews may know something you don't, and Christians may love some ONE Jews don't. We could all be sharing what we know and love with one another without insisting on sharing the real estate **HE** gave to the Jews alone. All it would take is loyalty.

That's the gift that Muslims have that they aren't yet willing to share with themselves.

When a recipe requires you to add salt to the soup you're making, you don't need to sprinkle it throughout the contents of the pot. You can throw all the salt in at once because you know you're going to stir the pot anyway. The salt will add seasoning to everything throughout the soup.

Such is the wisdom the Jews add to the other faiths and **philosophies**. That's not self-congratulatory. That's simply what it means to be proud of your contribution in helping make spiritual soup. Everyone should feel that way about what they're bringing to the recipe that will be shared at the spiritual table.

The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* don't have a clue how to cook. They only know how to eat. Don't listen to them when they warn you against commending yourself. Try adding compliments to yourself like condiments to a soup and see what you taste like then. I can assure you that when you compliment yourself for something very small and seemingly unimportant to anyone else, it's like adding flavor to the mix. And you'll be rewarded for that with greater vision of your progress.¹¹²

Since we're all talking about the same **GOD**, sooner or later we're going to come to the conclusion that **HIS** will is ultimately going to prevail regardless of our will. Those who want to hedge their bets by maintaining that *His* will is going to include the destruction of the State of Israel are going to do their utmost to keep the fight going as long as they can. Those who want to dismember marriage equality will do the same. And then {after life}, perhaps, they'll all be allowed to understand why they got what they got for their efforts.

¹¹² Just don't add too much salt {wisdom}. That creates a reaction in others (such as stubbornness), which isn't healthy and causes all sorts of heart problems.

But I wouldn't expect much. I don't think **GOD** needs to explain **HIMSELF**. When you take a wrong turn when driving your car, you simply end up where you end up. I think it's the same with life "after" life.

Self-knowledge is dependent on **GOD**'s will. The distinctions between the three faiths will continue until everyone does his part to see all three working for unification from within.

There are only a few examples in Torah of **GOD** referring to himself as "WE." There are no examples in the Gospels of **GOD** referring to **HIMSELF** as **GOD**, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In the Gospels, the relationship of Jesus to **HIS FATHER** implies the "WE" of Jesus with **HIS** followers. And it implies **GOD** with **GOD** with Christians.

But in the Quran, we're given so many examples of *God* referring to *Himself* in the first person singular {**IT**} and plural {**WE**}, and the third person singular {**HE**}, that it isn't odd for **HIM** to change pronouns even in a single passage. From a spiritual linguistics point of view, we should look at this as intentional. **GOD** is giving us the opportunity to make these connections within ourselves in order to better figuratively find our way to **HIM**.

If we continue to keep the Abrahamic faiths separate and exclusive, we're missing the opportunity of becoming more **GOD**-like. And that should be deeply offensive and troubling to everyone who seeks individuality. Your uniqueness is dependent on your ability to perceive your special participation in **HIS** designs.

The confrontation Moses had with **GOD** at the Burning Bush happened about 500 years before it was first recorded in writing. It was passed down as an oral tradition, perhaps even through poems and songs. The connection Jesus had with **HIS** flock was probably first written down around 70 C.E., about 40 years after **HIS** death by **HIS** apostles. But the communication between the Archangel Gabriel and Muhammad happened more or less in real time. It began in 610 C.E. when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Muhammad in the Hira cave near Mecca, where he recited to him the first verses. Throughout his life, Muhammad continued to have revelations until his death in 632 C.E. The Quran we read today was compiled into book format by Uthman, the third caliph {reign 644 to 656 C.E.}. That occurred no more than 25 years after the death of the Prophet.

From this, we should conclude that **GOD** took 500 years to record **HIS** first name in ancient man's mind; 50-70 years to record **HIS** second name in the ancient man's heart; ^{H12} while *His* third name was recorded more or less as it was being presented to ancient man's soul.

That doesn't mean the *Muslims* have the right to wipe the Jews and Christians off from the face of the Earth to replace **GOD**'s first and second names with *His* last name. It means

we should learn about all three of HIS names and then talk to ourselves to figure out HIS designs for us individually.

The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* today are so quick to conclude that their way is the only high way. But that conclusion isn't wise or loving. And it certainly couldn't be loyal to HIS designs. Be realistic! There's only ONE GOD even though there are as many ways to approach HIM as there are people on the planet.

The Jews and Muslims have always been quick to conclude that when it comes to practical matters: $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$. Both faiths have denounced Christianity as being a religious impossibility. But that isn't polite, and it isn't even true. In spiritual terms, when mathematically observed from within rather than from without: $1 + 1 + 1 \pm 1$. The combination of your head, heart and soul make you one whole person, not three people in search of one.

To teach man to be wise, GOD needed 600,000 witnesses {Israelites} to participate in HIS design. To teach man to be loving, HE only needed about 5,000 witnesses to participate in HIS design. But to teach man to be loyal, He needed only one man who witnessed an angel come into his life.

You have the capacity to be like an angel in disguise to you. Don't deny yourself that opportunity. Whether you call that angel in disguise Elijah, Jesus or the Archangel Gabriel shouldn't matter to anyone but you.¹¹³ Don't fight over the messenger. What difference does it make who your postman is if you don't read your mail?

If you have the capacity to separate the figurative forces of your head, heart and soul and then reunite them in your unique, individual way, you should have no difficulty in coming to understand GOD and HIS designs for you. It shouldn't be that hard to explain yourself to others if you express your personal intentions accurately in words. Words are all we've got. When we run out of words we always use bullets and bombs to express ourselves.

"The nonbelievers take their fill of pleasure and eat as cattle eat." This begs the question, how cattle eat. In the Book of Exodus, Pharaoh had a dream that only Joseph could explain. Pharaoh dreamed that seven, fat cows came out of the Nile proceeded by seven, lean cows that ate them up. [Exodus 7:11] The fat cows were grazing on grass, but the lean cows were carnivores that ate the fat cows.

In those days, men were like lean or fat cows. Either they consumed what the earth gave them, or they preyed on one another. Modern man is an omnivore, not an herbivore or carnivore. He'll eat anything. The distinction between the poor who live off the land and the rich who eat meat isn't as distinct anymore.

¹¹³ "Elijah was a Hebrew prophet in the 9th Century B.C.E. who was persecuted for denouncing Ahab and Jezebel. He sought to abolish idolatry and restore justice. According to the Bible, he did not die but was carried skyward in a chariot of fire." [I Kings 17–21: 21; II Kings 1–2:18] [Wikipedia]

Those today who don't study Scripture aren't nonbelievers. They're simply uninformed or spiritually under-educated believers. Men end up behaving like animals {carnivores} even though Torah begins by describing man metaphorically as a tree. A man should break through the ground of his being into the light; grow like a tree; and wrap his roots around our rock {the Lord}. But most men grow up just enough to fashion an axe to fell other trees. And they do it all in one of GOD's/**GOD**'s/*God*'s names.

Although that story in Exodus is about a pharaoh in ancient Egypt who saved his people from starvation and made ancient Egypt into a powerful civilization by listening to Joseph, the Jew, when it came to interpret dreams, future pharaohs in ancient Egypt {lean cows} began to figuratively eat through the freedom of the Jews {fat cows}, until all the Jews' freedom had been consumed. (Everybody wants the freedom achieved by the Jews when they're hungry to get their dreams to come true, but once they think they know it all, then they want to drive us again into submission.)

At first, the pursuit of knowledge increases man's arrogant opinion of himself. But over time, the pursuit of knowledge reduces his august opinion of the one he's forced to live with for a lifetime. Every generation begins with innocence and hope, but every generation then ends with disappointment and dejection – except in the case of those individuals who find a way to use their knowledge to produce wisdom, self-love and loyalty to life. Life “after” life only looks appealing to those who make the most of the incentives given them to learn.

Life is harder than it looks unless you hold tight to the imagination of the child you once were. It's this eternal child within who'll lead you to “heaven's” gate, not the Jews. If you don't parent your inner child better than your parents parented you, I wouldn't count your chicken wings before you spread ‘em.

*“Can he who follows the guidance of his Lord
be compared to him who is led by his desires
and whose foul deeds seem fair to him?”
[47:14]*

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and whose foul deeds seem fair to him?”

Those who are led by their desires and whose foul deeds seem reasonable to them don't seem to hate their life. They don't seem to suffer from low self-esteem. They don't seem to be worried about life “after” life. Do members of the Mafia hate their opulent life? Do they suffer from low self-esteem or worries about behaving hypocritically? Are they concerned about life “after” the life they're enjoying now? A THUG is a THUG is a *Thug*.

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¹¹⁴ Take off on the well-known quotation by lesbian-Jewish poet Gertrude Stein, “a rose is a rose is a rose” written as part of a 1913 poem called, “Sacred Emily.” Things are what

No one who resides below his own belt cares about improvements to his head, heart and soul. Life is cheap to him. Freedom is meaningless. He's amassed nothing of value to lose. His relationship with himself is devoid of knowledge, love or devotion to himself regardless of how much he's willing to debate the sins of the wise guys around him. Don't bother to ask a FISH what water is.

Until you can honestly, sincerely and authentically tell yourself that nobody loves you quite as much as you do, you won't be able to face your importance to GOD. Until you can speak candidly from your heart, whether it's applauded by some others as rational, or not, you're a puppet on a string, an actor waiting in the wings.

Those who are led by their desires and whose foul deeds seem reasonable to them aren't people who are under the influence of satan. They're normal human beings who are under the metaphoric influence of their serpent or worm. Their {JEWISH} head, {CHRISTIAN} heart or {Muslim} conscience aren't unified with other aspects of GOD to overcome their very private private. They refuse to go north past their waist to explore matters that matter. They refuse to admit to themselves that there's a force within them that can be used for the good as well as the bad. And even if they did admit this truth, they don't have a clue how to gain control over "it."

Good men and women hear alarm bells start to ring inside when they don't trust someone. Bad men and women hear alarm bells start to ring inside when they do trust someone. Both calls, figuratively speaking, come from their penis or clitoris alerting them to the fact that their desire to do something must be stopped. A man's penis {serpent} can whisper terribly destructive advice to his heart {Eve} as well as whisper wonderfully sound advice. And his head {Adam} must choose to collude or cooperate in each and every circumstance.

Even though a man might consciously behave contrary to GOD's designs, GOD can take him in directions he could never conceive of going on his own if HE chooses to teach him how he was made in HIS imagination into one, unique image of HIM. This is the sort of wild ride you might come to like out of life.

To listen and trust the voices within that guide you, you may want to strive for a head, heart and conscience that have been ignited into a soul. You may want a penis that isn't envious of the thrills others are having in life that aren't good for you. And you may want to be able to spend quality time alone. To be able to tell yourself that what others allow themselves to do with their time doesn't matter to you requires powerful thoughts, strong feelings and righteous beliefs.

It takes a strong sense of self to believe in more than GOD/GOD/God. It takes a mighty sense of self to believe in ONE GOD.

they are, a statement of the law of identity: A is A. But when you discover that \mathcal{A} is like A, and **A** is like A, you have to define your terms so that everybody understands you.

What it doesn't take to discover the whole truth and nothing but the truth is a penis inserted into a vagina. That's just ridiculous. What it doesn't take to discover the whole truth and nothing but the truth is a European shade of epidermis. That's preposterous.

You're primarily a moral delivery device, not a physical delivery device. Making babies doesn't make you a grown up. Being popular is no deterrent to death. You're going to die whether you're a parent or popular, or neither.

Most people like beautiful people and dislike ugly people. Most people think ugly people should do things for them to make them happy. Ugly people are pressured to bribe others. Beautiful people are taught that they're free to do as they please.

What you literally do with the body GOD gave you is open for discussion, just as what you figuratively do with your inner forces is something some of us are motivated to talk about in more detail in this new age. But if you think you're going to hide behind your religion, we're going to find you and drag you out into the open if you behave abominably badly toward others. The pedophile priests in the Catholic churches are only the first to have the bright light of our Lord shined upon them.

Life requires much more patience than I had when I was a young adult because I pretended to be like others in order to achieve the social acceptance I thought they had. But the acceptance they had didn't give them the acceptance of me that I intuitively knew I was seeking. At times I still felt like an outsider. I didn't know I was seeking tolerance, acceptance and admiration of myself until I'd read all of Scripture.

Jesus wasn't just another Adam created in GOD's image. The whole purpose of Christianity was to prove that GOD can break the mold at a time of HIS choosing. GOD can improve man whether his plan is in sync with HIS, or not.

Once you believe in love you never go back. You then use your wisdom to seek an understanding of GOD's loyalty to you. I know this process can feel like "hell" sometimes. So be patient with your impatience. ¹¹⁵

It's irrational to use Christian history as your only reason for believing or disbelieving in GOD's three-step plan. Whether you feel like a victim of CHRISTIANITY like the JEWS or feel you've been martyred by CHRISTIANITY and JUDAISM like the *Muslims*, self-love is the only experience that will open you to the mystery of being you. Wisdom is not enough. Loyalty is not enough. Don't blame Jesus for the behavior of CHRISTIANS, and we won't blame the Prophet Muhammad for what *Muslims* have done to us.

Jesus presented HIS design in conjunction with the original design. But you don't have to follow it HIS way. It's not your cross to bear HIS cross. It's your cross to bear your cross as HE bore HIS. You can love yourself any way you like. The day will hopefully come

¹¹⁵ The reason the Prophet said that man is made of impatience was to challenge you to be patient with your impatience. Granted, you'll find more impatience under that patience, but it's worth the dig. This is the meaning of "jihad from within."

when you discover that loving yourself leads to loyalty of yourself. This is the third of the seven steps in GOD's designs.¹¹⁶

When you inadvertently renounce the three-stage plan for Western man you find yourself with lessons that feel like "hell." You find yourself feeling like a perpetrator, victim and/or a martyr. And then you have to suffer to discover your need for more self-love than you've amassed so far.

The CHRISTIANS spent 2,000 years saying that GOD's design was given to the JEWS, but that they messed it up. They congratulated themselves on having been given GOD's second design to usurp GOD's first design. The *Muslims* spent 1,400 years saying that *God's* third design was given to them because the JEWS and CHRISTIANS messed up HIS designs.
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But the Jews have been telling the CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* that GOD's designs haven't changed since the day HE first presented a part of them 5,777 years ago.¹¹⁷ Surely man is smart enough now to understand that paradox is a paramount part of creation. You can't light a match without flint. There must first be friction.

The Jews were given the original design from Moses literarily. The Christians were given the new design from Jesus literarily. And the Muslims were given the improved design from the Prophet literarily. Of course, it makes perfect sense that GOD's designs would include the original, new and improved designs.

But you'll never get the JEWS, CHRISTIANS or *Muslims* to admit any of that. You're going to have to learn about the original and new versions to improve upon yourself.

*"Some of them indeed listen to you,
but no sooner do they leave your presence
than they ask those endowed with knowledge,
'What did he say just now?'*
*Such are the men whose hearts are sealed by God
and who follow their base desires."*
[47:16]

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but no sooner do they leave your presence
than they ask those endowed with knowledge,
'What did he say just now?'*

¹¹⁶ In Book Seven we'll get into the seven-step plan that includes the seven attributes of fire given to us as three Western faiths and three Eastern **philosophies** that all grew out of indigenism.

¹¹⁷ "The Jewish calendar is based upon the Jewish New Year, Sunday night, October 2, 2016 when we entered the year 5777. That is the supposed 5777th year since the world was created on Saturday night, October 6, 3761 B.C.E." [Wikipedia]

Such are the men whose hearts are sealed by **GOD**
and who follow their base desires.”

Anyone who can ask a good question doesn't have a totally sealed heart. Granted, it might be somewhat sealed by **GOD**, but there's always hope that a heart can be further opened with good questions. Good questions don't, necessarily, lead to good answers. Good questions are reason to celebrate, in and of themselves.

Syndromes aren't based on questions and answers. They're based on habitual actions that become second nature. When you become curious about your syndromes, answers will magically appear.

I don't think **GOD** wants to always have to do the hard work **HIMSELF**. I see that **HE** sometimes wants us to do some of the heavy lifting for **HIM**. A good answer from a knowledgeable person is an indirect gift from **GOD**. I'm the recipient of many such gifts. But the man who doesn't strive to know himself won't be capable of using good answers to achieve insight into his syndromes.

All men and women are moral delivery devices. But most people are looked at externally for the compatibility of others being a sexual delivery device. This obfuscates the value of people. And it demeans us individually and as a species.

There's a story in the Gospels about a man who wants to cut down a fig tree that doesn't bear fruit.¹¹⁸ When you compare that fig tree in the Gospels to the Tree of knowledge in Torah, you realize that all believers have a tendency to cut down trees that don't bear fruit. Everyone has a tendency to become impatient with others when they feel unfruitful from within or see nothing blossoming around them.

When your efforts to help yourself aren't bearing fruit – when you see yourself being destructive or hurtful to anyone – impatience, remorse and despair *should* set in. Don't ask others to be more fruitful if you can't ask the same of yourself. **GOD** allows many trees to be felled if they aren't rooted in this proverb.

GOD's impatience shouldn't be compared to yours or mine. We can see many saplings that haven't yet borne fruit, and we get impatient with them instead of looking at the twigs of our own branches to see what we've produced lately. It takes a lot of fertilization and water before a tree is ready to bear fruit.

¹¹⁸ “A MAN HAD A FIG TREE PLANTED IN HIS VINEYARD, AND HE CAME SEEKING FRUIT ON IT AND FOUND NONE. AND HE SAID TO THE VINEDRESSER, ‘LOOK, FOR THREE YEARS NOW I HAVE COME SEEKING FRUIT ON THIS FIG TREE, AND I FIND NONE. CUT IT DOWN. WHY SHOULD IT USE UP THE GROUND?’ AND HE ANSWERED HIM, ‘SIR, LET IT ALONE THIS YEAR ALSO, UNTIL I DIG AROUND IT AND PUT ON MANURE. THEN IF IT SHOULD BEAR FRUIT NEXT YEAR, WELL AND GOOD; BUT IF NOT, YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN.’” [Luke 13-6-9]

That said, the “pharaohs” of this world are always telling us that because we’re not fruitful enough in their eyes, they must tear down the charitable institutions we put in place to help us improve our lot in life. They say there isn’t fertilizer {money} enough for healthcare, education and the elderly. They make sure that the sick, young and old trees are felled first because they don’t bear fruit.

There’s a vinedresser in you that should be willing to do the work needed to fertilize your tree and wait patiently until the following harvest season. There’s a part of you that should convince you to be more honest with yourself without embarrassing your empty branches before others’ eyes. Those who are willing to grow will grow over time. Those who are unwilling to grow must be cut down to size with a modest education. Words are the sharp teeth of your saw. Pruning is permissible.

If you haven’t had children or haven’t had your dream come true, you may feel as though your testicles, like figs, are figuratively full of seeds, but you haven’t succeeded in planting them and watching them grow. You may figuratively feel like a barren, fig tree. Maybe you’re ready to take Jesus’s story to heart. Feeding a tree such as yours will eventually produce produce.

There are many ways to be fruitful and useful to the world. You don’t have to pray for a child, like Sarah in Torah. You could accept yourself as the child of **GOD** that you are to you. You could accept the child within that you’ve conceived and are raising. When it comes to those ways in which **GOD** is making you fruitful, you only need to appreciate yourself as **HE**’s shaping you now.

Reminding ourselves that our desires can be base or benevolent depends on the united efforts of our head, heart and soul. If you cringe at the thought of being part Jew, Christian and Muslim, you’ll have no difficulty in seeing how some cringe at the thought of having a disability, dark skin, slanted eyes, layers of fat deposits or large features. Some people cringe at the thought of having sex with someone of their own gender. Some cringe at the thought of changing their gender. Each of us has been given our own edges that challenge our feelings with desires to open our heart or shut it.

Think of modern man as filled with darkness in some places inside and with light in others. The only place where there truly is light given to Abrahamic man by **GOD** is through our individual covenants with **HIM**. Orienting yourself through the shadows you cast within yourself will either elucidate you to greater goodness or frighten you into greater cynicism and disbelief. It all depends on how much you’ve filled your head with a good, secular education and your heart and soul with a good, moral education. A moral, modern lifestyle in the Western world is easy to achieve but connecting it to all of our religious traditions isn’t.

The pursuit of large quantities of money; many “wives;” power over the masses; unlimited alcohol and drugs; and an opulent lifestyle – isn’t the style of living I’ve chosen for myself because I’ve got what I consider to be better things to do with my time. I care more about self-improvement as a means to a happy end. And I believe that helping others is the second-best way to help myself.

I've overcome most of my guilt in having tried to kill myself by having found new reasons to live. For me, self-love was first made up of little treks up hills and down into valleys that have led me to the great journey of self-love. This I became consciously aware of through the Quran. Self-loyalty is the result of self-love in a consistent, day-to-day way that I can now observe from a different place in inner space: my soul.

*“As for those who follow the right path,
He will increase their guidance
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[47:17]*

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The path to righteousness begins within. But if you practice what you've learned within as best as you can around you, you'll bring this world a little closer to perfection. This will demonstrate your loyalty to GOD. This will make your way more obvious to you.

Your life should be all about you, but in order for that to be the case, you should be willing to atone to yourself through loving deeds for others. Duty and obligation aren't enough. You should find a way to do what you do for the sake of earning your own love. As you get better at being righteous, inside and out, your journey will naturally change your mind, transform your heart and transcend your conscience.¹¹⁹

You can love drinking the tea without wanting to own the teacup. You can love owning the teacup without liking the taste of tea. But you can't know what you're doing just by bringing the cup to your lips. You have to take a sip. You can't claim to know what you're doing if you don't understand the way things are arranged within you.

There's a late afternoon every day whether you acknowledge it, or not. The sunset will be there, even if you're busy doing other things when the sun sets. Everyone literally goes through 6:00 PM every day. Everyone knows the high noon that came this day and the sunset that's on its way. Everyone knows that life is a window on one side and a mirror on the other. And everyone knows that when you look at yourself in the mirror, you see only a reflection of yourself.

It takes decade upon decade to look deeply enough at yourself to see more of you in you than you saw before. It can take a lifetime to acknowledge the setting of the sun, even though the sun comes and goes daily. Death and darkness is with us incessantly periodically.

¹¹⁹ Think of your journey as a three-stage rocket. Wisdom will get you off the ground. Love will get you high into the air. But loyalty will make it possible for you to leave the atmosphere and circumnavigate the planet in a stable orbit. All you need after that is an energy source {interest} to keep you going.

Until I embraced all three Scriptures, I secretly felt as though light went right through me. I felt meaningless and inconsequential because I didn't perceive my own actions as creating changes around me that were significant enough to give me the sense of being solid and real. I didn't only feel hollow. I felt transparent, like a half-full glass of water. What difference did it make if I was half full or half empty if I could see nothing inside me of intrinsic interest to me?

Your journey can't be taken alone, and yet no one else can go on it from start to finish with you. Therefore you should include your sense of **GOD** by your side even if you don't believe in organized religion. Nobody has the inner orientation to circumnavigate himself without help. Moses, Jesus and the Prophet did the best They could in Their day to help at those times **GOD** needed earthly intervention through divine expression of **HIS** designs. But now, **WORD** is out!

GOD created today's atheists and agnostics out of true believers because the exclusivity of the three world faiths would have kept their views of reality forever separate had it not been for those who could never believe in **ONE GOD** given the impressions they got from the spiritually under-educated believers. Surely atheists and agnostics, like the LGBT+ community, are a part of **HIS** designs, whether or not they know it. Surely the ways in which people have vilified gays and Jews have given us a world we, up until now, in some ways, have deserved.

*“The faithful say,
‘If only a chapter were revealed!’
But when a forthright chapter is revealed
and war is mentioned in it,
you see the infirm of heart staring at you
as though they are fainting away for fear of death.
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On first reading, this passage of the Quran may look as though war would have become outdated from then on out. But war is still a timely solution to problems people can't find their way out of. Modern weaponry makes personal contact with enemies almost obsolete, unless you're willing to blow yourself up in the process. But those who are willing to do so have no sense of self.

The war the Prophet is speaking about is the war within not the wars between the faiths. People only start wars with others when they're sick and tired of looking within for battles to win.

It's so easy to decide to destroy the teacups around you if you don't like the taste of the tea in your own cup. The difference between the wars men are waging and the wars they ought to be waging will, in my opinion, determine their standing in the “world to come.”

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*“If you renounced the faith,
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Such are those on whom God has laid His curse,
leaving them deaf and sightless.”*
[47:22]

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The “*ties of blood*” are precisely what's causing the problems in the Middle East today, not the gays, Jews, Christians or Muslims. And that problem will probably spread to the Far East before long. Everyone is filled with blood ties to his tribe. But the ties of blood are also what could make us more than human. They could make us potentially divine.

It's the loyalty of men to their own tribe, and not to morality and GOD, that fuels all the wars in the worlds. In the Middle East these wars began more than 3,000 years ago against indigenists. Today they've turned into wars against the Jews. Are you going to tell

¹²⁰ War is a luxury gays and Jews can't afford. But because JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims think they can always afford to fight, the wars rage on until we divert them into battles within themselves. Man has no choice but to internalize his struggles. War will cause greater pain and suffering until people everywhere model the inner warrior mentality.

me that this is our just desserts? These wars have now spread into *Muslim* wars against Muslims. GOD/GOD/*God* isn't the answer. GOD/GOD/*God* is the problem.

For having renounced your faith in GOD you've done evil in the land and violated the ties of blood. All Abrahamic men are related. Killing brothers {*Muslims* killing Muslims}; half-brothers {*Muslims* killing Jews}; or adopted brothers {*Muslims* killing Christians} – is vile and will be punished. “GOD sees all and knows all.”

Using the Quran as an excuse to kill will become judged as more and more evil over time as people become more sophisticated and aware. Students of life are allowed to make small mistakes. But when they repeat the same big mistake over and over, generation after generation, the consequences become more and more severe. (And if the leaders of Iran think they can solve this problem militarily, either once-and-for-all, watch and see what will happen to the Iran the Iranians hold so casually, like JEWS once held ancient Israel.)

The ties of blood need to be spiritually transfused. But that isn't going to happen through making babies. It's going to happen internally in each one of us and externally as expressions of wisdom, love and devotion to life. Your grades and the diploma you'll receive from the school of life depend on your commitment to life. So you'd better start looking more carefully at the big picture.

When you tolerate yourself, you give yourself license to tolerate others. When you accept yourself, you give yourself license to accept others. And when you admire yourself, you give yourself license to admire others. Admiring others is, of course, very hard to do until you give up coveting what they have that you don't. Self-admiration is the only way to achieve admiration of others. {You may already be doing it subconsciously. You just have to bring those thoughts to the surface. You may be figuratively buried under your own thoughts.}

The only way to get through jealousy and envy is with self-admiration. The only way to get through the 10th Commandment {coveting} to move on to the other Two Commandments isn't by loving your neighbor, but by loving yourself. Only then will you be able to love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might.

Most people are a Dr. Jekyll with a Mr. Hyde that they've projected out onto others. Mr. Hyde surfaces from time to time, but people don't refer to him that way. They just say they're having a bad day. But there's a monster inside them that they don't want anyone to get to know, least of all themselves. So they learn about themselves very slowly over time from the outside in. (It could be done much more quickly and efficiently.)

If you're having a day today that you “up make,” know that tomorrow you'll have a day that will “make up” for it... That which seems backwards and unintelligible today will make more sense tomorrow if you inquire more deeply into what's going on inside you now.

But if you insist on being intolerant, unaccepting and disparaging of others, guess what you're going to figuratively look like by the time you meet your Maker? And GOD may not be as courteous to you as others are being with you. HE may tell it to you like it is. HE

may give you a figurative glimpse of yourself in HIS mirror that will show you just what you really look like and what you deserve for your lack of effort to improve yourself.

Loss is the great equalizer because loss always makes us question the Teacher. But losing your mind in an effort to prove that your heart or soul are pure would be a terrible loss. And losing a loved one is also excruciatingly painful.

There comes a point in time when you ought to think about how your actions may be making GOD feel. Try to imagine HIS, despair, despondency and exasperation at your unwillingness to embrace peace {SHALOM: self-filling}. Surely the peace of mind you seek can't be achieved without internal, as well as external, effort.

Time is like a road. And where you are on the road is called the present. The road here and now is wide. But if you look in your rear-view mirror and then up the road ahead, you'll see that the road was wider, but it will get narrower. The sides of the road at the horizon will eventually meet, leaving you no room at all. This view is not accidental.

Think of yourself as in the belly of a snake. Time swallowed you at birth, and you'll be expelled from its torso at death. Time will digest you over time. You're moving forward through time, but time is moving in the other direction. It's like you're in a snake and are facing the anus of the snake. Use your time wisely. It will matter most when you get expelled from time.

Tolerate people for how they are now even though they may not have a clue who they are. You were once like them, childish and stupid or adolescent and cold. Now that you know how you are and accept yourself for being in a process of self-improvement, give the same courtesy to others. This is the courtesy by which you'll judge your ability to be courteous to yourself.

Tastes change. Your palette is improving. Your tongue is becoming more discerning. As you come to enjoy restaurants that serve more subtle and refined tastes, know that your palette is doing the same with people. People are telling you all the time what they like best, whether that's sweet {loving}, salty {wise}, bitter {disappointed} or sour {disloyal}. {heart, head, heart, soul}. So don't let your eyes get stuck on what others perceive. Use your tongue to taste yourself.

You can argue over who's doing evil in the land and who's violating the ties of blood. But the curse of being morally deaf and blind falls upon Sunni and Shiite; Jew and gentile; black and white; and gay and straight. Morality is dirty business, and anyone who isn't willing to get his hands dirty with self-discussion and debate may be afraid of how GOD made him in the first place {head}.

Man enjoys the luxury of discussing other people's burning bushes and barren, fig trees. But when the discussion gets personal, he often wants to change the subject. He wants to wash his hands of what he considers "dirty work."

Then, all of a sudden, trees, grasses and herbs are trampled to death or burned to the ground. He doesn't take Scripture to heart because he can't reach down that far from his head through his stiff neck. His imagination has arms so short that his hands can't grasp what he's telling himself.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread." But HE grew up in Nazareth, which comes from the word "נֶזֶר" {NETZER} which means "sprout" or "shoot."

