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The Moon

The moon is often referred to in the feminine. It's considered inconstant because on the face of it we see a reflection of sunlight that gives the appearance that the moon's light waxes {+} and wanes {-}. In fact, the moon has no light of its own to shine.

Early man was unwilling to look at his own behaviors as inconstant, so he assigned the moon the feminine gender to project his doubts about himself onto the moon, and, by extension, onto women.

The moon as a "she" is pejorative. Ancient man was too defended against women to perceive *himself* as inconstant. We all shine with a light that isn't our own. We all project our low opinion of our mind onto the moon, and then blame some man in the moon for all the irrational opinions we came to.

The moon is a simile for the human mind. The moon reflects the light of man's heart, which illuminates his inner darkness with measured constancy. These phases of light are a clue to a dance we perform within ourselves in our inner night sky. Until you can see how your desires affect your feelings, and your feelings, your thoughts, you aren't going to see the erroneous patterns your beliefs create. You're going to howl at the moon like a wolf at night.

There was some suspicion on the part of some ancient men (who were astronomically and astrologically oriented) that the sun and the moon were in a complex dance set up by the gods. Although these two "heavenly" "bodies" are generally not seen together in the sky, there are moments on some days when, like lovers, the two of them expose themselves to the scrutiny of simultaneous inspection of both by man.

Your head is usually hiding from your heart, like the moon from the sun at night. Your feelings shine onto your mind like sunlight waxes and wanes on the face of the moon. But sometimes you can see an unexpected deed shine out from your usual intentions (or others) that proves to you that thoughts and feelings are performing a complex dance in consciousness, even if you'd concluded that this world is morally dark and inscrutable.

Man's projection of the sun as male and the moon as female is a concept that's slowly changing as he realizes his inner world isn't any flatter than the world around him. The Christian belief of the SON and HIS mother is also a dance we may find difficult to perceive in our own inner sky, (although it's obvious to a poetic few).

Christians are now dealing with a Messiah who presented HIMSELF as male, but whose deeds were, in many ways feminine, even gay by today's standards. He wasn't as masculine and virile as some CHRISTIANS have concluded. By today's norms, Jesus presents HIMSELF more like a gay-Jew or today's millennials.¹ And the inconstancy of HIS mother makes more sense as we come to know our own. Although Mary may also have strived for perfection, it was a behavior her SON, apparently, perfected.

¹ "Millennial" is the name given to the generation born between 1982 and 2004." [Wikipedia] Although there are millennials still operating under old-fashioned, religious systems, many of them see themselves as contributors to a world order that's greater than the previous, provincial views espoused.

Perceptions of Jesus as a lanky, Swede with white skin, blond hair and blue eyes are diminishing as more non-Europeans converts {Africans, Hispanics and Asians} to Christianity remind white people that Jesus was a Middle Eastern Jew, not a Scandinavian god...

Jews are beginning to draw the conclusion that **GOD** may well have planned **HIS** arrival and departure with a spiritual intention that throws the whole notion of the Messiah into disarray. GOD chose the chosen people, and then GOD chose ONE from among the chosen. If there's any inconsistency, it's not in the loyalties of Jews to GOD or the loyalties of Christians to HIM. It's in our loyalty to ourselves.

GOD came and went 2,000 years ago, but spirituality has continued to evolve. Not everyone was aware of it at then, and not everyone has been able or willing to perceive the importance of HIS visit since.

When the Prophet presented *God's* revelations, the Prophet wasn't perceived of as the reincarnation of GOD. He wasn't spoken about as the Messiah who had finally returned after a 700-year absence. And the Prophet isn't described today as the Islamic *Messiah*.

But as we move further into the Quran, you're going to see an intelligence behind **GOD's** designs that's stunning. Without the message of Moses, the message of Jesus and the message of the Prophet Muhammad, **GOD's** message for you would have surely escaped you. **HIS** personal message will only become meaningful if you continue to circumnavigate your inner world and apply what you know to the world we share.

You and I started our adventure in a tunnel that appeared to me at the Wailing Wall that led under the Dome of the Rock. But we reached the rock under the Dome, and, by chipping away at that rock, we now find ourselves circumnavigating the whole, religious world with the Quran as our guide. You can never know where your actions will take you. **GOD's** designs are mysterious, indeed!

Modern man is well aware that there are victims. Everyone who leads his life like a pig, taking in experiences at one end and letting the remains out the other end without a second thought, will be guilty of contributing to the creation of victims, while, oftentimes, accusing someone else of being the villain. Only those who live like cows, who chew on their experiences many times, will come to see that they're not victims of circumstances beyond their control. They're always learning to do better. They're growing in awareness. They're coming to see that everything that happens, happens for a reason that **GOD** can see before we can see it. Why that is so and why **HE** does nothing to stop it, I'll explain later in this chapter.

In this century, Muslims have been challenged to question whether their faith can survive the modern era. With whites still proclaiming their racial superiority in many parts of the world, Muslims find themselves in a ticklish situation whether they agree or disagree with Western Judeo-Christian values.

Radical *Islamists*, on the other hand, resisted vaccinating children against disease in Indonesia (2005). Danish journalists instigated riots from *Muslims* around the world for portraying images of the Prophet in editorial cartoons (2005). A Muslim schoolgirl was shot in the head in Pakistan for daring to want to go to school and learn (2013). In Nigeria, in 2014, 276 schoolgirls were kidnapped by an *Islamic* terrorist organization called “*Boku Haram*” {which means “anti-West”}. *Muslims* killed French journalists just for satirical reporting of the news in ways *Muslims* didn’t approve of (2015). And in the case of a progressive, Saudi journalist working at the Washington Post, *Muslims* lured him to a neutral location in the Middle East, tortured him; killed him; and then chopped up his body into little pieces (2018). And that doesn’t even begin to describe what *Muslims* have done in this century in America and Israel.

Islam obviously can’t go it alone. The crescent moon is no longer the hetero-fantasy of a virgin girl who holds the blossom and promise of sexual illumination. That was a perverted attitude toward straight sex in the past that was based on conclusions that were inconstant and lacking emotional illumination. That conclusion had to be stamped out with ridicule, sarcasm, scorn and derision. And it was when man landed on the moon and sent back pictures of the Earth.

There was a bumper sticker when I was a young man that read, “The one who dies with the most toys wins.” But I’d like to suggest that that’s actually a very affirmative Christian concept because it reflects the philosophy of the symbolist. Everything becomes a symbol of Christ’s flesh, and every feeling for that thing becomes a symbol of HIS blood. In that sense, we’re all emotionally wedded to our material possessions. We all figuratively consume bread {flesh} and wine {blood} just by being discriminating consumers.

An appreciation for your love of acquisition; your desire to possess; and your collection of toys – will come with more appetite for materialism, not less. The joys of symbolism will come with greater affluence, not greater poverty. The richer the poor become, the more spiritual they’ll become, even if that may mean they’ll become less religious. They’ll certainly become more spiritual instead.

The rabbis anticipated this paradox created by mixing metaphor and symbolism during the centuries between the death of Jesus and the birth of the Prophet. Their writings are called “Talmud.” But it wasn’t those rabbis who promoted appreciation of this spiritual mixture in everyday life. It was their wives.

The wives and mothers in the Jewish tradition during the centuries consumed with the writing of Talmud became the head of their household. But women’s roles haven’t yet been fully appreciated using today’s modern standards.

A Jewish woman in those days was allowed just enough freedom to create a place for herself in the external world through her responsibilities to her husband, family and home. But this also caused great stress for mothers with their daughters. And that produced the stereotypes we have today of Jewish mothers, Jewish princesses, yentas and mothers-in-law.

It wasn’t the acquisition, possession or collection of material rewards that was the problem. The problem arose from the deeply personal and subjective feelings each item a woman owned was infused with. A tea set, for example, that was passed down from mother to daughter was filled with thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires that may not have been

stated in words. Such tokens of love were often filled with memories that represented much more than the objects were literally worth. In this way, objects were turned into symbols of something women infused into their possessions that they couldn't yet put into words for fear of reprisal by men. Objects became like the symbols of love inherent in Christ's body and blood, regardless of their monetary or religious value. And this produced cracks in the wall between Judaism and Christianity.

In this way, a mixture of holy metaphoric meaning became infused into everyday objects, turning them into sacred symbols. Everything in the house (not just the synagogue or churches) became like a relic, whether or not it was literally associated with Moses or Jesus. If you read Talmud, you'll learn about the moral importance of worldly things.

Everything is a container ready to be poured full with GOD's moral intentions.

They like to say, "It's not whether you win the game but how you play the game that counts." They like to tell you, "It's the journey not the destination that counts." They even profess, "AS YEA SOW, SO SHALL YEA REAP." [Galatians 6:7] But none of that will happen to you consciously until you succeed in coming from the third place in inner space. The self-awareness to do so lie in your soul, not your head or heart.

You'll need to become soulful if you want to use your possessions as symbols of your intrinsic worth. In this anti-materialistic age we live in, we try to underplay the values we infuse into our possessions. This is unwise. If anything, we should be putting more value into our acquisitions, not less. This will make the loss or destruction of our material objects all the more personal. It'll deepen our commitment to protect and respect other people's property as though it were our own. It'll keep us from stealing and destroying that which isn't ours. And it'll enhance our relationship to GOD who gave us many ways to appreciate our gains and losses.

Planet Earth is the greatest spiritual sign from GOD that HE gave man a soul. And Mother Nature is a divine mirror of our nature. Jesus opened ancient Jewish eyes to the container/contents perspective of our being. That made it possible for everyone since to infuse his children, home and possessions with his "God's" consciousness whether or not he believes Jesus was GOD's SON. And this then makes it possible for us to internalize "God" in our heart as a human sensation {love} native to us all without having to believe in any particular "God" as our savior.

To give man ultimatums about what he must do to enter "heaven" is a terrible weight to place on a person's shoulders. For 2,000 years CHRISTIANITY hung a "No Jews Allowed" sign on St. Peter's Gate. In the last century, they finally crossed out the word Jews, but they replaced it with the word "gays." *Islam* has an equally unkind sign on their "heaven's" gate that states "kikes and faggots" with an arrow pointing to "hell" to give us no mixed message about where they're telling us to go.

Thank GOD Judaism makes no claim about the afterlife! Give me an ultra-orthodox JEWS any day over a CHRISTIAN or a *Muslim*. At least he only hates me and calls me a dumb shmuck as he kicks me out his synagogue door. (That happened to me.)

The JEWS refuse to try to understand GOD's design. The CHRISTIANS refuse to try to understand God's design. And the *Muslims* refuse to try to understand GOD's design.

Would that they all began with GOD's design and worked their way up from there slowly. They'd discover more about the shmuck they've got, and they'd have less to say about others'.

You can't stuff your feeling into a gum wrapper. And if you have, you can't just throw away your feelings with the wrapper without a second thought. Feelings must be contained and then disposed of properly. When you're through chewing on how you feel, you ought to discard that feeling with greater regard for the wrapper {person, place or thing} it came in.

It's easy to steal forbidden fruit. It's much harder to bite into it; chew on it; swallow it; digest it; and then eliminate it from your system. Adam and Eve had no idea what they got themselves into. And modern man has no idea what he's the spiritual recipient of.

The subjectivity of your interactions with your things may actually illuminate you to who you've become and how you feel about yourself. It may open you to the symbolism Jesus was referring to when HE asked to be remembered and got HIS request met posthumously. Today I can say that I think and feel, therefore, I am. That doesn't mean that I don't believe. It just means that I wish to communicate the importance of my thoughts and feelings as being integral parts of my being.

You can't fully appreciate the Quran if you can't fully appreciate the New Testament. You can't fully appreciate the New Testament if you can't fully appreciate the Old Testament. And so, you ought to begin by appreciating yourself as an infant in your own arms who you₁ sometimes look up to with quixotic interest in who you₂ are.

You can't fully appreciate the moon until you can take it personally. It's a subjective clue from GOD to you. The moon is like the ornament people put at the top of their Christmas tree. You won't appreciate your roots or the presents GOD has left under your tree if you don't look down from the highest, moral height in your mind to perceive the magnificence of your whole tree as a divine creation with an awesome view. You're a living circle of colorful lights before your very eyes. Such is one view of your universe when you perceive yourself in this way.

This world must be taken literally if you're going to live your life realistically. The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are right about that. But this world must also be taken figuratively if you're going to live life soulfully. The Jews, Christians and Muslims thank GOD for the opportunity to do just that. And until we all thank Europeans and the European descendants worldwide for all they've done to make this world materially so beautiful and run so miraculously smoothly, we're not going to be able to connect anyone's literal skills with the figurative skills all people are blessed with.

The secret to this secret lies in inclusion, not exclusion. When you boil an egg without putting water in the pot, you don't achieve the results you expect. But when you do add the water but forget the egg, you don't come away any happier.

I'm a gay-Jew. I'm the personification of the figurative and the literal. I'm not an anomaly. People like me are actually quite common and normal. Jesus may well have been more like me than you might like to think. So I wouldn't count me out of your equation if I were you.

When you use the modern metaphor of man's mind as the moon, the symbol of his heart as the sun, and the simile of his soul as like the Earth, you create an interrelationship of forces within you that you can use to discover more about the Abrahamic faiths and yourself. You'll then see your mind as like the symbol at the top of a Christmas tree with bright lights hanging down from its branches. You'll then discover many new gifts under your tree that you'll open year after year thanks to an imagination that's always integrating and growing.

Then you'll see your heart like the sun, a "heavenly" force within that shines its love by day and reflects its love at night. The source of that light, like the plug that draws electricity from the wall socket to the cord that wraps around your Christmas tree, makes it possible for you to celebrate your being in the darkest and coldest of nights.