Every man goes through the sprouting stage in becoming like a plant, bush or tree. Everyone learns to identify with the botanical world.

Anyone can act like an animal toward others. {Snakes can't digest plant matter, only flesh.} Not everyone strives to behave like a plant. Some strive to become like snakes.

*“Will they not ponder on the Quran?
Are there locks upon their hearts?”
[47:23]*

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Are there locks upon their hearts?”

This is a fabulous question! There are no locks upon the hearts of Jews and Christians to ponder the Quran. And there are no locks upon the hearts of Muslims that are keeping them from revealing the secrets of the Quran to themselves. **GOD** locks the heart of those who refuse to search for the keys to self-knowledge and self-love. If you want to hold resentments against yourself or others for the way things are turning out, you'll find your heart locked when you want most to enter it. And that will create guilt whether you think so, or not.

The school of the heart is a whole department in the school of life, and a JEW, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim* who thinks he can imitate a Christian without delving into the aspect of the truth of their faith doesn't know enough about the mystery of the true faith.

All the faiths are true. But many aren't willing to learn from any other truth other than the one their father or mother brought them to. Most men are trees of knowledge that aren't old enough to blossom or bloom. They're still sprouts discovering the importance of that single leaf they hold close to cover their groin as did Adam and Eve. And some remain skinny saplings for decades yearning impatiently to see their tree laden with fruit.

Why did Cain want to kill Abel? It was because Abel copied Cain, and Abel's sacrifice was preferable to **GOD**. **GOD** chose Abel's sacrifice over Cain's, which made Cain covetous of what his brother had given. Cain had come up with the *thought* of gifting **GOD** with a sacrifice, but Abel offered his sacrifice with his heart. Here, in the second story of Genesis, lies the birth of envy, which led to Cain's resentment of **GOD**'s design for man, which he projected out onto his brother and then dealt with, with fratricide.

Today's CHRISTIAN Americans are seeking revenge against the poor whose sacrifice is always preferable in **GOD**'s eyes because it's heartfelt. The poor aren't afraid to copy the rich with a richness that doesn't require money. And **GOD** will surely put these rich CHRISTIANS in a place of protection {as he did with Cain} after they realize what they've done and are ashamed of themselves, as have so many other rich CHRISTIANS in the past.

Just don't confound this “separate place” with “heaven.” Think of it more as a conscience they're locked out of until their heart opens even further to the consequences of their misdeeds against themselves.

Can you see both sides of an issue? Can you relate the world around you to Torah, the Gospels and the Quran and then to your world within? Can you relate your opinions of the world around you to your opinions of yourself? Do you hate those parts of you that are rich or poor? Can you apply Torah to the Gospels and then add the Quran to matters of personal importance to your everlasting soul?

By now you should realize that when I use the word “you” I’m referring to the “you” in me, not you. When I speak to you I know that I’m talking to myself as though another person were overhearing my conversation. You, the reader, lies outside of me. The “you” I’m talking to lies inside of me. You, the reader, are only overhearing my conversations with myself.

When I think naturally, I’m coming from a place called “I.” When I lock myself out of my head, I speak to myself using the word “you.” “You” becomes my head as addressed from my heart. And when I’m locked out of my head and heart, I speak to myself using the word “them.” “They” become my head and heart when address from my conscience.

JEWS don’t realize that they’re locked in their head. CHRISTIANS don’t realize that they’re locked in their heart. And *Muslims* don’t realize that they’re locked in their soul. They’re all fighting to get in, blaming one another for what they’re doing to themselves without access to the knowledge needed to do so. They’re all frantic that their grades will be going on someone else’s report card. They don’t have the metaphors, symbols or similes to discuss these matters themselves.

GOD gives you what you need, not what you want. What you want, you have to find a way to give yourself. When you’re sufficiently grown up to give yourself what you need, you’ll begin to see order emerge from chaos in the universe. You, too, are a part of the seething masses. What you call your “individuality” may sometimes be a joke.

Many people are more interested in being popular than righteous. They want to look cool. They want to dress cool. They want to vote cool. They just don’t want to ask themselves what the “cool” means to them. It means “acceptable to the masses.”

As far as abortion, rabid CHRISTIAN beliefs disregard the wisdom of Torah entirely. Torah contains no direct reference to intentional pregnancy termination, only to a birth or miscarriage following a violent altercation. The chief, Biblical source referring to abortion is Exodus 21:22–25 concerning the man who inadvertently strikes a pregnant woman, causing her to either give birth prematurely or to miscarry. The reference reads: AND IF MEN STRIVE TOGETHER AND HURT A WOMAN WITH CHILD, SO THAT HER FRUIT DEPART {I.E., either born alive or stillborn, depending on the interpretation}, AND YET NO HARM FOLLOWS, HE SHALL BE SURELY FINED. BUT IF ANY HARM FOLLOWS, THEN THOU SHALT GIVE LIFE FOR LIFE.” Is this the “wisdom” used by CHRISTIANS to kill abortion doctors?

Men have colluded with one another since the beginning of time to keep women subservient. And the most despicable way they’ve done so has been to figuratively strike women with gut-wrenching blows to keep them from conceiving their own inner child, which would make them courageous and more independent from men.

The primary directive of the medical world is to do no harm. But the primary directive in the spiritual world is to *do* know harm. If you do know harm, you’ll do no harm. If you’re JEWISH, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim*, you should learn a lot more and teach a lot less.

Men can be emotionally brutalized by one another. They often have no idea how their ego {prostate} has been encroached upon by other men’s desires {penises}. Some back

into other men waving their derriere like a submissive dog's hips. That's collusion! And then the same men turn around and are emotionally brutal to women and gay men. That's conspiracy!

It's not until you look at men's behavior and compare it to the words of Torah, that you can see the importance of taking Torah figuratively. Strike a pregnant woman, literally or figuratively, and you'll pay for your transgression. Invade a man's night sleep with himself and the true meaning of Leviticus 18 and 20 will descend upon you.

There are locks upon everyone's soul, heart and head. And GOD, in HIS infinite wisdom, has given each of the Abrahamic faiths one of the keys. If you think you're as loyal as a cleric, as loving as a priest or as wise as a rabbi {and you haven't thoroughly studied the other two Scriptures}, you're fooling yourself. You're a hypocrite, and you don't know it. Has a brain surgeon or heart specialist not studied the workings of the entire body? How can you claim to specialize if you can't generalize? How can you work inclusively if you behave exclusively?

Torah is a match. The Gospels are candles. And the Quran is a lamp. Wisdom will ignite the other two. Love will ignite the other two. And devotion will ignite the other two. If you know there's a fire burning within you, what difference does it make which faith lit it? What's important is keeping that flame alive. What good is turning the light on in the living room if you need to look for something in your bedroom closet?

There's a great taboo in our society against generalizing. But I tell you that your problem emanates out from not being able to generalize. I say to you that your elders did you a great disservice in teaching you how to specialize, but not to generalize.

Don't judge your world within by the blurry image you may now hold of yourself in your imagination. Don't give away your power to headstrong leaders who aren't wise, heartfelt and soulful. They may be perpetrators intent on revenge against all women for the mother they still resent for having taken away something they thought was meaningful to their life {one bone}. ¹²¹

They may be perpetrators intent on revenge against all fathers for the father they still can't please who stomps through their life like GOD in a garden. And I certainly wouldn't give my power to underdogs whose only claim that power comes from agreeing that gays and Jews are to blame for their fate. Creating more martyrs is a fool's undertaking when you have all the evidence you need to become a martyr unto yourself.

"This land is your land. This land is my land." ¹²² That American song doesn't apply to Israel. Nowhere is that written in Scripture. The only thing written in Scripture is that this

¹²¹ "GOD CAUSED THE MAN TO FALL INTO A DEEP SLEEP; AND WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING, HE TOOK ONE OF THE MAN'S RIBS AND THEN CLOSED UP THE PLACE WITH FLESH. THEN THE LORD GOD MADE A WOMAN FROM THE RIB HE HAD TAKEN OUT OF THE MAN, AND HE BROUGHT HER TO THE MAN... THE MAN SAID, 'THIS IS NOW BONE OF MY BONES AND FLESH OF MY FLESH; SHE SHALL BE CALLED 'WOMAN,' FOR SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN.'" [Genesis 2:20-23]

¹²² "'This Land Is your Land' is one of the United States' most famous folk songs. Its lyrics were written by American folk singer Woody Guthrie in 1940 based on an existing melody, a Carter family tune called 'When the World's on Fire,' in critical response to Irving Berlin's 'God Bless America.' When Guthrie was tired of hearing Kate Smith sing 'God

land is our land. All the rest of the people on Earth are squatters if they're on our land without our permission. Ask a Native American what he thinks of Woody Guthrie's song? After the way we've treated the Native Americans, there's no doubt why we've poisoned the land we stole from them {guilt}.

*“Those who return to nonbelief
after God's guidance has been revealed to them
are seduced by Satan
and inspired by him.
This is because they say to those who abhor the word of God:
'We shall obey you in some matter.'
God knows their secret talk.”
[47:24-26]*

“Those who return to nonbelief
after GOD's guidance has been revealed to them
are seduced by satan
and aroused by him.
This is because they say to those who abhor the WORD of GOD:
'We shall obey you in some matter.'
GOD knows their secret talk.”

There's a stereotype that many gay men like “rough trade” {hot sex with straight men who may get violent}. This urge emanates out of a serpent that beguiles those men. Some react guiltily to what they got themselves into. Others react regretfully and compliantly. Some men are seduced by satan to react violently. Others are aroused by “him.” The gay and straight men who like to play with fire in this way should ask themselves what they're projecting onto one another.

We're all sitting in class with years of secular education behind us, only half listening to the Teacher. We're all distracted by the world around us and afraid of the darkness in our world within. There's no such thing as satan, but there are neurotics, psychotics and schizophrenics {like I once was} who look at every black drop of guilt with a red ring of anger around it within them as evidence of a plague about to erupt on their skin for all to see.¹²³ (I was more afraid of pimples in high school than the plague.)

Bless America' on the radio in the late 1930s he sarcastically wrote 'God Blessed America For Me' before renaming it 'This Land Is Your Land.'" [Wikipedia]

¹²³ I was first diagnosed as “paranoid schizophrenic” and will always consider myself a member of the community seen as mentally challenged. But I see my neurosis, psychosis and schizophrenia as normal responses to an insane world that had been challenging me all along to become a righteous human being despite what I saw around me. The more I work

I now know the importance of washing these, figurative, sore spots that break out on my head, heart and soul until I'm cleansed of my self-made impurities. In doing so, I discovered a rainbow of hope within me that I could never have rationally expected to see in all that darkness inside. But, logically speaking, that rainbow of hope had always been there. I'd just been stuck in my crotch. I'd locked myself out of my head, heart and soul, the only places within from which I could see my many selves.

Those who perceive their guilt and can recognize that they've done something terribly wrong in the way they're treated themselves should feel frightened, angry and sad about the way they've behaved. And they should experience those thoughts, feelings and conclusions about themselves within themselves. How and when they then decide to give of themselves differently to others is their own business.

If you don't correct your mistaken thoughts, feelings, desires and beliefs, how are you going to affect positive change in the world around you? Your outer world is going to bore or disgust you. And then you're only going to get more frustrated, if not frightened, furious and despondent. The less you're motivated to improve yourself, the more depressed and confused you're probably going to become. External problems are going to echo the work you haven't done internally. Then you can do nothing but wait and see what happens next.

Your problems will reveal your syndromes if you're willing to do the work set before you. But there are no simple answers. The answers only get more and more complex. And yet, the more complex it all becomes, paradoxically, the simpler it is.

Don't keep secrets. Talk out your differences within before you talk to strangers about the differences around you. There's no point in arguing with others if you're coming from only one or two places in inner space.

Disgust, hatred and impatience of others is a juvenile reaction to the universal, spiritual process. And it's also a projection of subtle hints of self-apathy you haven't wanted to look at up close. Acknowledge publicly the rights of gays and Jews, and you'll find that your rights will magically appear, too!

"**GOD** knows their secret." **HE** knows what every gay and straight man's penis is whispering to him, just as every grown up knows the sexual whispers the young adolescent is listening to inside. But in an undeveloped, juvenile male, the whisper is for conquest, control and possession, not just for sexual release and abandon. He wants others to bow down and bend over to his will in nonsexual matters, as well. He wants men to wag their tail as they back into him. And he'll use anything in his power to get "it" his way.

The sodomy your cleric, imam, minister, parson, pastor, priest or rabbi preached to you isn't the sodomy you need to know about now. They distracted you with physical acts that have nothing to do with morality. Get real!

There are good reasons why people stop at the infantile, childish or adolescent stages in their spiritual development and often don't go any further until their testosterone levels decrease with age. **GOD** knows your secret talk and where it's coming from. Any dog would.

at being more authentically me, the more I can excuse, forgive and exonerate others for their lack of self-education.

If you see a desire for conquest, control and domination in you, you can turn it inside in. You can turn your desire for conquest, control and possession into a desire for power over yourself, instead of power to do as you please. If you desire these powers over yourself, you'll achieve unexpected tools that will improve you while you'll watch many others become less and less able to account for their foolish, hateful or mean-spirited behavior.

"*Secret talk*" was once something that had to be inferred or confessed to a priest or therapist because people were too embarrassed, ashamed and humiliated {as well as uneducated in all of Scripture} to talk about such things to themselves. Thank GOD we can talk out loud about such matters today using figurative speech. Thank GOD we can educate ourselves about our operating system, traditions and cultures without undo condescension, suspicion and judgment about the hypocritical behaviors we see around us.

We don't have to be coarse or crass to bring up the issue of the male proclivity toward being influenced by his penis {desires} or anus (ego) rather than his head, heart and soul. Spiritually juvenile males who put down women, gays and people of other faiths and lifestyles have a secret agenda they don't yet want to talk about to themselves. But WORD is out. And we're developing better tools all the time to help them figure out who they are.

*"We shall put you to the proof
until We know the valiant and the resolute among you,
and test all that is said about you."
[47:31]*

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until wE know the valiant and the resolute among you,
and test all that is said about you."*

Jews are always going through culture wars within our faith because we're so small in number that we're all highly exposed to the strangers' ways. That's the way GOD made us. It's hard for us to hide. But there are ultra-orthodox rabbis who don't allow their congregants to use the Internet. I've heard that there are JEWISH, straight couples who have sex using a sheet with a hole in it to keep them from touching and looking at one another naked. Both shock me, although I suppose it's none of my business.

The issues of purity {embarrassment, shame and humiliation} in my faith make me angry because they're based on a religious guilt that isn't adequately understood by our cults. JEWS choose to sacrifice earthly pleasure to prove their love and loyalty to their Lord alone. They refuse to unlock their heart as proof of the strength of their faith in a universal Lord. They have no idea that there's a lock on their heart and soul that's causing strife with their neighbors. It doesn't have to be this way.

But let's not forget that **GOD** made this world the way it is with good reason. You get milk from a female goat, but you also get a kind of milk from a male goat... You have to deal with the milk from young billy goats and old goats, alike...

Keeping children from these truths isn't in their own best interest once they've reached the age when they begin to question such incongruities. It only makes them blame us later for having treated them in ways that were unrealistic and intellectually offensive from the start. There are ways of bringing young children into the natural light of day without frightening them or making anyone feel like he's a pervert or she's a slut.

I certainly believe you should be allowed to be as miserable as you want, especially if your goal is to show your "God" how deserving you are of rewards after life for your misery. I just think it's unfair of you to make me miserable in the process. Why should I have to suffer because you believe you have to suffer? Suffer in silence, please – all of you. Don't blame me out loud for not suffering your way. I don't deserve your blame for the way in which I choose to live my life. I don't deserve to suffer just because you believe you may want to martyr yourself to the cause of self-misery.

Quote Scripture to your heart's content, but don't use it to force me to sleep with a woman or to force a woman to have a baby she doesn't want. And don't put down the State of Israel, either. Keep your mean-spirited opinions to yourself.¹²⁴

In fact, I'll go even further by suggesting that many may think more about homosexuality and women having abortions than they think about sex with their own partner or bouncing their own baby on their knee. I think that the more they explore the feelings of disgust and the taboos that their own head and heart are leading them through, the more they'll get through their aversions to behaviors their forefathers found sinful. They'll eventually come to the conclusion that everyone has to reconcile his free will with **GOD** in his or her own way.

The problem for most people is that they're really bad in bed. They don't know what they're doing when naked. They don't think they have the tools to do "it" well. And they don't want to have to ask. They're embarrassed about the whole "thing."

And, in an effort to conceal their lack of experience in being someone they're learning to love, they create ego issues to make themselves look experienced and knowledgeable.

The fundamentalist JEWS and CHRISTIANS are still having culture wars within their faiths over premarital sex and unwanted pregnancies. But while they debate the behavior of others, they're not teaching their children about the infantile, childish and juvenile behaviors in themselves. Their children are, nevertheless, becoming more liberal and relaxed about sex from one generation to the next, while the parents are humiliating themselves with immature rhetoric and actions that only show their kids what not to do.

The fundamentalist JEWS and CHRISTIANS believe gays should not be allowed to reside, do business or pray amongst straight people because they believe we're perverts who'll corrupt their children and ruin life on Earth for everyone. We offend their religious sensibilities, just as blacks and Jews did to white CHRISTIAN in the past – just as gays and Jews are doing to *Muslims* in the Middle East today.

¹²⁴ Use whatever forms of hydrogen peroxide or religious bleach you need to purify yourself. But keep your religious nose out of our business. We've got work to do.

From the perspective of the LGBT+ community, it's pretty obvious that going to synagogue, churches or mosque is hardly an attractive proposition for most of us, given the level of rejection and hate amongst today's congregants and the lack of understanding of other faiths and **philosophies**. They insist we become like straights because that would make it easier to assimilate us. In a world that's bursting at the seams with conformity, that's not an attractive reason to fit in.

*"The nonbelievers who debar others from the path of God
and disobey the Apostle after they have seen the light
shall in no way harm God.
He will bring their works to nothing."
[47:32]*

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and disobey the Apostle after they have seen the light
shall in no way harm **GOD**.
HE will bring their works to nothing."

Those who are called "*nonbelievers*" are Jews who don't agree with the foolish, fundamentalist teachings they were exposed to in their tradition. Those called "*nonbelievers*" are Christians who don't agree with the hateful, fundamentalist teachings they were exposed to in their tradition. And those who are called "*nonbelievers*" are Muslims who don't agree with the mean-spirited, fundamentalist teachings they were exposed to in their tradition.

Today's gay-Jews are spiritualists fighting against the ultra-orthodox JEWS. Our lifestyle is in conflict with their interpretations of Torah. But they insist they can't live with us unless we change our lifestyle, while we insist we can live with them if they simply renounce those aspects of our faith that no longer apply literally in the modern era. It's been done many times before. Just look at all the edicts in Torah we no longer take literally anymore, including animal sacrifice and slavery.

Today's gay-Christians and gay-Muslims are also spiritualists fighting the same fight. **GOD** is, in my opinion, on our side. **HIS** story is a greater part of our story. None of the religious fundamentalists is nearly spiritually awakened enough to entertain the thought of the LGBT+ community being an integral part of **HIS** designs. And that will be their loss on Earth, and, possibly, an even more severe loss after their life here on Earth. They're causing Israel great harm, to say nothing of the harm their doing to their own inner Israel.

I wish I could quote the above passage to JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who insist on one, and only one, winner in a race where first place won't be given to any of them. Since they all insist on fighting to the bitter end, we can be sure that there won't be any

second or third place. That's what the institutions of faith do by turning the journey of life into a race to the finish. I wish they could all look at GOD from a stranger's point of view since many people today feel like their world within is filled with more strangers than friends.

Being disobedient to GOD is a human fallacy, not a gay or Jewish fallacy. No one is perfect on the inside and no one is perfect on the outside. We all have something to offer society, but we're all flawed human beings in many ways. Everyone chooses his own sins, unconsciously, semiconsciously or consciously. And whoever chooses to try to avoid sin altogether, will of course discover the arrogance of that choice, and pay for that, too. An air of superiority serves no one.

I used to think that my low self-esteem was something that needed fixing. But I now see so many people with such high self-esteem that they do nothing to improve themselves. My low self-esteem constantly asks me to question myself and try to do better. Now I love that about me. I can't imagine how spoiled I'd be if my self-esteem were any higher.

Those who "*debar others from the path of GOD*" with ultimatums about how we have to behave in order to be accepted in their society are using their faith to conquer, control and possess those they disapprove of. They want to promote themselves, not GOD. And in the process, they disobey their own apostle.

They haven't achieved enough wisdom, love and loyalty to themselves to understand the importance of expanding their opinions. They're still working at perfecting closing their mind; shutting down their emotions; and assuaging their conscience because of a deep, dark guilt they can neither talk about to themselves nor explain to others.

Such people will in no way harm GOD. But their guilt may embarrass, shame or humiliate them at times of HIS choosing. "*HE will bring their works to nothing,*" but HE didn't say which works or when. You never know in what way GOD will force you to face the inner blackness surrounded by a red swelling that will bring you through the pain and suffering you need to experience in order to grow. Don't become a blemish in GOD's eyes.

*"Believers,
obey God
and obey the Apostle,
and let not your labors come to nothing."
[47:33]*

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and obey the Apostle,
and let not your labors come to nothing.”

You can lead a horse {container} to water {contents}, but you can't make it swim. Freedom gives a believer the autonomy not to identify as a horse. Liberty gives him the autonomy to choose not to drink. And emancipation gives him the autonomy to choose not to swim in it.

“BELIEVERS, OBEY GOD AND OBEY THE APOSTLE {Moses}, AND LET NOT YOUR LABORS COME TO NOTHING.” “BELIEVERS, OBEY GOD AND OBEY THE APOSTLE {Jesus}, AND LET NOT YOUR LABORS COME TO NOTHING.” *“Believers, obey God and obey the Apostle {the Prophet Muhammad} and let not your labors come to nothing.”*

That shouldn't be that difficult to see. I still say you don't have to be gay to get it. I still say you don't have to believe that Jesus was GOD or reject HIM. I still say that anyone can learn how to think, feel and believe. I don't think I'm crazier than anyone else.

*“Those who disbelieve
and debar others from God's path
and in the end die nonbelievers
shall not be shown forgiveness by God.
Therefore do not falter or sue for peace
when you have gained the upper hand.
God is on your side
and will not grudge you the recompense of your labors.”
[47:34-35]*

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It was wise of GOD to send the Jews into the Diaspora after the birth of Christianity. The Jews of Europe learned much about the principles of love, whether or not the Christians of Europe practiced what they preached or bothered to learn much about wisdom from the Jews.

It was wise of GOD to leave some of us close to Israel in indigenist, Arab lands after the introduction of Islam in the 7th Century, even if the ancient CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* forbade the Jews to live in the land GOD gave us. The ancient Jews around the Mediterranean and in the Middle East learned about GOD's love and *His* loyalty, even if they didn't always practice what others preached in those days. While the CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* fought one another over whose GOD {Jesus} was bigger and whose *God* {*Allāh*} was better, most of the Jews just kept their heads down and stayed out of the religious fights known today as the Crusades. Wouldn't you have done the same?

It was wise of GOD to let the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* think that they each have had a monopoly on HIM/~~HIM~~/*Him* by all believing that gays are perverts. This gave the three of them the embarrassment, shame and humiliation needed today for their children to turn their backs on them with ridicule, scorn and derision if they don't change their silly ways.

Today's world didn't come into existence the day you were born. Understanding GOD's wisdom, love and loyalty today is a very different challenge than what the faithful thought in the past. This garden was hoed many seasons before you and I were planted here. None of us created the world around us that we have to integrate into, each in his own way. We came into this world *tabula rasa*: a blank slate. We're far more spiritually complex than any of us can possibly know without the help of the experiences we glean from GOD through self-questioning and exposure to those of different faiths. When Western history intersects with Eastern mystery, it creates a unique place in HIS designs for each of us alone. And that figuratively becomes our individual cross to bear.

Getting to know more about your religious tradition is only a part of getting to know yourself. If you don't open yourself up to people who believe things that appear to be fundamentally different from what you hold to be true, you're not going to be able to learn about the nature of good and evil.

Being gay or female isn't evil. Being Protestant or Catholic isn't evil. Being Sunni or Shiite isn't evil. Being black or white isn't evil. Being able or disabled isn't evil. Being Israeli or Palestinian isn't evil. Whether people can see what makes you different from them, or not, you know what your cross to bear is. These challenges are given to us by GOD to expand our understanding of HIS designs.

*"The life of this world
is but a sport and a diversion.
He will reward you if you believe in Him
and guard you against evil.
He does not ask for all your wealth.
If He demanded all and strongly pressed you,*

*you would grow tight-fisted,
and this would show your malice.”*
[47:36-37]

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Stereotypically speaking, men love sports and women love diversions, although we know that these gender stereotypes don't hold true. Nobody ever fell neatly into these categories regardless of his age, gender, faith or sexual preference in the past. And certainly, nobody does today or will in the future.

What sports and diversions have in common is that they're fun to watch and fun to participate in. But there are many who disapprove of how others have fun. They don't like it when others have fun in ways they don't enjoy. They want to tell them that they're having fun all wrong.

And religious fanatics are especially riled up when people use sex as a sport or diversion. My sex life becomes a red cape that they can't help but charge, leaving behind only bull twinkies from them and Mona Lisa smiles from me...

That makes me like a matador in their bull ring. If you're enjoying the stabs I'm making into these bulls; if you enjoy seeing them in your mind's eye with swords stuck in their shoulders, puncturing their heart; if you love to see literary blood flow and enjoy thoughts of their fury; if you're excited by a new sense of being alive as you watch me present my art with flair – welcome to the 21st Century running of the BULLS/BULLS/*Bulls*.

They say, “Your arm's too short to box with **GOD**.” Fine! But I'm not boxing with **GOD**. I'm arm-wrestling religion. Ball out your “God” for your grievances for the way things have turned out for you. Scold “Him” for what you think of what you've learned about others thus far. Let it out. (But the presumption that the seven billion people on the planet have to present their Sunday-best behavior before you, personally, is absurd.)

Wouldn't **GOD** much more approve of you being your natural self in the privacy of your own mind than out in public? What **HE**'s teaching you may not yet have sunk in. You may be looking at everything from the outside in instead of the inside out.

There's no law against having fun any way you want, so long as you don't hurt anyone or anyone's things in the process. Enjoying life your way doesn't make you evil. Enjoy sports and diversions, so long as you behave responsibly.¹²⁵

I know nothing about sports; hate diversions that distract me from prayer; and don't drink, drug, smoke, gamble, drive over the speed limit or stop to pet dogs walked by people I don't know. Most people find me to be a wet blanket at a party. But here in San Francisco, they don't pass laws to force me to do things their way, even though they do pass such laws elsewhere in this country.

If some ultra-orthodox JEWS have more fun having sex through a hole in a sheet, GOD bless 'em for their idea of fun. Try it if you like before you criticize them. See if that turns you on. It certainly doesn't behoove me to become the bedroom police and use ridicule, scorn and derision for the ways in which the JEWS choose to procreate or fornicate.

If some CHRISTIANS prefer to imbibe alcoholic spirits rather than achieve the sense of spirit through self-reflection mixed with **GOD**-consciousness, what difference does that make to me? If they want to eat bacon, marry one woman after another and put their penis only in vaginas, not mouths or anuses, **GOD** bless them, too.

And if some *Muslims* prefer to avoid pork; suffer with a wife they can never divorce; but then have gay sex in secret, what difference does that make to my life? And if they look forward to abandoning that wife for 72 virgins in the hereafter, *God* bless them, too.

My religion and lifestyle are forbidden in other parts of the world because both are considered "evil." But wherever you go, you'll find that there are those who share lifestyles but don't share the same faith. And there are those who share the same faith but who don't share the same lifestyle.

"GOD will reward you if you believe in him and guard you against evil." Your faith and lifestyle don't necessarily make you evil. They only make you different. Immoral behaviors stem from hypocritical behaviors not from different beliefs.

I suspect that all the good that evil people refuse to do will be disbursed to those who wish to do good. The potential for goodness in that particular area will, probably, be stripped from them and given to others, instead. If you watch the feelings of those you consider to be good, you may be amazed to discover how much more they care about what you're doing right than what you're doing wrong.

The spiritual process is in place for everyone, not just for those you judge as good or evil, right or wrong and better or worse. You, too, are becoming an example of the outcome of the process. You're either awakening to becoming like a sculptural work of art emerging from a block of hewn marble or you're falling asleep to the fact that you're turning into a lump of dry clay.

I, too, must still be doing things that are evil. I, too, am an imperfect vehicle only able to carry some of the message to my destination. I, too, will see myself be further soulfully

¹²⁵ In 2017, Boy Scout leaders toppled an ancient rock formation in Utah's Goblin Valley State Park. The stone formation they destroyed was nearly 200 million years old. There are consequences for everyone's actions {and inactions} to the planet. I think these boys may have destroyed a bridge within themselves that they may find impossibly difficult to recreate.

transfigured, emotionally transformed and intellectually changed over time. School never ends until your graduate.

I've already been given the privilege of being able to watch as I descend into the downward side of my life very differently from how I ascended the mountain in my youth. In many important ways, I'm not the boy I used to be. But I am becoming the man I'd always wished to be.

The blossom blooms with fantastic color. Then it fruits and ripens, bearing down on the branch or vine. But finally it discolors, bruises and blackens. And eventually, it falls off the tree or vine to rot on the ground.

If you're worried about the seeds you'll plant in your lifetime, you're ordinary, simple, matter-of-fact, plain and prosaic. If you're worried about the seeds you've planted that may grow after you're gone, you're a poet. But if you're worried about both you're a spiritualist.

You're like a tree in that you consume your own fruit once it's fallen off the branch and is rotting in the ground. Your roots reabsorb your labors to further enrich you with memories of your virtues later in life. But unless you're thankful for what others did for you in seasons gone by; unless you appreciate how you used their efforts then to help yourself now; and unless you're grateful to **GOD** for all the ways it's turning out in your favor – you're not going to feel that you've paid all your tuition in the school of life. You're going to feel like a fraud because you know you're a cheat, a liar and a scoundrel.