If you can do all this in your imagination, you'll even be able to see your faith as a mass of interconnected roots that, however unseen, keep your tree standing tall like the help given by a Christmas tree stand. Your imagination will then perceive all your desires {serpents} like ornaments hanging from the branches of your being that embellish your self-image. And the tinsel with which you choose to adorn your body should make you glitter and glow with the joy of being alive.

*"The hour of doom is drawing near,
and the moon is cleft in two.
yet,
when they see a sign
the nonbelievers turn their backs and say,
'ingenious sorcery!'"*
[54:1-2]

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the believers turn their backs and say,
'Ingenious sorcery!'"*

The "*hour of doom*" corresponds to the 11th hour of life, the hour before the end. This idea implies that although each of us is given 24 figurative hours to discover life from the outside in, some don't realize until their final hour that life is also happening from the inside out. This is no ingenious sorcery. This is real.

The fact that the moon is cleft in two twice a month can be seen as a clue to the fact that the brain is also divided into two hemispheres. Yet, when they see a sign such as this, the nonbelievers refuse to associate the moon with their own mind. They refuse to allow their imagination to consciously leave inner space to perceive a projection of its meaning in outer space.

Those who don't believe in **GOD** will, of course, call this "*ingenious sorcery*." They won't have a way to unite the moral forces within themselves with the three Abrahamic faiths that contribute to society in wonderfully different ways that we're all learning to emulate.

Some will, someday, realize that their life was like a school day, but they never figuratively came to a single class having done their homework. They just cursed the tests that challenged them. They weren't interested in the bigger picture. They avoided all talk of us all having the same Teacher.

In their own way, such people will condone TORAH and denounce Torah. They'll insist that the JEWS have every right to take TORAH literally. They'll read passages from Torah like the ones quoted below, but they'll simply shrug their shoulders and not give them a second thought. The weight of their inner world will never concern them. But their reward, they'll assure you, is in the bag.

Here are two passages from Torah I'd be ashamed to take literally that JEWS never quote:

"NOW KILL ALL THE BOYS. AND KILL EVERY WOMAN WHO HAS SLEPT WITH A MAN, BUT SAVE FOR YOURSELVES EVERY GIRL WHO HAS NEVER SLEPT WITH A MAN" [Numbers 31:17-18]

"NO MAN WHO HAS ANY DEFECT MAY COME NEAR [TO GOD IN THE TEMPLE]: NO MAN WHO IS BLIND OR LAME, DISFIGURED OR DEFORMED; NO MAN WITH A CRIPPLED FOOT OR HAND, OR WHO IS A HUNCHBACK OR A DWARF, OR WHO HAS ANY EYE DEFECT." [Leviticus 21:17-23]

An "*hour of doom*" corresponds to the feeling of "hell" on Earth. These feelings can be feelings of anxiety, despondency, discouragement, fear, grief, misery, regret, rejection or sadness. An hour of doom can last an hour or it can drag on for decades. The only way I can see figuratively stopping the clock is for Jews, Christians and Muslims to model peace for one and all to observe.

Wake up! Israel, and all others who struggle with the concept of **GOD**! When the Prophet states, "*The hour of doom is drawing near*," he's reminding his readers of the simile, "your whole life is like a day." The equivalent to the Islamic "*hour of doom*" in Christian theology is "doomsday." But the universal hour of doom is the Third World War when nuclear bombs will destroy all human life on the planet.

The individual hour of doom is when someone suddenly realizes he has to cram if he's going to pass his final exam. Anyone – atheist, agnostic or true believer – can experience this feeling. It doesn't have to come in the last hour of your life.

Thoughts about the end of life correspond to the sinking feeling in the pit of your stomach when you realize there's something you ought to do that you forgot to do or couldn't do until now. The sign of this sinking feeling that the Prophet employs in this passage is the moon cleft in two. This half-moon is like the midpoint in the objective passage of time, which occurs twice every month, once in going from new moon to full moon {+}, and once in going from full moon to new moon {-} about two weeks later. The

cleft of the moon in two should be an optimistic sign as the moon grows in illumination and a pessimistic sign as it shrinks into darkness. For most, however, it signifies nothing.

When you realize that the machinations of your mind are visible to you through reflections of the love for you in your heart, you'll learn from the inconstancy of your thoughts to put greater faith in the feelings that produce the beliefs you hold as true in your soul.

It's only once you can look lovingly at your belief in you and the faith in yourself you've achieved, that you'll be able to discern good from bad, up from down, and right from wrong. It's only when you can perceive your faith in yourself as emanating out of your soul that you can overcome the vicious gossip of others. When you can see the beliefs others swallow hook, line and sinker you'll know that you're shaping your own beliefs day-by-day.

Modern man is like a Christmas tree. He's been cut off from his ancestral roots. He lives in cities far from the farmer and the land. He knows little about his personal ancestors or the history of his faith. He stands tall because he's screwed into the equivalent of a metal stand {a national language and culture} that he relies on for moral support.

As the Internet makes it possible for more people to participate in world standards that supersede national paradigms of behavior, older people may come to feel less useful to the future. A tree without roots isn't going to last long in a dish of shallow water. That dirty soup in the stand can't substitute for the nutrition an uncut tree can avail itself of. We're all eventually going to die and leave this world to young people. But without old growth, the young trees will surely not survive.

Without poetic reflection, you're only going to be able to use science to answer *how* you were made. But science will never succeed in giving you answers to *why* you were made. It makes far more sense to bridge the gap between the right and left hemispheres of your brain with a healthy appreciation of the literal and figurative to achieve the spiritual importance of them both. This will make you a more soulful individual who'll do well in life regardless of whether you're smiling [waxing, crescent moon {+}] or frowning [waning, crescent moon {-}].

Some will scorn the message of the Prophet Muhammad. Others will heed its poetic warnings. This isn't something that can be predicted by your faith or gender. This has nothing to do with the color of your skin or your sexual preference. Today, some nonbelievers are educated enough through experience to understand the importance of everything, while some believers aren't intellectually strong enough to pull themselves out of the dogmas of their faith.

Those nowadays who don't use their imagination to compare and contrast the physical world to their inner world using metaphors, symbols and similes may not be able to inherit much in the way of a hopeful future. They may only be able to say, "My 'God' works in mysterious ways." But they aren't always going to be able to translate their circumstances into clues they can take personally.

Words flow down from a mighty stream of consciousness high above our heads. Words rain down like cats and dogs. They fill the heart until they overflow the gullies of the mind with tidal waves of inner expression that flood the soul with heartfelt intent.

In other seasons, words condense like dew that refreshes us in the morning, while leaving us parched and dry all day. There's no way to predict our weather. Granted, the

planet is also growing warmer. But that doesn't mean that "paradise" is at hand. There's much cleaning up to do inside and out.

Many find themselves unprepared for the flow of feelings in their subjective world. They become inflexible, obstinate and pig headed. They turn into all the stereotypes we hold about those whose loyalties are only to institutions, traditions, and their forefather's views of reality.

Modernity is like an inverted pyramid ▼ that protects us from the elements like an umbrella. The first story is much smaller than the top story. The penthouse view is, in some ways, magnificent. In another way, those at the top may have little to no appreciation of all that's holding them high. Modernity requires taking the stairs down from your naïve soul to your defended heart, and descending, from there, even further down into the little mind that is the foundation for all that you are.

The throne of **GOD** lies very far down within you and very far above you. Pretending to be big or small isn't going to get you from here to "there." Science has already taught you that "heaven" doesn't literally lie above you in the night sky. It's about time you begin to look for "heaven" elsewhere.

The poetically inclined know there's no such thing as ingenious sorcery. The poetically inclined believe in the power of **GOD**'s **WORDS** because they know that **HIS** **WORDS** are the bricks upon which **HIS** whole house is built. Poets search for the mystery in the plan whether or not they have personal insight into how they elucidate it in words. They know they're on to something awesome just by using words in braver, new ways.

Nowadays, it's the hyper-religious who have trouble with the metaphors, symbols and similes that come out of the Abrahamic faiths because they're so locked into the dogma of their opinions about **GOD**/**GOD**/*God*. They still insist that facts can be instilled with friction.

Ironically, nowadays, it's those who scream "ingenious sorcery" when faced with the multitude of aspects of **GOD**'s designs who can't fit into their own narrow view of the meaning of life. And if they can't get their way with lying, cheating and stealing, they aren't averse to blowing themselves up or the institutions of society that oppose them. And if they're really cowardly, they encourage others to do so for them.

*"Cautionary tales,
profound in wisdom,
have been narrated to them:
but warnings are unavailing."
[54:4]*

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have been narrated to them:
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We ought to assume GOD's designs are unfolding in accordance with our awakening to it. We ought to assume HE knows what HE's doing. We ought to assume hyper-religious people are availing themselves of as much information as they can before they make their next move. And we ought to assume that GOD helps those who are deserving of help, while ignoring those who aren't.

There's a perpetrator, victim and martyr on every side of every issue within you. But there's also a villain and a victor for you to choose from. So be sure you warn yourself.

An enormous pressure is put on those who believe they're righteous. If we don't do our utmost to better our own world spiritually, it isn't going to get any better. If we don't cautiously tutor others on the importance of self-improvement, not only will the world not modernize. Fewer and fewer students will come to class prepared, having done their homework. Fewer will learn how to be themselves.

Rabbis who don't allow their congregants to use the Internet are, of course, limiting the amount of information given them. Ministers, parsons, pastors and priests who guide their flocks toward the past are doing the same in a similar way. And clerics and imams who preach hatred of Christians, gays, Jews and other sects of Islam are using a variety of techniques to achieve equivalent ends.

Only trees of knowledge and life are being watered, fertilized and pruned. The rest are more like Christmas trees in stands that haven't got long to live. They're drying out before our very eyes. After each new year, they're unceremoniously tossed out on the street like garbage. Is that the end you strive for?

The Teacher sees the bozos at the back of the room, but HE allows them to do as they please for a time. At a time of HIS choosing, HE always speaks up, as much for them as for the rest of the class.

It's up to us to convince ourselves that GOD didn't give the Jews the concept of "heaven" with good reason; HE did give the Christians the concept of "heaven" with good reason; and although HE also gave the promise of "heaven" to the Muslims with good

reason, HE taught them much more about warning the world about the concept of "hell." (Surely this is why we can all see that Christian countries look a little bit like "heaven" and Muslim countries look a lot like "hell.")

Those who are only fighting for penis preeminence will scorn anything that comes too close to their anus, the seat of their secrets and conspiracies. They know what they want, and anything that deviates from them getting what they want, they deem false for personal reasons. They plead the spiritual fifth. They cover their ass.

You only have to look at how Jews in the past opened the door to blacks; blacks opened the door to gays; and gays are opening the door to women – to see how men are becoming cornered by their scheming penis problems. The idea that Jews are thieves; blacks are unholy; gays are perverts; and women are inferior to men – are religious lies that point us back to the delivery device of the juice in man's left fruit.

The secret to life has the potential of being good or bad, depending on the secrets you keep from yourself.² Do with your genitals what you think best, literally and figuratively. But if you don't contemplate what you're doing on a daily basis, your actions may keep you out of "heaven" and become your calling card to "hell."

The onus for the reactionary impulses in modern man lies with all the hyper-religious institutions and their representatives. The politicians who don't care about statesmanship are in it for the money. But the extremist, religious leaders aren't doing it for money or earthly power. They're doing it for revenge. They're combining the fear in their own heart with their love of power to meet their own devious ends. They hate it here. And they really wish the rest of us were dead.

Wisdom, love and loyalty can all be traps. If you aren't wise, you quickly expose the fact that you're a fool. And if you're disloyal, you soon expose the fact that you're scheming and unseemly.

But the greatest of these traps is love. People use proclamations of love to control, possess and manipulate others. Beware of those who claim to love you to entrap you.

JEWISH lawyers make a career out of selling their wisdom to the rich. *Clerics* and *imams* do the same with their loyalty to their leaders. And billionaires hire CHRISTIANS to keep them in power.

You can see in the hypocrisy of the religious right how they're teaching men to connect their head to their testicles in order to circumvent their heart and soul. They're consumed with desire. This is why the religious right is so wedded to guns and ammunition and are opposed to sodomy. This is why the religious "right" is so wrong. Love, without wisdom, produces tyranny. Loyalty, without love, produces candidates for "hell." And wisdom, without either, produces a nation of fools.

Getting an erection and celebrating its firmness and endurance is the sole celebration of the man with a secret. He's not interested in interpreting any part of himself below his waist. He'd rather fight for his autonomy to collude with his friends than learn to develop faith in himself. He deserves just what he gets and shouldn't get angry at GOD for the way his life turns out, despite all his money, property and prestige.³

Any man whose heart and soul haven't been psychologically bridged with conscious awareness of his "medial longitudinal fissure" {the groove between the two hemispheres of his brain} is going to become a victim of his serpent and circumstances. He's going to become a left-brain madman who's only interested in serving his desires. He's going to project what he thinks he wants onto something somewhere. And if he's hyper-religious, he's going to fight his losses with Scriptural claims of the evil spirit he thinks is responsible for his failures, shortcomings and, ultimately, his demise.

² Using figurative interpretations of Torah to denounce the real estate rights of the Jews to Israel and all of Jerusalem as its capital would be evil. It would be a way of scheming against yourself to get what you want at any cost to you. Don't think for a New York minute {one second} that we don't know how you think. We're watching you at all times.

³ Those who create conspiracies against men of faith are the conspirators. They collude with their penis to spread the dark secret that figuratively lies in their left testicle. They're shady. They'll die when they're already dead, while you and I will die when we're most alive.

*“We have made the Quran easy to remember:
but will any take heed?”
[54:15]*

*“wE have made the Quran easy to remember:
but will any take heed?”*

Anyone can read the Quran. It's easy to read and easy to quote. But to take the Quran personally requires seven transfigurations of your being. The Quran will figuratively turn you into someone you could have only previously dreamed of becoming. It will turn you into a visionary.

Good Jewish men and women have had trouble unifying all the messages in Torah. Good Christian men and women have had trouble unifying all the messages in the Gospels. Could it be anything other than timely that the Prophet's *words* should come back to haunt us at this time in our history.

“(GOD) has made the Quran easy to remember,” but good Muslim men and women haven't taken heed any more than anyone else has. When will you stop promoting your “God” and start listening to what you have to say about our ONE universal GOD?

*“The hour of doom is their appointed time.
More calamitous,
more doleful,
shall that hour be than all their worldly trials.”
[54:46-47]*

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“The hour of doom” stands for the waning, crescent moon {-} when the light is on the left side of the moon and there's darkness on the right. This is the “heavenly” frown before the new moon. This waning moon is a sign that soon there will be no light reflected off the moon in the night sky. (This is the sign of madness. Take it from someone who knows.)

The “hour of doom” literally comes once a month, but it's a preview to the end of life for some, the ultimate and eternal darkness when there will be no further reflection of GOD's love upon them in this earthly realm. All forms of madness are, from an external perspective, darkness visible. But from within, madness is totally invisible. Take it from one who knows.

All of us come to reconcile ourselves to the waning, crescent moon in our own way. Islam prepares its followers for it through moral warnings that they're now beginning to integrate into the modern world with scientific thought mixed with poetic license. Keeping your mind alive requires a fertile imagination. Keeping your mind alive requires contributions from your heart and soul.

You can prepare to move through the hour of doom through a figurative appreciation of life as a poetic experience that holds personal mystery and awe. There's no reason to be afraid of the Prophet's warnings if you strive for an understanding of guilt as a force that can be pierced with self-knowledge. The more you come to know, love and devote yourself to self-improvement, the more you can pierce your inner sky with meaning, even on those dark and cloudy nights when there's no light shining upon you at all.

Old age doesn't have to be a death sentence. For some, it can be the icing on the seven-layer cake. If you've eaten all your vegetables, not just the meat and potatoes {issues in keeping your body cared for}, you'll develop the brain power to understand how you operate. But that requires exploration and self-discipline on ever greater levels of reality.

The primary and greatest of these levels of awareness comes with emotional involvement in the things you've surrounded yourself with: your rewards and awards. But you aren't going to treat anyone any better than you treat your possessions and your loved ones. Observe the way you interact with things and those people you love, and you'll change your attitude about yourself, and **GOD**.

Look at how you make your bed in the morning. Look at your attitude when you put your key in the door when you come home at night. Look at how you hold a sandwich with an eye to conquering a nation. Your hands are keys to how you hold life. You won't have hands forever. Appreciate them while you still do.

People are for practice. But you shouldn't practice on people before you practice on your stuff. Getting to know you is a long and arduous experiment that begins with treating your body as an "it" with an "I" in it. Most people aren't going to want to do that because it's a lot of work.

They're going to think they can go faster than is spiritually safe. They're simply going to collect stuff and assume that the one who dies with the most stuff wins. They aren't going to see their stuff as a meaningful extension of their desires. They aren't going to consciously associate the pronoun "it" with you know what... {And yet, they pose and prattle as if they're tremendously skilled at using "it"...}

"All their deeds are in their books:

*every action,
small or great,
is noted down.*

*The righteous shall dwell in gardens watering by running brooks,
honorably seated in the presence of a might king."*

[54:52-54]

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honorably seated in the presence of a mighty King.”

The truth isn't found in the Quran. The truth is expounded upon in the Quran. When you take a subject in college that has two, or more, major themes, you have to buy the textbooks on all the relevant topics to pass your class. You can't figure out what's going to be on the final by reading only what you want to read. The same goes for Scripture.

You aren't going to be prepared for the topic of **GOD** unless you've been prepared with a thorough education of “G” “O” and “D” “.” Only then are you going to be able to punctuate your life with a modicum of modesty, humility and grace. Only then are you going to pass your final exam without a struggle.

The garden didn't just begin in Torah. The garden is Torah. The brook didn't just begin to flow in the Gospels. The brook is the Gospels. If you're *“going to be honorably seated in the presence of a mighty King,”* you're going to want to become more righteous. When you were a child, did you think you were only enrolled in school to have a good time with your classmates and play games? This world isn't going to be your kindergarten forever.

I've spoken separately about the seven main metaphors of life. Let's look at them again, this time for deeper insight:

Metaphor	Goal	Equivalence
1. Garden	Growing	Nature
2. Family	Universalism	Priorities
3. Sport	Winning	Judaism
4. Game	Mastery	Christianity
5. Journey	Destination	Islam
6. Sanitorium	Health	Repair of our world
7. School	Graduation	Repair of your inner world

Although Torah begins at the beginning with the main metaphor of life that unites man with nature, he soon separated himself from nature to protect his family and promote civilization {city dwellers}. In this second metaphor “God” became like a husband, father and provider. The wife and children in the family obeyed the head of the household as someone set in place by “God” to protect them. These became the bricks {priorities} of primitive religious societies that we still see remnants of in today's old-fashioned religious edifices.

The Jews have had to approach life like a sport that they've had to win. When you're only 1/10 of 1% of the world's population and you've been hunted down like vermin by indigenists, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* for millennia, there's no other option but winning.

Jews have never had the luxury of losing. Anyone who knows anything about the Holocaust knows what happens when Jews lose. Our survival depends on taking this third metaphor to heart. Wisdom is the only outcome for winners. Everyone is a loser without it.

The Christians learned to approach life like a skill they had to master, particularly since early converts lived in harsh Nordic conditions where mastery of the environment was crucial to their survival. When you've been given love as the supreme goal of life, you must prove your worth through your love of life. You must use everything in this world to prove that **GOD** created everything with the potential for love, especially HIS one and only

SON. **HE** did this that you could become thankful for the blessings of love **HIS** through mastery of the bounty of the Earth. This requires a skill from a different place in inner space: the fourth metaphor: mastery.

The Muslims learned to explore life like a journey with a destination that was more important than winning or mastery of anything earthly. They didn't have the same spiritual pressures on them as the Jews and Christians had. They had to keep their destination in mind at all times if they were going to maintain their relevance to **GOD's** design: redemption. The fifth metaphor, destination, is all important to those who wish to maintain their loyalty to their ultimate goal {"heaven"}.

It's taken 2,000 years for the Jews and Christians to unite their causes {winning and mastery} externally, because it's taken that long for each one of their followers to unite his own head with his heart, (a miracle in and of itself!). Being successful in life by today's standards means that modern man is Judeo-Christian in the way he approaches his external goals.

Modern man feels free to question what he thinks, and he feels liberated in the ways he feels about the world around him (so long as he doesn't talk about what he wants to do in bed or WHO/WHO/*Who* would be there watching him doing it).

It's when it comes to folding the psychology of guilt in with faith that all "hell" breaks loose. Words advance, change, evolve, grow and progress. But this modernization process of using words turns into fighting WORDS/WORDS/*Words* for JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. They can't draw distinctions between conceiving of the idea of guilt; feeling it; and incorporating it in with their beliefs. They can't stomach the idea of being guilty of crimes against their own humanity. They can only entertain thoughts of *other* people being guilty of having committed crimes against their humanity. And they either use history as their rationale, or they ignore it entirely.

Many who claim they believe in GOD/GOD/*God* are torn between these seven metaphors because they can't begin with the main metaphor of Moses: man as a tree of knowledge. They can't interpret the concept of a garden metaphorically. And so, they can't move forward in a logical and consistent, spiritual pattern that progresses to bread and wine, and continues from there to scented herbs. Repair of our world {metaphor #6} and repair of their inner world {metaphor #7} elude them.

This problem begins from an obvious aspect of the main metaphor of Moses that even Jews, Christians and Muslims have all overlooked. If GOD created the Tree of knowledge

and forbade Adam from eating of it, why didn't Adam ask GOD if HE had eaten from it? Why didn't Adam ask HIM why it would be O.K. for HIM to eat from it, but not him?

This would have led to the question of whether GOD is all knowing about the affairs of man? Has HE eaten from HIS own tree? And what if the answer is that GOD wouldn't do anything HE wouldn't have asked Adam not to do. What if HE doesn't need to know what will happen in our future?

You can often see what will happen to others if they continue doing what they're doing. It doesn't take omniscience to sometimes see what's going to happen next if you're sufficiently experienced.

Perhaps GOD has all knowledge of what's happening everywhere on Earth in the now. Perhaps HE doesn't need to know what's going to happen next. Perhaps HE can remain a step ahead of man in the next moment just by observing everything here in this moment.

Do you know what you're going to do next? And even if you do, have you chosen to share that with GOD? People often conceal their next move from themselves, let alone from HIM. If you were more caring about not keeping GOD on pins and needles about what you're going to do next, you'd make HIM more of your Partner and less like your subordinate. Either you don't really believe that HE cares enough to bother to tell HIM. Or you don't want to feel tied to HIM like you were to your mother's apron strings when you little.

The hyper-religious don't want to admit that those they don't approve of {like gays, Jews, Christians or Muslims} may want to achieve the same rewards and awards they're striving for. {Marriage equality is just such a reward. And a loving husband if you're a man or a loving wife if you're a woman is a tremendous award.} The hyper-religious are exclusive. They don't see themselves as in the same classes striving toward the same degrees with the same goals in mind. Their eternal reward will only be for them. And I say to them that they're welcome to it... Theirs is an outcome I'm trying to avoid.

We're all challenged by a modern world full of atheists, agnostics and other non-theistic believers who may believe in a world philosophy, a local, indigenist deity or an individual lifestyle that encompasses their values and aspirations in personal ways.

But we, who want GOD's blessings {rewards and awards} bestowed on all friendly peoples, seek ways of achieving conscious awareness of our own blessings and curses. We seek a way of observing ourselves in the now to lengthen, widen and deepen our perceptions of reality. We need to know as much as possible about what will come next. And so we hold our faith in GOD through our faith in ourselves.

It's only when you personalize the fifth metaphor of life as a journey with a beginning {Torah}, middle {Gospels} and end {Quran} that you begin to question GOD's designs for personal elucidation and inspiration.

But the scatterbrained come to the sixth metaphor of life {sanitorium} that leads them to cynically believe that life is an insane asylum and the Doctor has, vindictively, thrown away the key...

Suddenly, with their idea of the sixth metaphor of life, they get everyone on board. Suddenly people line up, two by two, and graciously nod to one another and walk the plank back into the ark thanks to their cynicism, scorn and derision, which are the products of self-ignorance. Suddenly the animals all want to go back on board where they came from. I'm not telling you anything you haven't seen for yourself.

Allow me to return to an earlier formula I gave you:

$$y + x^2 \pm 1 \pm x^1 + x^2$$

Now I'd like to suggest that to solve for "1," imagine that y or x^1 is solved for in your left brain, and x^2 is solved in your right brain. y or x^1 is that part of your mind that solves problems literally, and x^2 is that part of your brain that solves problems figuratively, {i.e. through metaphor, symbols and similes}.

Left brain thinking is deductive, top down. ▼ Right brain thinking is inductive, bottom up. ▲ The whole premise of the Quran is that the Prophet Muhammad didn't think like a typical man, even though his sex life was very typically heterosexual. (In fact, his sex life overcompensated for the fact that he wasn't a typical man.)

Sexuality doesn't determine right brain thinking, even though the stereotype is that gays excel at right brain thinking and we're very sexual. What determines how well you think inductively is determined by your imagination. And what determines that is your ability to use metaphors, symbols and similes fluently.

In this respect, left-handed people are at an advantage over right-handed people since left-handed people are dominant in the right side of their brain. Therefore, if you want to conquer the world and wish to anticipate who might rise up against you, I suggest you begin by locking up all left-handed people... And if you're really looking for those who are going to foment trouble, I suggest you lock up all left-handed gay-Jews...⁴

In my opinion, those who can move more easily through the filter that separates their left and right brain are going to be better able to perform both left brain { y/x^1 } reasoning and right brain { x^2 } reasoning. They're going to do better analyzing {separating} { y/x^1 } information, and then synthesizing {uniting} { x^2 } it. They're going to be better able to identify as both a person of faith {faith} and a user of the scientific method {inductive and deductive reasoning}.

The fundamentalist JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* think with their left brain only, and conclude that a whole range of activities are sinful. They wouldn't be able to sell their faith to anyone if GOD were gay-friendly because they'd all eliminate their primary scapegoat. They'd have to include figurative interpretations of the WORDS of GOD which would limit their exclusivity. In their opinion, it's far better for men to behave like cads than fags.

⁴ I'm right-handed...

Your parents taught you to be afraid of strangers when you were a child. (That was a necessary lesson in life that has kept you alive thus far.) But they may have also taught you to be afraid of all black men and gay men. (And that was an irrational, unnecessary lesson, one that may have kept you separated from a part of yourself you still don't fully know.)

Who your parents didn't teach you to be afraid of where your brothers and sisters. They taught you to love your siblings no matter how cruel they were toward you. Ultimately, sibling rivalry may have destroyed your ability to maintain confidence in "the family of man" metaphor, thus forcing you to move on to a cynical view of life as a sport with winners and losers regardless of family ties. Family matters have become collateral damage for many on the battlefield of metaphors. It may have forced you to conclude you were dropped down onto this planet into a family of losers, and you don't want to turn out like them.