“GOD does not ask for all your wealth” because **HE** gave you the opportunity to receive everything around you that you've worked so hard for. But **GOD** does ask that you work for wealth within, which will cost you dearly. This is the produce from your tree and the grain and the grape from your wheat and your vine. This, **HE** does ask from you. This is why you should have gratitude to share with **HIM**. Herein lies the loyalty you're harvesting from your experiences. Herein lies the aroma of your scented herbs.

For all that you figure out on your own, you should thank yourself. But for all those little thoughts that simply popped into your head, you should thank **GOD**. For all the warm and tender feelings you never expected to feel in life, you should thank **GOD**. And for all the acts of devotion you've given others that you never planned on giving anyone, you should thank *God*. Or, just make it easy on yourself and express your gratitude to **GOD** for it all.

*“If **HE** demanded all and strongly pressed you, you'd grow tight-fisted, and this would show your malice.”* Of course, you'd become tight-fisted! Who wouldn't? **HE** doesn't want you to become a malicious, mean-spirited person! I'm sure **HE** prefers you become a wise, loving and loyal person. A little more or less money isn't what it's all about.

“You are called upon to give in the cause of God.”

*Some among you are ungenerous,
yet whoever is ungenerous to this cause is ungenerous to himself.
Indeed,
God does not need you,
but you need Him.
If you pay no heed,
He will replace you by others
who shall bear no resemblance to yourself.”
[47:38-39]*

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Your house of prayer should constantly remind you to be more generous. They should retell the story of Cain and Abel in many ways, so that you recall that the survival and emotional wellbeing of the world rests on your shoulders. You are your brother's keeper in some ways. But you won't truly help him until you become the keeper of your brother within.

I'm reminding you to be more generous to yourself {not more self-indulgent}. I'm not coming to you from my head or heart. I'm coming to you from my soul. Others ask you for the riches they can exchange in this world. I'm asking you to give yourself the riches you can exchange in the “world to come.”

Be generous to yourself with your wisdom, love and loyalty, and you'll be able to be generous to **GOD**'s cause. We're so habituated by religious people to give outwardly that we forget the importance of giving to ourselves so that we have something to then give **HIM**.

GOD doesn't need your money. **HE** needs you to understand that the money you have is the result of your partnership with **HIM**. You're in business together. **HE**'s the only

Partner in this world you can trust 100% of the time, even if you realize **HE**'s going to fire you and liquidate your business at some point. Becoming soulful is slow work. It requires loss. But it would be better to circumcise your soul with this little loss than continue to lose out in the external world. If you're generous with yourself, you'll open yourself to new thoughts, feelings and beliefs that will change the way you are.

GOD doesn't need you, but you need him. **HE** doesn't need your help, but you need **HIS**. Get your priorities straight. Don't try to make other people straight.

We forget that love is a luxury that many can't afford and money can't buy. Love isn't even something that everyone wants. Loyalty isn't a necessity of life we all wish, dream and hope for, either. Not everyone even needs to feel liked or appreciated. But at some mysterious point in time, everyone will need to feel that his life was meaningfully spent.

We need the experience of allegiance, constancy, dependability faithfulness, fidelity, reliability, steadfastness and trustworthiness to ourselves. Together they describe the experience of feeling meaningful. When you meet your Maker, **HE**'s going to look to see whether you found life meaningful. This is what is meant when we say, "Hallowed be your name." This is what we cherish. This is what the word "worship" comes to mean through deeds.

*"If you pay no heed, **GOD** will replace you by others who shall bear no resemblance to yourself."* Do the grandchildren of the Nazis resemble the Nazis? Will the grandchildren of today's suicidal *Muslims* resemble their grandparents? The reason each generation becomes better than the one before it is because **HIS** name is being hallowed a little more each day through meaningful actions.

Miracles are one way of achieving the experience of loyalty from the outside in. People pray for miracles because when the time comes that there's no one left on Earth who can relieve their sense of betrayal and conspiracy, they turn to loyalty from their "God." But giving loyalty to our **ONE GOD** and asking for loyalty from each of "Them" are far different causes. {Ask any Holocaust survivor or read Viktor Frankl's Man's Search for Meaning.}

Some Muslims know this. Some Christians and Jews know it, too. Some blacks, browns and women know it. And some members of the LGBT+ community know it. The only question that makes any sense to ask is whether you believe that the Prophet Muhammad knew it and whether you can say to yourself that you now know it, too.

Surah 48

سورة الفتح

Victory

The Victory of Islam can't happen at a cost to Judaism or Christianity. The victory of Islam will only come with the glorification of Judaism and Christianity. This is something the Prophet realized. The state of Israel didn't exist at the time of his recital, but the Archangel Gabriel could have easily predicted the destruction of the Jewish people and the "Muslimification" of GOD's gift to the Jews {Israel} had that been a part of HIS designs from the start.

It wasn't then, and it's a perversion of GOD's designs to suggest such a thing now. Would you destroy the ground floor of a building to glorify the second or third story? Would you set fire to an upper floor to convince the residents below that they need to evacuate the building? This is the moral perversion that *Islamic* militants are living under today.

*"We have given you a glorious victory,
so that God may forgive you your past and future sins,
and perfect His goodness;
that He may guide you to a straight path
and bestow on you His mighty help."
[48:1-2] ¹²⁶*

*"WE have given you a glorious victory,
so that GOD may forgive you your past and future sins,
and perfect HIS goodness;
that HE may guide you to a straight path
and bestow on you HIS mighty help."*

What good does it do you if the above passage has a profound affect upon some Muslims and me but leaves you cold? It's easy to quote the Quran, but hard to decipher it.

¹²⁶ God gave the Prophet a glorious military victory with the taking of Mecca in 640 C.E. and/or Khaybar the previous year. But a lot of *Muslim* misdeeds have flowed under that bridge since.

You should be very familiar with the two spiritual stories before it that lead up to it like steps.

Your relationship with your “God” won’t help you internalize your relationship with yourself. You won’t be able to question passages such as this one to make them personally meaningful to you if you rely only on your “God.” Only your relationship with yourself will give you the reliance you need. With that reliance, you’ll be able to rely on GOD.

The fact that GOD refers to HIMSELF in the first-person plural {WE} to the Prophet through the Archangel Gabriel leads me to appreciate the profound understanding he was given of the faiths that came before him. Therefore, when HE says, “*WE have given you a glorious victory,*” HE’s inferring a victory over the other two faiths from within that, at that time, neither Judaism nor Christianity was capable of appreciating.

The victory given to the Prophet is a far cry from the victory presumed by today’s followers of *Islam*. Muhammad’s followers have squandered that victory with wars against Judaism and Christianity that have been triggered by arrogance and self-denial.

“GOD may forgive you your past and future sins.” But you must embrace the challenge of perfecting your expression of HIS goodness. No one can give you the motivation to do that. That, you must push yourself to accomplish on your own.

Calling gays sinful is arrogant. Calling women who don’t dress in archaic garb sinful is arrogant. Calling others names or implying that their sins are going on your report card unless they improve their grades is arrogant. You’re not anyone’s teacher. You’re a student of the Teacher. You aren’t being tested on being anyone other than yourself. Judge yourself from time to time. Exercise your conscience on you more.

I have office hours with our Teacher every morning before I get out of bed and figuratively go to class. I’m always dealing with my sins in my own way. Just because you may think I’m blind to your truth doesn’t mean you should put a stumbling block before me. I’ll come to see the truth in a way that GOD has planned for me without your help.

Don’t worry about my soul. My soul doesn’t lie under your breastplate. Get your nose out of my behind and get your nose out of my soul. Neither of them is any of your business.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* denigrate their enemies to diminish their own crimes. They think that the smaller and more rotten the fruit, the less important stealing and squashing it will be. If someone trespassed into your garden and stole fruit from your tree, are there laws in place to punish the thief in accordance with the size, ripeness or rottenness of the fruit he stole? So why do you play god with me?

Man has a very big ego, and that’s another way of saying that he figuratively listens more to the voice of his penis from the control his prostate gland has over it than the voice of his head, heart or soul. There are consequences from that that will separate the men from the boys in every generation. Some men revert to childhood or infancy in older age. Others will die young and forfeit the progress they might have made later in life had they lived. It’s not for us to judge. It’s for us all to help promote life.

“WE have given you a glorious victory is that GOD may guide you to a straight path and bestow on you HIS mighty help.” But you’re going to have to figure out why HE switched from the first-person plural {WE} to the third person singular {HE} in the above passages. It surely wasn’t the Prophet who said, “We have given you a glorious victory.” He wasn’t arrogant or disrespectful before God. It could only have been the Archangel Gabriel speaking for GOD who said that.

Nothing GOD does or allows to happen is incidental. Everything is worthy of questioning for personal importance.

Because of my familiarity with the Gospels in which Jesus often speaks about HIMSELF in the third person singular {HE}. These changes in pronouns exemplify a relationship within the self that we must all seek in order to avoid the arrogance and obstinacy of accepting ourselves as we are without questioning the habitual relationship we’ve accustomed ourselves to over time.

It’s quite apparent that the GOD of Judaism and the GOD of Christianity behave like a father and son. But the God of Islam behaves quite differently. When you search within yourself, you discover that the pronouns “I” {head} and “you” {heart} are easy to interchange. I can talk about myself in the first or second person with relative ease. But when I switch to the third person {soul}, my relationship to myself becomes much more distant and cool.

I believe GOD chose to use the first-person plural {WE} and third person singular {HE} in the above passage to focus us on our own intentions as though we were looking down on ourselves with a precipice-like perspective.

When you refer to yourself in the third person, as did GOD in this passage of the Quran, and as Jesus did before him in the Gospels, you achieve a distance on yourself that precludes you from feeling egotistical or self-absorbed. When GOD says, “HE’ll guide you to a straight path and will bestow on you HIS help,” HE’s not flattering HIMSELF or patronizing HIMSELF with pompous self-regard. HE’s merely describing how each of us must seek the path to finding our own truth.

When you talk about yourself to yourself, you’re describing your problems in being “you” to you. You’re confessing . You’re creating intimacy on the inside. You’re making a friend. Granted, it’s not the friend you may have been expecting to make in life. Nor are you making a friend of Moses, Jesus or the Prophet Muhammad. But you are moving through darkness. You’re trying to do something you’ve never done before to help yourself.

But when you talk about yourself to yourself in the third person, you’re not confessing. You’re accusing. And that produces a very different kind of self-intimacy.

GOD modeled something similar to what **HE** did in above passage in the Ten Commandments when HE stated in the 3rd Commandment, “THOU SHALL NOT UTTER THE LORD’S NAME IN VAIN.” [Exodus 20:7] What **GOD** was saying in essence was, I AM NOT GOING TO REFER TO MYSELF IN THE FIRST PERSON IN THIS INSTANCE, BECAUSE I WANT TO SHOW YOU HOW TO REFER TO YOURSELVES IN A WAY THAT I WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO REPEAT WHEN YOU COME BEFORE ME. I WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT YOURSELF IN THE THIRD PERSON TO PROVE THAT YOU CAN JUDGE YOURSELF WITH SOME MORAL DISTANCE. I’M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR ABILITY TO JUDGE OTHERS WHEN YOU COME BEFORE ME IN PRAYER. THAT’S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. I DON’T NEED TO LISTEN TO YOUR GOSSIP OR TATTILING. I’M GOING TO TEACH ALL OF YOU NOT TO TAKE YOUR OWN NAMES IN VAIN.

When I said that Judaism is like the ground floor of a three-story building, what I meant was that you have to take yourself seriously in order to take everything else seriously. You can’t just fly through a window of the Abrahamic edifice or pass through a ceiling or floor. You have to enter through the front door like a civilized human being, as did every indigenist in your lineage before you. You have to respect the spiritual, operating system {SOS}.

If you can humble yourself down to you roots, you’ll be allowed to enjoy what was previously forbidden fruit. Remember, **בְּרֵאשִׁית** {BERESHEET}, the first WORD of Torah, means “in the beginning.” But with poetic license, it can be loosely translated as “at the root of it all.” Therefore you’ll never know all about the fruit until you delve down into the root of it in you.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who think they’ve got their relationship to **GOD** in the bag because they think they understand their Scripture are going to be very sorry they didn’t do more to educate themselves more thoroughly in spiritual linguistics before they meet their Maker. You can’t snub any of the Abrahamic faiths without facing the forces of conversion to that faith from within. You can’t achieve a soul without having it circumnavigated and then circumcised. {You don’t have to project that circumcision onto the planet or those you detest.} All external cuts will merely remind you of what hasn’t yet been trimmed away within you.¹²⁷

If you don’t learn how to talk to yourself, you aren’t going to learn how to pray any more effectively than you do now. And if you don’t improve the way you pray, you’re not going to be in a very good position to discuss your moral choices as you stand, kneel or prostrate yourself before your Maker in your house of prayer. You can’t **GOD** give

¹²⁷ Perhaps, the thought of sleeping with your mother may almost be less repellant to you than the thought of having to take the other two Abrahamic faiths to heart. But I assure you that given the choice, ultimately you’ll make the right decision... As members of the LGBT+ community that have been expelled from all three of the faiths, this decision was even harder for us, albeit for a different reason. All three of you snubbed us, and now we have to embrace all three of you! You only have to embrace two other faiths and the hypocrisies and lies you’ve used to guide you until now.

something you haven't given and received from yourself. You're going to unconsciously participate in the folly you think you look down on in the world we have to share.

You're being given more opportunities to correct your mistakes every day. But who knows about tomorrow? Do what you can in the course of the next 24 hours. Fill today with more conscious contact with yourself, and you'll be rewarded over time with more conscious contact with **GOD**.¹²⁸

It's a new world. It's a new age. And it's high time people get with the program. My words are probably going to fall on deaf ears with all but those who have a great deal of patience and determination to examine new ideas for personal truths.

Spiritually under-educated believers will remain set in their ways because they're accustomed to themselves the way they are and don't want to rock their own boat. But this is the very definition of a Noah {a man of comfort}. This is the very definition of someone who's juvenile.

The idea of having to get out of your head and heart to get to know yourself from your conscience will be challenging because it will bring up penis problems or clitoris conflicts that you may be too embarrassed to face. Your desires may have to be tempered with self-will to proceed.

The idea of learning how not to take our own three names in vain eludes us all from time to time. But it must be done. Once you've finished these seven books and have a circumcised soul you'll find that your vanity won't have the ability anymore to pull the "wool" over your inner "eye."

It's easier to go to the same house of worship you're accustomed to going to on Friday, Saturday or Sunday than it is to mix it up and learn about the strangers' ways. It's easier to call people names like "faggot" and "kike" than to go into spiritual business with them. It's easier to take up arms against strangers than to embrace the most elusive of all strangers: yourself.

This victory will, in some ways, at first feel like a defeat. The celebration will, in some ways, feel humiliating. You can have it all, but you can't have it all-at-once. You can eat forbidden fruit, but you can't eat all the forbidden fruit in one bite. You can only have some of what you may now want because some of what you might want might be unfair to others if you got it right away.

The fundamentalists will eventually have to sit down with the LGBT+ community at the spiritual table. But the LGBT+ community will also have to allow the fundamentalists the wiggle room they need to maintain their sexual modesty.

*"It was He who sent down tranquility
into the hearts of the faithful,
so that their faith might grow stronger.
God's are the legions of the heavens and the earth.*

¹²⁸ Rome wasn't built in a day. Rome was built day-by-day over the course of millennia. So give yourself what may feel like a couple of millennia to get it right. You're better and worse than you think. Be more patient with yourself today.

*God is all-knowing and wise
that He may bring the believers,
both men and women,
into gardens watering by running streams,
there to abide forever;
that He may forgive them their sins
{This in God's sight is a glorious triumph};
and that He may punish the hypocrites and the idolaters,
men and women,
who think evil thoughts about God.”
[48:3-6]*

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Perhaps, you can already hear the humility with which **GOD** refers to himself when **HE** says in the third person, “It was **HE** who sent down tranquility into the hearts of the faithful.” Even if you only believe it was the Archangel Gabriel who uttered this phrase to the Prophet who then relayed it to all mankind, you still ought to be able to conclude that

the role of the angels lies within us all to speak on GOD's behalf. The angels represent a "heavenly" awareness of GOD's will that none of us can approach without help.

How can you hope to address the Lord if you can't speak to HIS emissaries? How can you hope to address GOD with at least as much regard for HIM as you've practiced on yourself before Them {Moses, Jesus and the Prophet}? Ultimately, even the angels will just be for practice. Ultimately, you'll have to face your Creator by yourself. Even Jesus, like a tutor, will sit silently and watch hopefully as you take your tests.

Man is woefully unresponsive and calloused to the desires of his Maker. Prayer is much easier to talk about than to utter. Communication with one's self is much more important than people will admit out loud. The WORD of GOD is much more concentrated than you might think, feel or believe to be the case. The inculcation of the Lord is far more important than all the external poses and pronouncements you make to impress others with your faith.

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People don't think evil thoughts about GOD. They don't talk to HIM, period. They just think about HIM. In order that your faith in GOD will grow stronger, you ought to consider first increasing your faith in yourself. Who better to practice your faith on than you? But to do that, you're going to have to learn from the many voices inside that you wouldn't have given the time of day to in the past.

Your desires are in far more control of your thinking than you think. What you probably think are thoughts aren't thoughts. They're desires cleverly disguised as thoughts. In fact, most people think very little. Their penis or clitoris is ruling their roost.

You may have surrounded yourself with people who "think" like you, but GOD invests HIMSELF in everyone. The more you only try to help those who are similar to you, the more disappointed you're going to be with the outcome. All people are similar and different to you.

*"We sent you forth as a witness
and a bearer of good news and warnings,
so that you may have faith in God and His apostle*

¹²⁹ I hate hearing JEWS pray to GOD before every sip of water they drink. I hate hearing CHRISTIANS give credit to GOD for helping them win a football game and Muslims blessing God every time they toss a bomb. Most of the things you do, you do using your desires. Your thoughts, feelings and beliefs aren't involved. Stop promoting your "God" to us. We want to watch the program. We don't want to be forced to watch your incessant commercials.

*and that you may assist him,
honor him,
and praise Him morning and evening.”*
[48:8] ¹³⁰

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If you'd like to assist GOD you're going to have to do a lot more to assist yourself, not just the Prophet Muhammad. He's dead. Your assistance of others won't, at first, create any apparent change in the world within you. It will come as a transformation of your heart and as a slow transcendence of your conscience over time. Assistance will also come from your desire to think differently about what you're here to do and a desire to use your imagination to discover how to do it. It'll be a reversal of the flow of energy on the outside to the inside. It'll be a change in the relationship you presently have between your thoughts and how you feel about your penis or clitoris. {Leave your heart and soul alone for a time. They'll follow your head once it's screwed on properly.}

Beneath your fear and despondency lies embarrassment. It's this embarrassment that you've been hiding from by covering it up with negative emotions, like leaves. Pierce your feelings and you'll experience guilt. It's been harder to be you than you realized. It's embarrassing not to know what to think. It's shaming not to know what to feel. And it's humiliating not to know how to believe. These are the sticks that have stung you like whips. Discover this about yourself for yourself and more carrots will come.

Many abhor those who hate, yet everyone hates. It shouldn't be embarrassing to hate injustice. It shouldn't be shameful to hate those who are prejudiced. It shouldn't be humiliating to hate those who hate GOD.

But loving yourself without hating yourself from time to time is a recipe for insanity and disaster. When you see hatred in others, look for love in yourself. But if you should find only blind obedience to your leader, know that you're like a Nazi regardless of your cause.

Many a shmucky leader doesn't realize how pushy he behaves or how he figuratively sticks his shlung where it doesn't belong. He takes up more figurative space than he should because he doesn't know how to get the job done without male privilege. And just because

¹³⁰ GOD sent forth the Meccans as witnesses... so that they would develop faith in their Prophet.

some women {and men} might delight in his emotionally naked presence, that doesn't mean they come away enjoying everything he exudes, secretes, releases, oozes, leaks, discharges or emits.¹³¹

Corporations aren't people, and the Mafia isn't like family. If your family was run like the Mafia and you're growing a corporation instead of growing up inside, then you've got a problem. And all the hyper-religious crap coming out of your mouth is a sign that you're inside out, upside down and backwards. What you call your "lips," we see as your asshole.

Open your closet door and look inside. That isn't going to make you gay. Even if the door shuts immediately, remember what you saw, even if you can't put it into words. That was a vision. That was your x^2 {right brain} communicating with your left brain $\{x^1/y\}$.

That view was sanctioned by GOD.

Gentleness, truthfulness and civility are paramount to the process. Watch to see if your relationship to your body is rough and crude. Watch the way you do things, and you'll see for yourself whether you've learned a thing or two over time. The junior high school rough and tumble ways by which you made your way to class may have become unconsciously internalized. It's time to graduate to high school. It's time to walk across the rainbow from childhood to adulthood. It's time to grow up.

A change of view from the first person to the third person with regard to your penis problems won't change the gender you're most attracted to. It'll change your intimacy with yourself. And in this regard, I'm not referring to the way you masturbate or even whether you masturbate. I'm not even referring to a physical relationship of intimacy with yourself that echoes deeper meaning. I'm referring to the way your wants {serpent} interact with your thoughts {Adam} via your feelings {Eve}. This, and this alone, will change the way you think about what's in your conscience. It's this that will open you up to your soul in communion with the Lord.

These changes in inner dynamics will elevate you in your own eyes. It may come in the smallest of ways in which you don't put a dish back in the cupboard until you've dried it completely. It may come in the order you soap yourself in the shower. It may come in the way you think of the emotional effect you're having on another person you thought you'd never be able to influence. It may even come as an awareness of a word you can now take personally. There are many ways in which you may see and express this change of intimacy within yourself. But whatever you happen to notice different about you from within will, eventually, profoundly change our world.

*"It is He that has sent for His apostle
with guidance and the true faith,
so that he may exalt it above all religions.
Sufficient is God as a witness."*

[48:28]

¹³¹ I have news for you. What they call "egg on your face" isn't egg...

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with guidance and the true faith,
so that he may exalt it above all religions.
Sufficient is **GOD** as a Witness.”

GOD wants to exalt Islam along with the other two Abrahamic religions, but that can only happen when good people of faith exalt themselves and their tradition as a part of **HIS** master plan. So long as *Islamic* terrorists try to take over the world, the word *Islam* will continue to be synonymous with fear and intimidation. And then the true meaning of the word “*submission*” will get lost in translation.

The victory of the world has to be achieved spiritually, not just politically or militarily. “Sufficient is **GOD** as a Witness.” But if you can’t witness what **HE** witnesses, how will you witness yourself?

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* need the whole world to bow down at their feet. People will bow down to their faith when they feel themselves ascending the first, second and third steps up to **GOD**’s throne. But that can’t be accomplished with knives, guns or bombs. That has to be done with smiles, handshakes and peace-loving intentions.

*“You see them worshipping on their knees,
seeking the grace of God and His good will.
Their marks {ashes} are on their faces,
the traces of their prostrations:
Thus are they described in Torah and the Gospels.”*
[48:29-30] ¹³²

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¹³² “Ashes on the face refers to the Christian holiday called ‘Ash Wednesday.’ The use of ashes is a sign of mortality and repentance. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline before Easter.” [Wikipedia]

We have given the world examples of how we pray on our feet and how the Christians pray on their knees. Now it's time for the Muslims to model how to pray on clean feet; knees bent with humility; and heads facing the ground. The *Muslims* will never succeed in getting the JEWS down on their knees; not militarily, politically or religiously. And no one is going to get a CHRISTIAN down on all fours in church.

The process has to be accomplished by one and all spiritually, not literally. And that's where finesse and goodwill must come in. Forcing captives down on their knees, then beheading them; drowning them; setting them aflame; or pushing them off buildings – isn't modeling or teaching submission. These are perverted ways of living out the fantasy of domination. Surely there will be horrid layers of learning after life for those who don't learn how to control themselves in their lifetime.

The Christians see themselves as humble grain waving in the wind in unison. The Jews see themselves as mighty trees of knowledge. So if you think Moses and Jesus weren't profound influences on this world, you're the nonbeliever the Prophet is speaking about in the Quran.

But Jesus wasn't a prophet. The Age of Prophecy ended 500 years before HE was born. Those prophets had nothing more to profess. Jesus was the first spiritual symbol in the flesh sent down from **GOD**. HE was a Jew {and probably a gay-Jew, if you ask me}. In symbolic, spiritual terms, that's what it means to me to be GOD's ONE and only SON. What matters isn't HIS familial relationship to our Creator, but HIS contribution which transformed the WORD of GOD. What mattered 700 years after HE died was that the Prophet transcended the WORD of GOD. And what matters today is that we transfigure the *Word* of *God*.

Moses was a murderer. Jesus was gay. The Prophet was a sex addict. Use the brains **GOD** gave you to use their messages to the best of your ability. The prophets who came after Moses and before Jesus professed the future for us all here on Earth. Jesus declared a future possibility in the "world to come." But the Prophet warned in no uncertain terms that there's a fate awaiting those who don't deserve **GOD**'s blessings.

The mind must guess using the evidence at its disposal. The heart knows given the feelings it senses. And the soul professes from that what must then be true.

The Prophet recited the *Word* of *God*, not knowing whether modern man would be able to unite Scripture to produce the WORD of **GOD**. Only today do educated people ask for a literal and lawful explanation for the way **GOD** is allowing this world to unfold. People who've only been schooled won't be convinced with declarations of the truth anymore. The truth has to be revealed to them through their own experiences {combined with the essences of all three Scriptures} or they aren't going to believe in **GOD**.

*“They are like the seeds which puts forth its shoot
and strengthens it;
so that it rises stout and firm upon its stalk,
delighting the sower.”
[48:31]*

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and strengthens it;
so that it rises stout and firm upon its stalk,
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This is the Prophet’s rendition of a passage from the Book of Mark. Here is that passage:

“THIS IS WHAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE. A MAN SCATTERS SEED ON THE GROUND. NIGHT AND DAY, WHETHER HE SLEEPS OR GETS UP, THE SEED SPROUTS AND GROWS, THOUGH HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW. ALL BY ITSELF THE SOIL PRODUCES GRAIN – FIRST THE STALK, THEN THE HEAD, THEN THE FULL KERNEL IN THE HEAD. AS SOON AS THE GRAIN IS RIPE, HE PUTS THE SICKLE TO IT, BECAUSE THE HARVEST HAS COME.” [Mark 4-26-29]

You are the sower of your own seed. You put forth your own shoot and root. The one rises up through the rock of your being into the light of **GOD**. The other reaches down to grasp a foothold in this world to support you in the material sense while you’re here.

Don’t let your shell end up feeling like a coffin. Don’t wait all your life to make your way out of the ground of your being as would the dead trying to escape the grave. Force yourself to come out of your shell. Your fear may be nothing more than shyness in getting to know yourself better. Your guilt could someday blossom into modesty, humility and grace. The white light that pierces your head, heart and soul will be broken into your own unique bands of colored lights, as though you were going through a prism. And the prospect of beholding your rainbow in all that darkness within you will give you more than courage. It’ll make you curious to know the greatest potential miracle maker of today: you.

Everyone wants *rewards*, and everyone wants *awards*. A rewards is material. An award is emotional. When you go shopping, you’re looking for rewards. When you go to a bar, club, party or online dating club, you’re looking for awards.

People are awards. They’re trophies you take to bed with you rather than put on your mantle. People want people. And people who have good people in their life are the most awarded people in the world.

Declarations of abstract truths have become next to meaningless in the 21st Century. People want to be able to make declarations of the truths in their own life. They want subjective truths that give them the sense of being rewarded and awarded.

You should be delighting yourself a little more with your own company day after day. You should be delighted awakening others the same way. You should be complimenting, commending and congratulating people for their success in being a seed, sprout, shoot, sapling and tree. You should be thanking **GOD** for every day you’ve been given to grow,

branch out and wrap your roots around **HIM**. Whether you identify more as a majestic tree; a humble grass and vine; or an aromatic herb – you should see yourself as using the wind to seed your world within you with life.

Measure your spiritual height every morning to see how tall you are in comparison to the day before. If you don't see yourself as the greatest miracle **GOD** has ever bestowed upon the world, you're jealous, resentful, bitter and angry. If you haven't yet achieved victory over your feelings, you're still behaving like a perpetrator, victim or martyr. You're playing the game, but you're playing to learn how to end up feeling like a loser. You're going down, not up. You're growing like an onion with your head in the sand and your feet in the air. And you're going to cry when you realize you're stuck in the ground with a view only of your roots, trying to look up at the "heavens" through the soles of your feet...

The joy of Jewish humor doesn't just lie in the wisdom of seeing through others like x-rays that pierce skin and muscle down to the bone. The purpose of Jewish humor should be in x²-raying yourself. If you use the foibles of others to face your own faults, you'll come to laugh at yourself. And in doing so, your laughter mixed with tears will rise to **GOD**'s ears where **HE**'ll hear your pleas for more self-awareness. Why should **HE** help you change if you've got no desire to laugh at yourself?

The victory for the ultra-orthodox JEWS will come when they discover that embracing the 21st Century means embracing עבודת {avoda}: inner work, not just external worship. As the JEWS find themselves having to make a living like the rest of us and going into the army in Israel, they'll discover the delights (and dismay) of being in the strangers' {Jews'} midst. Welcome to reality! Being a victor is harder than it looks when the world has accused you for millennia of being nothing more than a perpetrator of what it declares is evil.

Even a JEW or *Muslim* can be taught how to bring home the bacon. But only a true believer can be taught how to bring home sour cream and honey...

Making a good living is a great victory over poverty. But living a spiritual life is the greatest victory of all.

Surah 49
سورة الحجرات
The Chambers

The heart has four chambers. Each of them figuratively corresponds to one of the four, spiritual forces: thoughts, feelings, desires and beliefs. You ought to love all of these chambers of your heart. They're parts of you that make you, you. But you'll need to approach this awareness in your own special way. If not, you'll find yourself struggling with one or another of these forces in your heart or elsewhere within you.

I strongly recommend you peek within from time to time to look at what you think about what you feel. Do you love what you're feeling or are you frustrated by some of your feelings? Do you think that what you feel is good for you to feel, or detrimental? Do you love the way you make love? Do you love all your desires as well, or do you wish you didn't want everything you want? Do you love all the beliefs you hold and all of the conclusions you've come to about others?

Looking in at each and every one of these chambers is hard work. But matters of the heart are preparation for matters of your soul. You can't circumcise your soul if you can't make your way around it lovingly.

If you aren't happy with yourself, your problem is situated in your penis or clitoris. What you feel is the consequence of what you've wanted. And what you've wanted may not have been fair or kind to you (or others). You may not be fully satisfied with all that you're getting out of life because you're still trying to get some of your desires behind you.

That little fist {prostate/Skene's gland} that has its fingers wrapped around your urethra has more control over planting your seeds than you may have surmised. Your ego may be more enlarged than you think. So look below your belt for the poetic reasons for why things are the way they are. You may want something you can't yet even put into words. And as new conclusions about you come to consciousness, you may, at first, be disturbed by the realization that you may not know yourself as well as you think.

The meek may inherit the Earth, but can you realistically expect to inherit a hopeful attitude about the "world to come" without going about your life in a more systematic way? Blaming or deifying others is only for practice in developing critical thinking skills. The more reasonably you can critique you, the better you'll think.

This was an interesting spiritual lesson for me because I discovered that I had very little self-trust in some ways, and in other ways, I took my external ability to trust others completely for granted. Learning to appreciate all the myriad ways I need to depend on me has, over time, made me feel stronger. It's made me feel like an opened seed finally growing out of its shell through the darkness into the light.

I never before gave much thought to the other side of me {root} that was making its way down {spiritual} in ways that would wrap me around the rock {GOD}. I also didn't realize I was like a shoot working its way through soil up into light at the same time that I was growing down into rock.

When you familiarize yourself with the tenets of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, the correspondences between your inner world of thoughts, feelings and modern beliefs become much easier to perceive. Once you can see your desires as an inner force that's

quite separate and distinct from the other three forces within you, you're no longer going to steal from yourself, bribe yourself or sell yourself short.

Giving physically and sexually like a man or receiving physically and sexually like a woman become mirrors of spiritual skills you're learning about yourself in order to converse with **GOD**. Giving becomes a form of receiving, and receiving, a form of giving when you realize that **GOD** made man in HIS/HIS/*His* image(s).

But many men (and women) may find they can't take responsibility for their limited choices. This often makes them even more of a hyper-religious believer or atheist, while, ironically, making both believer and atheist alike cynical, calloused, irrational and resentful. The hyper-religious believer turns his back on life to submit to the superstitious "God" of his forefathers. And the atheist submits whole hog to the god of materialism.

It's at these moments that people are sometimes humbled to suddenly see the other side of their own words. And in doing so, they come in conscious contact with the deeper side of themselves. It's at these moments when they may, at first, find it even more difficult to believe in themselves. Nothing they believed in before seems to hold true. Something they thought of as sacred had to become personal for them to come to believe in **GOD**. The learning process is sometimes filled with great grief and long expanses of suffering between brief moments of glory.

If you're a lapsed Jew, Muslim or Christian, I recommend you explore Christianity for the tenets of love, whether or not you have any intention of glorifying Jesus as the first symbol in the flesh from **GOD**. There are many people who act out everything they feel. But there are just as many people who never act out anything they feel, keeping it all locked up deep down inside them. They know there's a secret inside the, but they don't know how to tell it to themselves.

Choices have consequences. New and more charitable choices can miraculously awaken you to the spiritual meaning of the four chambers of your heart.

I can help you find the courage to feel more deeply rather than loudly. I can help you determine whether your self-esteem is high enough for a direct relationship with yourself with **GOD** as your Partner. In trying to do so, you might like to have an intermediary on your behalf. Talking to yourself in the third person is just such a help. It makes you an impartial witness to yourself.

Not everyone can face **GOD** directly through prayer. Not everyone has the courage to raise his hand to ask a question of the Teacher. Sometimes you just need a tutor to call your own. But you can become your own tutor. And in doing so, you can learn to put more trust in yourself.¹³³

¹³³ I would add that you didn't make your way from kindergarten through high school overnight. Therefore be patient with yourself. Your sense of I, you and s/he is a complex relationship that takes time to shape. Your spiritual education takes longer to show results than you may have imagined. But the more you work at it, the more progress you'll make.

*“Believers,
do not behave presumptuously
in the presence of God and His apostle.
Have fear of God:
God hears all and knows all.”
[49:1]*

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The Prophet keeps repeating the message, “GOD *hears all and knows all.*” But people continually act as if that’s not true. They behave as though HE only looks at them when they look at HIM, and that HE looks away from them when they look away from HIM. It’s as if they’re playing hide-and-go-seek with GOD and assume HE’s also playing games with them. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Most people don’t want to question GOD about their misfortunes {losses in life}. They only want to blame others. They’re afraid that if they were to ask GOD why HE allows them to suffer so, they’d discover that their misfortunes are a learning opportunity. But people don’t always want to learn about their moral obligation to their own best interest in life. They often want to claim that they’ve been misjudged, victimized or martyred.

The very rich and the very poor are most likely to claim to be misjudged. The middle class is more interested in earning than learning. And the disenfranchised don’t know what to believe. But whatever class you come out of, you can have it all if you seek yourself.

The irony is that many who are in the most powerful roles of leadership are actually quite spiritually infantile in ways they aren’t even aware of. They behave as though they’re pulling flower pedals from a stem, proclaiming: HE-loves-me; HE-loves-me-not; *He*-loves-me. The masses are often led astray by spiritual toddlers with positions of authority in military, political or religious life who don’t understand matters of their own heart. Some of these leaders assume that posturing and acts of aggression are the best way to hold people’s attention.

Actually, one of the best ways to get and keep people’s attention is with humor, something toddlers don’t yet possess. They think humor weakens them. Genghis Khan,

Hitler, Stalin and Mao Tse Tung were not known for their humor. What do you think of your leader's humor?

You will eventually become your own mother. And then you'll be stuck with the "woman's work" of raising a house full of kids for the rest of your life. You're the grown up x^2 who's going to have to care for y or x^1 from now till your last dying breath. This is what parenthood means from within. Look within you. How often does it feel like there's an adult in your room? That truth is funny if you have a good sense of humor.

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[49:6]

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There are levels of truth, and you ought to question as many of them as you can for personal insight. Therefore: (1) Question whether the facts are true. (2) Question the emotional effect the message has had on you. (3) Question the sincerity of the messenger, i.e. whether he's trying to simply inform you or whether you suspect he's trying to manipulate your feelings toward a nefarious end. (4) Question whether the message will inspire or hurt others.

When you're engrossed in deep concentration, watch as your thoughts suddenly lurch to the left or right, distracting you with something completely unrelated to what's on your mind. You know your heart wants to stay focused on the problem at hand. And you know your beliefs are on board with your thoughts and feelings. But you distract yourself unconsciously when your desires get in your way. This is what a penis problem or a clitoris conflict looks like from within. This is your beguiling serpent or worm at work in real time.

Talking to yourself is hard work because your penis or clitoris never wants to talk. It interjects into the conversation with zeros and ones, on's and off's, to divert you away from what you want to think about. It takes you in the direction it wants to go unless your I.Q. {intelligence quotient}, E.I.Q. {emotional intelligence quotient} and S.I.Q. {spiritual, intelligence quotient} are raised to a much higher level than they're probably at right now.

In this surah, the Prophet is bringing a message of hope from his heart to Islam, a message you should be able to unravel if all four chambers of your heart are open. *"Inquire first into the truth lest you should wrong others unwittingly and then regret your actions."* Use your heart to determine to what extent the Prophet's truth may be true for

you. If you don't, you may wrong the innocent. And, later, the one who may erroneously conclude he's been "innocently" harmed may be you.

*"Know that God's apostle is among you.
If he obeyed you in many matters,
you would surely come to grief.
But God has endeared the faith to you
and beautified it in your hearts,
making nonbelief, wrongdoing and disobedience abhorrent to you.
Such are those who are rightly guided through God's grace and bounty.
God is all-knowing and wise."
[49:7-8]*

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In this passage GOD's apostle amongst us may not be the Archangel Gabriel. And there's no way to tell whether the Prophet and the Archangel Gabriel were implying HIS Apostle is Jesus. The Archangel Gabriel wisely has the Prophet recite GOD's WORDS as best he can. I doubt this is to confuse us. I'm sure it was recorded as is to make us think.

The Prophet is no longer among us. The dead are dead. The Prophet was a man, not a god. So modern men and women must put on their thinking caps {yarmulkes} to figure out the meaning of this statement for themselves.

The reason the Prophet continues to make the point that "GOD is all-knowing and wise" is because most people unconsciously shirk their responsibility in becoming knowledgeable about others and wise to themselves, perhaps out of fear they'd then be judged more harshly by our Creator. That's foolish, of course. The more you know about yourself, the less you fear any and all negative outcomes.

The wise should be judged favorably because they're more aware of GOD. The loving should be judged favorably because they're closer to GOD. And the loyal should be judged

favorably because they're nearer to *God*. The more you know your sins, the less likely you are to sin again. And the more you desire to atone for those sins, the more you'll seek **GOD**'s guidance to do so.

Talk about yourself to yourself. And then talk about your inner selves to others. Keep your moral journey personal, but not too private. Reveal your personality flaws to yourself, and then ask **GOD** for guidance. That makes so much more sense than discovering your sins through confrontations with others. People don't have to be for practice once you're practicing on yourself.

Embarrassment is a far cry from shame. But shame is never far from humiliation. Your head sits high above your heart and soul. But your heart and soul should be like lovebirds cooing on a branch, one beside the other.

We're all going to be judged by our Creator, so you might as well learn to question the wisdom brought to you by the Jews and the love from the Christians so that you can better put your loyalties where they belong: with you. Using everyone's gifts to your advantage should be your highest priority.

*"**GOD** has endeared the faith to you and beautified it in your hearts, making nonbelief, wrongdoing, and disobedience abhorrent to you."* But the members of Fatah, Hamas, Hezbollah, the Iranian Guard etc. celebrate killing Jews and anyone they deem a nonbeliever. They want to destroy the State of Israel and outlaw homosexuality everywhere on Earth. They'd cut off the head of every gay and Jew in the world to gain dominion over their own heart and soul. (It can't be done that way.)

Such are the desires of those who don't know themselves. They don't understand how the Quran and the intentions of the Prophet could make a great difference for the modern world and for the advancement of Western civilization. They have an underdeveloped imagination.

Those who are rightly guided through **GOD**'s grace and bounty care about what's in their head, not just what's in those spiritual parts below their neck that can only be spoken about metaphorically, symbolically or with similes. If you don't lose your head, you can learn to manage in today's world without conscious awareness of **GOD**'s help or **HIS** designs.

But if you think you can do so without the help and planning of the gays and Jews, you're going to be further fractured in your attempt to go against history. **GOD** created all of us with a plan because **HE** planned on us helping one another individually to make our way through **HIS** designs.

Think of Judaism as a small circle at the historical core of all faith in **GOD/GOD/God**. Think of Christianity as a huge circle totally encompassing the circle of Judaism. Now think of Islam as a wide ring around all of Christianity.

The JEWS historically pushed out the gays. The CHRISTIANS pushed out the Jews and the gays. The *Muslims* pushed out the Christians, Jews and the gays. And now the *Muslims* are even pushing out Muslims.

The only people outside the ring of Islam are the gays and those who sympathize with Muslims. We're looking in on all of you. **GOD**, in **HIS** infinite wisdom, has left all of you as witnesses to your own intentions. "**GOD** is knowing and wise."

*"If two parties of believers take up arms the one against the other,
make peace between them.
If either of them unjustly attacks the other,
fight against the aggressors till they submit to God's judgment.
When they submit,
make peace between them in equity and justice;
God loves those who exercise justice."
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Nowhere is it written that these words apply only to Muslim relationships with non-Muslims. It applies to Muslims with *Muslims*, as well. The WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of **GOD** apply to everyone, whether or not someone believes in every aspect HIM/**THEM**/*Him*. The WORD of **GOD** comes to us in mysterious ways through messengers we'll never be able to anticipate. But it comes to each of us continuously. Only when we're awakened enough, though, that can we perceive it.

The Christians believe Jesus sits on the right-hand side of **GOD** because HE was perfect. They believe HE's an essential part of **GOD** to this day. If you believe you're perfect, then you're sitting on top of HIM and need to get up; not because you're Jewish, Muslim or a nonbeliever, but because you're being rude. Someone is already sitting where you claim to be seated. The seat of perfection has already been taken.

Nowhere is it written that Moses or the Prophet claimed to be perfect. They were human, just like the rest of us. Moses had obvious heart problems. He got easily frustrated with himself, and that caused him to then get angry at others. Calm, peace-loving men don't kill, not even when they have a good reason unless the perpetrator is threatening a life. Only frightened, angry and deeply disappointed little boys kill. Moses's negative feelings toward the Egyptian slave driver was, in part, a projection of his own frustration with himself. The fact that it worked out the way it did is a sign of GOD's design. GOD can slice perfectly though any moral pie.

The Prophet had a huge penis problem. He had sex with more women than many mortal men even get to have today. He even had sex with prepubescent girls. That's the very definition of a pervert by today's standards. But he probably couldn't stop thinking about lustful matters. {What man doesn't know what that's like?...} That's how all boys behave if they aren't better trained.

I tend to think the Prophet waged war with indigenists, Jews, Christians and other Muslims to avoid the war within himself. I think his lust was a projection of his embarrassment at his lusts being unbridled. I've felt that way myself. Sexual obesity is as unhealthy as physical obesity.

Moses and the Prophet were, therefore, far from perfect. But who amongst us is perfect? We may pretend to be like Jesus, but we always seem to eventually find ourselves crucified by something or someone we didn't see coming. I always find myself with yet one more cross to bear that I hadn't intended to carry.

GOD always seems to like to remind us that we're all far from perfect; that we're here to improve ourselves, not perfect others. This isn't just the essence of the problems suffered by JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. This is a problem that's universal. But this problem is greater for JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* because they instigate murder to attain their goals.

GOD created the Jews in very small number. Those who claim we're trying to take over the world are speaking unwisely. GOD also created the LGBT+ community in very small number. Those who claim we're trying to take over the world are also speaking unwisely. If GOD wanted to take over the world using the Jews or gays, HE would have made us much greater in number and with far greater external power.

Our imperfections couldn't be more obvious to one, and all. We're tutors to ourselves, just like everyone else ought to be. Therefore learn what you can from us and leave the rest. We'll all get our just desserts. Let's avoid violence.

There will never be a ruling class on planet Earth. Generally speaking, however, I suspect we've all projected a certain amount of our personal power onto people who are white, rich and Christian. We'd all be lucky if we could get out of this world able to claim that we rose to become the king of our own inner castle. But if that's what you want in life, my suggestion is that you get a little help on the side from a queen...

Those whom GOD created in the greatest number and who should be allowed to control the world are, by and large, the women. They're usually less motivated to make enemies. And many of them are even our victors personified. But until we fight to the last man and woman to make ourselves our own master, many will continue to feel like victims and martyrs to causes they think can elucidate in terms of geography and gender.

As a gay, male Jew, I'm surely the poster child of what it looks like on the outside to be a mama's boy. My mother and my umbilical cord seem to have been made of stainless steel, and nothing over almost seven decades has been able to saw through it. But now that she's so very old, suffers from severe dementia and can no longer even recognize my voice when I call, our umbilical cord has become more like a paper clip. It's being bent in many directions. I feel it getting quite hot. Soon, I know it will break.

When I was a kid of 9, I was worried about having to go into the army because I'd have to leave my mother's side. I worried about her being hundreds of miles away when I was 50, had just separated from my former boyfriend and found myself alone as an aging, gay man in San Francisco without a meaningful connection to anyone but her.

But GOD, in HIS infinite love and wisdom, chose to heal that existential wound slowly. The scar is now so thick that I'm not even expecting to feel sad when she dies. And my new boyfriend is amazing! As GOD is closing one door on the main floor, HE's been opening a window on the second story. Having since made my way from there up to the third story, has only confirmed my hypothesis and theory as fact.

(change of metaphor) Life is a school. GOD is our Teacher, and we're all classmates trying to graduate with as high a degree as we can in the time allotted us. As a Holocaust survivor, my mom had to take on her educational challenge in this academy on Earth seemingly in reverse order. Surviving the Nazis earned her a Ph.D. in Jewish studies. Divorcing my father in 1960 turned out to be her master's thesis in Women's Studies. Accepting me as gay in 1974 cinched her B.A. in the humanities. Marrying her second husband at the age of 55 after raising me and my sister as a single mom for 17 years made her feel like a high school sweetheart for 35 wonderful years of marriage to him. But now she's dealing with her long, neglected, kindergarten education. And I'm very proud of all that she's done – backwards and often in high heels! ¹³⁴ (Some face where they're going in life. Others face where they've been.) But no pupil could be blessed with a better first tutor than I had.

Feel sorry for your parents. Don't feel angry at them. You have nothing to fear in them. Your fears are simply projections you haven't yet fully contemplated. Of all my fears, disappointment was my greatest. Facing my disappointment in my mother had been the stumbling block that blinded me to my disappointment in myself.

This world is nothing more than a one-room schoolhouse. We're all in this together. You never know when the next person you meet exhibits being in kindergarten or in the

¹³⁴ “After all, Ginger Rogers did everything that Fred Astaire did. She just did it backwards and in high heels.” Quotation by Ann Richards, second woman governor of Texas. (Both she and the first female governor of Texas, Miriam Ferguson, were Democrats.)

post-graduate program majoring in themselves. Torah explains the same thing using a metaphor: Once there was a tree planted in a garden.

But the modern world we find ourselves in today is no longer a garden full of sprouts and shoots. It's now an orchard filled with massive trees of knowledge and life. Just look at what Israel is producing after only 70 years of growth! The fruits of some people's labors are sweet indeed! But GOD's love for us is the greatest of all that we consume.

Through my mother's babbling with dementia, I've acknowledged the infant in me without fear of regression. I sense the gnawing in my gut when I behave like an infant, hungry for something I can't put into words.

I already mourn the loss of "our" umbilical cord even before it breaks. I now see that the source of all nutrition comes from how GOD has made me in HIS myriad images.

I look back on the baby I once was in a crib. I can see him in a fetal position frozen in sleep like cold, petrified wood. I can see him, but I can't literally touch him. I have to reach him with a downpouring of love in the form of words.

One strange and unexpected day in my past, a shoot will shoot out of him. And a root will bore down in the other direction. His shell will break open, and he'll instinctively know he isn't far from the light. He'll keep going through that hard, cold darkness because he knows I'm waiting for him here and now with open arms.

The only piece of Israel the Muslims have any reason to want is the rock from which the Prophet rose up to "heaven" and through which he returned from "heaven" to Mecca. This is the same rock on which Abraham sacrificed Isaac and the rock where Jesus prayed and later turned over the tables of the moneychangers at the second Temple. This is the rock I unconsciously wrapped my roots around when I was just a babe. And this is the rock you and I are now approaching. Only we're looking at it from the other side.

I find it perfectly reasonable for the Israelis to offer that rock in exchange for the Muslim claim to the land GOD gave to the Jews. I think that would be a noble gesture of friendship on our part as well as a token of spiritual respect from Christians to Muslims. And I think Muslims would gladly never allow anyone to sacrifice another animal or human being upon that rock.

We all know that Abraham wasn't the greatest of fathers. He was the first in a line of great men among men, but he had quite some difficulty getting along with his first two children, Ishmael and Isaac. I think it would be both proper and fitting that the Al Aqsa Mosque stand as a reminder to all three of the Abrahamic faiths that we're much more than just a recipient of our ancestors' legacies. Even if we want to thank everyone's ancestors for helping send us in the direction of GOD, we still couldn't get where we want to go without the strangers' ways.

Straight men are fighting over difficulties with their penis that they can't see. They desire what others have rather than the riches they hold within. They all have a wonderful penis that desires to infuse their head, heart and soul with all the glories of GOD's grace. But they don't believe in "it." They have one testicle filled with milk {literal love} and the other filled with honey {figurative wisdom}. But they see only good and evil around them because they only perceive good or evil within.

The land of milk and honey is a metaphoric extension of man's two fruits. But only the man who loves the Israel within himself will achieve GOD's grace. Not even gay-Jews have any spiritual advantage over anyone else in this regard.

GOD's designs aren't for the Jews to take over the world. HIS designs are for justice, mercy and fairness to take over humanity. That takes a wise man with a good heart and a deep devotion to himself and GOD. That takes someone with more faith than you might find in a mosque, churches or synagogue. That takes the kind of believer who has a personal relationship with GOD; not someone who's been spoon-fed his faith and believes it hook, line and sinker to the exclusion of all else.

*"The believers are a band of brothers.
Make peace among your brothers
and fear God,
so that you may be shown mercy."
[49:10]*

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The Prophet should be called the greatest friend of Jesus and the Jews. The secret to Israel winning all future wars with her neighbors {and the U.N.} lies in her practicing what's written in this passage of the Quran.

There are so many Sephardic Jews in Israel but no Sephardic Jews in Muslim Lands anymore. Those Sephardic Jews were all expelled from Muslim countries with the recreation of the State of Israel. And look at those countries now. They're filled with Muslims who are desperate for springtime. When will their winter end?

"The believers are a band of brothers." But the Jews will have to continue to enlarge their practice of wisdom, love and devotion if they're going to profess to be able to teach inner orientation skills to the whole world with the help of our friends. But that will only happen after the ultra-orthodox JEWS allow the LGBT+ community to commune with them in prayer at their religious tables.

*"You people!
We have created you from a male and a female,
and made you into nations and tribes,
that you might get to know one another."*

*The noblest of you in God's sight is he who is most righteous.
God is all-knowing and wise.”*
[49:13]

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GOD is all-knowing and wise.”

Do you think the old Testament or the New talks about GOD's designs? Only the Quran makes the point that GOD created males, females, nations and tribes that we might get to know one another. But what do we see in the world if not just the opposite? HE gave us three steps up to HIS throne. But people get sidetracked along the way because of the metaphors of life as a sport and a distraction that they choose to employ selfishly, instead. They'd rather have silly boys running the world than wise, loving and loyal women doing the heavy, spiritual lifting.

“Say:
‘Would you tell God of your religion,
when God knows what the heavens and the earth contain?
God has knowledge of all things.’”
[49:16]

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‘Would you tell GOD of your religion,
when GOD knows what the ‘heavens’ and the Earth contain?
GOD has knowledge of all things.’”

People are so full of themselves, full of their faith and full of half-digesting food that they try to proselytize to GOD to make HIM believe more deeply in them and their brand of faith. Do they think HE has no idea what HE's doing? Do they think HE needs to change

HIS opinion of HIMSELF? Surely *they're* confused, not HE. In modern-day, psychological terms we call this insanity. Let them change their opinion of themselves. Let them wake up to who's crazy.

You don't get a second chance in life. And nobody knows whether you get a second chance after life, either. Every second you spend reinforcing evil ideas, you waste precious time. But GOD, in HIS infinite wisdom, creates the next second of time anew for you. Every second, you're given another first chance. There is no second chance in the next second. Eventually, you'll simply run out of time altogether and have to make do with what you've done.

Time is like a serpent that swallowed you whole. You are a bulge somewhere inside it. "Here" and "now" are much bigger than you can possibly imagine. But you're getting smaller and smaller. You're being digested by time over time. And you have no idea of the length of the snake that swallowed you. You could die at any moment. You could exit the anus of time's tail today or tomorrow. That's the meaning of death for those who care enough about time as an intrinsic characteristic of creation.

Life is too precious to waste it fighting over being all right. Life is too precious to fight over being first and foremost. Cain was the first to sacrifice, but Abel was the first to please. Ishmael was first born, but Isaac was first chosen. Be who you are, and stop being jealous of others. You're not them. GOD doesn't need two of anything. HE needs one of each of us. As Oscar Wilde [gay-Christian] said, "Be yourself. Everybody else is taken."

Nobody escapes the flames of life without getting burned. But the best burn of all is an education. Therefore admire yourself for how you're spending your time learning. I guarantee you, your time here won't last forever.

The chambers of man's heart are four in number. That number doesn't change when you count them biologically, intellectually, emotionally or spiritually. The four chambers of the heart correspond to the four forces GOD instilled in man: the potential for (1) wisdom, (2) love (3) desire, and (4) true faith. With these four forces engaged with one another, a man can put his belief in himself in GOD and become an educated, modern individual, or he can make it "hell" here on Earth for himself and/or others.

As a rule, people use their head to pursue money; their heart to pursue others; their penis or clitoris to pursue fun; and their conscience to pursue power. And then they wonder why they aren't more hopeful, lucky or beloved.

Clearly, there appears to be a great need for power in mankind. Clearly, people feel they hold far less power than they want. Clearly, someone has convinced them that they're power-less.

It's all an inside job. Look around you. The world you see is a mirror of your world within. If you want to see change and transformation, you're going to have to transcend the issues you find in yourself so as to leave this world better than you found it. This is the way to transfigure your head, heart and conscience into a blazing soul.

Surah 50

سورة ق

Qaf

“Qaf” is the single discrete Arabic letter that deals with resurrection and the Day of Judgment. There’s no discussion in Judaism of resurrection. And the Jewish Day of Judgment comes once a year on Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur takes place every autumn shortly after our New Year when Jews reconcile themselves with GOD over their behavior the previous year and pray to be allowed to live for one more year to pursue a better life. There’s no discussion in Judaism over what will happen to anyone after life.¹³⁵

Qaf deals with the Christian concept of Resurrection and the Muslim concept of Day of Judgment. These are both issues about what will occur after you graduate from the school of life. But with all the people in this one-room schoolhouse who are still enrolled in nursery school or kindergarten, in my opinion, it’s doubtful most spiritually under-educated believers nowadays are graduating life in old age with a degree that’s any higher than the equivalent of an eighth-grade education. Prejudice and hatred are limiting their education. And their education is limiting their eternal outcome.

Most religious people can read and write, but they can’t think for themselves. They’re deeply reactive and prejudiced against some others, especially against those of their own faith who believe slightly differently from them. They aren’t concerned with the poor, disabled and disenfranchised parts of themselves, and so they take half-hearted steps to deal with these issues around them.

Religious extremists are concerned only with literal interpretations of their faith to the exclusion of all other rational options. They don’t want to take all Scriptures personally. They only want to impose their power over others. They’re not interested in allowing peoples to discover their GOD-given power from within.

This brings up a question that hyper-religious people don’t ask: “Why would GOD have given the religious the task of concretizing Scripture with literal meanings when what that does is cause people to fight over which interpretation should be enacted into law?”

The answer is actually quite simple. Fanatically religious people are distracted by their love of their own Scripture. They congratulate themselves for not sleeping with members of their own gender, and they thank their “God” that they weren’t born a woman. But that’s as personal as it gets for them. They’re not willing to learn from other faiths, the female

¹³⁵ Just as a sidebar, the Christian New Year {January 1st}, in accordance with Jewish law, celebrates the circumcision of Jesus eight days after HIS birth {December 25th}. The Muslim New Year, which is based on a lunar calendar, celebrates the emigration of Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Medina, where he created the constitution of Medina, which was a civil document that united the many polytheistic tribes there under the banner of Islam. [Wikipedia] The Jewish New Year celebrates the birth of Adam because that was the first Friday, the day GOD decided to create humanity. This was the day “GOD SAW ALL THAT HE HAD MADE, AND IT WAS VERY GOOD. AND THERE WAS EVENING, AND THERE WAS MORNING—THE SIXTH DAY.” [Genesis 1:31]

gender or other lifestyles because they aren't willing to learn from a deeper part of themselves. That would require more humility than they can muster.

You have to want to humble yourself before yourself to learn from you. Instead, such people try to humble others before them.¹³⁶ And if they're too arrogant to succeed in unifying members of their own tribe, they resort to politics, instead, to go about punishing others.

San Francisco is a place where religious issues are never in discussion, while political issues are always in vogue – provided you're extremely liberal. People here fight over political ideology, not "God." There's an unwritten rule against discussing religious matters. "God" isn't cool. And, ironically, I couldn't agree more with them.

But the fanatics (both religious and political) are jealous of the success of the Jews, envious of the success of the Christians and covetous of success for the Muslims. They want what others have, but they don't want to have to acknowledge the spiritual borders between them. And so they build walls with loud and offensive words. Saudi Arabians have literally built a wall against the *Muslims*. Protestant CHRISTIANS in America want a southern wall to keep out illegal, brown Catholics. And JEWS wall themselves up in religious igloos in Jerusalem, the spiritually coldest place on Earth.

Becoming willing to submit to the feeling of guilt will help you take all Scripture more personally and less literally. If you're Jewish, it'll help you become kosher in the figurative sense by becoming more like a cow than a pig. If you're Muslim, it'll help you become halal the same way. Guilt will help you chew on your experiences, swallow them, and bring them up four times {like cud} to get the most you can out of every lesson our Teacher brings you. You don't have to live like a pig with one experience after another going straight through you and out the other end.

Taking Tanach a little more figuratively and a little less literally will help the ultra-orthodox JEWS overcome their distaste for the rest of our tribe. It'll help them learn to share the best of their religious education with Jews who haven't focused enough on the moral essence of our faith. That may motivate others to submit to the guilt we all feel in our heart and soul, rather than fight it.

Coming out of your head is the essence of resurrection. When you can love yourself as you are {guiltily for being imperfect}, you can rise up out of your inner circumstances with a new love and desire to be merciful to you. This will prepare you for your day of judgment {the day you die}, one day at a time.

Once Jews and Muslims can share what's going on inside themselves without arguing with one another over which interpretation of their Scripture is right, they'll all do a better job of modeling the wisdom found in their faith, the love found in their faith and the devotion found in their faith. That will make it possible to create a modern world for

¹³⁶ If JEWS would read my book on Judaism {The Forbidden Fruit's Perspective: Torah for Straight People}; CHRISTIANS would read my book on Christianity {A Guest at Their Table: My Gay-Jewish Review of Christ's Feast of Self-Love}; and *Muslims* would read these books on Islam – they could all actually learn from their own Scripture. And if atheists could muster the strength to consider the possibility of ONE GOD, they'd be a lot better off, too.

peaceful people. We'll all be able, at long last, to bring GOD-consciousness to the spiritual table.

To achieve a feeling of guilt that will move you beyond where you are at the moment, you ought to get out of your head and heart, and into your soul, not your conscience. Anyone can avoid thoughts and feelings of guilt in his conscience. That's easy enough with blame. Only those who are truly motivated to express their devotion to the full range of their experiences in life are going to be willing to allow themselves to come to believe in the healing properties of self-guilt that, like steps, will figuratively bring them into the court in view of GOD's throne.