We live in a day and age when many evil people run the institutions of faith and collude with those who want to steal land; control people; and acquire money. Nowhere on Earth is that issue more relevant than in Israel where the struggle between the literal and the figurative meet in every person on the street.⁵

Given that the spiritual equation " $y + x \pm 1$ " is true for a Jew as well as for a JEW, what could the GOD-given difference be between us? What did GOD do {if anything} to us to make us so different from one another? The answer begins in Leviticus 18 {"it's an abomination for a man to lie with another man as he would with a woman."}

It doesn't literally say in Hebrew that it's a sin for a man to have sex with another man. It says that it's a sin for him to "recline" with him. That literally means that a father shouldn't lie down horizontally with males, including his own male offspring. It means that if he has sex with a man he should only do it standing up or seated...

What may really be suggested here is that it's this physical positioning of males with other males in a reclining and relaxed position that weakens them over time. This makes them more aware of the x^2 factor {right brain function} in themselves. And this then gives women the opportunity to gain more control over their own left-brain function {and over the men who dominate and may even manhandle them}.

The father who lies in bed with his babies, toddlers and children isn't a pervert unless he thinks about the experience from his groin and not his head, heart or soul. The truth about Leviticus 18 or 20 is that he isn't defying GOD unless he "reclines" with anyone, male or female, outside his marriage vows.

What becomes of the children of gay couples who recline with their children? The answer is that it all depends on what's happening in their inner world. The healthier and saner the parents, the healthier and saner the children will turn out.

If you think that squabbling offspring are well adjusted just because their parents didn't have sex with them, you're intentionally missing my point. It's what's going on inside you that counts the most.

Figuratively speaking, evil people are "in bed with" other evil people. Collusion and conspiracy are the equivalents of "reclining" with unsavory types. Exposing yourself to

⁵ Perhaps, you can now see that many of the stereotypes you've heard about Jews are actually projections of problems you may have in your own life. You may be more Jewish than you think.

such people will damage your reputation. It will, hopefully, give you cause to sit up and take note of what you've been doing. Taking Leviticus 18 and 20 literally is the excuse evil people use to avoid scapegoating themselves rather than gays. This is their last chance to get on board with the big picture.

If JEWS don't want their male sons to turn out gay, feminized or vulnerable to softness and the influences of women, they should take Torah even more literally. They shouldn't take on the "women's work" of holding their male progeny while themselves reclining. They should only touch their children while they, themselves, are standing or seated. That's what it should mean for these religious nuts encased in a shell to take Torah literally.

But this they don't do. They'd rather feed their serpent hatred, prejudice and disgust than feed their head, heart and soul with modern interpretations of Scripture.

"Feeding your serpent" is a euphemism for creating the impression that your power can grow enormously bigger than any other man's. For some, sadly, feeding their serpent may create the impression that *awful* is better than *awesome*.

Allowing your penis to fill with blood to achieve erection as the result of tempting thoughts is the physical consequence of feeding "it." But what getting erections say about you is up to your conscience, not your penis.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are the sorts of people who end up with anal issues because they feel guilty when they "feed their serpent." They clench some forces inside and ignore others without giving thought that they're someday going to have to be spiritually toilet trained. You can't stay a baby forever. (And you'd be very embarrassed if you ended up meeting your Maker with a hard on.)

When we were teenagers our awful serpent grew old enough to feed itself, even if it chose to do so at embarrassing moments. This is the self-sodomy the religious really don't want to talk about. This is the royal rivet they don't want bolted, fastened, fixed, nailed, screwed, secured, tacked or turned into a topic of conversation. This, they know, will coil, rotate, screw, spin, twist and wind itself around their dogma in ways that will bring "hell" down to Earth and humiliate them. They can't talk about what's really bothering them the most: getting an unwanted erection in public. And so, in frustration, they point fingers at, blacks, brown Catholics, gays and Jews who tempt them in ways they can't express in words.

The religious fundamentalists couldn't care less what women do in bed with one another. They're completely hypocritical about that because they're only worried about losing their place in the patriarchal triangle of power they've created in which they consider themselves closer to their "God" because they're male. They demand and expect to be rewarded for their gender and sexual identity. What sort of reward would *you* give them for that?

The essence of patriarchy in all three of the Abrahamic faiths is an abuse of the WORDS of **GOD** by using them to condone their male sense of superiority. This is what keeps these babies standing, kneeling or prostrate with their head always figuratively higher than their "mommy's" head. This is what gives ultra-religious, straight men the illusion that their penis and anus have nothing to do with how they were created in **GOD**'s image.

We live in a day-and-age when we see the improvement of the ranks of men by gays and straights alike. These changes in society mirror an inner change, transformation and

transcendence that will avert “the hour of doom” from within. When a man can lie on his deathbed peacefully, even though he’ll be surrounded by those sitting and standing next to him {whose heads will literally be higher than his}, then he’ll know that his life was well spent. He can recline in peace forever.

If I were a CHRISTIAN or a *Muslim* I’d insist that the JEWS aren’t taking Torah nearly personally enough. I’d call them hypocrites and insist they stone their disobedient children; save all virgin girls for themselves; and denounce the disabled as impure and unholy. And I’d model that behavior to show them how it should be done... That’ll teach the JEWS that as they sow, so shall they reap...

What all the ultra-orthodox hyper-religious don’t realize is that the re-creation of the State of Israel was more than a foreshadowing of the coming of a messiah. It was more than a foreshadowing of the return of the Messiah. And it was more than a revelation that a messenger came to Mecca after the SON of GOD left Jerusalem. The re-creation of the State of Israel is a sign of the state of the Israel each one of us is on the precipice of creating within ourselves. If you think you can anticipate GOD’s designs, you might do better to behave like a messiah unto yourself. You need yourself more than you can imagine.

Modernity will herald enormous, worldwide appreciation of the Quran. But I doubt we’ll see the coming of the Messiah until all GOD’s designs have been embraced in the West. And that will also have to include a profound understanding of the meanings of the Eastern **philosophies**. Only when this world is filled with the spirit of inclusion will GOD’s designs and the coming of the Messiah make sense to one, and all.

“All their deeds are in their books: every action, small or great, is noted down.” Think of your whole body as a good book that you’re writing each day, page-by-page. In the same way that a golfer uses muscle memory to develop her stroke or a dancer develops his art through repetition of barre exercises, every one of us memorizes our experiences through every cell in our body. Who you are is recorded in your flesh and blood. But when you leave “it,” who “you” are will be out of your “hands.”

Imagine every experience you’re having inside as figuratively being recorded in the Teacher’s roll book. Think of every inner action you’ve ever taken, great or small, as noted down, as though with a video cam from the eight corners in every room. Imagine this recording as a proof of the grades you’re receiving now. Nothing around you or within you ever goes unrecorded.

When you suddenly have a thought that goes back decades, that’s no random trek. Your mind is taking you back to that memory for a reason. But if you ignore these flash card exercises in morality, you’re not going to learn how to learn from them. Therefore be more vigilant about what’s happening within you. ⁶

⁶ If your cell phone or computer suddenly brought up a window with a message, you’d read it whether or not you chose to act on it. But when your mind does the same, you may not yet be taking your own messages to heart. What is it that’s happening inside that makes you think your mind is less sophisticated than the machinery you operate? What makes you think that man’s creations are more complex than GOD’s creations? This behavior is

This extension of the metaphor of life as a school ought to bring up some guilt each day that should motivate you to question the tiniest things you experience inside, regardless of how well you might think you're behaving in the outside world. This exercise will help you approximate your perception of yourself as your Creator perceives you. Guilt will motivate you to feel more deeply. Feeling will motivate you to work for greater loyalty through curiosity about others. And all of this together will teach you to live your life more wisely. This is why you've come to think with the profundity of the Jews, love with the depth of the Christians and believe with the allegiance to **GOD** of the Muslims.

The illumination of the sun on the moon as seen from Earth should be a nightly reminder of the potential of the Abrahamic faiths to work together to unite man's head and heart with his soul while keeping the faiths in GOD/**GOD**/*God* unique and separate. As man ventures further out from his earthly abode, his relationship to his inner forces is going to change all the more. As he looks at the Earth, moon and sun from different vantage points in outer space, he's going to also look within at himself from different vantage points in inner space.

If not for today's nonbelievers who've given up loyalty to the faith of their forefathers, there'd be no way to say all that needs to be said. "*The righteous may dwell in gardens watered by running brooks, honorably seated by a mighty King.*" But that's not the same message as, "The righteous shall dwell in gardens watering by running brooks, honorably seated in the presence of a mighty king."

See if you can say what the Prophet said more elegantly than he did. But if you try to tell yourself that you're better than a gay-Jew, I'll tell you that you don't really believe there's a sun in the sky by day or a moon reflecting it's light by night. After each time you blink, the darkness you momentarily saw will have made you doubt what you then have to see. If you think you're better than a gay-Jew, you're still primitive and blind to the truth. I'd have to conclude that your prospects after life don't look so great from wherever I happen to be standing, sitting or reclining.

contrary, autonomous and based on serpent speech. You can literally feed your serpent blood {get an erection} without literally shedding any! But there will always be a price to pay.

Surah 55
سورة الرحمن
The Merciful

Of the 150 Psalms, the Quran asks us to compare this surah on mercy to the 136th Psalm.
⁷ So let's first take a look at this Psalm from the Book of Psalms in Tanach:

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD.
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF GODS.
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OF LORDS.
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
TO HIM WHO ALONE DOES GREAT WONDERS,
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
WHO BY HIS UNDERSTANDING MADE THE "HEAVEN."
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
WHO SPREAD OUT THE EARTH UPON THE WATERS,
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
WHO MADE THE GREAT LIGHTS -
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
THE SUN TO GOVERN THE DAY,
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
THE MOON AND STARS TO GOVERN THE NIGHT;
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
TO HIM WHO STRUCK DOWN THE FIRSTBORN OF EGYPT
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
AND BROUGHT ISRAEL OUT FROM AMONG THEM
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
WITH A MIGHTY HAND AND OUTSTRETCHED ARM;
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
TO HIM WHO DIVIDED THE RED SEA ASUNDER
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
AND BROUGHT ISRAEL THROUGH THE MIDST OF IT,
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
BUT SWEPT PHARAOH AND HIS ARMY INTO THE RED SEA;
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
TO HIM WHO LED HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE WILDERNESS;

⁷ The "PSALMS" are a part of KETUVIM, the third portion of TANACH {TORAH [teaching], NEVIIM [prophets], KETUVIM [writings] = TA-NA-CH}. תְּהִלִּים, {TEHILIM/Psalms} means "praises." They're attributed to David, but there are also Psalms from Solomon, which are a further 18 Psalms of Jewish origin, likely originally written in Hebrew, but surviving only in Greek and Syriac translation.

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 TO HIM WHO STRUCK DOWN GREAT KINGS,
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 AND KILLED MIGHTY KINGS -
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 SIHON, KING OF THE AMORITES
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 AND OG, KING OF BASHAN -
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 AND GAVE THEIR LAND AS AN INHERITANCE,
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 AN INHERITANCE TO HIS SERVANT ISRAEL.
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 HE REMEMBERED US IN OUR LOW ESTATE
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 AND RESCUED US FROM OUR ENEMIES.
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 HIS LOVE FOOD TO EVERY CREATURE.
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
 GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN
 HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

In Psalm 136, David speaks about GOD's love that endures forever. In the Christian tradition, it's GOD's love that endures forever. The slight differences in these orthographic renditions shouldn't be overlooked. Nor should differences between Israel and her enemies be dismissed. Israel has no enemies. Her enemies are merely misguided friends.

In this, the 55th surah, the Prophet repeatedly asks the question, "*Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?*" Would you deny, HIS love, HIS love or *His* blessings? Do today's JEWS look loving? Do today's CHRISTIANS look beloved? Do today's *Muslims* look blessed? {Now you're beginning to look at this world with gay eyes without them having changed your sexual identity.}

The devout have the desire to contemplate all of GOD's messages. We anticipate blessings from GOD because we assume HIS love endures forever, just as written in Tanach, the Bible and the Quran.

Despite how WORDS/WORDS/*Words* are written, or from which direction they come to us on the page, we rarely question GOD's love unless we're in great pain or are looking in inner space in a place where we've never looked before. Darkness is frightening until you find blessings waiting just for you in the emptiness of nothingness.

The hunger for nothing is a curious attribute of man. He can get so disgusted, exasperated, frustrated and revolted by himself that nothingness looks good about the spiritual food he's served on a daily basis. The hunger for nothing becomes the one and only mechanism by which he can stop himself from consuming forbidden fruit.

We rarely question our need for GOD's blessings when things are fine. But I suggest you question the Old Testament meaning of love, the New Testament feeling of being beloved and Quranic blessings you may take for granted at those times when things in your life are amiss.⁸

"It is the Merciful who has taught the Quran."
[55:1]

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The gifts of Scripture come from GOD. It is the Merciful who promotes HIS own teachings. Those who promote anger, hatred and war are neither merciful nor teachers. They're filled with misguided intentions toward themselves, and they don't even know it.

That said, there's plenty of anger, hatred and war mongering in each one of us. Some of us are anal expulsive about it, and some of us are anal retentive about it. But the anger is there.

And yet, every believer believes he's a merciful teacher of his own Scripture. He believes his anger is justified and uses his Scripture to make his case. He uses other Scriptures only to advance appreciation of his own.

If you truly believe in GOD, you're obliged to believe HE has a plan that's greater than anything you now can surmise. Would anyone who really loves and cares about you reject and abandon you in a dangerous place without hope or options? The resilience of the Jewish people is twice as great as the resilience of the Muslims because we've been doing this twice as long.

That said, there's something to be learned from everyone in everything. No man knows the depth of his own anger or the cause of it. If you want to overcome your rage at injustice, you'd better be prepared to spend a lifetime working with your enemies until you can tell yourself that they're classmates.