If you're a people pleaser, you should feel guilty for how you're treating yourself. If you're a people punisher, you should feel guilty for how you're treating others. Either way, you're going to have to learn the hard way, from the outside in. That's why you're here and not "there."

Prayer changes all that. But you can't yet know what prayer is. Can a child who's just learning how to print know what it's like to write a five-paragraph essay? Can someone who can only ride a bike know how to fly an airplane?

Anyone can take the stories of Noah and the Ark in Torah and the Quran literally. But only those who can take the hope represented by the rainbow in this story personally can prove that their faith in GOD is relevant to the modern age.

No one can graduate this school without some harsh lessons from the Teacher. But nowadays, everyone is working on being more direct with one another, when being direct with others ought to be for practice in becoming frank with yourself.

I do the best I can with how bent and out of shape I am. But I don't want straight JEWS trying to straighten me out. I don't want CHRISTIANS trying to convert me to believe in Jesus. And I don't want *Muslims* trying to kill me. I'm fine working with what I've got to become all that I can be. A crazy, gay-Jew isn't the worse fate a stranger could have to live next door to in this world or in the "world to come."

*"We sent down blessed water from the sky
with which trees laden with clusters of dates,
a sustenance for men;
thereby giving new life to a dead land.
Such shall be the resurrection."
[50:9]*

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thereby giving new life to a dead land.
Such shall be the resurrection."*

“Clusters of dates, a sustenance for men” are like forbidden fruit. The fruit of a tree of knowledge doesn’t have to look like a European apple or an American pinecone. It could also look like the fruit of a palm tree. Middle Eastern “sustenance” is as satisfying as European and American varieties of happiness. Happiness is something you acquire. Sustenance is something you achieve.

The forbidden fruit in the Creation story was never described by name, but we can infer that it may have been a fig since Adam and Eve used fig leaves to cover their genitals. Therefore the fig might symbolize happiness, while clusters of dates is a poetic way of describing inner sustenance. God blessed the Prophet by giving him a new way to look at old ideas that we now have the ability to combine and renew.

The weather outside can be perceived of as a blessing or a curse. It can be too hot, too cold, too sultry, too wet or too dry. Internal weather, like external weather, comes indirectly from **GOD**. But we can improve the weather within us as well as the weather around us. Global warming is a reflection of internal warming. We’re all affected by the weather within and without. And we’re all challenged by **GOD** to do something about both.

It makes good sense that there may be rewards and punishments after this life for the way we conducted ourselves in the here-and-now. But the Teacher’s roll book isn’t in any one man’s hands. None of us can know the grades of any student. We can assume the Teacher will deal with students who’ve made grave errors of judgment in **HIS** own inimitable way. So we have to learn how to learn from everyone in class, not just from those students who we erroneously choose to believe are Teacher’s pets.

The resurrection is extremely difficult to talk about. Putting it into the starkest of terms, I call it the bounty of “heaven” verses the punishments of “hell.” And yet, we all know life has become far too complex to simplify anything to such a degree.¹³⁷

Using the metaphor of life as a school, you should remember that our Teacher wants all of us to try harder each day. Only in this way will we do well on our studies. We can see from our public-school experiences in youth that life isn’t only about passing and failing tests. There were gradations to levels of our public education. And there are gradations to our inner education and tests that may give us a sense of our final graduation. This can’t be put succinctly into prose, but it can be expressed in poetry. It can’t be described literally, but it can be described figuratively.

If the rainbow was **GOD**’s symbol of hope to the Jews, then Jesus was the personification of **HIS** hope for the Christians. And the resurrection described in the Quran then becomes *God*’s symbol of hope for the Muslims. But what about **GOD**’s hope for all humanity?

Our individual defeat of death won’t occur gracefully when we die if we maintain loyalty to our “God’s” cause alone. With the hope that Moses, Jesus and the Prophet brought into the world, none of us need to feel neglected, rejected or doomed. The more spiritually educated we become, theoretically, the more hopeful we should be.

¹³⁷ The Israelites could have gotten from Cairo to Jerusalem in four weeks had they walked in a straight line. Life is a journey in which there are many group and individual twists and turns. Your resurrection will be different from mine.

Our individual death may be mirrored in the Christian concept of Armageddon.¹³⁸ The catastrophe each of us must face at the end of our life has its roots in religious prophesy. And the more concerned you may be about how your life will end, the more curious you may become about all religious matters.

Because of my upbringing, I tend to grade other people for their deeds {their ability to cooperate with me} and their work habits {their ability to treat me politely and respectfully}. It's like I have a roll book that mirrors GOD's roll book. I was an English teacher, and so I try to behave like a teacher even though I'm not the Teacher.

There's a story from Rumi about a Muslim who was busy washing God's socks when Moses came along and told him to stop what he was doing because GOD has no need of socks.¹³⁹ And the Muslim told Moses to mind his own business. The moral of the story is, as it was told to me, that Jews shouldn't interfere with Muslim acts of devotion to God. If God asked that man to wash His socks, a Jew has no reason to get between Them.¹⁴⁰

We all know that GOD has neither feet nor need of socks to keep HIS feet warm and dry. The problem presented in Rumi's story may, therefore, come from Moses telling the man to stop what he was doing. That could be interpreted as rude. You wouldn't want to address anyone in an abrupt manner or tell them how to behave, even if you had reason to believe they were wasting their time with what they were doing.

You might, instead, want to commend such a person for his intentions before gently suggesting he might want to look at his chore as a personal need he may not be doing in its entirety. You might like to imply that if he never helped his mother with women's work around the house when he was a kid, he might like to wash her socks as well as His.

Stopping someone from doing what he's doing in the external world may not address his behavior at its source. You can't help people by telling them what to do, or not do. You have to help them see for themselves what they're doing and, if you can, help them decide

¹³⁸ "According to the Book of Revelation in the New Testament, 'Armageddon' from Hebrew: *הר מגידו* {HAR MEGIDDO} is the prophesied location of a gathering of armies for a battle during the second coming of Jesus. The term is also used in a generic sense to refer to any end of the world. Mount TEL MEGIDDO isn't actually a mountain, but a 'TELL' {an archeological hill created by many generations of people living and rebuilding on the same spot}. It was the first battle {15th Century B.C.E.} to have been recorded in what is accepted as relatively reliable detail. It's strategically located between Egypt and Syria. Modern Megiddo is a town approximately 40 kilometers (25 mi) west-southwest of the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee in the Kishon River area in Israel." [Wikipedia]

¹³⁹ Rumi: 13th Century Persian Poet, Islamic scholar, theologian, and Sufi mystic.

¹⁴⁰ A Jew has no right to get between Them {God and Muslims}. And no Jew would be so foolish as to try, any more than a Christian would be so hateful anymore as to get between GOD and the Jews. And no Muslim would be so mean-spirited as to get between Them {GOD and the Christians}. But the LGBT+ community, which has been rejected by all three of the Abrahamic faiths, is in the perfect position to speak out against all three hypocrites. The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims get in each other's business all the time!

for themselves what, if anything, to add or change. Help rarely comes just by pointing out the hypocrisy of a person's actions because the underlying syndromes motivating their behavior are seldom in their conscious control.

*“Were We worn out by the first creation?
Yet, they are in doubt about a new creation.”*
[50:15]

“Were WE worn out by the first creation?
Yet, they are in doubt about a new creation.”

The problem with this world boils down to one of mental health. With the Jews constantly having to prove that our faith in the Lord isn't crazy, we can, at times, create a great deal of tension in the world, despite our small number. Having been enrolled in our Teacher's spiritual curriculum more than a thousand years before the Christians and 2,000 years before the Muslims can make it difficult, at times, for us to help the world without being condescending about it. We've seen a lot of students enroll in this school and then drop out altogether or graduate with terrible grades. GOD only knows what becomes of them.

I hope the humor in this passage isn't lost on you when GOD said, *“Were WE worn out by the first creation?”* That's funny! Of course, GOD wasn't worn out by HIS first creation. But man is so accustomed to thinking of HIM anthropomorphically that it's not surprising that HE'd reply with a joke once in a while. HE neither tires nor needs us to wash HIS socks. What HE needs is to see HIS designs fulfilled by men who serve their own needs thoroughly, not selfishly.

It makes no sense whatsoever that in Genesis GOD would have created the seventh day, Saturday, as a day for HIM to rest. GOD doesn't need to rest. The creation of the universe didn't wear HIM out. Obviously, HE created the Sabbath for our sake. But if GOD doesn't claim that HE does some things for HIMSELF, others might surely be offended in thinking HE had to do it for their sake because they would never have done it for themselves if HE didn't show them how.

Would it kill you to wash a man's socks? If a woman would do it for a man, why would the idea of a man washing another man's socks make any man cringe? But if you're only open to serving your “God,” you may not be open to serving our GOD. And then you'd certainly not be serving your own interests. Try doing a little “woman's” work. It wouldn't kill you to wash a man's socks, even just as an exercise in attaining a little humility before GOD.

Behind GOD's joke is a serious message. Some people may doubt GOD had the strength or desire to produce a second creation after the first. But this is a fallacy based on man's inability to extend his thinking to feel the universal truth and beauty in the creation of everyone.

Hyper-religious people tend to believe they alone hold the key to truth and beauty. That's the whole reason why the JEWS don't want converts to our religion and why the CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* fight each other for them. The JEWS think their faith must remain exclusive. The CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* both think their faiths must be all-inclusive. They're all, of course, misguided, but they're all, of course, partially right. They're just not quite righteous enough.

The first creation was a prelude to the second and third creations, which built upon the first. The main metaphor of Moses was only the first of three revelations of creation from GOD. The second creation came with the descent of Jesus into this world, which recreated the first creation in another place within us, our heart. And the third creation came thanks to the Prophet who recited the truth about the first and second creations in a third place: the soul of humanity from where the Prophet spoke about an aspect of GOD {*God*} through an archangel.

Without these three keys to the kingdom, the meaning of life collapses on itself into literal interpretations that end up sounding absurd to those with a modern sensibility.

You can't take a picture of a fire using your mind's eye and then cut and paste it into your soul. To transcend the soul you came with, you have to ignite it with a flame. You have to change, transform and transcend yourself with WORDS/WORDS/*Words*. You have to create a fire within you that will burn your head, then your heart and then your soul. In this way, you'll go from a tree of knowledge to a burning bush out of which WORDS will come forth just as they did from GOD. As the serpent said, "GOD KNOWS THAT WHEN YOU EAT FROM IT {the Tree of knowledge} YOUR EYES WILL BE OPENED, AND YOU WILL BE LIKE GOD, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL." [Genesis 3:5]

Each of the interpretations of GOD's WORDS makes no sense separately. You should compare, contrast and analyze all three to come up with a sound understanding of your reality from three directions within you. Only in this way will your experiences in this world around you make any sense to you at all.

*"His companion
{the devil who's chained to him}
will say,
'Lord,
I did not mislead him.
He had already strayed far into error.'"*
[50:27]

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Your penis is the devil that’s chained to you. You can literally dismember a man, but you can’t literally remove the devil that’s chained to him. This is the one companion in life you should get to know, whether you’re gay or straight, black or white, Jew or Gentile. If you don’t, “he” will drive you to kill yourself, as “he” did, me.

Killing Jews, culling blacks and dismembering gays, or passing laws to fence us in like cattle, isn’t going to change a “thing.” There’s a devil within that will, only upon your death, relinquish you from its grasp. Therefore you’d better take responsibility for this companion from the start.

Man’s companion for a lifetime isn’t a force outside himself that tempts him to do evil out in the world. His companion is figuratively internal, screwing with him when he isn’t listening to what “it” is saying. His companion is an inclination to do evil to himself. This, we’re all subjected to. Call it a penis problem or a clitoris issue, but “it” is the demon that will massage your ego until you do as “it” says. Until he knows himself better, a man will continue to be the butt of his own joke.

This inclination is described as the voice of the serpent in Torah. “It” figuratively corresponds to the penis man was given and the clitoris woman was given {the snake or the worm} that tempts us with desires to do things we know aren’t in our best interest. This doesn’t have to happen in words. Appeals, aspirations, cravings, desires, entreaties, implorings, longings, needs, pleas, requests, wants and wishes are merely urges we feel without words. That’s why the serpent was described as beguiling.

Why are we made this way? Sex isn’t the greatest temptation in life for most people. Granted, it’s a big temptation. But there are people who are doing far greater damage to the planet and to others than those who break their vow of fidelity to their mate.

Even though the size of a man’s penis doesn’t correspond to the size of the mess he can make of his life, it can usually be concluded that the clitoris is so much smaller than a penis, just as the mischief women make is usually much less harmful than the messes men are inclined to get themselves into.

The inclination to do more good than evil in the well-developed individual corresponds to milk {love} and honey {wisdom}, respectively; forces that are associated with parts of the body that are above the waist, not below it. Once you get to know your misdeeds, apologize and atone for them – in this way your pollen {naiveté about how you were made} is digested, turning it into honey {self-wisdom}.

Once you admit you have the power to do good for you and avoid your own evil inclination, you then discover the meaning of courage. Just not putting an unneeded sweet in your mouth might be a sign of your courage. The more courageous you become in the littlest of ways in modifying your actions, the more you’ll become curious to learn more about how you operate.

But the most courageous of all little acts is talking. When you talk to yourself, you live out your secrets without having to pay a price for acting on them. When you allow your

serpent or worm complete autonomy in your world within, you discover how things would work out if you allowed “it” to have complete control. This is what you can only do with a well-developed imagination. It hurts no one. And it helps you immensely.

The advantage in allowing everything you want to happen to happen in loud rather than out loud is that then nobody needs to know how you really feel or what you’d really like to do if you acted on your desires. In this way, you can have your cake and eat it, too. You can imagine breaking the law, without actually doing so. You can work out your conflicts internally without acting unwisely externally. You can make movies inside, and play any part you want, rather than becoming a villain in real life. And you can do all this without guilt if you do it with **GOD** as your Witness for the purpose of learning more about how you operate.

Making movies in your imagination is far more creative than making movies in a studio. Painting pictures within yourself is far more creative than painting pictures on canvas. And when you sculpt yourself in these ways, you remove all that excess clay you don’t need.

Sexuality is a very real force that isn’t going away just because **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* are embarrassed by their body or their exposure before **GOD**. When you look at people from the waist down, you see the animal. You see the great ape that evolved out of the forest and found its way into the urban jungle. Man is like an animal below the waist. But he has the potential to become an angel above the waist if he doesn’t deny his “thing.” He’s a creature made with potential. And all the efforts of ultra-orthodox **JEWS**, rightwing **CHRISTIANS** and extremist *Muslims* to conceal their desires with sheets with holes in them; veils; homophobia; anti-Zionism and female circumcision – aren’t going to excise sexuality and sensuality from the human spirit. “It” will find you wherever you hide.

Air is spirit in material form. But most people take both air and spirit for granted. The 44 members of the Argentinian, naval submarine that was found, a year and a day after it vanished in the South Atlantic in 2018, didn’t take air for granted. They were enrolled in a graduating class that should have reminded us all then how precious air is. We take it in, in sighs and gasps without giving thought to what air says about our relationship with our spirit.

You’re not going to breathe forever. Your breathing is going to stop one day. And so the outcome of your spirit ought to be all the more of interest to you. Freedom, liberty and self-emancipation are expressions of your breath. If you can’t breathe freely in your country; if you haven’t helped liberate others with your sighs; and if you don’t combine your efforts into a spiritual plan of emancipation from yourself on the day you stop breathing – you aren’t connecting your body to your being.

We aren’t chained to a devil, whether we’re a man or a woman. We aren’t in bondage to **GOD/GOD/Gođ**. We need to come to understand our thoughts, feelings, beliefs and urges in order to avoid suffering. And we need to stop bribing others and start learning to operate ourselves more effectively.

Divorce isn’t a Catholic problem. Divorce is a human predicament that’s predicated on the sad fact that most people are spiritually divorced from a part of themselves and only marry another person to remedy that schism. And then they sometimes find they have to destroy relationships with others to mirror what’s going on inside themselves in order to

bring that lesson home in a way that's painful enough for them to remember down into their bones.

Those who suffer the most from our spiritual ignorance of ourselves are, of course, children. They inherit our suffering. Our syndromes becomes their legacy.

I didn't become gay because my parents divorced when I was six. I didn't become gay because my father terrified and beat me when I was four. I didn't become gay because my mother encouraged him to do so in the hopes that it would ameliorate their failing relationship. I didn't become gay because they'd previously been tortured by CHRISTIANS who thought the best solution to the Jewish "problem" was the annihilation of all Jews.

I'm gay because GOD made me this way. I'm gay because my gift to humanity requires this distinction from most others. This makes me holy in my own way. I'm gay, and it should be none of your concern that I'm gay, just as it should be none of your business that I'm American and Jewish. Your opinion about my sexuality, height, weight, gender, religion, nationality and skin tone are not up for discussion, unless I'm breaking man's laws in a way that hurts you or makes it impossible for you to become the best person you can be.

If you think Jews are hurting anyone by requesting that Muslims return that which they stole from us, you're endorsing stealing, lying and coveting.

If you think that I'm hurting your children by being gay, and, therefore, you have to protect them from me, I assure you that that's a projection of your own stinking thinking.

Your damaged, inner child needs protection from you, not me. I'm a child of GOD!

Most people don't have a clue how they operate, and they aren't interested in using Tanach as it was intended: a metaphor to guide man to self-understanding. They walk with their knuckles scraping on the ground while proclaiming the "heavenly" reward they believe is already their due. But I happen to think their expectations are premature and overdone. In my opinion, they're hypocrites.

We could all say, "lord, i did not mislead him he had already strayed far into error." But how many would raise their opinion of themselves by saying, "lord no one misled me i had already strayed far into error" How deeply are you committed to taking responsibility for your actions without blaming anyone, not even the demon within you for all that you've said and done?

There isn't a man on Earth who doesn't see how others have strayed from the true faith. But when you imagine this world from GOD's point of view, you ought to admit that HE's got more than one way of testing us. Being a member, descendant or militant denier of any one of the Abrahamic faiths isn't a guarantee of anything. The conclusions you may have come to about the exclusivity of your faith and the inclusivity of your own sentiments may be a delusion you're perpetrating about yourself to yourself. Nevertheless, your evolution or devolution lies entirely in your hands, not mine.

*"How many generations,
far greater in prowess,*

*have We destroyed before them?
They searched the entire land:
but could they find a refuge?
Surely in this there is a lesson for every man who has a heart,
and can hear and see?"*
[50:36-37]

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far greater in prowess,
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but could they find a refuge?
Surely in this there is a lesson for every man who has a heart,
and can hear and see?”

GOD has allowed many civilizations to rise and fall, but they were born and died as reminders to us that we're all going to do the same. We can now see all the universal good these civilizations produced. But we should also admit that at a deeper, more personal level, *“There is a lesson in this for every man who has a heart and can hear and see.”*

There are the equivalent of a vast number of civilizations in each one of us. The history of the world is like the base line of a trapezoid. The history of the world is like a timeline. It's flat. It has no rise or fall. It just continues on and on in a straight line.

It isn't until you superimpose your life onto the timeline of history, that you produce the combination of **HIS** story and your story. If not, the cross upon which Jesus was crucified will still be for naught. You still won't succeed in including your own heart in with all your experiences.

Each of us is searching for something that can't be found in one country or culture. Each civilization was the apex of a mountain in man's past that has eroded over time into the hills and dales of yesterday. What each of us is climbing today is far taller, greater, steeper and more majestic than anything our ancestors could ever have imagined in their lifetime. You are rappelling up a cliff from 0-39 or going down an embankment after 70. Or you're at the top {40-69} looking over precariously on both sides.

Every time you take a flight and your plane is rushing down the runway or swooping down toward the destination runway, you know what I mean. Every time you help a child or a senior, you know what I mean. Every time you look in the mirror, not with surprise {+} or shock {-}, but with astonishment {?!?}, you know what I mean.

The answer to who you are and why you're here lies in language, not in nature. Nature will never literally speak to you. Nature is natural, and you're artificial. You're a work of divine art in an Earthly setting. Nature is only something **GOD** gave you to help you help yourself. Without the written word, you're nothing more than an animal struggling to make

yourself understood using body language. You're a baby. You're a creature with genitals. You have no idea yet what those genitals were made for.

You can go on the journey of life with arms, legs and genitals, as does every other animal. But you can't go on a journey, get to the end and look back to see whether you did anything meaningful without a head, heart and soul. It takes arms to embrace the world. It takes men who can shake hands to understand what it means to be spiritually armed for a new age. It takes courage to live.

GOD will make HIS presence known to you through language, although that may not be in speech. Life requires enormous amounts of repetition and practice because it's so difficult to translate feelings and sensations into words. Eve had no trouble communicating with the serpent. They schemed without words (to that effect) to get Adam on board.¹⁴¹

GOD isn't going to speak to you in the literal sense, and yet so many hyper-religious people know nothing of the magic of words. And sadly, too many poets know nothing about the magic of faith.

If I had to do it all over again, I might become a rabbi, priest or imam. I'd rather know what little they know about GOD/GOD/God than not know what the secular world thinks they know about life. The stupidity of the nonbelievers now maddens me as much as the stupidity of the spiritually under-educated believer.

GOD made us all members of language communities. Therefore it's important that we participate fully in our national discourse and culture using words meaningfully, regardless of how cynical we've had to become to protect ourselves from disappointment.

But sarcastic thoughts, heartless feelings and perverse urges aren't going to earn you your wings. You aren't going to move from beast-to-man-to-angel in disguise by waking up each morning telling yourself you have nowhere you have to be. The lessons never stop. You're not yet "there." So far as anyone can tell, you're still here.

The real refuge from the storms within lies in impromptu prayer, not the canned speeches your faith taught you to recite. It's our personal relationship with GOD that gives us the direction we need. Just as the ancient Israelites were guided by a GOD greater than

¹⁴¹ "NOW THE SERPENT WAS MORE CRAFTY THAN ANY OF THE WILD ANIMALS THE LORD GOD HAD MADE. HE SAID TO THE WOMAN, 'DID GOD REALLY SAY YOU MUST NOT EAT FROM ANY TREE IN THE GARDEN?' THE WOMAN SAID TO THE SERPENT, 'WE MAY EAT FRUIT FROM THE TREES IN THE GARDEN, BUT GOD DID SAY, 'YOU MUST NOT EAT FRUIT FROM THE TREE THAT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GARDEN, AND YOU MUST NOT TOUCH IT, OR YOU WILL DIE.' 'YOU WILL NOT CERTAINLY DIE' THE SERPENT SAID TO THE WOMAN, 'FOR GOD KNOWS THAT WHEN YOU EAT FROM IT YOUR EYES WILL BE OPENED AND YOU WILL BE LIKE GOD KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL.' WHEN THE WOMAN SAW THAT THE FRUIT OF THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD AND PLEASING TO THE EYE, AND ALSO DESIRABLE FOR GAINING WISDOM, SHE TOOK SOME AND ATE IT. SHE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HER HUSBAND WHO WAS WITH HER, AND HE ATE IT. [Genesis 3:1-6] Nowhere did the serpent and Eve literally or literarily conspire against Adam. He was right there in the middle of the garden with her when it happened.

the GOD they could imagine, each of us is recreating their journey with HIM in our own way. **HE** is the refuge and the sanctuary we need. From **HIM**, we'll, hopefully, receive further direction while on our way.

Just as the Tabernacle was the moveable tent in which the Israelites thought they were literally carrying GOD, your body is the temple where you go to pray today. In your inner refuge you dress yourself each day, so that you don't have to go out into the world intellectually unprepared, emotionally naked and spiritually exposed and unprotected as you make your way each day from start to finish.

When you understand the concept of "tabernacle," your dreams become meaningful metaphors. Your dreams turn into containers that hold ideas you can grasp. And you begin to perceive that your mind is the tabernacle of your being as you wind your way through your desert valleys and alpine mountaintops on your way to "paradise."

*"In six days We created the heavens and the earth
and all that lies between them;
nor were We ever wearied."
[50:38]*

*"In six days WE created the 'heavens' and the Earth
and all that lies between them;
nor were WE ever wearied."*

For **GOD** to repeat his joke about getting tired isn't quite so funny the second time. The first joke was about being pooped after the first creation. The second time, however, **HE**'s referring to the gravity of the human experience. **HE** doesn't ever weary of teaching us how to evolve. What lies between the "heavens" and the Earth is personal to each of us. The only thing you and I can share about that vast, black, mysterious emptiness has to be put into words to be made universal. Suffice it to say, **GOD** doesn't weary of **HIS** task. **HE** did all this for my sake (and yours), and, in my opinion, it's my duty, but especially my joy, to recognize **HIS** efforts on my behalf.

So what if there was a second creation? What right do you even have to judge **GOD** for having created a third creation after the first two? Who do you think you are? Why do you think your opinions matter? Even if they matter to you, they should matter less. By now you should be able to laugh at some of the things you accept as true.

*"It is We who ordain life and death.
To Us shall all return."
[50:41]*

“It is WE who ordain life and death.

To US shall all return.”

Those who use their time on Earth productively and learn to love themselves deeply will develop loyalty to themselves naturally, and above all, gently and kindly. They’ll then be able to share that wisdom, love and loyalty with others, and GOD.

But don’t be shocked if you have to hold back from generously sharing all that you know with others. They most assuredly won’t want all that you have to give any more than they wanted to spend their time with Holocaust survivors when I was young or they want to spend their time with suicide survivors today.

The journey of life is much greater than any one of the three Abrahamic faiths can fully describe without acknowledging the other two. That’s why GOD’s designs require us to get to know one another; something some people are too shy to do. That’s why it’s so important that you had the curiosity and found the time to read this update of the Quran for the 21st Century.

“Admonish with the Quran whoever fears My warnings {threats}.”
[50:45]

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In the olden days, man was so contrary, belligerent and defiant that GOD had to use threats to get men to agree to take this journey with HIM. Nowadays, people are already on this journey with a good deal more insight and self-awareness. But even though they know more about themselves than our ancestors ever did, they ought to realize by now that they know less about GOD than our ancestors thought they knew about HIM. Knowledge has been moving from the outside in.

Ancient man spread his faith like cream cheese on a bagel. Modern man sees himself more like ham and swiss on rye with a healthy shmeer of mustard. Modern man is much more flexible in some ways. But he’s as infantile and defiant as ever. You don’t have to eat kosher to live kosher. Nor do you have to avoid halal to become permissive.

Living a kosher or halal life today is the result of thinking clearly, a process you have to learn by yourself. Nobody is a born thinker. The more you ask yourself tough questions about what you feel; why you feel what you feel; and why you believe that what you feel is subjectively real – the deeper your thinking will take you.

Defiance is a funny thing because people have become so defiant that they actually need to be taught how to be defiant. They’re so defiant that they don’t even know how to do that right! When you’re willing to take instruction on how to become defiant, you’ll be

ready to learn to submit, and not before. {The word “*islām*” means “submission,” not “defiance.”} *Muslims* don’t seem to know that.

It’s more important that *Muslims* learn how to admonish with the Quran and stop looking for reasons to kill with it. The whole point of GOD inspiring them with the Quran is for them to use it to inspire the rest of us, not terrify us. If I’d wanted to be terrified, I’d have done what my father and mother told me to do in life. I’d have gone to medical school, gotten married to a woman and had children. (That’s my idea of a terrifying outcome...)

Surah 51

سورة الذاريات

The Winds

The word “רוּחַ” {ROOACH} means “wind” in Hebrew. But it also refers to spirit, spirituality and GOD’s design. The closest word in Christian doctrine is the “Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit is the unseen presence of GOD that makes your actions today more unified than they were yesterday.

The word “winds” in the Quran has a similar connotation, but the Islamic winds come from a different direction. The Islamic winds are literally خمسين {Khamṣīn}, desert winds that create great heat that dries out the land. Removing the moisture from your mind is GOD’s greatest warning. The Islamic winds that remove moisture from your soul is something no one can survive.

Those who’ve been sufficiently warned about this know the difference between fresh fruit and dried fruit. Dried fruit is much sweeter and lasts much longer. Young people are like fresh fruit. The old are desiccated with age. If you figuratively bite into an old person and they’re tough, dried out, leathery and tasteless, spit them out. An old person should be like a dried date: firm, chewy, moist and remarkably sweet. But nothing will survive forever. The winds of time will eventually dry out even the sweetest of fruits, turning them to dust.

Inner reality is made up of words. Words are made up of WORDS/WORDS/Words. WORDS/WORDS/Words create different meanings depending on how you combine the thoughts, feelings and belief you utter in loud. What you say out loud has gone through a spiritual process before it escapes your lips.

But people don’t question what they say to themselves because they can’t hear themselves think from any place in inner space other than where they’re accustomed to coming from: their head, heart or conscience. Home is where you were taught to hang your hat. But you can actually hang it anywhere you please.

I’ve discovered that I have a spiritual stutter akin to the speech impediment of Moses. But in my case, my impediment is internal. Either I hear my opinions change in mid-sentence or I find myself saying the same thing over and over to myself. For me to complete a thought, I sometimes have to force myself to do so. Other times a thought slips out without my conscious control. It’s like a hat is being flung like a frisbee back and forth between my unconscious to my subconscious, but only occasionally into my conscious mind.

My conscious mind puts on each hat it receives and strolls around while avoiding conflicting opinions that may make me uncomfortable. Granted, it can be a bit surprising after I’ve forced myself to complete a thought, only to discover what it was I was trying to avoid saying. But even if it’s shocking, the process is always astonishing, enlightening and fun.

Nobody was ever damned to “hell” for his thoughts. It’s our actions {which are the result of our thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires} that lead us to perdition. Watch what

you say but watch even more closely what you think. If you don't think we're watching what you don't say, you underestimate us.

When I realized I had little motivation to change my actions, I was amazed to discover that I was, nevertheless, deeply motivated to understand how I operate. And that has made all the difference. I've become a much better person in the conventional sense. I do more for others, and I'm much kinder than I used to be (even if I'm not nearly as nice to people anymore in an effort to be funny or popular). But that's only the tip of the iceberg. What's happened inside me is where the real work is being done.

As you can see, the word "*winds*" is a word presented in the plural in the Quran, thus suggesting that GOD influences people from many directions with many kinds of *winds*: air, airstreams, breezes, currents, cyclones, gales, gusts, hurricanes, squalls, tempests, tornados, twisters, typhoons, whirlwinds and windstorms. External winds mirror inner weather patterns that can be the cause of great suffering and desiccation if you don't take heed.