Resist the temptation to believe that your faith {or **philosophy**} is the entire story. Open your mind to the possibility that your religious leaders don't have an all-encompassing purview on life. GOD's love and blessings are harder to attain than JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY or *Islam* have revealed to you. You're on your own, but you're never alone.

⁸ Some modern men and women may be uncomfortable with the word "blessings." Therefore feel free to substitute the word "privileged." Modern man is privileged. And until he appreciates the privileges GOD has given him, he isn't going to appreciate who he is or who he's becoming. With privileges come great response-abilities.

*“He created and taught him articulate speech.
The sun and the moon pursue their ordered course.
The plants and the trees bow down in adoration.”*
[55:2-4]

“**HE** created and taught him articulate speech.
The sun and the moon pursue their ordered course.
The plants and the trees bow down in adoration.”

The word of “God” began as a natural order that early indigenists explored. The spoken WORD came to us through Moses. Torah was an oral tradition for 500 years before it was finally written down. The WORDS of GOD were recorded decades after HIS death but can be read verbatim in the Gospels in red-faced type. The whole of the Quran was dictated to the Prophet by an angel, and Gabriel’s *words* were passed along to friends of the Prophet who became scribes for *God* during and after his lifetime.

These were the ways **GOD** interfaced with the most privileged among us. This is how articulate speech became externalized and recorded in human affairs before it become internalized in the human body through teachings mixed with experiences with strangers. This is how GOD’s/GOD’s/*God*’s WORDS/WORDS/*Words* are slowly mixing, melding and becoming unified in you today.

You have no idea whether you’re learning a new WORD, a WORD or a *word*. You have no idea when your WORDS/WORDS/*Words* will be combined into a WORD. But if you come to class each day prepared to learn from whatever is set before you, you’ll sometimes become enraged at what people are trying to get away with. They’d steal your testicles right out of your underpants if they could. They’re shameless.

But you don’t have to convert to another faith to find a deeper faith. You don’t have to give up your belief in GOD, GOD or *God* to believe in **GOD**.

I don’t want your money or your devotion. I have no desire to become rich or famous. Do with my words whatever will heal you and promote world peace and understanding. My only desire is for you to celebrate being able to ask good questions of yourself.

The world is continually mystified by GOD’s chosen people. We don’t revile you. But you should stand back in wonder at the myriad, maddening ways we behave without killing one another. And believe me, we aren’t that enamored of one another either... I am one such Jew. Granted, I’m queer. Granted, I’m odd. Granted, I’m a bit quixotic. But **GOD** works in mysterious ways.

GOD interfaces with the “heavenly” bodies in unseen ways we should explore through science, not religion. Every time people use their faith to explain science, they fail. The CHRISTIANS are interpreting our Scripture scientifically as we speak. And look what a mess they’re making of the world.

The botanical world and the animal kingdom comprise yet other languages **GOD** has given us by which to fathom **HIS** intentions. Mother Nature is a language that figuratively holds clues to human nature. As we destroy nature across the planet with overpopulation and pollution, we're losing languages that are clues to who we are.

To comprehend it all, we need a world filled with poets, teachers and scientists, not soldiers and hyper-religious fruit cakes who've been baked with lard...

Our three languages {nature, science and spirituality} ought to lead us to conclude that **GOD** is merciful. **HE** gives us clues we can use to question **HIS** moral intentions. There's nothing we must accept on faith. We have the freedom, liberty and emancipation to question our own intentions. But the more people only question the validity of science, the more they find reasons to fight.

*"He laid the earth for His creatures,
with all its fruits and blossom-bearing palms,
chaff-covered grain and scented herbs.
Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?"*
[55:8-10]

*"**HE** laid the Earth for **HIS** creatures,
with all its fruits and blossom-bearing palm,
chaff-covered grain and scented herbs.
Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?"*

The metaphoric meaning of trees has been described in detail in my book: The Forbidden Fruit's Perspective: Torah For Straight People. I detailed the symbolic importance of grain and grape in my book: A Guest at Their Table: My Gay-Jewish Review of Christ's Feast of Self-Love. But in these books, I've unpacked the spiritual linguistic significance of fruits; blossom-bearing palm; chaff-covered grain; and scented herbs. These concepts mirror the paradoxes we find around us today. This is what stands out when you look at the Abrahamic faiths from **GOD**'s place in your third place in inner space: your soul.

When you realize you're an "I" in an "it," you're ready to move to the next level of spiritual scrutiny. You see that your sense of "it" is different from everyone else's because you're the only person on Earth who can experience the "it" you're in. {I'm referring to your whole body as "it." You're in all of "it." You're not just in your penis or clitoris, although for some evidence would suggest otherwise...}

Perhaps, you have a deep and loving relationship with some, one, special person. Your relationship to that person's body is the "it" you may be entirely focused on. But you can never really know what that person is thinking, feeling, sensing, etc. You may have a better

understand of their “it” than any other “it” on Earth, but there’s no “it” like your “it.” Your sense of your “it” makes your experience of “I” different from all others.

When you engage with another person, you may be coming from your head, heart, soul or penis or clitoris. Your motivation might be intellectual, emotional, soulful or desirous. Generally speaking, people are very willing to express their intellectual intentions out loud. But when it comes to emotions, beliefs and desirous intentions, things change. People can be duplicitous in an effort to remain private; coy to make things personal; or evasive and manipulative to get something they want from you that you don’t want to give.

Organizing your impressions of other “I’s” in other “it’s” will leave you questioning how every other person on Earth could also have been made in GOD’s image! It’s only when you find yourself dealing with figurative fruits; blossom-bearing palm; chaff-covered grain; and scented herbs – that you begin to suspect that GOD’s designs might be much more complex than you previously assumed.

Scented herbs are the mystical but paradoxical Islamic gifts to the world; Scented herbs are a reminder to us that we’re somewhat short sighted, hard of hearing and numb to the myriad ways we could be discovering GOD in our life. When we can’t see all the truth, hear all the truth or speak about all that’s true, we’re still given the last resort: the opportunity to smell the fragrance of GOD’s designs through the Quran.

Those who grope through life as though in the dark, without the kind of spiritual education you and I were privileged to receive, have an innate intuition that guides them toward self-love. They can use their nose to lead them – just as the smell of jasmine can help someone find his way through the dark on a cloudy, moonless, warm, summer night.

Judaism corresponds to the trees; Christianity to the grasses and vines; and Islam to the scented herbs. The question is why GOD would have chosen to divide HIS botanical world into three spiritual paths instead of leaving them as one.

And the answer is so we’d become so curious about our place in HIS designs that we’d contain our rage and make peace with the planet and one another. We’d be hungry to make our way nearer to HIM from within with justice, mercy and fairness for ourselves.

We should choose to consume knowledge from forbidden fruits; grain and grape; and scented herbs instead of existing as we do now stealing knowledge, feelings, desires and beliefs from one another. In this way, we’d all come to thank our spiritual forefathers, Adam and Eve, for modeling how not to do what we do, rather than cursing them for it.

*“The Lord of the two easts is He,
and the Lord of the two wests.
which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?”*

[55:15-18] ⁹

“The Lord of the two easts is **HE**,
and the Lord of the two wests.
which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?”

There are more than two scientific variances between the two easts and the two wests from an astronomical perspective. The external fluctuations of the sun in both northern and southern hemispheres lie between the extremes of the northeast and southeast point in the sky at noon on the vernal and autumnal equinoxes. Each of these marks the extremes of the sun’s path as viewed from Earth. {An “equinox” is a description of the moment in which the plane of Earth’s equator passes through the plane of the center of the sun. Because the Earth is tilted this occurs twice each year, around the 20th of March and the 23rd of September.} This is the scientific answer to the question of the Lord’s blessings as described by the Prophet in this passage.

And yet, internally, there are also two easts and two wests in us all. Those who pursue Eastern **philosophies** strive for a balance between yin and **yang**. These are the two easts. In Western tradition, we strive for balance between our “I” and our “it.” These are the two wests.

We all have an “I” that is tilted in one of four directions {head, heart, soul, penis or clitoris}. And we all move internally in darkness like the Earth. We have an external East and West that eventually takes us around the world, and we have an internal east and west that takes us around our inner world as we strive for more self-knowledge.

Israel is our spiritual equinox. It’s our fulcrum, the site where we find the balance we seek between East and West externally and east and west internally. Together, Jerusalem {head}, Rome {heart} and Mecca {soul} create the sweet spot on Earth that’s vital to that pursuit.

“Which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny,” HIS blessings for you or HIS blessings for others? HIS blessings from the East or HIS blessings from the West?

*“He has let loose the two oceans.
They met one another.
Yet, between them stands a barrier that they cannot overrun.
Which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?”*

[55:19-20]

⁹ “Although we usually say that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, in reality the sun rises exactly due east and sets exactly due west only twice a year, during the equinoxes. Other times the sun will either rise northeast and set northwest {from March to September}, or rise southeast and set southwest {from September to March}.” [Wikipedia] This is a clue to a continuum of relationships your head holds with your heart and soul.

“HE has let loose the two oceans.

They met one another.

Yet, between them stands a barrier that they cannot overrun.

Which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?”

Of course, there are the oceans around us, and there are the oceans of emotions within us. But there are also oceans of salt-water that correspond to the ocean of tears you hold inside and the fresh-water bodies of water within that correspond to the nurturing waters of life you need for rejuvenation, resurrection and rebirth. These two bodies of spiritual waters converge in your soul. But there’s a brackish barrier between them.

I’ve already spoken about the fresh waters of the Jordan River that descend from the Sea of Galilee that become increasingly brackish as they reach the Dead Sea. Because of overpopulation, pollution, topography and war, the salination of the Jordan River is more polluted and deadly than ever. In this way, the topography of Israel mirrors the topography of your head and heart. There’s a sludge today between the sweet water and salty water in you, between your happiness and sorrow, your life and death.

Spiritually, the pollution of the Jordan River corresponds to the increasingly acute realization that humans are not only mortal, but, over time, are headed for destruction as a species. It’s no longer just individuals who realize in middle age that they’re going to someday die. Today, the whole species has become aware of our imminent demise. It’s as if we’ve passed the halfway point. And yet JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* don’t want to avoid the end. They relish the thought of it.

The emotional connections made between Judaism, Christianity and Islam have to be spelled out for JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who’ve become so used to vilifying one another that they can’t remember that we were all made in the image of GOD. They’d rather die than be a part of a plan that’s greater than the piece of the puzzle given them. They’d rather have sex with their mother or a member of their gender than admit they’ve been wrong.

Some would say I’m comparing apples to grapes and lavender {a tree, a vine and an herb}. They’d say there’s no “God” given relationship between Jews, Christians and Muslims. They’d insist there no such thing as a plan GOD had in mind when HE created humanity

The two bodies of fresh and salinated water converge in many places in the world thanks to rivers that empty into the sea. Nowhere is that brackish sludge more evident than where the Jordan River descends into the Dead Sea. And yet, nowhere is that brackish sludge more evident than in the Israel in thee.

GOD doesn’t need a plan for tomorrow. HE can do quite well with only a plan for the very next instant in time. In the next instant, HE can do something different. Such is the mystery of reality. No one can predict the future because it lies in HIS hands. And HIS

hands, like ours, are constantly moving. They're not forever cupped or pressed together in prayer.

The only way to help those who are wise and loyal to some others, but emotionally blind to the rainbow of GOD's hope in the flesh around them, is to try to describe the truth in terms all people will be able to apply to themselves.

Moses described you through a metaphor about a tree. Jesus described HIMSELF as symbols inherent in grasses and vines. And the Prophet Muhammed described us all using 114 similes inherent in the scent of herbs. When you realize it takes metaphors, symbols and similes to describe you, you'll be more able to see what's happening over time to the "I's" in others' "it's."

Moses woke up after 40 years of running away from guilt, smelled the coffee, turned around and went back to the scene of his crime. Jesus was crucified, but they didn't blind HIM, cut off HIS ears and nose. HE could still face HIS Maker. The Prophet knew his message would be lost on his new converts, but he persevered anyway.

The best translation I can give for scented herbs is {wisdom of the soul}, something even more antithetical, contradictory, irreconcilable and paradoxical than wisdom of the heart. The wisdom of the Jews is useless without wisdom of the heart and soul. Another word for this is "High Lights."

In the same way that the heart is totally irrational, the soul is virtually unbalanceable, irregular and, therefore, immeasurable. In the same way that a man's mind can't be evaluated and his heart can't be plumbed, his soul can't be appraised. The value of a human being must be determined by GOD in every instant in time. HE must figuratively submerge the contents of a person in his own loyalty to determine, by volume, his worth.

When, with the help of Eastern **philosophies**, you can expand upon this moment in time, you'll be able to perceive the magnificence of now. You'll be able to lengthen widen and deepen the moment. Only then will GOD's plan rush in anew each second you're alive.

A man should figuratively use his nose to discover GOD's designs for him alone. His ability to smell the fragrance of God's presence, and follow it, like a trail, was the Prophet's claim to great fame. Thanks to him, we can do more than compare and contrast forbidden fruit with grain and grape. Thanks to him, we have the scented herbs of this world that give us an odiferous path to find our own, individual way to HIM.

Here is an explanation of what the Prophet is talking about in this surah:

fruits	wisdom
blossom-bearing palm	love
chaff-covered grain	loyalty to love
scented herbs	loyalty to life

*"Pearls and corals come from both.
Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?"*
[55:21-23]

“Pearls and corals come from both.
Which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?”

Pearls are formations that protect oysters from irritation. Pearls correspond to wisdom. Coral are apartment buildings of sorts built by underwater creatures to house and protect them from harm. Man must insulate himself from the internal irritations that plague using wisdom, but he must insulate himself from the internal dangers that would make him vulnerable to attacking himself as well. He must come to love pearls and corals as similes of tools given him by **GOD** to protect him from his own feelings. This makes the Quran relevant to all seekers.

There are materials such as cement, glass, sheetrock, steel, tile and wood given to you to make external life more comfortable. There are books you can read if you want to learn how to repair your house or construct a house.

This book is constructed using a single pearl and piece of coral to protect me from myself. My commentary on the Quran is intended to teach you how to build and repair your own home as though it were submerged in an ocean of emotions.¹⁰

GOD gave us pearls and corals to apply Mother Nature to our inner nature, and the Prophet was the first to speak so poetically about the difference between the two.

We ought to do more with science than simply learn about the natural world. We should ask ourselves why **HE** created it as **HE** did. For this, we need spiritual poets and readers who can appreciate spiritual poetry.

The meaning of life can’t be ascertained without figurative truths. The sciences aren’t nearly discerning enough because they only pursue the knowledge needed to make our material world more comfortable. We also need the arts to make our spiritual world relevant to life as we grow.

GOD created this world with HIS WORDS, but **HE** didn’t stop there. **HE**’s still creating this world, albeit now morally with your help. Words are the best way to make sense of life. But you must have the spiritual scents from herbs that bring you WORDS spoken within using the sounds of silence.¹¹

If you don’t put your thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires into words using the sound of silence, you’ll never succeed in putting them into music or art. At the very least use your whole body through sports or dance to express what’s going on inside of you.¹²

¹⁰ You are, at last, a fish I can ask what “water” is. Now you know.

¹¹ “‘The Sound of silence’ is a song written by Paul Simon and sung by the American-Jewish duo, ‘Simon and Garfunkel.’ It was included on their debut album, ‘Wednesday Morning 3:00 am’ in 1964.” [Wikipedia] The first stanza lyrics are: Hello darkness, my old friend/I’ve come to talk with you again/Because a vision softly creeping/Left its seeds while I was sleeping/And the vision that was planted in my brain/Still remains/Within the sound of silence.

¹² Don’t turn your body into a bomb. Turn it into a blessing. Use sex instead to explore your understanding of love and penetration. How you feel about you really matters.

Watching team sports isn't enough. Watching others dance isn't enough. Learn how to win over yourself. Find ways to assuage your rage with pearls and construct a modest home for your brief sojourn on this planet made of coral. Find your own humble way to express your struggle to appreciate truth and beauty.

*"His are the ships that sail like mountains
upon the ocean.
Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?"
[55:24-27]*

*"HIS are the ships that sail like mountains
upon the ocean.
Which of your Lord's blessings would you deny?"*

The ships that sail like mountains upon oceans are icebergs. That's the only literal explanation you can give to this passage. But the Prophet would never have known about these kinds of ocean-traveling mountains. And yet, his understanding of GOD's designs was higher than the tip of any iceberg. It was as profound as the base of the mountains of ice we can't see beneath the surface of the seas.

Your ocean of emotion will drown you from time to time. Nobody avoids drowning in the figurative sense of the WORD. We all find ourselves at an emotional depth at which we can't think, a place of such pressure and cold that some can't do anything but figuratively watch Jesus writhe in pain still nailed to HIS cross in our imagination.

Jesus doesn't have to be GOD for you to identify with HIS suffering. Anyone's suffering should leave you suffering. {That includes gay, Jewish and Palestinian suffering.}

Today's spiritual ships that sail upon oceans of emotions are boarded by believers who carry GOD's WORDS in their heart. Their heart is the vehicle of ice that sails like a mountain upon the sea.

But when your ice {apathy} finally melts, it may leave you for a time feeling lost at sea, flailing about in your heart, afraid of drowning in your feelings, wondering why GOD brought you to such a GOD-forsaken place at sea where your feelings aren't honored any more than you honored others' feelings in the past.

Don't tell me you haven't drowned many times in this way. Don't try to convince me it won't happen to you again. You're no different than any other human being on the face of the Earth. We all identify with those who watched Noah sail by without lifting a finger to help them. We've all gone down without ever again coming up. We're all submerged like pearl and coral at the bottom of something we can't escape without dying.

Console yourself. I can't console you for you. I can't rescue you from your lack of feelings for you. Only you can.

“Which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?” Would you deny Judaism as one of HIS blessings? The Jews have been privileged by the Lord. Would you deny Christianity as one of HIS blessings? The Christians have been blessed by the Lord. Would you deny Islam as one of HIS blessings? The Muslims have been gifted by the Lord. If you don’t feel privileged, blessed and gifted, the problem lies with you, not with the Abrahamic faiths. The institutions of faith can’t stop you from living a faithful life.

*“If you have the power to penetrate
the confines of heaven and earth,
then penetrate them!
But this you shall not do except with Our own authority.
Which of the Lord’s blessings would you deny?”*
[55:30-34]

*“If you have the power to penetrate
the confines of ‘heaven’ and Earth,
then penetrate them!
But this you shall not do except with OUR own authority.
Which of the Lord’s blessings would you deny?”*

The atheists bet they can beat the house. They think they can avoid the gamble by not playing the game. They refuse to master life to outwit death. And they think *we’re* weak because we need GOD, when it’s not weakness, but moral ignorance that slows us down.

The atheists rightly believe they don’t need to believe to succeed. Who would want to believe with his whole heart in the institutions of family, government, industry and religion as they exist now? They see that the *Muslims* are known for killing {#6}; the CHRISTIANS for cheating {#7}; and the JEWS for stealing {#8}.

The cynicism, scorn and disappointment of the atheists is easy to understand. They claim that their foresight is 20/20; that their hindsight is 20/20; but until their insight becomes 20/20, they, too, will have no vision of their own potential power.

For those of us who don’t wish to gamble with our life “after” life, material success in our lifetime isn’t enough. We need assurances we’ll be better human beings at the end of our life than we were at the beginning. We don’t want leave here feeling we’d been like an alien from outer space dropped off on the wrong planet, and then forgotten.

We need to prove to ourselves that we can improve our spiritual circumstances, evolve our understanding of ourselves and help others grow. We need to know that despite the fact that we began life more like a spiritual ape, we have the potential to become a mensch and even figuratively sprout the wings of angels while still here on Earth. Such is the evidence

of truth beneath every unspeakably salty tear of joy in just being alive. We all should have died long ago.¹³

Some need to see proof of **GOD** in their lifetime. Gossiping about “heaven” and “hell” for them just won’t suffice. Leave gossip to the hyper-religious. You don’t have to be an atheist to dislike such gossip.

Self-improvement isn’t restricted to believers or nonbelievers. Self-improvement affects everyone with moral intentions whether or not they’re moving in the direction you believe **GOD** has intended. Man has the freedom to go any way he wants. He has the liberty to feel any way he wishes. But if he has enough moral emancipation from himself to believe in himself, he’ll try to do what’s best if it can be properly explained to him.

Evolution didn’t stop with the species. Evolution is something you’re experiencing day-by-day. Evolution doesn’t just separate some believers from others. It separates those who are evolving from those who are devolving.

It all comes back to your desires. What is it you really want out of life? If you’re jealous and envious, and don’t know it, you’re going to find yourself in predicaments that will cause you great pain and suffering. You’re going to covet other people’s containers or contents, thereby wasting precious time. And your rage! Your rage will continue to grow until it has destroyed you.

If you’re so shrewd that you decide to promote jealousy and envy in others without getting mixed up in it yourself, you may just find that your lifetime won’t be long enough to punish you for your sins. You may need to go to “hell” to be taught what you didn’t learn here about **“karma.”** If you make it “hell” on Earth for others, you should be “rewarded” in like kind.¹⁴

The Christian concept of feeding on feelings is a spiritual upgrade from the Jewish concept of feeding on knowledge. You can’t conceive of the Islamic notion of feeding on *God*-consciousness without the other two. If you can perceive objects in the material world as containers that can hold your thoughts and feelings, you can rise to the idea that the spiritual world holds beliefs in containers as well. Israel is just such a container.

The Holocaust happened despite the vicious slander by *Muslims* who say it never did. Not even the **CHRISTIANS** and the **JEWS** are that perverse.

The moral outcomes from the Holocaust are as follows:

¹³ The stereotype of “Pollyanna,” the optimistic, hopeful and happy, blond, little, white girl who sees opportunity and potential everywhere around her isn’t an observation that emanates only out of some girls’ hearts. Boys, too, can love optimism and experience the same joy in life when they take sips from their own cup. I call such boys “Polly-Andrews.”

¹⁴ I don’t believe in the concept of “heaven.” There are just too many interesting possibilities beyond the standard, religious ideas of the “paradise” to come. Nor do I believe in “hell.” But I do believe in justice, mercy and fairness. I leave it to the Lord to do with me what **HE** will. So far, I’ve been wonderfully incentivized with a third chance after two attempts to kill myself. As for rewards and awards “after” life, I’ll just wait and see.

1. The recreation of The State of Israel: a Jewish state.
2. A new level of guilt in Christians that has awakened them to their fruitless war with Judaism because that war has been emanating out from within themselves.
3. The modern advancement of the Abrahamic faiths as separate, but interactive, spiritual forces that were created by GOD to achieve HIS designs for man.

If you want to see more miracles emerge out of the Holocaust (like a phoenix rising from a flame), you're going to have to make those miracles happen by yourself.¹⁵

But if *Muslims* choose to recreate the Holocaust, I think that the Holocaust that will come for them will burn much longer than in their lifetime. And the destruction that will occur worldwide will ruin the future of their progeny and all they hope to have. All people on the planet will suffer for errors of judgment for every injury to Israel. Such is the consequence to humanity in exacting revenge against gays and Jews for GOD having created us in addition to people like you.

If you don't agree with me, please do tell the world that gays and Jews were created by satan not your GOD/GOD/*God*. I beg you to open the discussion publicly about who made us. I yearn to point to your crotch and behind to show the world what self-sodomy looks like up close and personal.

*“But for those who fear the majesty of their Lord,
there are two gardens
{which of your Lord’s Blessings would you deny?}
planted with shady trees.”
[55:45-50]*

*“But for those who fear the majesty of their Lord,
there are two gardens
(which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?)
planted with shady trees.”*

The two gardens signify our two worlds here on Earth {inner and outer}. Those who are like shady trees reveal the glaring truth in comfort. But others who are like shady trees conceal the light of truth with darkness. We make our life into a combination of “heaven” and “hell” here-and-now. But many hate those of us who reveal the truth. They only want to continue to autonomously pursue darkness.

¹⁵ “A ‘phoenix’ is a long-lived bird that is cyclically regenerated or reborn. Associated with the sun, a phoenix obtains new life by arising from the ashes of its predecessor. According to some texts, the phoenix could live over 1,400 years before rebirth.” [Wikipedia] To my mind, it looks as though Islam is like a bird rising out of the ashes of Judaism and Christianity. Now is the time of the phoenix for those who spiritually avail themselves of matters of the soul.

From two trees [Adam {a tree of knowledge} and Eve, {a tree of life}]; from the grain {bread} and the grape {wine}; and from the scented herbs – we’ve been given evidence of a land of {material} milk and {immaterial} honey. There, there’s an orchard of shady trees to protect us from too much illumination, heat and burn. There, we learn to see our moral view of ourselves. There, we grow to understand the place we’re earning with GOD.

*“Each is watered by a flowing spring.
Which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?
[55:51-52]*

*“Each is watered by a flowing spring.
Which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?*

The “*flowing spring*” that waters you here on Earth is GOD’s mercy. You can learn to appreciate HLS designs and promises if you’re sufficiently poetically inclined and grounded. Or, you can fight over which pages of Scripture you’re going to take literally and which you choose to ignore.

*“Each bears every kind of fruit in pairs.
which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?”
[55:52-53]*

*“Each bears every kind of fruit in pairs.
Which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?”*

Human beings are endowed with fruits that each have in pairs {testicles or ovaries} which are the result of the chromosomes they were given at conception $\{y + x^2 \text{ or } x^1 + x^2\}$. These are the biological fruits that bear fruit. The fruits human beings produce are children. Children are the physical manifestation of the fruits of the loins of their parents.

But we also produce fruit which come from our labors, the immeasurable, but real, results of our efforts to participate cooperatively in society.

And just as many seeds are scattered in nature, so too, there are many seeds produced by men and women that aren’t going to create life or good works. Animals and man consume many kinds of fruits and seeds that sustain them physically.

Men mirror the animal kingdom by scattering our biological seeds through orgasm. This form of production creates pleasure. Pleasure is, in its own respect, a delightful scattering of seeds for everyone in our species. ¹⁶

¹⁶ JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* don’t seek pleasure from sex. They seek only reproduction. The thought of having sex for pleasure brings up more guilt than they can bear. They despise men who scatter their seeds for pleasure. But women who scatter their

Lastly, there are the spiritual fruits of our labors. These are the result of the seeds we figuratively plant in our mind, and water beneath the benevolent sky in our imagination. This inner garden is totally immaterial and immeasurable. Therefore we call it our spiritual world. We call tending this garden “matters of the soul.”

Our garden is the result of growing “I” in our “it.” And we rely on this garden for hope that **GOD** will provide us with a world after this one in which the spiritual fruits of our labors here will be blessed “there,” since we will have left everything except our spiritual fruits behind when we die.

If you don’t see **GOD**’s designs in all of this, you may stock this world with one baby after another, like fish in a pond; game on a reserve; or cattle bred for slaughter – but you’ll never understand the greater purpose of your being. You’ll remain stuck in one or another dimension of reality.

Don’t overpopulate the world. You shouldn’t wonder why you’re so upset when you can’t get where you want to go because there are so many people in your way. A school made up of too many fish is the nightmare created by overpopulation which is the consequence of the institutions of faith and **philosophy**. When man perceives this world as nothing more than a pond in which to spawn, people lose their importance. And when that happens, you lose some of your importance to you.