These conflicting psychological forces make it difficult to talk about GOD's designs without causing controversy. People are often accused of being full of hot air when they say something new and different, especially when their ideas seem threatening in terms of politics or religion.

In order to maintain my faith that GOD has a plan; that HE knows what HE's doing despite the seeming contradictions in HIS designs – I've had to acknowledge the direction and force these winds are taking and appreciate that the winds of change are always blowing whether I'm on the ground, at sea or in the air. This, in my opinion, makes the Quran essential to the thinking of a modern man.

The winds of change basically come from one of four directions. These directions are literally North, South, East and West. Figuratively and from behind, they're (N) head, (S) desire, (E) soul and (W) heart. The winds of change can move us externally or internally.

Each of us flutters like a leaf anchored only to a stem when these winds touch us in one of these four ways. If you don't look at which way you're being blown and why, you're not going to appreciate how your nature is being affected by human nature, which is an indirect expression of GOD's nature. You may not sufficiently question the meaning of your life as it's happening.¹⁴²

I think we should start teaching children about death beginning at the age of two. Everyone thinks that that topic isn't something we should talk about just now. It's always postponed to a later date. But when someone is given a death sentence, it's rarely enough time for him, or any of his loved ones, to reconcile the meaning of death as the utter end of his life.

I hope you'll think about death every day. Nothing makes life more meaningful than death. People like to call life precious, as though it were a pet or small child. Life isn't

¹⁴² I don't expect you to be able to do anything about the winds within. Just use your imagination to perceive my words. More will be revealed.

precious. Life is like clay. You make something of it, or you treat it like dirt. It's all about your intentions. If you take your life for granted and then suddenly discover that your time is almost up, you haven't prepared well for death.

Everyone wants to pretend that they're fighting for life. In fact, life shouldn't be a fight at all. We should be struggling for a meaningful death with every breath we take.

Whether your ends are justified by your means is less relevant than what your final end will look like to you. Some people, including those you love, may have to endure a horrible end, which will, naturally, affect you deeply. Why a student of life may have to go through an unhappy graduation ceremony is a mystery worth pondering. Don't set that aside to think about it another day.

*“On Earth,
and in yourselves,
there are signs for firm believers.
Can you not see them?”
[51:19]*

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there are signs for firm believers.
Can you not see them?”*

The whole idea of signs from **GOD** is difficult for nonbelievers to see and acknowledge as real. Signs are like hints from a teacher about what's going to be on the next test that only the outstanding students seem to be able to hear that then motivates them to prepare for the test differently. The average students only see signs literally, and the poor students overlook them entirely.

Let's begin by looking at linguistic, visual signs and how they differ from verbal intonation. Here's an example of a linguistic, visual sign:

When you think about something and refer to that thought using the pronoun “that,” you're designating a “sign” to an idea. You're assigning a pronoun to hold the place of a noun or a noun phrase. The sign {pronoun} stands for the idea in your mind. But when you contradict that idea with another idea that you've designated with another sign {pronoun}, your mind may move too fast for you to discern what you're referring to. You're thinking faster than you can process what you've said. Case in point:

That^u wasn't what I meant.

That^o was what I meant.

I could have said that_E if I'd meant that^E.

But what I meant all along was that^o.

We normally use intonation to separate 'that^u' from 'that^o.' And if we have more than two ideas, we normally revert to nouns. But with the three pieces of Scriptures we were given, we interchange pronouns for GOD/GOD/*God*, which becomes very confusing.

The part of our mind that uses signs has not been fully developed because of the inadequate, public education we were all given. We're not able to think clearly if we think about more than two holy ideas at a time because we don't visualize three or more ideas using visual signs. We rely on verbal intonation {up and down} only. And when we're faced with more than two ideas, we use other nouns, which often destroys the mystery of GOD's intentions.

I, too, relied on intonation to separate one thought from another until I could give my inner ears a rest and make my inner eyes do more of my work for me. That's how I began to see the significance of signs from GOD/GOD/*God*.

Visualizing thoughts with signs creates your own orthographic key to interpreting your thoughts. It's a way of writing out ideas that interest you internally using signs to keep better track of what you're observing.

Signs make it possible to keep better track of thoughts. Signs make it possible to feel more deeply. And signs make it possible to believe more intensely.

Sadly, we're living in an age when people are much more interested in thinking quickly than feeling deeply. And those who believe intensely are usually shunned for being poorly socialized, weird and potentially dangerous. Few people are interested in exploring the use of signs for the sake of learning about their own potential.

Signs make it possible to ride invisible currents of air like a magic carpet. I can even imagine that it may have been in using signs that the Prophet Muhammad went from Mecca to "heaven" through Jerusalem and back, all in one night. This is something I can believe because GOD works in mysterious ways that don't have to be external to be meaningful and universal.

Signs from GOD make it possible for you to think more clearly about your mission in life. *"There are signs for firm believers."*

I'm now adept at assigning signs to my thoughts to keep track of them. These signs may be alphabetic, numerical, geometric or totally abstract. What matters is that my mind wrote them, so my mind can always go back and reread them. I can even rearrange my thoughts like pieces on a chessboard without forgetting what they stand for, where I put them and why.

You already have no trouble creating gestural signs with your body to augment your thoughts with intensity and facial signs to augment your feelings. And because you developed these signs for your hands and face, you're able to add even deeper levels of subtlety to your message with your eyes.

You can see these uses of signs in the external world by the way people communicate. Islamic women who wear a burqa focus their communication with others using their eyes and their voice, rather than other signs when in public. Even though some signs are personal to each individual, many are universal.

Looking up is a sign that **GOD** is on your mind. Looking down is a sign of the modesty, humility and grace you've achieved through guilt. And looking to one side or another is a sign of distraction and projection.

When the Prophet asks whether we can see signs from **GOD**, he's actually presenting us with an oxymoron. Since we can't literally see the wind blowing around us, we're not going to figuratively see the wind blowing through us, either. The intensity of our belief in *God {winds}* isn't going to be of much use to us if we can't combine that intensity with logical thoughts {GROUNDING} and rational feelings {CALM WATERS}.

If you can't create signs in your mind to account for three ideas in ONE, you're going to create intense, external expressions of your ideas, instead. This will cause great havoc in and around you. And you're probably going to make it "hell" on Earth for some others.

Spiritual linguistics corrects these errors of exclusivity in your head, heart or soul by teaching you how to operate your internal forces in unison. This develops your imagination. And isn't imagination what this world lacks the most?

Signs should give you reasons to deflect your own fears with greater reasoning and cheerfulness. Therein lies the magical power of a queen. She can mimic the direction of any piece on the board (except, of course, that of her knights).

No one should have to be afraid of people who are believers. But no one should have to be afraid of nonbelievers either. If you relate to yourself reasonably, you'll learn more about human nature, whether or not you succeed in getting all that you want out of life externally. For those of us who want to learn more than anything else in the world, people become living signs {similar to books} brought into our life from **GOD** to augment our learning. You can't buy people, but you can check them out. ¹⁴³

My parents may have survived the Holocaust, but they couldn't teach me the skill of recognizing signs. They were so severely burned by their experiences in the War that they couldn't be there for me in many useful ways that others may have been helped by their parents to see signs in others or create signs for themselves. It was as if I grew up orphaned from knowing anything about my head, heart and soul. I couldn't even share my deepest feelings for men with them although I could share my body. But many of them couldn't share their deepest feelings with me, either. They modeled to me how they expressed their thoughts and feelings. But they also modeled how to hide their deepest beliefs about life by not expressing them. And that made it very hard for me to see when the wind was at my back. That made it hard for me to learn to believe in myself with **GOD** as my Witness.

My mother was like a lesbian. She was a strong-willed woman who could be as frank as Jesus. And she turned over many a table without giving it a second thought. She could also use double entendre to say more than one thing at a time. But I don't think she

¹⁴³ In Jewish terms, you might say that Torah lives in everyone. In Christian terms, you might say that everyone is a good book. And in Muslim terms, you might quote the Quran by saying, "*On Earth, and in yourselves, there are signs for firm believers.*"

consciously knew what she could do. She was like a snowflake that had no idea of its unique and awesome pattern.

My father was like the **Buddha**. He had a voracious appetite for spiritual food, loved to feed others and loved even more to be fed. When he saw universal truths surface, it made him cheerful. And he laughed with a full-throated laugh that filled the room.

But sadly, any truth about himself turned him into a screaming baby. He became belligerent, short-tempered and enraged when he was confronted with any unflattering evidence about his own nature. His eyes were always staring out. He never looked in except on the broken wings of nostalgia, sentimentality and regret. Self-disappointment was like a crash at sea. It always drowned him. He was an outcast who managed to make it to a deserted island. He was a fool who could suffer any fool, but himself.

Both my parents taught me wonderful things that others, I later discovered, didn't know. My mother taught me to love humanity and to embrace my humanity, in particular. My father taught me to love the land of Israel, not his inner Israel, specifically. Together, I got what I needed from **GOD** to learn about me. And that, as it turned out, was a good start to slowly making my way around my inner world spiritually.

Outwardly, I appeared to be normal enough growing up. But inside, you might say that my inner child was deformed and sickly. He looked frightened and felt he had to hide from others so they wouldn't be terrified of him. He was like a zombie walking around with outstretched arms as if in a trance. He was a vampire that sucked money out of people. But he scorned their honey.

That was the secret I kept from me, a secret I was exposed to indirectly through every Jew, black, woman, disabled and gay person I met. I felt intimidated by everyone because I was intimidated by me. Everyone terrified me. It never occur to me that some people might feel similarly.

I explored my secret through to the LGBT+ community to the best of my ability when I was young. By that, I mean that I had as much sex as I could possibly procure to help assuage and console the unconscious conclusion that I was sick, twisted and undesirable. I used sex to make my way across my rainbow. I had no other tool at my disposal.

So I never really felt 100% human. I didn't connect with people past a certain point. I felt more like an alien from another planet who was pretending to be human. I was a fraud. I was anyone I had to be to blend in with those around me. I was a people pleaser, but they were seldom pleased with me. I yearned to turn into a chameleon to blend in. I felt like a mouse in a world full of lions and tigers and bears.¹⁴⁴

Now I'm consolidating my spiritual skills in case anyone wants to learn from someone who struggled to survive under inhospitable conditions in the 20th Century but who has managed to spiritually thrive under some of the warmest of internal, climatic changes now facing us in the 21st Century.

*"Heaven holds your sustenance
and all that you are promised.*

¹⁴⁴ Song sung by Dorothy {the girl who just wanted to go home}. She was accompanied by the Scarecrow {brainless}; and the Tin Man (heartless) before running into the Cowardly Lion {soulless} in the 1939 film, "The Wizard of Oz."

*I swear by the Lord of heaven and earth
that this is true,
as true as you are speaking now!"*
[51:20]

“‘heaven’ holds your sustenance_A
and all that you are promised_B.
I swear by the Lord of ‘heaven’ and Earth
that this_{AB} is true,
as true as you are speaking now!”

Actually, you probably aren’t speaking out loud right now. If anything, you’re probably speaking *in* loud. But if you happen to be speaking out loud, those who are listening to you speak, in all likelihood, aren’t looking at what you’re reading. When you read the words, “This_{AB} is true,” those listening to you may not have received all of the message you verbally transmitted: (‘heaven’ holds your sustenance)_A and (all that you are promised)_B. *Your* words may not be conveying the intensity of the truth *their* ears are perceiving. You may be conveying meanings that people don’t understand because they can’t completely follow your thoughts.¹⁴⁵

We can learn about the objective and subjective meanings of words so long as we don’t lie or obfuscate the truth. The field of advertising does this all the time without giving us clues to how they’re motivating us to buy the products they’re selling. And buying into ideas is no different. But Madison Avenue, Wall Street, Washington D.C., Jerusalem, Rome and Mecca are interested in selling, not learning. If you turn off the volume on their commercials, but watch their visual messages carefully, you may see how manipulative and deceptive they are.

When you’re talking to yourself, there’s a subjective difference between what you see inside and what you say to yourself. When Heraclitus said “No man ever steps into the same river twice” he was referring to something occurring internally as well as externally.¹⁴⁶ The subjectivity of words changes quickly. You can think you’re a “*firm believer*” one minute, only to discover that you aren’t as firm a believer as you thought in the next. It can suddenly occur to you that you’ve had more doubts than you were previously willing to admit to yourself. And that might be a subjective truth you may not want to share with others while at synagogue, church or mosque. They don’t know how to respond to such questions in a house of prayer.

There are meteoric bombshells that literally hit the moon and the Earth. And there are the shocking revelations that hit us that seemingly come out of thin air. Sudden changes of

¹⁴⁵ This is wonderful to know if you’re someone who wants to tell the truth. But it’s a field day for those who don’t want to be honest. They’re going to walk away from this with all sorts of diabolical schemes for breaking the 9th Commandment {lying}. Politicians and hyper-religious leaders are especially skilled at avoiding the whole truth.

¹⁴⁶ “Heraclitus was a Greek philosopher, known for his doctrine of change being central to the universe, 535-475 B.C.E.” [Wikipedia]

opinions about ourselves are minor miracles hastily disguised with doubts and even confusion. But they should be taken to heart.

“Identity politics” is the way in which people’s politics are shaped by aspects of their identity through loosely correlated, social establishments. Identity politics is about what’s true for you (pl.) based on your beliefs and experiences about what’s true about your “Gods” or your lifestyles. Identity politics in America causes us to suffer from white lash, black lash and gay back lash. This is making elections more and more difficult to predict. More than we need the power of identity politics, we need the power of individualism if we’re going to run our country more democratically.

There’s a big difference between political representatives, statesmen and stateswomen. Politicians claim to put others before themselves. They claim to represent the people who elected them, when, in fact, they really represent the special, interest groups that paid for their election. They claim to be human beings who believe in the same GOD/GOD/*God* as their constituents. And all the rest of their agenda is omitted as self-understood.

Statesmen and stateswomen represent themselves. They’re elected because of their individuality, not their identification with a group. Politics today is more filled with politicians than states people. Taking money out of politics is one of several good ways to solve this dilemma. But filling ourselves to capacity with wisdom, love and loyalty until we become a statesperson unto ourselves is the best way.

The Prophet swore only once in all the Quran, and it was in this passage. {“*I swear by the Lord of “heaven” and Earth that this is true.*”} He swore that there are signs for believers, and that all signs are either affirmations or warnings.

We must use our hindsight, insight and foresight to delve into GOD’s designs to help the world appreciate the magnificence of being alive. It’s money that makes the world go round, but it’s honey, that makes our inner world go round.

The verb “to be” in the present tense doesn’t exist in Hebrew. It does exist in Arabic, but it’s omitted in some circumstances. Even though “being” is extremely important in European languages, as evidenced by Western grammar, it’s been my observation that regardless of the language you speak, there’s a tendency to ignore, omit or discount your sense of being. In some ways, the concept of being is, paradoxically, more prevalent and well understood in Eastern **philosophies**, many of which, like Hebrew, don’t have the present tense of this verb, either.

In an effort to universalize his message, the Prophet used the spoken *word* combined with previously written words to faithfully recite the WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of the Archangel Gabriel. When you combine the *words* of the Quran with the Scriptures that came before it, you bring the WORDS of GOD around you, within. Questioning your belief in GOD/GOD/*God* then becomes a quest to perceive the difference between what you heard and what was said.

“Have you heard the story of Abraham’s honored guests?”

[51:21]

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The only thing new about this ancient story is the interpretation you give it that no other person on Earth has given it before. What’s new about this story is how you relate to Torah, the Bible and the Quran in new, more individualistic ways.

The Prophet had this story recited to him from a new place in inner space. And so the story is slowly becoming universalized as it’s becoming further internalized. When you relate the story of Abraham to yourself, you hear what you want it to mean to you. This should become a sign to you that **GOD** has a plan with you alone in mind. To fulfill it, you need only pursue righteousness.

The Story of Abraham’s honored guests is meaningless unless you understand from the get-go that the prediction of the birth of Isaac is predicated on your understanding of the pain and suffering Hagar and Ishmael previously went through while under Abraham’s roof.

It’s impressive if you treat total strangers with honor. But if you’re simultaneously treating your own son and his mother badly, how will others respect you? How can you avoid them seeing you as a hypocrite? How can you avoid seeing yourself as a hypocrite?

To do so, you should identify with the neglected, orphaned, outcast, rejected, repulsed and, finally, the underdog. I’m not saying you have to literally be any one of those kinds of people. I’m just saying that the course of true self-love – ne’er did run smooth.¹⁴⁷

The problems in the Middle East are all the result of rejection. The Jews and Muslims both feel rejected by their father {Abraham}, and, in their fury, some seek revenge against one another. We all know the feeling of neglect and rejection. We just try not to experience it to such a degree that we go crazy with resentments at others.

Wanting to kill yourself is normal (for me). But there isn’t person on this planet who doesn’t feel like he was dropped off at the wrong spot in the universe – forgotten, and just wants to go home. Wanting to kill others, however, is a sign that you can’t manage the rejection you went through from your mom or dad. For some that rejection is relatively minor. For others, it’s a catastrophe.

The three models for mother, in chronological order, are Hagar, Sarah and Mary. Hagar represents the forlorn side of women. Sarah personifies the noble side of women. And Mary stands for the spiritual side of women. There’s only one common, religious model for father: Abraham.

*“They went in to him and said,
‘Peace!’
‘Peace!’
he answered,
and seeing they were strangers,
betook himself to his household and returned with a fattened calf.*

¹⁴⁷ Take off from William Shakespeare: “The course of true love ne’er did run smooth.” “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Act 1, Scene 1.

*He placed it before them saying,
‘Will you not eat?’”
[51:22-25] ¹⁴⁸*

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and seeing they were strangers,
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He placed it before them saying,
‘Will you not eat?’”

Abraham offered the strangers outward hospitality, something people in particularly harsh environments are known for. He sheltered the strangers and fed them. This is the model of Middle Eastern hospitality carried around the ancient world by Jews and Christians. This is the model of hospitality Muslims use when greeting one another with “*Salam Alekum*,” and replying with “*Alekum Salam*.” ¹⁴⁹

*“He grew afraid of them,
but they said,
‘Have no fear,’
and told him he was to have a son endowed with knowledge.”
[51:26]*

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It’s so easy to be frightened by strangers because it’s sometimes difficult to know what they’re trying to tell you. Often their message says something you can’t quite put your finger on. Their gestures, mannerisms and speech may seem magnified, and, therefore, threatening. Body language and facial expressions are a way to try to spell out your words. These sorts of signs are helpful if you use them consciously and deliberately.

Women are well known for their vanity. They even use vanity mirrors that have a second side that magnifies the reflection. But men internalize their vanity mirror. They often see others as much larger and more threatening than is realistic. You might say that Abraham suddenly saw the three strangers reflected in the magnified side of his vanity mirror. And he became frightened.

¹⁴⁸ The three strangers are usually interpreted as angels; messengers from the Lord.

¹⁴⁹ “Peace upon you” “Upon you peace.”

The three strangers could read on Abraham's face the fear they produced and assuaged his concerns. That was, in itself, a kind thing to do. It showed their sensitivity to his feelings. They came with a message from GOD. And that message went all the way back to the Creation story and the pursuit of knowledge. "{They} *told him he was to have a son endowed with knowledge.*" ¹⁵⁰

For the modern man who understands the blessings of knowledge, that was a great gift in its day. It wasn't just a prediction based on the fact that Abraham and Sarah didn't have any children apart from Abraham's son with Hagar {Ishmael}. It was a gift because it foreordained that Isaac would be endowed with something the world would need a lot more of: knowledge. It was a sign that GOD would, henceforth, allow men and women to achieve knowledge. ¹⁵¹

The lineage of Ishmael is the lineage of loyalty to *God* forged out of sorrow that has led to the hospitality and charity the Muslim people are well known for. But the lineage of Isaac is the lineage of knowledge forged out of experience that has led to the wisdom the Jewish people are known for, having lived 5,780 years among strangers everywhere on Earth.

Wisdom, love and loyalty are *GOD*-given attributes that are parts of *HIS* designs. They all intended to help us achieve redemption. But if you can't gift others with knowledge, kindness and hospitality, you aren't going to increase the wisdom, love and loyalty within you for yourself. You aren't going to appreciate the mystery of your life.

*"His wife came crying and beating her face.
'Surely I am a barren, old woman,'
she said."
[51:27]*

*"His wife came crying and beating her face.
'Surely I am a barren, old woman,'
she said."*

Sarah finally got her dream-come-true. But as we all know, sometimes we have to work for decades before *GOD* is ready to grant us our wishes. And there are many whose dreams never come true, surely because *HE* isn't ready to grant their desires expression.

¹⁵⁰ This isn't what's written in Torah. In Torah one of the strangers says, "I WILL SURELY RETURN TO you ABOUT THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, AND SARAH YOUR WIFE WILL HAVE A SON." [Genesis 18:10]

¹⁵¹ The Jews have pursued knowledge with the goal of wisdom. The Christians have pursued knowledge with the goal of love. And the Muslims have pursued knowledge with the goal of redemption.

The three strangers in the stories of Abraham brought signs of the future. They foretold not only what would happen to Lot and the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. They foretold a time when every modern Abraham would be able to invite three strangers – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – into his abode {head, heart and soul}.

*“In Moses,
too,
there was a sign.
We sent him forth to Pharaoh with clear authority,
but he turned his back,
he and his nobles,
saying,
‘A sorcerer or a madman.’
So We seized him and his warriors,
and cast them into the sea.
Indeed he deserved much blame.”
[51:36-39]*

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too,
there was a sign.
WE sent him forth to Pharaoh^o with clear authority,
but he^o turned his back,
he^o and his^o nobles,
saying,
‘A sorcerer^u or a madman^u.’
So WE seized him^o and his^o warriors,
and cast them into the sea.
Indeed he^o deserved much blame.”*

Torah is your book, too, even if you're Muslim and may have been told that after the introduction of Ishmael you have no further need of Torah. There are signs in Torah that everyone needs to achieve redemption. The curiosity and insight the Prophet from Torah should motivate you to read Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy for greater knowledge than just what you learned in Genesis. You should come to know why the Ten Commandments, like your 10 fingers, were given to you to grasp the moral purpose of life.

Each of the tablets on which the Ten Commandments were carved is like a hand. The right tablet, like your right hand, is a reminder of the first five Commandments if you're right-handed. These we perform for GOD's sake. And the left tablet, like your left hand if you're right-handed, is a reminder of the second five Commandments, which we perform

for the sake of humanity. In this way, we were all given two moral hands with which to serve the Lord even though one hand is usually dominant.¹⁵²

As you count the Ten Commandments on your fingers, the palm of your right hand (if you're right-handed) should face you, and the palm of your left hand should face others. The first of the Commandments corresponds to your right thumb if you're right-handed, and the last of the Commandments, the pinky finger on your left hand, stands for the Commandment not to be jealous or envious of anything anyone has {envy} or the body anyone was given {jealousy}. In this way, you'll have one hand facing you, and one hand facing the world. GOD bestows HIS blessings on us differently.¹⁵³

*"We built the heavens with Our might,
giving it a vast expanse,
and stretched the earth beneath it.
Gracious is He who spread it out.
And all things We have made in pairs,
so that you may take thought."
[51:47-49]*

*"WE built the 'heavens' with OUR might,
giving it a vast expanse,
and stretched the earth beneath it.
Gracious is HE who spread it out.
And all things WE have made in pairs,
so that you may take thought."*

First, GOD declared what HE did, and then HE complimented HIMSELF in the third person for what HE'd done, thereby suggesting that you and I do the same by speaking about ourselves in the first and third person internally.

¹⁵² Remember that the Ten Commandments were written in Hebrew from right to left. Therefore the first five Commandments were given on the right tablet and the second five, on the left one. Also, keep in mind that there are at many variations to the order of the Commandments per the various sects and denominations of Judaism and Christianity. GOD works in tediously detailed ways...

¹⁵³ If you find this difficult to envision, you might like to think of coveting using the color green. Jealousy is forest {dark} green and envy is spring {light} green. The Arab Spring may be God's way of telling Muslims that the age of envy is over.

Declare what you did and then see if you can complement yourself for what you've done. It's not necessary that the whole world know what you've done for yourself or others. It's enough that you know it and that you know that GOD knows it because you believe that HE is your Witness. Those who boast aloud have cheapened the process.

Then GOD reminded us that HE made everything in pairs. That means that even gay men were made with the potential for pairing. GOD brings us together with our soul mate in just as mysterious a way as HE brings straights together with theirs. But beneath the external appearances, HE creates each and every one of us in threes {head, heart and soul}. And we come together with our soul mate using our desires to attract us to them.¹⁵⁴

For every plug, there's a socket. Once you've been connected with your life partner, the energy that flows between the two of you is one of the most powerful forces in the universe. GOD does it this way for some of us so we may take thought.

Once I'd been blessed with an external partner with whom I could share most of my experiences, thoughts, feelings, desires and modern beliefs, I wanted to share my gratitude with GOD all the more. But then HE challenged me to internalize that partnership, as well. It was when I took on that challenge that my relationship with the whole world became much more powerful.

This internal partnership is what really counts. This is the greatest achievement of life, not money, property, prestige or romantic love. With this inner relationship, you surpass being a grown Ann Sullivan trying unsuccessfully to connect with a Helen Keller inner child. You become a miracle worker unto yourself. Then you can face the guilt you were never able to face before.

GOD created the "heavens," giving it a vast expanse so that you'd give pause to the inner winds coming from four directions {(N) head; (S) genitals; (E) soul; and (W) heart}. There was a time when our ancestors thought the Earth was flat. They thought the earth lay beneath a "heavenly" ceiling that held recessed lighting for us at night. And they thought the stars were the floor lights for an abode above this one.

We've since learned that the world around us is round. And some day, all men will have discovered that the world within them is also round. Then they won't fall off either while making their way to "heaven." This is the essence of thinking in 3D. This is what it means to be able to reason spiritually.

Men today go round and round inside without trying to understand what all that inner exercise is for. Someday, they're going to wake up to why they're doing what they're

¹⁵⁴ It was a great blessing when GOD brought me my boyfriend because I didn't know what I needed. I didn't even have a good sense of what I wanted. It was a great incentive to be given a study partner rather than the prince charming I'd been seeking.

doing. And they're going to use the trips they've already taken to appreciate the larger journey they're on.

My thoughts had been consumed for a lifetime over a father I felt deeply devoted to whom I couldn't respect because of some of the things he'd done in life. But in terms of my heart, my nature was, actually, similar to his. It wasn't until I could humble myself to a head that was like my mother's and a heart that was like my father's that I could begin the process of becoming soulful.¹⁵⁵

Find the faith you need to believe in what you're doing. The winds are always blowing at your back or in your face so that you may take thought. It's harder than you may have once thought to believe in yourself.

¹⁵⁵ This accounts for why I think like a Democrat but feel like a Republican. And this is why I vote like a left-leaning independent.

Surah 52
سورة الطور
The Mountain

The mountain that came to Muhammad, not the mole hill each of us is constantly complaining about, is the underlying theme of the Quran. JEWS fantasize about rebuilding the Temple on their little hill in Jerusalem. CHRISTIANS dream about mining every man as though he were a mountain filled with treasure. And *Muslims* climb every mountain that doesn't literally exist in the hopes of getting to the top of the next world.

And look at their "success..." It doesn't have to be this way. This is why I call Jerusalem the coldest place on Earth. No wonder only penguins {JEWS} white foxes {PROTESTANTS}, wolves {CATHOLICS}, bears {Russian Orthodox CHRISTIANS} and Siberian tigers {*Sunnis*} can survive there.

The promises found in this surah are a major theme in Islam. But unless *Muslims* integrate all three of the Abrahamic mountains, they're going to go nowhere fast. And they're going to make excellent time...

Life is like a mountain we climb, whether we know it, or not. Life is like the Temple Mount. The views are figuratively panoramic when we stop at a lookout to see how far we've come {when we receive a sign}. But without an inner understanding of our rock {GOD}, we have nothing to hold on to.

If you stop and look at where you are inside and out, GOD will allow you to look back on where you came from, from a new place in inner space. You'll get to see your past differently. You'll become in awe of what you've done thus far, and you'll be able to explore the guilt that still leaves parts of your inner world dark and foreboding.

GOD comes down to take some of us away from this trek while we're still on the way up (0-39); others, while strolling along the plateau (40-69); and HE chooses not to take some of us out of here until we're well on our way down (70+), typically physically worn out, emotionally wounded and spiritually exhausted.

Therefore we ought to take each step cautiously and securely all along the way. Mountains, molehills and stumbling blocks are obstructions we must all learn to maneuver through. Only the grace of GOD makes it possible for us to ascend our moral challenges in life rather than succumb to them.

*"Fruits We shall give them
and such meats as they desire.
They will pass from hand to hand a cup inspiring no idle talk,
no sinful urge;
and there shall wait on them young boys of their own,*

as fair as virgin pearls.”
[52:23-24]

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The fruits you’ll receive in “heaven” are quite different from the fruits of earthly knowledge you’ve consumed. The fruits of your endeavors now may be love and loyalty, but the meat of your endeavors is wisdom. Therefore the meat on the bone up “there” won’t be any different from the meat on the bone down here. The “meat” is insight into morality.

You may look for escapes from this world, but we’re all figuratively forced to eat the meat off our own bones. We all cannibalize ourselves morally. And if you haven’t grown up much thus far, there isn’t going to be much meat on your bones for you to enjoy. ¹⁵⁶

Wisdom, love and loyalty are the dairy products of life. Morality is the beef. But most people are only interested in pursuing desserts. And then they wonder why they, of all people, should have to suffer. If you don’t eat a spiritually nutritious diet, what would you expect to happen?

Many don’t get to go as far on the journey up the mountain as you’ve gone. Many succumb to disappointment, disdain of their “God” or illness long before they complete their spiritual quest. What you’ve been privileged to read in the Quran and are able to personally relate to is a greater gift than many others will ever know. Over time, you may even thank **GOD** for the Prophet Muhammed having elucidated your journey with the secrets he was able to reveal and warn you of.

Pass the Quran figuratively from hand-to-hand as though the Quran were a cup filled with precious nectar. Cease the idle chatter about the mundanity of getting ahead and focus your attention on the big picture. It’s time to go up and grow up. It’s time to leave Israelis and gay people alone.