What makes people believe themselves to be superior to others is their ego, the opinion that their seeds are superior to others’. We were given an ego to protect us from harm. But the overly zealous are using their ego to separate and inflate their reason for being.

The only way to shrink your ego and inflate your mission in life is with moral rectitude. Alice may have eaten a cake to shrink in size, and drank a potion to grow in size. But that was in order to enter “Wonderland.” A mature individual today can do the same with or without the wafer and the wine.¹⁷

*“Virgins as fair as corals and rubies;
which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?”
[55:60]*

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which of your Lord’s blessings would you deny?”*

seeds like men by producing many children have been even more vilified since the beginning of time.

¹⁷ The wafer and the wine refer to the body and blood of Christ. **GOD** consciousness will lead you to self-consciousness and self-consciousness will lead you to **GOD**-consciousness. Your ego is a sign of a greater process going on inside you that you shouldn’t deny. Your ego is something you should observe for insight into who you are now as you watch who you’re becoming. Questioning yourself with grim astonishment may actually be helpful in this regard. Intolerance within is the key. Don’t indulge yourself with thoughts you know are nonsense.

The promises in the “world” after this one aren’t female virgins or rubies in the form of bright, red rocks. What would GOD do with billions of virgins after their hymens were broken? What would you do with heaps of shiny, red rocks? These ideas make no sense at all unless imbued with personal meaning that involves more of a man than is revealed by his penis or the gleam in his eye in possessing shiny objects. Hourises are projections of man’s x^2 factor. Rubies are projections of the rock he entwines his roots around.

Every man was once a virgin. Every one of us was once a child of GOD who had to go through a sexual awakening. That awakening was a prelude to the awakening that will come after death. You’re the virgin you’re going to receive after life, the awakened one you’re going to die to become. You’re the one who’s different now; odd in some ways and special in others. You’re the one who’ll eventually get to see how earthly distortions will look when you leave here.

Carve yourself morally like a sculptor carves marble, and the meaning of the odd will become special and spiritually relevant to you before you die.

Jewels, pearls and coral are useless adornments of the body you won’t covet when you no longer have a body. When your container is left behind and all you bring on the journey out of this world is your contents, what will you do with rubies and virgins? How will you penetrate the virgins you dream of without a finger, tongue or penis?

And as for receiving your body back in “heaven,” ask yourself if you really want it? Is the body you have now the body you’d like for all eternity? Get real! Put more attention to the journey and you’ll admit you’ll have no desire for the vehicle once you get “there.”

The coral you’ll seek will be a house in your heart you can call a home. The rubies you’ll seek will be something akin to the passions associated with blood, but more brilliant, solid and secure.

*“Blessed be the name of your Lord,
the Lord of majesty and glory!”
[55:78-79]*

“Blessed be the name of your Lord,
the Lord of majesty and glory!”

“Blessed be the name of your Lord” who chose different names for HIMSELF (with good reason), each becoming an aspect of faith from which we must learn to tolerate, accept and, ultimately, admire ourselves.

The creation of a healthy ego depends on getting past your sense of victimization. JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims see themselves as constantly under attack. And they retaliate to assuage their sense of victimization. But they know nothing about the thoughts, feelings and modern beliefs of the poor and disenfranchised. Those who know something about poverty and alienation know that they, too, are perpetrators within.

The real victim in the Creation story was the fruit. The real perpetrator was the serpent, not ignorant Adam or naïve Eve. Put the story together as a metaphor and you've got a foundation on which to discuss the meaning of life.

Once you think, feel and believe you're a victim of circumstances *within* your control, you're ready to help others spiritually toilet train themselves. You're ready to admit that even the toddler in you is ready to learn how to get out what's inside of him without straining or needing to be congratulated like a hero for having taken care of business.

Your business is **GOD**'s business. But your business won't get done unless you do it. Do you really think anyone would want to go inside you to push, prod and pull out the "fruits" of your intestinal labors? Not even **GOD** wants that dirty job. You'd better recognize that you're going to have to do it for yourself. Ain't nobody else gonna do it. Not even your mother wants to go where your sun don't shine.

I've been through anger, fear and sorrow trying to make sense of why I've had to go through what I've been through. I've even done everything I could to try to find loving ways of responding to hateful people. But it hasn't been easy to make sense of my own pain and suffering, let alone anyone else's. My life has been harder than it looks.

If you look at the lives of a drag queen, you should see the struggle of the x² side of you.¹⁸ Her voice should resonate inside you. She has the gift of expressing her lot in life to you, whether you like having an anus, or not.

When you use transactional means to get what you want, you play the role of parent or child. You trade. You barter. You buy favors and sell indulgences. The transactional person gives in order to receive or receives in order to take back. The transactional person discovers sex and concludes it's always going to be a seesaw ride with someone on top and someone on the bottom. Transactional individuals are juvenile in their development. And they prey on those who are childish and infantile.

Politics is transactional. Statesmanship is spiritual. At this time in history the hyper-religious are behaving transactionally. And the atheists and agnostics are behaving spiritually. But if the hyper-religious would let us get on the seesaw with them, we could teach them how to have fun while learning how to go up and down.

אֲדֹנָי {ADONAI: Lord} is the literary representation in one WORD for the unpronounceable name GOD gave to Moses at the Burning Bush.

יֵשׁוּעַ {YESHUA: JOSHUA} means "rescuer." Joshua brought the ancient Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land with war after GOD told Moses to choose a successor.

¹⁸ The drag queen in you is that side of you that you hide so others won't turn you into their scapegoat. The drag queen in you is that side of you that you may even hide from yourself so that you won't loathe you. If you don't ask yourself what she wants out of you, you'll die incomplete and unfulfilled. All she wanted from me was to know **GOD**. That wasn't too much to ask.

יהושע {YAHSHUA; JOSHUA [English: Jesus]} was the Christians' Savior who brought a small number of the ancient Jews across the Jordan River symbolically with HIS love.¹⁹ Jesus did so with the help of John the Baptist who recreated the crossing of the Jordan by the Israelites 1,400 years prior, by submerging HIS disciples like fish in those waters with ritual prayer. This recrossing over into Israel through submersion in the waters of the Jordan made it possible for Christ's disciples to avoid the figurative Dead Sea experience after life that they dreaded going through without HIS personal help.

الله {"Allah" means "God."} Allah will help the spiritually inclined to receive the revelations needed for redemption and universal peace on Earth, the peace of mind they yearn for during their lifetime and when they die.

"The Lord of majesty and glory" is GOD. HE uses different names just as one teacher can teach more than one subject. We must contrast and compare the meanings of HIS names if we're going to avoid the hypocrisy of claiming to be peaceful when we're really not deserving of graduating to the next higher class as peace makers.

HIS ways are beyond our understanding until we endeavor to understand them. But that can only happen with a healthy imagination. In that respect, most people today are smart, but unimaginative. They know how to collect data. But they don't know how to synthesize knowledge into wisdom, love and loyalty.

If you're a Korean Christian, you're probably able to read the Bible using the English alphabet as well as the Korean alphabet {Hangeul}. You can read Christ's message horizontally from left to right {English} and vertically from top to bottom and right to left {Hangeul}. But does that change the message?

The answer is "yes." But the reason is not because of the translation; the shape of the letters; or the fact that the message is written in different directions on the page. It's because of the timing of when HIS message came to you. The message from Jesus came to the Jews 2,020 years ago. It was carried by Jews to European indigenists who converted to Christianity and has been promoted by European Christians and pounded into us by white CHRISTIANS ever since.

The message from Jesus came to the Koreans in the 17th Century. But the growth of Christianity to about 30% of the population of South Korea wasn't rapid until the Koreans were freed by the Allies from the Japanese in 1945.

I believe the difference in beliefs between North and South Korea is the result of the introduction of Christianity after the Second World War. You can see by the choices the North and South Koreans have made and how their nations have turned out. One is a free and liberal democracy. The other is an ancient, totalitarian cult.

The South Koreans are like gays in a way. We're insiders and outsiders to the Western faiths. We look in at what the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims are saying, but we don't hold the tensions they hold inside about matters of faith. We hear how they talk about us, and we can hear that they're often not honest, sincere or candid about their problems.

¹⁹ "The name "Jesus" corresponds to the Greek spelling 'Iesous,' from which, through the Latin 'Iesus,' comes the English spelling 'Jesus.'" [Wikipedia]

Koreans and gays compare what's written in Scripture to how true believers treat us. And we see how they aren't always living up to the messages they purport. They all say their "God" work in mysterious ways. But **HIS** timing is impeccable. That's why **HE** is the Merciful **ONE** despite those with doubts or bad experiences.

Surah 56
سورة الواقعة
That Which Is Coming

That which is coming will be personally chosen by **GOD** for you based on every single moment you've spend here in the now. **HE** can divide any pie, giving you just as much as you deserve at any moment in time. **HE** can apportion any results justly, mercifully and fairly.

Those who think otherwise are going to have to use their moral muscle to lift themselves, like heavy rocks, to perceive what's under them. Just looking up to their "God" for help isn't going to get them the assistance they need.

The only way to figuratively make your way under the rock at the Dome on the Temple Mount to explore that **ROCK/ROCK/Rock** from the other side is to do so as though you were a root working your way under a rock.

People are just for practice, and that includes you. If you want to know what it means to be at the root of it all in **GOD's** eyes, you're going to have to go beyond what you think about the roots of trees {Jews}, grasses and vines {Christians} and scented herbs {Muslims}. You're going to have to learn what it means to be dependable and responsible in every way. But you can't be any more dependable and responsible to others than you can be to yourself. If you aren't rooted in **ROCK**, nothing will seem rooted in you.

A flame covered up by earth will be extinguished. You can also fight fire with water. But fighting fire with fire is a job best left to experts in the field. Your clerics, imams, ministers, parsons, pastors, priests and rabbis don't have the equipment to do the job. You'd better become a fire fighter yourself.

Truth is very different from opinion. Opinions are prejudices based on personal experiences or gossip that you wish to hold as universally true. We all have positive and negative opinions. And we hold onto those conclusions in order to validate one of our syndromes regardless of the external validity of our opinion.

If people challenge you by claiming you're only partially right; if they laugh at you for being wrong; or if they look at you as though you're crazy because your ideas are vastly different from their own – do what you think would be best for you. These are indirect tests from **GOD**. **HE's** watching to see what you do next.

Man thinks himself well protected behind his castle walls, virtual firewalls and inner Wailing Wall. He doesn't think **GOD** will ever be able to find him where he hides from himself with denial. He thinks himself king of his castle. He forgets there's a King behind every king; behind the king of the Jews {Jesus} – even behind queens...

Man forgets that he's in something like a box that has the instructions on how to get out of it written on the outside of the box. He forgets that he's going to have to get out of himself when he dies. He forgets that he'll eventually leave his body, one clumsy way or another. And if he doesn't know how to do so, he may be forced to remain inside it much

longer than he cares to stay. {Such is the problem my mother is facing with dementia with no reason at all to go on at the age of 98. You wouldn't want that to happen to you.}

We can all see so clearly what others are doing wrong, while thinking they can't see what's wrong with us. We forget how courteous and polite people almost always are to others and how vicious and unkind they can be to themselves.

Man thinks his business is his own business. He thinks the way he treats his wife and raises his children is his own business. He thinks his body is his own vehicle and he can drive it any way and anywhere he wants. He even thinks his inner, technological achievements are his alone to acknowledge and enjoy. He thinks he's bought and paid for everything he has inside and out. Therefore he concludes that GOD doesn't have the moral right to take any of it away from him, including his life.

As I said before, the system is rigged. The house always wins. Are you a gambling man? That wouldn't be a wise way to proceed.

When you lose a limb, a loved one or your mind, you think your losses are too great to bear. You think you can't think anymore. And maybe you can't. Maybe you never could. Maybe you only thought you could think. Maybe the only way to get you to question your thinking was to inundate you with overwhelming feelings.

Only once you doubt your thoughts and feelings is it easier to get you to question your beliefs. Only once you know that you thought you knew, but didn't, is it easier to get you to think. Once you're more afraid of yourself than of gays or Jews (or whatever boogie man lurks in your sick little mind), is it easier to get you to weigh your thoughts against your feelings in your conscience to, thereby, expand upon your beliefs.

GOD's moral rights aren't the same as your moral rights. HIS intentions don't compare to the best of your intentions. You're often more motivated by jealousy or envy than even by hate. You can be petty. You can be vindictive. You're deluged with opinions that you know deep down inside are unkind and unwarranted. Only once you realize you're the knave of your castle will you be introduced to the King of your castle. But before that happens, you'll want to learn how to bow down humbly before you.

The only thing GOD ever literarily gave to this world was Israel. There's no other tangible gift he's bequeathed to us in WORDS/WORDS/Words. And although HE's allowed Israel to be taken away and given back to us twice before, we've learned how to appreciate our gift in ways no other faith will ever be able to fully understand.²⁰

The material world is more precious to the Jews than to any other people on Earth, precisely because it was through the material world that GOD gave us HIS promise of a home here during our brief sojourn on Earth. It was through the material world that GOD gave us HIS promise of hope.

²⁰ Israel was taken from us the first time with the Babylonian Exile and taken from us a second time after the Roman conquest, which sent us into the Diaspora for 2,000 years. When Israel was returned to us after the Second World War, we vowed that we'd never let it slip through our fingers again. We've been through more miracles than the rest of the world combined because we've been in class with the Teacher longer than any others. Getting Israel back in 1948 was a great miracle despite what you hear to this day from sore losers.