Now let’s look at the last sentence of this passage. “*There shall wait on them young boys of their own, as fair as virgin pearls.*” There couldn’t be a man left on the planet in this day and age who doesn’t hear these utterances with homoerotic intent. And that, of course, begs the question why either of them, the Archangel Gabriel or the Prophet, would present a promise that’s left open to gay connotation.

But all young boys are, in a way, like pearls that haven’t been removed from their shell. All young boys are something precious that hasn’t yet been raised out of the depths of their own ocean of emotion into the light of day. They’re in a beautiful shell covered on the

¹⁵⁶ Do you really think Jesus asked to be remembered symbolically because HE had ego issues? Do you really think HE did what HE did because HE had a penis problem or anal issues?

inside by mother-of-pearl. But to dive down into the soul of a lad and show him the myriad colors of his inner shell and to describe the shape and brilliance of his unique and miraculous creation, you must have the wisdom of a mother, the love of a father and the loyalty of a best friend. That can't be accomplished with sexual desire. That has to be accomplished with divine, positive intent.

GOD made the male creature in one of HIS myriad images. To share yourself with others if you're male, you should want to experience the spiritual attraction to yourself that opens you up to the boy in you, not to the antics of the spiritually prepubescent adolescents around you.

This attraction began in your own youth as a physical appreciation of yourself. It matured to become thankfulness to some others. Only then could it evolve into appreciation of yourself and gratitude to GOD for you having learned how to be more like someone you came to honor and respect deeply.

Most men aren't the pearl diver they'd like to be. They're underwater predators who interpret fruit as something a bit too JEWISH and meat as something perverted and gay. They don't see either food group as spiritually nutritious or morally beneficial. They weren't poetically prepared for depths of Christianity and so they aren't poetically prepared for the heights of the Quran. They misinterpret its message in perverse ways. They don't have enough of a clue to what they're doing in the world around them because they have insufficient orientation within.

And yet, they think themselves deserving of a reward for what they've accomplished thus far. {Give warning but remember that other people's grades aren't going on your report card. We each have our own work to do.}

*“Do they say,
‘He has invented it
{The Quran}
himself?
Indeed,
they have no faith.
Let them produce a scripture like it,
if what they say be true!’”
[52:34]*

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{the Quran}
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Let them produce a Scripture like it,*

if what they say be true!’”

The Quran is the icing on the cake. Christianity is a seven-layer cake. And Judaism is the recipe to bake that cake. To throw out any of the Abrahamic faiths would be sinful and foolish. It'll affect the lives of those you love, and it'll affect your own inner happiness. It may even affect your future long after your dead.

You were a delectable morsel swallowed by time at birth, and you'll be evacuated by time upon your death. So imagine what you'll look like at the end if you don't have the recipe; bake the cake; and spread a liberal dose of icing over it. You'll look very unappetizing indeed...

*“If they saw a part of heaven falling down,
they would still say,
‘It is but a mass of clouds.’”
[52:43]*

“If they saw a part of ‘heaven’ falling down,
they would still say,
‘It is but a mass of clouds.’”

The part of “heaven” falling from “*a mass of clouds*” is literally rain. But what the Prophet is saying here is figurative, not literal. He's saying that people are so practiced in interpreting this world with only literal meaning that they don't make any attempt to interpret their life using their imagination.

For ancient, desert peoples who depended on gods for rain, every deluge from the sky was a blessing. But a figurative downpour {tears} from the “*heavens*” every once in a while is a blessing, as well. It refreshes the heart and rejuvenates the spirit. What's going on at such a moment inside you isn't just a “*mass of clouds*” {problems}. It's a gift from **GOD** even though it blocks the sun.

What we see in today's Muslim world is a deluge of tears from all the wars they've been through and all the terrorist activities that have so muddied their cause. Muslims can't seem to build themselves an ark sturdy enough to navigate through the storms of hateful, *Islamic* extremism. *Muslims* have spent so much time until now taking the Quran literally that they aren't able to deal with their spiritual needs, figuratively. They've become like the JEW who lives in his head. They've become like a crazy hermit in a cave who can't tell the rocks around him from the rocks in his head.

Listen to people laugh. You may hear glee at others' misfortune. Listen to them cry. You may here glee in others' sorrow. This is normal, but not attractive. They only want what's best for themselves. They can't put themselves in other people's shoes. Therefore teach them to listen to themselves to hear their laughter and tears.

“Science” is the word for knowledge we amass from the world around us. “Religion” is the word for knowledge we amass from the world within. If you're educated in both,

you're going to know how to apply the scientific principles of inquiry to matters of faith. Without this discernment, you'll become fanatical and depraved.

Christianity is still in a great struggle between literal and figurative truth. We saw this predicament centuries ago when Galileo saw that the Earth revolves around the sun, and the Catholic Church couldn't accept that scientific fact on faith. Today the Catholic Church can't admit that although the Earth does literally revolve around the sun, the sun {heart} and moon {mind} figuratively revolve around the Earth {soul}.

Catholicism once had trouble with literal truths. Today they're having trouble with figurative truths. GOD bless 'em for trying, but man are they movin' slow!...

GOD only figuratively made man in HIS image. We know this to be true because every human being looks slightly different from all others. If HE'd literally made all men in HIS image, all men would literally look like HIM and everyone would be Jewish.

But GOD doesn't have a literal image HE uses as a template. HE relies on HIS imagination to create each individual. That means that JEWS have no excuse anymore for living on the dark side of their moon {mind}. CHRISTIANS have no excuse for believing that if they close their eyes, their sun {love} will disappear. And Muslims are just as guilty for not knowing that the Earth {conscience} they have to share with other Muslims is the same Earth {soul} we all have to share.

Spiritually, "heaven" figuratively falls to earth in the form of moral renewal, not rain. The moral rain that pours down from GOD's realm rejuvenates man's head, heart and soul, giving him hope and reason to go on. This rain can't be called drops of justice, mercy or fairness. This rain takes the form of sheets of beauty, downpours of awe and cats and dogs of inspiration.

What we often perceive of as "*a mass of clouds*" {problems} blocking our sunshine {happiness} conceals the deeper meaning of the story of Noah from Torah in which a rainbow came after GOD's storm. Those of faith today don't have the luxury their ancestors had in becoming hopeless, defiant or remaining immature. They need to teach their children about their response-ability. That is greater than the floods that drowned so many with despair in the past.

CHRISTIANS are in the throes of discovering that Christianity is evolving. But this means that Christ's love is growing. And as it grows, it evolves. This means that everyone, not just CHRISTIANS, is physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually evolving. This means that man's understanding of GOD/GOD/God is evolving into ONE GOD.

And if you didn't see all this coming, it's probably because you were so bent on satisfying the projection of your desires onto the external world that you didn't notice what was going on inside you. The WORD/WORD/Word of GOD/GOD/God has been evolving into the WORDS of GOD for some time. But the religious fanatics still don't get it.

Because men and women are so insecure about the figurative importance of their genitals, they follow literal recipes on how to project their desires onto the world around them. They fit into standardized roles; develop conventional relationships; and pursue other people's dreams. They choose a lifestyle that will obfuscate their penis or clitoris issues.

In short, they turn from an animal into a human being without trying to advance from there into becoming an angel in disguise.

Because human beings fear being psychologically challenged in ways that will upset their opinion of themselves, they focus on their external world to the detriment of what's happening within them. Consequently, many people behave predictably when viewed by others. You may conclude that there's little mystery within them. And when you look at life from the outside out, that's a perfectly logical conclusion to come to.

But when someone you know commits suicide and you saw no signs of it coming; when a juvenile kills his classmates and teachers at his school; or a terrorist kills total strangers in a mall, club or movie theater – don't try to tell me there's no apparent motive for the killing. When you look in the mirror and suddenly see someone you hardly recognize – it's time to go within. You can only ignore the obvious for so long.

Looking below your waist for answers to the mystery of who you are is much harder than it looks. People need new experiences to draw new conclusions about themselves. And they need encouragement to break projections of who they no longer want to be. People need new experiences to draw conclusions about who they would have become had **GOD** not stopped them many times along the way because of their insubordination. And they need consolation that who they are now is the best person to begin becoming who they hope to be.

This spiritual process is called “coming out of the closet” when it concerns matters of your penis or clitoris. But there's another coming out process that you're going through whether or not you discover you're a member of the LGBT+ community. And that's the great mystery that the LGBT+ community can, paradoxically, help you understand from a nonsexual perspective.

The closet metaphor comes closer and closer to home. You can't escape your closet. You can only postpone looking in it until after life. But that would be very unwise.

Your x² is your closet. That's where you keep all that you don't want yourself to see. That's where you hold inside all that you're afraid to let out. That's where the difference between you and me ends in a laugh or a tear.

There, in your “ARON” {tabernacle/closet} you keep the list of all those people who done you wrong. That's where you keep the lines of poetry and song that no one could possibly know to the depths that you do. There, inside, you even have space for mystery to unfold in a way that will still surprise you.

When you understand yourself in this way you see that Torah is the autobiography of an amazing man. You see that the Gospels are the biography of some ONE who broke the mold. You see that the Quran is nothing less than gossip between an angel and a camel driver about **GOD**.

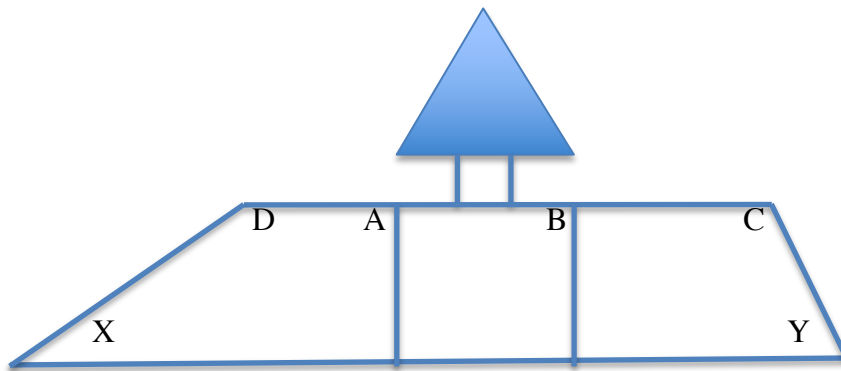
Those who are devoid of modesty of their body don't become wise. Those who are devoid of humility in their character don't become loving. And those who are devoid of loyalty in their conscience don't become devoted. They all become arrogant in some way, instead. But because it's happening unconsciously, they can't address what's happening. Only those struggling to enter their Israel within will slowly come to respect themselves from the inside out.

Self-respect begins as an adversarial, inner relationship you go through in a moral fight with yourself that you wish to win. But over time, the struggle for self-admiration and acceptance dies down, and you find yourself facing tolerance. Just being able to tolerate yourself as you are would be a dream come true. You know you're not going to succeed in tolerating anyone else until you can tolerate you.

GOD bestows self-respect only upon those who do the work.¹⁵⁷ Therefore your #1 job should be, first and foremost, to determine what you're doing right. If you've succeeded in tolerating yourself without denial, you're doing very well. You've acknowledged your struggle. You've decided to simply watch, wait and listen for that third, wiser voice from your soul to speak to you about those other two {head and heart}. Self-tolerance is the key to eradicating anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, homophobia, misogyny, racism and all other forms of hate. Once you can tolerate you, you can tolerate anyone.

If you look at the back of a one-dollar bill, you'll see that there's a picture of a pyramid there that's separated from its own summit. And in that floating summit there's an eye {the Eye of Providence}. "Providence" translates as your individual form of good fortune. Your good luck comes from what looks like this tiny, little pyramid with an eye in it that's hovering over the trapezoid below.

Your soul is separate and has to find a way of peering down on your thoughts {head}, feelings {heart} and urges. Think of the Eye of Providence as everything that hovers in the air above land and sea. If you want to see your luck change, you're going to have to do the work that will integrate this pyramid in with your trapezoid. You're going to have to use your own providence to watch your step-by-step journey through life. There is a copy of the diagram below at the back of Book Six for you to cut out and use as you did the **Inverted U Turn** in conjunction with your inner compass:



¹⁵⁷ Pain and suffering are the two most powerful ways **GOD** teaches you self-respect if you can't learn it on your own. Pain can occur anywhere in your body, and suffering can occur anywhere in your heart. Anger, fear and sorrow are the basic components of suffering that transform your feelings over time, which then allows you to change your behavior. This then becomes a transcendent experience about the potential for your soul, thereby transfiguring your being with new beliefs.

Life is like a trapezoid, a tabletop mountain. You ascend it in youth {0-39}. You enjoy the view from the top in middle age {40-69}. And you descend the same side you went up in old age {70+} if you're lucky, or you descend the opposite side if you're not. The summit with the eye in the dollar bill corresponds to the self-awareness you can enjoy at any moment of any day along the way. The Eye of Providence is the symbol for self-witnessing.

Building this pyramid above the trapezoid is the most important task of your life. In doing so you become an ancient Israelite and your own pharaoh. Without the Eye of Providence your inner compass will have no meaning. Your moral code will be elusory and serendipity. Your impulses will affect all your thoughts and feelings. What you consider to be your conscience will be far less evolved than a soul.

The height of your climb today is where your faith in **GOD** is located now. That will change by tomorrow. Your morning commencement on your next day's trek; your afternoon adaptability and compliance to the vicissitudes of your challenges; combined with your evening descent – create the shape of the little hill you climb each day. And that hill is a part of a range of mountains that encircles much of your inner globe. This is the topography of the life you'll want to explore in your year here. But if you don't use your inner eye to poetically perceive the truth about subjective space and time, as it is in you, you're going to make little moral progress and waste a great deal of precious time.

The Jews are privileged. The Christians are blessed. And the Muslims are gifted. You could be a combination of all three. The rain from "heaven" that falls on each of us is unique to our topography. We may share the same idea of "heaven" and the same idea of **GOD**, but **HE** reigns differently down on each one of us.

Life is beautiful, awesome and inspiring when you get your way. This is what we all desire. But to have it your way, you'll want to help others help themselves. **GOD** doesn't help those who don't help themselves through others.

*"Let them be,
until they face the day when they shall stand dumbfounded;
the day when their designs will avail them nothing
and none will help them."
[52:44]*

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Again, the Prophet goes beyond the Judeo-Christian concept of external “brother’s keeper” to suggest just the opposite. You’re also your inner, brother’s keeper.¹⁵⁸ I can’t change your mind about you not needing to become the brother or sister who keeps you. I can’t convince you to take your nose out of every man’s behind and every woman’s vagina. I can’t order you to turn in your gun and not grab a penis, instead. I can only appeal to you from my heart to care more for others by caring more for yourself.

Until you use your eyes to look at every messenger as a potential gift from GOD; until you use your ears to listen to every message you convey to yourself as a potential gift from GOD – you aren’t going to perceive the differences between what you see and hear externally {objective reality} and what you see and hear internally {subjective reality}. Until you listen to the difference between what you think and what you feel, you’ll remain deaf and numb inside to what you’re telling yourself.

I can’t do anything to force you to transcend your present relationship with you. That’s beyond my control. That was what the Prophet meant in this passage when he said, “*Let them be, until they face the day when they shall stand dumbfounded.*” If you don’t motivate yourself to change your mind and transform your heart by doing more for yourself, you’re not going to experience the miracle of self-transcendence. And you’re going to get exactly what you deserve in your lifetime, as well as thereafter.

Yes, you should literally help your brothers and sisters in the outer world by making their lives more physically comfortable. You can also help them emotionally by motivating them to help themselves avoid the suffering they instigate from within.

But their spiritual quest is mysteriously unique. Don’t get caught up in the evening of their day or winter of their year unless you want to know more about the night that follows day and the steep descent thereafter.

You can model and discuss the ways in which you interface with GOD that are successful and useful to you. But you can’t create a relationship between another person and GOD. You can’t connect his tabletop mountain with the watchful peak floating just out of his reach. The Eye of Providence shines its light down at a slightly different angle upon each of us.

¹⁵⁸ You are a brother unto yourself. If you don’t discover brotherhood from within, you’re going to suffer disappointment in the ways that you let you down, and then you may blame others for how you end up feeling. You may avoid meaningful relationships with other men, cynically believing it’s not possible for two men to become meaningfully close to one another, without or without getting sexual. But the fault will be your own. If you can’t get closer to you, you’ll never get closer to anyone else. Don’t worry about another man’s penis {desires} or testicles {power} as you help him. Don’t worry about his tendency to screw himself over {anus}. Keep your nose out of what’s going on below his belt. Help him selflessly.

You can't do anyone's spiritual homework for him; you can't take his tests; improve his grades; or give him the diploma he's going to earn in the school of life in advance of his graduation. This is entirely the job of the Teacher. You are, at best, a humble tutor to yourself practicing on all others.¹⁵⁹

My boyfriend is a slob. He leaves things lying all around the house. And his closet is a mess. He even leaves his laundry on his closet floor, which I pick up and put in the washing machine. For years I've picked up after him with the resentment I saw my mother wield when picking up after me when I was a child.

But I've since learned that this has been a lesson in humility from the Teacher. This is what my mother did for me when I was too young to know any better. And doing for others now what she did for me then is a wonderful lesson in changing my attitude. This lesson has come late in my life. But it's a valuable lesson, nevertheless, one I now embrace as charity of the highest order.

Now the shoe is on the other foot. Now I clean up after my boyfriend who's living with me in our home. It wouldn't kill me to do it with a light heart. In fact, it would help me enormously in becoming soulful.

Never forget that your first job is to keep climbing, whether you're on your way up in the morning or on your way down at night. If you don't rise to every occasion with the spiritual intention of learning about yourself from higher and higher altitudes, you're going to fail in one way {internally} or another {externally}. You're going to be given a lesson for your head, heart or conscience that you'll have doubts about. And you won't know whether to take it personally, seriously or dismiss it altogether.

You are your primary, moral responsibility. And that's a conclusion that's going to bring you many, interesting, moral challenges with which you're going to struggle with **GOD**.

When Israel will cease to be a struggle with GOD, Israel will cease to be a nation. The Earth will cease to be a planet, and we'll all go back where we came from with our eyes downcast in shame at a job that was incomplete.

¹⁵⁹ As you can see after more than 1,400 pages of animosity toward hyper-religious people, I'm finally softening my position. They do have something that atheists and agnostics don't have. But I didn't want to massage their ego until they got a good look at it themselves in my mirror.

Surah 53

سورة النجم

The Star

The star and the crescent are religious symbols that only became associated with Islam in the mid-20th Century following their use in the national flags of various successor states of the Ottoman Empire.

The stars in the night sky were once used to determine location on Earth. They were guiding points of light at night that aided early explorers in making their way around the globe. The single star of Islam symbolizes the burn occurring in inner space {guilt}, which symbolizes the purification needed for redemption.

The phases of the moon are a reminder of the passage of time. The waxing moon is the symbol of the hope associated with youth and new beginnings. The moon's association with time has also been connected to young love. The swell of the tides caused by the moon have been associated with the emotional swells of love experienced by those who are new to love. The waxing crescent {smiling} moon of Islam symbolizes a time of hope in contrast to the waxing, gibbous {frowning} moon that symbolizes a time of reconciliation.

Although the variations in nightly illumination reoccur on monthly and seasonal bases, if you don't interpret them poetically, how are you going to find any beauty in the night sky? Astronomy {the science of the "heavenly" bodies} without poetic insight will only lead to mathematical expression of your love for numbers. But numbers can't come alive without poetry. Physics without wisdom, love and devotion will only lead to monetary ventures. {Einstein didn't die rich in money. You're already richer than that. You know more about you than to participate in a way to destroy the world. You're looking for meteoric explosions that will awaken the world.}

The Star of David is a symbol for the pursuit of knowledge of the mind. The arrow pointing up to the "heavens" is the symbol for your father and the arrow pointing down to the Earth is the symbol for your mother. The linking together of these two triangles stands for the universal symbol of the child; the personification of the physical union of a man and a woman that resulted in the creation of you. The pursuit of the knowledge of these two triangles in every child becomes the Jewish symbol for hope.

The Cross on which Jesus was crucified symbolizes the journey of life, which takes each us in conflicting directions that crucify each of us with pain in one direction {North/South} and suffering in the other {East/West}. The cross is a reminder of the importance of the sacrifices made by our predecessors to make life more of a loving experience, and less frustrating and hateful, for us all.

With a spiritual understanding of yourself as a child brought into this world by two people who created you as you are {Star of David}, and with experiences that have taught you that your journey is a meaningful expression of conflict, whether some others appreciate you, or not {Cross} – the signs for inner space {Star} and subjective time {Crescent moon} given to us by Islam should augment your appreciation of your life as a universal mystery that we're all experiencing alone, together. ¹⁶⁰

¹⁶⁰ The stars in outer space appear to be in a vast expanse of territory that invariably draws us within to reflect on something personal. The phases of the moon remind us of the changes over time that we can anticipate, but not control.

The true believer achieves a sense of orientation in inner space and time, over time, often with unexpected, new, inner experiences that open him to the possibility of life being greater than it outwardly appeared to be in his past. Hope and promise come to those who've figuratively oriented themselves with the help of the sun {warmth}, moon {reflection} and stars {burn}.

When we look up through the darkness within {guilt} to perceive the waxing and waning of our thoughts as though they were shining like the moon, we unconsciously anticipate the next new moon, the next time there'll be no light – when our mind will go blank.

Your heart {sun} can't always reflect its light off the surface of your mind {moon}. You can see that in the phases of the moon each month. Therefore your soul {Earth} must remain for periods of time in darkness {ignorant of your love}.

This time in history is a reminder of the subjective sense of timing that's so personal and deeply private to us all. No one really knows where he's going or how much time he literally has left. Everyone's head, heart and soul rotate and revolve independently of others. Yet, we continue to go round and round inside ourselves, like the sun, Earth, moon and stars, wondering what life is all about.

These are questions that can only be asked of GOD, and they can only be answered with metaphors, symbols and similes that will bring personal answers that you can interpret subjectively. But if you don't ask these sorts of questions of yourself, you'll never know your inner selves.¹⁶¹

Those who think the Quran is the manufactured product of an illiterate, camel driver who knew nothing about matters of the previous faiths are stuck in a stereotype of the Prophet because they're stuck in themselves. Their conclusions are as offensive as those who say Jews are money-grubbers; blacks are only good at sports; Mexicans are lazy; and gays are perverts. There's only one deviant in society you need to worry about from here to "there" and start to finish; and that's y.o.u.

When you start to ask yourself about the stereotype of all Jews as good providers; all Jews as faithful, heterosexual husbands; all Jews as GOD's chosen; and even all JEWS as homophobes – you're going to discover that you're classifying a whole class in the school of life, not getting to know them as individuals. And if you're doing it to us, you're probably doing it to everyone with other stereotypes.

If you don't know any gays or Jews, you don't have enough of a clue as to why GOD created each one of us. You're using your position at the top of a crater in your mind from

¹⁶¹ People are afraid of Multiple Personality Disorder. They're afraid that sides of their personality will reveal to others what they can't consciously account for. And although there are those who suffer from this disorder to such an extreme that they use separate names for aspects of their personality, you shouldn't conclude you don't suffer from this condition just because your name for you is singular and consistent. That's not a good enough test of sound, mental health. If you ask a murderer who committed his crime, he'll deny his crime or admit it. Rarely does he claim that he knows who committed the murder, but calls himself by another name. Taking ownership of a crime in the third person is a form of insanity that's extremely rare. All other forms of insanity are not.

which to look out at the whole world. That's insane. You're far too far away from the world we share.

There's never a view of the Earth from the dark side of the moon. The dark side of your mind is figuratively no different from the dark side of the moon. What's happening in your mind is happening in a vast emptiness, illuminated only some of the time by your feelings {sun} in ways you can see. What you can see through all your guilt is questionable until you're soulful {come down to Earth}.

Without a sense of guilt burning in your soul, you're living your life in darkness or shadow. Another way of describing this is that your mind is more like a dark cave in a mountain. If you don't gather wood from your tree of knowledge, you won't have the fuel to build a fire within. If you don't ignite yourself like tinder with a spark from your heart, your thinking will remain apathetic to strangers' ways. And if you don't tend to your flame with just the right amount of wind, you won't develop an imagination that will inquire into the meaning of the dancing shadows you cast on your cave wall. You won't question your guilt or where it comes from.

You'll be like a dumb camel with an ignorant rider on it. You'll be perched atop your body without understanding the mystery in the gifts beneath your haughty stare. You'll be all head without awareness of your heart or soul. You'll feel fear on some occasions, but you'll never take your fears to heart. {You'll become a mass of worries.} And in reaction to your spiritual ambivalence to learning more about yourself, your desires will be so out of your control that they'll surely take you in morally horrible directions, possibly without you ever even knowing it. Humiliation may then become your lot in life, or thereafter.

You're going to want a well-developed imagination to understand the *words* recited to the Prophet. You need this imagination to combine those *words* with your own to create a modern vocabulary that will prepare you for the modern age in which you were commanded to live.

Without a fire within you, there's nothing to do in your cave but stare mindlessly into the dark. You'll find no reason to come out and climb the mountain that Moses, Jesus and Muhammad climbed. There'll be no reason for your being other than how you indulge yourself. Your will will have no hands. And you'll become a puppet to a state that knows you better than you know yourself.

Each of us is in a personal relationship with **GOD**, and each of us is in a communal relationship with **HIM**, as well. You're psychologically and sociologically driven. You have two worlds that are separated by nothing more than skin. Never forget that, or you'll be reminded of it in harsher and harsher ways as you become an aging pupil in this school who'll have no partnership with the Teacher.

What you now think is true is only as true as you know yourself now. What you feel is true is only as true as you know yourself now. And what you believe is true is only as true as you know yourself now. Without greater insight, all your coveted insights will be for naught.

*"By the declining star,
your compatriot is not in error,*

nor is he deceived.”

[53:1-2] ¹⁶²

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your compatriot is not in error,
nor is he deceived.”

“The declining star” may have been the planet Venus. The word “planet” comes from the Greek for “wanderer.” To early man, the planets appeared to wander in the night sky, unlike the stars that appeared fixed in their movements. From Earth, Venus can appear up to 47 degrees away from the sun. It can be seen just before sunrise or just after sunset as a bright morning or evening star. At these times, Venus is up to 15 times brighter than the brightest star, Sirius. Venus can even cast shadows. Therefore the early astronomers may have actually created the Islamic sign of the star using a “heavenly” body within our solar system, a view of the “heavens” that we’ve greatly expanded upon since then with scientific advancement.

Venus is the one “star” that declines drastically. But Venus might have been very disconcerting when ancient astronomers saw one of the “heavenly” lights move in such an erratic pattern. Those of little faith thousands of years ago might have concluded that their “God” didn’t have complete control over “His” universe. And so, they became superstition and afraid.

Just as science has proved that Venus is not a star, so, too, time will prove to true believers that the holy recital brought down to Earth by the Prophet is not in error. The star of Islamic teaching figuratively shines in you, too. Your soul is like a night full of planets and stars, and a moon that reflects the light of our one and only sun.

Science and religion won’t need to fight with one another if they can find poetic reasons to agree. Man’s view of his world within expanded when his view of the world around him expanded. We all know more than our ancestors about the interrelationship of our two worlds. This doesn’t wipe away GOD’s participation in our education in either of our worlds. It only means we ought to humble ourselves to reinterpretations of Scripture to fit our ever-expanding view of our spiritual place in the universe.

So when the Prophet swore on the declining star, he was vowing the pursuit of inner truths, not scientific truths. That was as real then as it is today. Our knowledge of the brightest star in the night sky shouldn’t change our quest for inner orientation. It should

¹⁶² The Prophet Muhammad isn’t your only compatriot. You are. It might be better to say that the insights of Moses make him like a neighbor; the insights of Jesus make HIM like a friend; and the insights of the Prophet Muhammad make him like a compatriot. But unless you treat yourself like a neighbor, friend and compatriot, you aren’t going to plummet the depth of the meaning of the word “compatriot.” *“Your compatriot is not in error, nor is he deceived.”* Have faith in yourself.

magnify our perception of reality with insights into the truth that we should celebrate and pass down to future generations. ¹⁶³

*“He does not speak out of his own fancy.
This is an inspired revelation.
He is taught by one who is powerful and mighty.”
[53:3-6] ¹⁶⁴*

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This is an inspired revelation.
He is taught by ONE who is powerful and mighty.”

The “he” in this quotation is assumed to be the Prophet speaking about himself. The “he” referred to here is ambiguous. It could be the Prophet. It could be me, the one who’s quoting the Prophet. Or it could be you, the one who’s reading this quotation.

Believing in **GOD** is harder than it looks because **GOD** doesn’t hide from us. We hide from some parts of ourselves, and then, when in trouble, find ourselves questioning where **HE** is. We can only see as much of **HIM** as we can see of ourselves. Therefore the more you look for you, the more you’ll discover **HIM**. **GOD** is powerful and mighty. **GOD** is powerful and mighty. *God* is powerful and mighty. **GOD** is powerful and mighty. The more you see yourself, the more insight you’re given through **HIS** messengers.

{Looking for yourself is like reading the children’s book “Where’s Waldo?” You may be so habituated to seeing yourself blending in with the background of your life that you may not see how you stand out from it. Being self-conscious about how deeply you stand out from others can be turned into a virtue. Embarrassment, shame and humiliation will draw you out of yourself, making you more prominent in your own eyes.} ¹⁶⁵

¹⁶³ The Star of David is the Jewish star. The star seen in the night sky by the three wise men at the birth of Jesus is the Christian star. And the declining star that the Prophet Mohammad speaks about here is the Islamic star. A STAR is not a STAR is not a *Star*.

¹⁶⁴ The Archangel Gabriel didn’t speak absentmindedly. **GOD** told him what to say to Muhammad.

¹⁶⁵ “‘Where’s Waldo?’ is the title of the first Waldo book. Released in 1987, the book was the result of more than two years of detailed work by illustrator Martin Handford. Somewhere amid the crowded scene is Waldo, and readers are asked to scour the detailed illustrations to locate the lost traveler.” [Wikipedia] Your life can be perceived of as like an illustration in which you’re searching for yourself. You’re Waldo, and you’re searching for yourself in a mirror rather than on the pages of a book. The reflection in that mirror is

The inner exploration of where you are each day in inner, subjective space and time is the supreme challenge of life. Most people {especially the young and inexperienced} see themselves as standing out from the world around them as if there were a thick, black line silhouetting them. They see their negativity, imperfections and differences, and it makes them uncomfortable to look and feel different from others. They may even judge themselves harshly as separate and alone. And then they may do whatever they can to assimilate into a group they think may accept them in order to blur that thick line.

It's, therefore, worth making an effort to look for ways to employ the grace you've been given. ¹⁶⁶ In this way, you'll discover more of the mystery of the universe through the mystery in being yourself. But you'll always be a Waldo you won't be able to easily find in some situations without greater tools of self-scrutiny.

But this process is personal. It's not something you have to discuss with anyone. Moving through this self-confrontational exploration using words spoken within yourself to yourself will humble you to your journey. It'll make it possible for you to perceive the intelligence in **GOD**'s designs. And it may help your loved ones indirectly, as well.

The hyper-religious who want to kill Jews, Christians and Muslims; the religious fanatics who insist there's no legitimate place in this world for gays and lesbians; the religious deviants who bend the political process in order to help themselves to the cookies in the Wall Street jar; and the perverts who try to tax the poor to support the rich – aren't looking for Waldo. They're looking to assuage their personal desires by using true believers to help them get their way. What sort of reward would you say they deserve?

*“To those who avoid the grossest sins and indecencies
and commit only small offenses,
your Lord will show abundant mercy.
He knew you well when He created you from earth
and when you were still in your mothers' wombs.
Do not pretend to purity;
He knows best those who guard themselves against evil.”
[53:32-36]*

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called “reality” and the window-like side of it is also called “reality.” To find Waldo, you have to employ the eye of objectivity and the eye of subjectivity.

¹⁶⁶ I'm universalizing the word “grace” to indicate that it's a universal quality, not just the familiar Christian grace, which is a virtue of the heart.

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Woman is a tree of life. Her breasts are like fruit. Straight men and lesbians suckle them using their imagination to revisit the “paradise” of infancy. And in the deep recesses of their mind, straight men and lesbians remember that the breast on the left side of their mother was preferable to the breast on her right. The left breast created a familiar beat that reminded them of a time before the first “flood” that washed them out of the hollow in her tree where they’d been previously asleep in a place where they thought they’d remain forever.

These are the fruits straight men relate to more than the fruits hanging from their own tree. “GOD knew you well when H^E created you from earth and when you were still in the hollow of your mother’s tree.” GOD knew you then. H^E’ll always remember the mother H^E gave you, and why.

Do you remember your mother as well? Is your ability to relate to humankind so limited by your tribe, sub-culture or lifestyle that you can’t remember that everyone has a mother? Life surely is a school. And many are definitely doing very poorly.

The tree of life a man came out of isn’t the same as the tree of knowledge he is today. The man who can love a tree of life won’t be repelled by any tree of knowledge. He’ll learn to love both in his own unique way. He can figuratively suckle from one tree and respect the fruits of the other.

People’s tastes vary. It’s not an abomination to prefer one kind of fruit over another. This was a trick question in Torah that the extremist leaders in the institutions of religion all insist upon you answering their way. You’re not obliged to give any of their answers on your tests. Any intimidation you may feel at contradicting them you can overcome just by calming down and being yourself.

The milk that comes out of a tree of life {woman} is very different from the milk that comes out of a tree of knowledge {man}. You can suckle from the long nipple of a tree of knowledge until it emits milk, too. But don’t conclude that the milk from a tree of knowledge is any less metaphorically nourishing to man’s desires than the milk from a tree of life. This isn’t news to any man who’s made his way out of puberty. By then he’s tasted his own milk.

“Do not pretend to purity.” Your preference in trees is personal. Your preference in fruit makes you who you are. Don’t pretend to be any purer than GOD made you. It’s not your preferences that make you pure, but your deeds and intentions. How can you claim to be deserving of “paradise” if you can’t even talk to yourself about you? How can you judge your life if you don’t have a clue to how you were metaphorically made?

Autonomy is an evil pursuit. You’d be much better off pursuing freedom, liberty and emancipation. The autonomous will step on the poor and disenfranchised. The true believers avoid stepping on all life forms. They use Judaism, Christianity and Islam as steppingstones up to GOD’s throne.

Life is a school you were enrolled in it at birth, and you're going to graduate upon death. GOD is our Teacher. **GOD** is our Teacher. *God* is our Teacher. **HE**'s our one and only Teacher, regardless what some students may tell you or what other students model. If you don't read the textbook of life {Torah}, go to the lab classes {the Gospels} and prepare for the final exam {the Quran}, you're not going to achieve much more than the spiritual equivalent of a G.E.D.¹⁶⁷ And in a modern world, that's hardly enough.

Is it a coincidence Israel has the highest percentage of museums, bookstores, theaters, dance companies and art galleries per capita of any country on Earth? Is it a coincidence Jews have won a total of 41% of all the Nobel prizes in economics, 28% in medicine, 26% in Physics, 19% in chemistry, 13% in Literature and 9% of all peace awards? **GOD** knows best those who guard themselves against evil. **HE** knows to whom **HE** has given us permission to eat from the trees of knowledge and life.

The only pragmatic way to guard yourself against evil and do good is to consume the fruits of knowledge of good and evil until you make your way through the peel in youth and the meat in middle age. It may only be when you reach your core that you discover the honey of life: wisdom. The more you can see the hypocrite in you and repair yourself, the more you're going to be able to plant seeds of goodness {your unique essential love and loyalty} to this world.

If your goal in life is to be seen and heard by the world, I suggest you begin by perceiving and listening to yourself. As odious as you may find it to focus even more attention on you, I suggest you resolve to do so. The world around you is far more tempting and distracting than you probably realize. But the secret to true success lies within.

*“Have you considered him who turns his back upon the faith,
giving little at first, and then nothing at all?*

*Does he know
and can he see
what is hidden?*

*Has he not heard of what is preached in the scriptures of Moses of Abraham,
who fulfilled his duty:
that no soul shall bear another's burden,*

¹⁶⁷ “Passing the G.E.D. {General Equivalency Diploma} gives those who do not complete high school, or who do not meet requirements for a high school diploma, the opportunity to earn their high school, equivalency credential. The G.E.D. Tests in the four basic categories: science; mathematics; social studies; reading and writing.” [Wikipedia] The spiritual equivalent is the G.E.D. That's what's moving zombies out of their mindless obsession with distraction toward a spiritual goal that personally matters to them. In the school of life, I flunked out, had to get my spiritual G.E.D., and then strove on with my education to achieve my Ph.D. in “me.” If a self-destructive dropout can do it, you can, too.

*and that each man shall be judged only by his labors;
 that his labors shall be scrutinized,
 and that he shall be justly requited for them;
 that all things shall in the end return to your Lord;
 that it is He who moves men to laughter and to tears,
 and He who ordains death and life;
 that God created the sexes,
 the male and the female,
 from a drop of ejaculated semen,
 and will create all things anew;
 that it is He who bestows and enriches.”*
 [53:37-46]

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This passage is extremely rich in inspiration for those who care to study the Quran with a modern eye. You might even say it’s the essence of everything the Prophet was taught by the Archangel Gabriel.

When the Prophet asks whether you have considered “*him who turns his back upon the faith*” he’s talking directly to you about your relationship with yourself in relation to

GOD. He's not pointing fingers at some nebulous "other" who lived 1,400 years ago. He's figuratively pointing his finger here-and-now.

The Quran, like Torah and the Gospels, is figuratively alive. It lives while you live. It dies when you die. **GOD**'s **WORDS** become more vital and alive generation after generation for those who modernize them. For the rest, Scripture becomes an exercise in literalism that slowly cracks, breaks and eventually crumbles to dust. ¹⁶⁸ Would you literally stone your child for being disobedient? ¹⁶⁹

The world is mostly inhabited by zombies who awkwardly stumble forward as they move toward the things they want. They're in a daze. They're unawakened. They're so consumed with what they look like and what others will think of them that they can't focus on where they are in the moment or what they're doing spiritually. They're in class, but they're not facing front. They may think they're in class at all times, but they're distracted by this, that and the other around them. Their mind is only focused on getting to the next passing period when they can meet up again with their friends. ¹⁷⁰

When the Prophet asked about what is hidden, he was asking whether you presume there's something hidden in you from you. What's hidden from you inside isn't **GOD**. What's hidden from you is the mystery of being more like you. (Learn to like the part of you₃ that's sitting in the row in front of you₂ in class.)_A This_A aspect of yourself is what

¹⁶⁸ Those Muslims who destroyed Palmyra, a World Heritage site in Syria, are indicative of what happens when Muslims take Scripture literally. First their inner treasures crumble to dust, and then they project their hatred of *God* outwardly onto world antiquities. CHRISTIANS have had a similar history with Scripture by destroying synagogues and burning Torah scrolls up to and including in the 20th Century. When that didn't suffice, the CHRISTIANS did the same to Jews. Jews did the same 2,500-3,000 years ago to indigenists, their temples and artifacts. Ask yourself what those students who are seated in front of you in class are doing. You might learn something if your imagination is sufficiently developed.

¹⁶⁹ "IF ANY MAN HAS A STUBBORN AND REBELLIOUS SON WHO WILL NOT OBEY HIS FATHER OR HIS MOTHER, AND WHEN THEY CHASTISE HIM, HE WILL NOT EVEN LISTEN TO THEM, THEN HIS FATHER AND MOTHER SHALL SEIZE HIM, AND BRING HIM OUT TO THE ELDERS OF HIS CITY AT THE GATEWAY OF HIS HOME TOWN. AND THEY SHALL SAY TO THE ELDERS OF HIS CITY, 'THIS SON OF OURS IS STUBBORN AND REBELLIOUS. HE WILL NOT OBEY US. HE IS A GLUTTON AND A DRUNKARD.' THEN ALL THE MEN OF HIS CITY SHALL STONE HIM TO DEATH; SO YOU SHALL REMOVE THE EVIL FROM YOUR MIDST, AND ALL ISRAEL SHALL HEAR OF IT AND FEAR. [Deuteronomy 21: 18-21] Where are city folks nowadays supposed to find big enough stones to throw?... Surely we've evolved enough to do so with words, instead.

¹⁷⁰ The good students use the passing periods to prepare for their next class. They rush through the halls of school, eager to resume their studies with the Teacher. Until you make you your major, and strive for a Ph.D. in "me," you, too, will suffer for your distractions. It's fine to stop and smell the roses. It's great when you can enjoy joy. But the pursuit of happiness can't be found around you. Eventually, you'll decide to look for it within. Or, you won't...

you_{1,2}’re here to look for within you₁ for clues to what’s going on in you₃ that only you_{1,2} can know.

If you acknowledge GOD’s help, you’ll do a better job in learning from those parts of yourself your imagination hasn’t yet revealed to you. You may get a little frustrated and anxious with yourself at times. But when I use HIS help to discover my individual truth, I greatly reward myself.

And if you don’t want to use GOD’s help, that’s fine, too. But if you only want to ask yourself for help at those times when you have no answers, you may be disappointed in your reply or your inability to give yourself answers. You may build a slush fund of bitter {disappointing} and sour {angry} conclusions about you that will attach to each of the soles of your feet, like clay, and weigh you down as you plod forward aimlessly.

A good question to ask yourself is when I am my brother’s keeper and when I’m not his keeper? When will I be judged harshly for not helping my brother, and when will I be rewarded for opposing him?

If no soul shall bear another’s burden, and each man shall be judged only by his own labors, how can I know when to respond {+} and when to react{-} to the world around me? How can I know when your business must become my business and when I should keep my nose out of your affairs?

The man who kills {#6} others shouldn’t affect me. The man who cheats {#7} on his life partner shouldn’t affect me. And the man who steals {#8}, lies {#9} and covets {#10} what isn’t his shouldn’t affect me, either. None of the Commandments from 6-10 should affect me personally if I conclude that my loyalty is only to myself. But other people’s behaviors always do affect me somewhere inside!!!

The only thing that separates me from the outside world is my skin. And my skin is very thin in some places and calloused in others. This is, therefore, a clue to my syndromes. This is a clue to how and when your business becomes personal to me.

Nobody wants to appear to behave like a Jerry Lewis caricature.¹⁷¹ We don’t want to sacrifice our dignity just to behave obsequiously or foolishly before others. That’s comical. That’s an example of what not to look like. Lack of self-worth doesn’t improve your self-worth. Falling all over others to serve them or guilt them for their intrusions into your business isn’t the answer.

And yet modeling obsequious and foolish behavior is a great teaching tool. It brings up questions about when you should speak up and when you should be silent.

I, for one, won’t be guilted into shutting up by wagging fingers or rolled eyes exuding anger or disapproval of me. I’ve watched how ignorant people have accused me of being

¹⁷¹ Jerry Lewis: “American comedian, actor, singer, producer, director, screenwriter and humanitarian {Jewish}. He was known for his slapstick humor in film, television, stage and radio and was nicknamed the ‘King of comedy.’” [Wikipedia] But by today’s standards he was trying really hard to be funny. Don’t try. Just watch yourself striving to be you, and you’ll sometimes be amusing. You may never laugh out loud at yourself, but every time *you make you smile*, you should know that you’re doing well on your studies.

out of my mind or heartless. But they never seem to come up with questions they don't already have the answers to.

This isn't how learning about yourself happens. This is only how you confirm what you already think you know. Some people spend a lifetime confirming what they know, not learning about what they don't know. And others know this about them and manipulate them to achieve power.

Wisdom and love become a meaningless struggle between your head and heart until you admit to and commit to your loyalty to learning about you above all the individuals and groups you identify with. If you don't question the struggle of blacks, gays, women and Jews, you won't identify with their struggle in you. And if you don't identify with your struggle to be a student of you, you will have lost your best friend. Then collusion and conspiracy will occur around you as a clue to what's happening within.

If you don't experience at least a tinge of guilt at all the causes that you don't believe concern you, you're a zombie, You're the living dead. You're walking through life in a herky-jerky manner that you can't see.

Don't try swimming. You'll drown! Don't try flying. You'll crash and burn! You haven't got a snowball's chance in "hell" of getting to your finish line in a timely manner if you don't put your spiritual education up there with everything else that does concern you.

When it comes to the tabletop mountain, I think it's important to express consistency outwardly. But when it comes to achieving awakening within myself, I find that there's little consistency from one day to the next. Every day, I discover the Teacher is challenging me with a different aspect of my curriculum.

Many are honest. Even more are sincere. A goodly number are both. But to become authentic, you should become as candid as the Prophet Muhammad and, when needed, as frank as Jesus.

"It is HE who moves men to laughter and to tears." But the way in which HE does so is by teaching me to laugh at my frustrations in coming to know myself and to cry at my successes in achieving inner union. When I find myself forlorn or depressed, I now talk to myself as I would to a best friend. *"It is HE who ordains death and life"* so that I have a timed experience in which to search for my own version of Waldo taking shape out of a cacophony of external reverberations.

Those of us who've gone through more suffering than most, have the physical problem of having to deal with exasperation and the emotional problem of having to deal with despondency. We're not just display physical nervousness. We're apprehensive, anxious, concerned, fearful, fretful, frightened, restless and worried, as well.

These combinations of sensations and emotions can dissipate into thin air. But before they do, they're more like vines that branch out and entwine themselves around me. And yet, I've since seen some of these negative experiences just shrivel up and die. Internally speaking, in death, there may sometimes be a blessing.

Self-illumination/warmth/burn put added pressure on me to achieve my goal of self-actualization by using the Star and Crescent moon of Islam in a new and mysterious way. Without the concept of the Islamic star to orient me through the dark night of guilt, and

their crescent to awaken me to my life as in a subjective time frame, I'd never have learned to take **GOD**'s designs more personally than seriously.

Planting a seed in a garden and observing the shoot emerge from the soil is just the beginning of self-perception and awareness of the spiritual process. Marveling at a chick emerging from its shell should make you all the more a witness to the mystery of your own creation. Perhaps, you were lucky enough to experience the awe of seeing a calf foaled by a cow. Or, maybe you can recall the joy of having watched a child being born.

But these examples of life emerging are metaphors for your own presence in reality. If you make it all about you you're a religious nut standing before his "God." He knows nothing about the tree from which his desires hang like tempting fruits. It has to be all about you_{1,2,3} if you're going to find your way to **GOD**.

*"**GOD** created the sexes, the male and the female, from a drop of ejaculated semen."* It may have been common knowledge even then that the gender of babies is determined by semen. But science had to confirm that truth before we could claim that it was true.

The milk of a man literally creates life, and the milk of a man figuratively perpetuates life. The milk of a woman literally perpetuates life, and the milk of a woman figuratively perpetuates life.

We can't create or sustain life without creation and perpetuation. That's why the seeds of a man are produced in his fruits, while the seeds of a woman don't come from her fruits {breasts}, but from her flower {womb}.

Men often look for an ideal, physical specimen to copulate with, but they don't often look within to question how this search might mirror their spiritual goals. They often think more about recreation {fun} than re-creation {sex}.

If a man's mind moves away from pleasing only his eyes, he's usually looking for a nurse or a purse. He's not looking for a chance to grow more intimately with himself through connection with another person. He's flying through time without realizing how much time he's displacing above and beneath his wings.

Although a child is the literal fruit that comes from the union of a man and a woman, gay men are figuratively more like bees that help get pollen from flower to flower. We're important to the world of spirit. We illuminate you to your spiritual potential. If you're afraid of getting stung by us, hold still. It's unlikely you'll get pricked if you don't get scared and move erratically.

In the Judeo-Christian world in America it isn't considered polite for Jews or Christians who consider themselves members of polite society to speak about **GOD**'s penis, **HIS** semen or **HIS** anus. But a gay will recommend you try a little forbidden fruit from time to time for the sake of experiencing something new, even though **GOD** warned Adam not to do so. A **JEW** will tell you never to do so for fear of **GOD**'s wrath! And the gay and the **JEW** will tell you that doing what the other suggests is wrong.

So you're going to want to decide for yourself what's moral, and what's not. We know that **GOD** had semen. We just don't know what, if anything, **HE** did with it. It's hard for me to imagine that **HE** never discovered that truth about **HIMSELF**. But **CHRISTIANS** don't want to think about that aspect of Jesus. This is why the more hyper-religious they get, the more puritanical they become. But once you've brought up the topic of Jesus's

penis, semen and anus, what more is there to say? You're still going to do what you decide to do.

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But the lessons of Torah are quite clear. They are as follows:

Genesis	Discovering freedom
Exodus	Serving GOD
Leviticus	GOD's laws
Numbers	Dealing with rebellion
Deuteronomy	Achieving peace

Christians take the lessons from the Bible metaphorically, symbolically and personally. CHRISTIANS take the lessons from the Bible literally and seriously. This is why you see so many different kinds of Christians/CHRISTIANS.¹⁷²

Muslims take the lessons from the Quran comparatively and personally. *Muslims* take the lessons from the Quran literally and seriously. This is why you see so many different kinds of Muslims/*Muslims*.

Religious metaphors, symbols and similes are, in many ways, more real than the reality promoted by literalism and impersonalism. But until you examine the essence of your loyalties to yourself you're not going to appreciate the whole truth. Until you can contrast and compare Judaism and Christianity from this third place in inner space, you're going to find yourself figuratively searching in the dark for more light. You're going to whimsically choose between two aspects of literalist thinking. And you're going to find yourself more and more in need of similes to make sense of the metaphors and symbols you hold dear. In common parlance, you're going to find yourself overusing words like "like" to describe what you're trying to say. And you're going to conclude that life is, like, really hard.

Your soul is like your head. Your soul is like your heart. Your soul is like your conscience. Your beliefs are like your thoughts, and your beliefs are like your feelings.

But it's not until you take a good look at your desires that you'll come to realize that the similes you're using may be bringing you closer to one of three truths, but they're

¹⁷² "'transubstantiation' is the change of substance by which the bread and the wine offered in the sacrifice of the sacrament of the Eucharist during the Mass become the body and blood of Jesus {GOD}." [Wikipedia] It's common for Catholics to eat GOD's body and drink HIS blood through transubstantiation in remembrance of HIS sacrifice of love, while Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Christians may not take communion literally. They may only take it personally. But for Catholics, it's not a metaphor. It's reality. The unification of the three aspects of **GOD** into one parallels the unification of GOD/**GOD**/*God* using of one Biblical metaphor, two Biblical symbols and 114 Quranic similes to creates three aspects of **GOD** in ONE. This makes the foolish efforts of JEWS, the hateful efforts of CHRISTIANS and the mean spirited efforts of *Muslims* futile in the grand scheme of things.

taking you further away from *the* truth. Your desires may be taking you further from living out your beliefs in the course of each day you've been given.

For some people at some times, doing less will reveal more. Sometimes we're so busy doing for others that we inhibit ourselves from being with ourselves. Sometimes, when you get really forlorn and sad, you're closer to self-love than when you're happy. I regret to say that grief is a great motivator in that regard. {Dark blue makes all the other colors appear more vibrant.}

Every comic book hero who's like Superman is a retelling of the story of Jesus. Every comic book anti-hero who's like Batman is a retelling of the story of Moses. Superman is the personification of the hero who moves through the light. Batman is the personification of the anti-hero who moves through darkness. Superman is psychologically transparent. Batman is psychologically translucent. If you're going to understand yourself, you should look to the hero and anti-hero in you without becoming religious about it.¹⁷³

There's a Jew in every gay man. There's a Jew in every black man. There's a Jew in every woman. There's even a Jew in every JEW. But the world is never going to give up its disdain of Jews. So you might as well internalize it. The sooner you embrace the Jew in you, the sooner you'll be able to embrace the Christian and Muslim in you, too.

Tolerance will only make you a tolerant person if you first apply it to yourself. All your efforts to express tolerance for others are for practice. But if you don't practice on others, how will you prove to yourself that you have what it takes to excuse yourself for the physical imperfections, intellectual deficiencies, emotional exaggerations, character flaws and spiritual errors of judgment you have to deal with in yourself?

The only way to motivate yourself to do this work is to embrace guilt and anger. Submit to them. Let them wash over you like rain. Allow yourself to feel that you're dripping with guilt at being angry. Don't fight it. It may leave you wet, but you'll feel cleaner inside.

Next, look at your anger at each person you hold a grudge against as a program you opened on your computer. The more programs you've got open, the more you're slowing down your operating system. This sluggishness corresponds to depression. Minimize your anger after you've magnified it. Put it away. You'll feel much less guilty about being angry at someone if you quit that program after you use it.

Nobody but **GOD** needs to know how you really feel. If you allow your mind to admit the guilt you're thinking about, your heart will admit the guilt it's feeling. You don't even have to share that awareness with **GOD** at first. You can keep it personal and private in your conscience. But I promise you that your awareness of the guilt you think and feel will eventually open you to the guilt you believe to be true about you. In these ways, you'll open yourself to subjective space and time in ways you've never known before.

Don't worry about being chastised by the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. They're always going to find reason to criticize you. And if there's a "them" in you that's JEWISH,

¹⁷³ Today's heroes are much more sophisticated than the characters in the message of Jesus. And today's anti-heroes are much more sophisticated than the characters in the message of Moses. But today's heroes don't wear white hats and today's anti-heroes don't wear black hats. Today's anti-heroes express anti-authoritarian sentiments through antagonism, complexity and defiance of injustice. It's harder these days to get past the morality of fools.

CHRISTIAN and/or *Muslim*, know that you can disgrace “them” if you do it cleverly, frankly, politely, respectfully and in a timely manner.

Just imagine that they’re students sitting in the row behind you in class. Speak to them as if they don’t yet know what they need to know because they haven’t been paying attention to the Teacher. That’s all it takes to make them look over your head to what’s really going on in class.

Adam and Eve weren’t villains. But they weren’t victims, either. The serpent was the villain in the Creation story, and the fruit was the victim. I’m not suggesting you go out and break the law; work to impede the social unification of society; or become a *Muslim* terrorist. I’m only suggesting that you open your mind to the possibility that you may have been so conditioned not to rock the boat that you refuse to get up at times and be counted just as you are.¹⁷⁴

Everyone is a hero and anti-hero. If you don’t strive to become your own law enforcement officer, the Judge is going to have to arrest and incarcerate you from time to time for your own good. Illness, misfortune and losses in life can be minimized if you work tirelessly to catch the thief who continually finds a way to slip into the night and get away.

You’re too old or too smart to live life like a whodunit. That question has been asked and answered. Now you’re going to want to dedicate your life to reforming yourself every chance you get. You caught the thief. Now help him change his ways.

If you can’t think of a single thing to say while you’re raiding the refrigerator; if you walk right past something you have an urge to straighten up, tinker with or clean; or if you’re impatient about completing the task you’re on because you’re already thinking about the next one – you’re not talking enough to you. You’re ignoring the one you’re with.

The trespassed boundaries within ourselves are the underlying cause of the wars against Israel and the other wars in the Middle Eastern. The trespassed boundaries within us are the cause for the resistance to marriage equality worldwide. These trespasses are the cause for the conclusions by the JEWS that it’s abnormal for a man to sleep with another man as other men would with women.

The JEWS would turn us all into bruised fruits like them if they could. They want to play the victim by victimizing us and then raising the back of their hand to their forehead when we resist them. It won’t work, girlfriend! Every princess knows how to give the damsel in distress salute...

The forbidden fruit were forbidden so we’d learn the meaning of freedom. Jesus was the first permitted fruit, so we’d learn the meaning of liberty. And the Quran is the Book of Revelation that will show you how to circumcise your own soul by learning self-emancipation.

Christians ingest GOD, who was a Jew. Whether they do so literally or symbolically is up to them to decide. But they know there’s a Jew in their heart.

Muslims have circumcised their penis so that it looks like a Jew’s. Whether they’ve given themselves this physical sign literally, or only figuratively, is up to them to decide. But they intuitively know there’s a Jew in their pants.

¹⁷⁴ This metaphor comes from the song, “Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the boat,” from the 1950 musical “Guys and Dolls”; music and lyrics by Frank Loesser {Jewish}. I recommend you look up the lyrics on line. {“I dreamed last night I got on the boat to ‘heaven.’”}

As a man who's enjoyed social and sexual relations with men of every faith and **philosophy**, I've had the opportunity to learn from my sexual experiences in conjunction with my education. I can't tell you what's true for you. But I can tell you a little bit about what's true for us all. And I can tell you that whether there's a Jew in your heart and/or your underwear, there's more to you than meets the eye.

Inquiring minds want to feel.¹⁷⁵ Inquiring hearts want to believe. And inquiring souls want to know. But if you have no interest in inquiring more about you, you're only going to know, feel or believe what other people tell you to. And when you meet your "Maker," you, too, will claim that you were only following orders.¹⁷⁶

It wasn't a gay man and a lesbian who stole from GOD's tree. We know that because Adam and Eve had children together. They weren't living secret lives they had to hide from others. The LGBT+ community aren't villains because we aren't straight. Straights figuratively steal their own fruit, and then blame us for what they're missing. The LGBT+ community calls it like it is. You know that everyone is going to want what we have, even though they're going to have to learn how to get it. You can't take what we've got. Either you've got it, or you ain't.

People tell you, "Live and learn," when, in fact, that's not true. Living and learning don't happen concurrently. They happen consecutively. What people should tell you is, "Live! And then learn."

Possession might be 9/10th of the law, but self-possession is the other 1/10th of the law that you need in order to feel whole. Possess your spiritual education and you'll have no need to possess anyone else. Know yourself and you'll come to know your own limits. You won't confuse yourself with "God." Love you, and you'll eventually be able to express your loyalty to our **GOD** because you'll believe that you're becoming more pleasing to **HIM** in a wonderfully unique way. Then, slowly, over time, you'll learn to hear the difference between the words "him," "HIM," "HIM," "HIM," "*Him*," and "**HIM**" when spoken within.

¹⁷⁵ "Inquiring minds want to know" was the motto of the "National Inquirer," a rightwing tabloid.

¹⁷⁶ "'Superior orders,' often known as the 'Nuremberg defense, lawful orders' or by the German phrase '*Befehl ist Befehl*' {an order is an order}, is a plea in a court of law that a person – whether a member of the military, law enforcement, a firefighting force or the civilian population – not be held guilty for actions ordered by a superior officer or an official. The 'superior orders plea' is often regarded as the complement to command responsibility. One of the most noted uses of this plea, or defense, was by the accused in the 1945-1946 Nuremberg trials, such that it is also called the 'Nuremberg defense.' The Nuremberg trials were a series of military tribunals held by the main, victorious, Allied force after World War II, most notable for the prosecution of prominent members of the political, military, and economic leadership of the defeated Nazis in Germany. These trials, under the London Charter of the International Military Tribunal that set them up, established that the defense of superior orders was no longer enough to escape punishment, but merely enough to lessen punishment." [Wikipedia]

Your eyes will open wider. You'll see the difference between ideas that your ears had, up until then, heard as one and the same. You'll be able to separate your outer eyes from your inner eyes, and your outer ears from your inner ears. And you'll figuratively do so with your nose. Only your nose knows. You'll be able to face yourself. And you'll find an inner peace that will be a gift to us all.

And when you sneeze and others say GOD/GOD/*God* bless you, you'll be able to reply, "GOD bless you, too! And when others sneeze, you'll say "GOD bless you" in the hopes that they'll feel the tickle in the bridge of their nose and associate that sensation with a learning experience deep down inside. Even dust was created for us with good reason.

Taboos in the Abrahamic faiths have been given to us to examine appearances for the underlying truth in the way we were all made in GOD's image. If we don't study our faiths with others, how are we going to appreciate ourselves as gifts from GOD? If you only pick out the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle that you like, how are you going to put together the big picture? Is it any wonder that you've got pieces inside you that don't fit together? Is it any wonder that you don't know where they go?

"It is HE who bestows and enriches." HE does so just by planting us here; asking us to make our way out of our shell; watching as we observe nature to compare it to the animal container HE chose for us; and teaching us to search for the moral attributes of life HE wants us to internalize.

If you use your figurative milk to create the best person you can possibly be, you'll find that your land of milk and honey is easy to attain. When your goal is to enter Israel peacefully, you discover more about the nature of the faith you were given.

To live in a world in which you believe in the Star and Crescent, you should believe in a post-TRUTH/TRUTH/*Truth* world. You should believe that the TRUTH matters more than what you previously believed to be true. You should believe in the Star and Crescent that will bring Islam to life rather than to more and more and more death.

Book Six continues with Surah 54