We're willing to share our hope with you. We're not willing to share our home with you.²¹ Make your own home a blessing and a hospitable place for guests at your table. But keep your hands off our house.

Israel is the physical manifestation of the fact that the Earth is our schoolhouse. Israel is a symbol and a sign from our Teacher that **HE** wants each of us to prosper materially, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

Israel made it possible for us to record the WORDS of Jesus at a time in history when there was much less hope and love in the world than there is today. Jesus cried out to HIS FATHER, on the Cross begging to know, "WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?" but the answer to that question has been asked in various fonts down through the ages.

Your body isn't the sum total of your being. Like Israel for the Jews, your body is your home for the duration of your journey. Those who treat their body like Israel will produce milk and honey for all the world to witness. Those who treat their body like Syria will produce pain and suffering.

Don't try to steal Israel out from under us. Don't try to steal your Israel out from under yourself. Much depends on taking my advice on this the rest of your life.

This world still needs to learn about GOD's wisdom, HIS love and *His* devotion to **HIS** creation. If you think you're going to make a moral mess of this world, or even your own little piece of it, you're going to pay a high price for your perverted efforts.

My mother is like my Israel. She was the manifestation of my gift from GOD in the flesh (in addition to the land I own in Israel and the messages from Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad I subscribe to). She's as precious as my land because she was chosen for me by **GOD** as my first tutor. She grounded me. I had to separate and return to her twice in early adulthood to appreciate her previous role in my life. And I cherish her more than ever since she's lost her mind because I know how painful that is.

Perhaps, some men don't speak about their mother the way I do because they're ashamed of looking or sounding gay or Jew-ish. I'm like a poster-child for the mother/son relationship, but I'm not ashamed of it. My feelings for women stem from my feelings for my mom. My feelings for Israel stem from my feelings about my mom. In many ways, even my feelings for me stem from feelings that still concern her. She's the external manifestation of my forbidden fruit.

My mother's parents never told her she was Jewish. Her Christian father and Jewish mother decided it was best at that time in Europe not even to bring up the topic of religion. So my mother didn't find out she was Jewish until the Nazis threw her out of junior high school. If anyone can be "credited" with having taught my mother what it means to be a Jew, it was the Nazis.

But she turned their stance of hate around to become a tolerant and disciplined person who was devoted to life. Even now, she still appears to be devoted to her own devotion to life, albeit unconsciously embedded in her habits. Being on a locked ward at the Jewish Home for the Aging at the age of 98 has only proved how scrappy she is. She's unable to

²¹ Just as a house isn't necessarily a home, the Jews had to discover how the home GOD gave us is so much more than the home where we hang our hat.

communicate anymore. She only babbles. But I suspect she's still growing and developing in her own way day-by-day. The steps she's descending on her trapezoid seem to have exceedingly shallow risers. I hope she'll leave this world very gradually and gently over time.

Life is a song, but evil people can only read the words that are literally projected onto the screen. They can't follow the bouncing ball. They have no sense of rhythm {sensuality}. They have no sense of melody {love}. If you listen to them, you'll hear how hatefully they say what they say, and you'll hear how good people lovingly say what they say.

If you can follow the bouncing ball, you can heal your own hate. You can add melody {love} to lyrics {wisdom}. You might even discover that you're able to notate your own songs using the treble and bass staves written down for us by the Prophet Muhammad. This would make everything you say soulful.

I want to live with the health, strength and wealth my mother bequeathed to me. I want to make do with reality as it presents itself to me now. I don't know if I'm as scrappy as I'll need to be when I'll be in my nineties, but I can see that I'm getting there.

I no longer strive to be nice. I strive to be helpful. I no longer strive to be pleasant. I strive to be real. I no longer strive to be crude. I strive to be tough. I've been too nice, too pleasant and too crude for far too long. My toughness has a caring quality that some perceive as truthful. It has a masculinity *I* find attractive.

The body **GOD** gave each of us has the potential of becoming our own Israel or our own "hell" on Earth. The heart **HE** gave each of us has the potential of becoming our inner Rome. And our soul has the potential of becoming our inner Mecca. The fire in our belly has the potential of becoming the altar upon which we sacrifice our animal instincts in our mind {Jerusalem} to make us less brutal, more humane and angelic, or it can become a preview to a heart burn of unimaginable proportions...

You have no reason to be jealous of the Jews. **GOD's** given you every potential for "paradise" that **HE's** given me with the exception of the one material gift HE gave to us alone: Israel. I'm not attracted to "heavenly" delights or frightened of "hellish" "punishments" after life. I know I'll receive exactly what I deserve.

Today, what the world wisely needs to undertake is love for one another and loyalty to the planet. But that won't happen until people give up their tribalism in favor of wisdom, love and loyalty to their own eternal reward.

GOD may have once given us alone the path of wisdom to pursue, but it became our desire to share what we knew so we could all learn more. What more is there to know than that GOD is wise enough for HIM to love us and loving enough to express *His* devotion to us all? That will drive Western man further and further East to appreciate the paradoxes of **HIS** designs from an anonymous perspective. Only self-interest will save us now.

Once you've achieved a sense of now, {a sense of the present continuous tense of "being"}, you'll enjoy the great expanse of doing everything with **GOD** as your Witness.

Once the present tense is long, wide and deep enough to include all of you, you'll be ready to explore the Eastern **philosophies** for personal insight into your syndrome. Then here-and-now will be large enough to include "there" and "then."

The paths of wisdom, love and loyalty have become delightful to me. I love learning about love because it's made me more loyal to life. And I try to model everything I now know, speaking about my gifts from **GOD** frankly in terms of my body; modestly in terms of my mind; humbly in terms of my heart; and graciously in terms of my soul. Entice me to learn about the gifts you've been given! I'm all ears!

That which is coming will be different for each of us. It'll be based on our faith and our ability to fulfill **GOD**'s designs as they're being uniquely given to each of us individually.

We shouldn't contrast or compare ourselves to one another. Jealousy of the body we weren't given or envy of the privileges, blessings or gifts given to others that aren't ours to enjoy will only hurt us. We're in a very sensitive instrument that records everything.

There are limits to what each of us can, and should, expect from ourselves. Your head has been chosen, but your heart is choosing and your soul has the ability to choose. It's nobody's business whether you choose to make an effort to graduate this school with humor and honors, or fail to meet **GOD**'s expectations of you. Your grades aren't going on anyone else's report card. The Teacher grades each of us separately on the wisdom, love and devotion we amass and how we choose to express these inner forces externally.

I'm in a race with myself, not with anyone else. But my future is deeply determined by the cynicism, sarcasm and skepticism with which I anticipate what will be. It's hard having a conscience that's so easily swayed by negative experiences in my past. It's almost as if I lose control of my destiny when I insist I know how badly things are going to turn out.

Much of my negative expectations came from family who influenced my thinking. I can see that the women in my life when I was a kid turned into models for the feminine side of me. Together, they created the x^2 factor in me that have made me the princess I am. But when my mother dies, and I ascend her throne, the queen in me will rule differently.

Free will gives me the option to observe subjective reality or deny it, whether I think I know what I'm doing, or not. How free will gives me the ability to control my fate or destiny becomes more deeply personal over time as I learn to use subjective time more fruitfully.

The Jews are absolutely correct when they say that we must complete {repair} this world {תקון עולם: TIKKUN OLAM}. This world was given to us like old, broken, unfinished furniture, and we're all responsible for fixing, sanding, polishing and painting our little piece of the world with as much attention to our task as we can muster.

But the methods used by the women who influenced me as a child were deeply affected by the external world then. Those women were more traumatized by men than they realized. And so, today, I'm having to deal with x^2 and y factors that both require modernization. You can't repair *the* world if you can't repair *your* world.

The honor we'll be able to attribute to our efforts begins with the honor we've bestow on our parents. But what it means to honor them is the consequence of how we've honored ourselves.

The 5th Commandment {to honor your father and mother} is the last Commandment on the first tablet. It's one of the five Commandments we strive to obey for **GOD**'s sake, not our parents' sake, or others. Therefore some believe we have a responsibility to give back to our parents in special ways we're not responsible for doing for anyone else. Some perform this Commandment literally by serving the material needs of their parents. Others perform this honor figuratively by seeing to their parents' emotional and/or spiritual needs.

How you care for your parents depends on how you choose to honor them. And how you choose to honor them will, of course, determine how **GOD** will allow you to honor yourself. Do what you can for them in the ways you can best help yourself. Avoid doing that which would make you suffer. If you can't honor them at all, I don't recommend that you try. Doing something for others with a bad attitude isn't going to improve your attitude in life. You need a good attitude in order to pass each of your classes in this school with good grades. Honor yourself and you'll honor **HIM**.

The chip chopped into your shoulder by your family may be bigger than the Grand Canyon. If so, you're going to have to fill it before you'll be able to shrug it off. Notice your body language. Others notice your body language. The more you shrug your shoulder, the deeper the chip in it. You speak volumes about you.

It's your duty to help, tutor or repair the external world to the best of your ability. In these ways, you'll see that some will graduate with greater honors thanks, in part, to you. "*That which is coming*" will depend a great deal on how you interpret the 5th Commandment. **GOD** makes it possible for you to take Torah literally and figuratively. Your moral education will always end up having been unique to you. Therefore, that which is coming will be different for each of us based on our individual expression of faith and our ability to fulfill every aspect of **GOD**'s designs presented to us alone.

No two people were given the exact same parents at the exact same time. Siblings are separated from their parents by time. Even identical twins come into this world into different places in outer place, at separate times.²² Everyone's relationship to **GOD** and his parents is, therefore, unique. The eye of our own providence shines down on each of us separately.

No two people can inhabit the same space at the same time. This is the spiritual essence of individuality that **GOD** insures by the way **HE** creates everything in this world. **HE**

²² In Torah, Esau and Jacob are fraternal twins born to Rebecca and Isaac, with Jacob emerging at birth holding on to Esau's heel to help him through. [Genesis 25:26] The first child was covered with hair like a fully-grown man. His parents called him "Esau" {from the Hebrew "OSSO" which means "finished"}. The second child followed Esau, holding on to his brother's heel. Isaac named him "Jacob" {YAAKOV, יַעֲקֹב "one that takes by the heel"}.

judges us individually, objectively and subjectively using the same moral forces on us all uniquely.

Some problems we're just going to have to let people solve for themselves. The best you can do is to tell those who subscribe to group-think to mind their own business. **GOD** didn't make any of them highway patrol officers whose job it is to divert people off the road to "hell." Just tell them to go to "hell" safely and slowly. Tell them that that road was paved by the good intentions of yentas you knew personally. Tell them that you've already got your fair share of busy bodies in your life, and you don't need any more.

You'll be judged on how you treat your mother and father differently from all other people on Earth. Even orphans have the mysterious challenge of learning to honor their biological father and mother indirectly. This is just another example of how **GOD's** **WORDS** go beyond the literal meaning found in Scripture to figurative meanings that apply to each of us individually. If we were all judged only by the literal meaning of the Ten Commandments, we'd all be dead. We'd never have a chance to learn more. This is why **GOD** judges us against ourselves to see our own progress, and not against others.

In Germany, during the Second World War, the Nazis forced some Jewish mothers to choose between the life of one of their children over another. And they forced some adult Jews to choose to save their parents or their children. The **CHRISTIANS** in America have separated Hispanic Christian parents from their children without keeping records. Why would anyone want to separate anyone from his parents or children? It could only be an expression of how orphaned they feel. Do you think these behaviors, past and present, will go without judgment?

The *Muslims* have forced Jews to kill *Muslims* even though we find murder odious. Jewish communities around the world are as safe as they are because we're so much less physically violent than all others. We set today's standard for humanity only because we're always the first to face the newest lessons from the Teacher. This is what it means to be in the first, graduating class. But the **LGBT+** communities around the world demonstrate that other outstanding students can have an enormous positive affect on everyone's grades. Therefore strive to build communities that are as safe and prosperous as ours.

CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* kill us while accusing *us* of being hypocrites. This is an odious tactic that most people can see through. Although I'd readily agree that I'm a hypocrite, I know I'm not a killer at heart even though I'm a suicide survivor. People only try to kill themselves when they're desperate or in severe pain. **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* are desperate. They're not in pain. They think they're holier than **THOU/THOU/Thou**. For that, too, they will be judged.

Hypocrisy is the kind of moral challenge people create as the result of locking their heart so that it won't open to the jealousy and envy they hold inside it. But then they want what they have that they can't access. And in their frustration to reach in and get it, they reach out to try to steal it from others.

The anger and enmity we see in married couples; siblings; colleagues at work; and the power struggle we even see in our institutions of prayer – are the efforts of hypocrites. Rather than look to learn what they can from others to unlock the secret to their own

mystery, they get angry because they think they know better. They believe we're less evolved than them. And yet the reason *they* irritate *us* is because they trigger our secret that we can't access either.

The more you can become who you always wanted to be, the less you'll covet what others have. The more you'll love you wisely and loyally. And then, in my opinion, the more gentle I think your graduation from this school will probably be.

*“When the earth shakes and quivers,
and the mountains crumble away
and scatter abroad into fine dust,
you shall be divided into three multitudes:
those on the right
{blessed shall be those on the right};
those on the left
{damned shall be those on the left};
and those to the fore
foremost shall be those.*

*Such are they that shall be brought near to their Lord
to the gardens of delight:
a whole multitude from the men of old,
but only a few from the latter generations.”
[56:5-11]*

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GOD closes an eye to some of the things we think, feel and believe because our desires are coming from the right place in inner space. Sometimes HE, figuratively, closes HIS left eye. Sometimes HE, figuratively, closes HIS right eye. You and I can never know how and when HIS mercy will shine down upon us. Mercy is like a shadow that allows us to perform somewhat in the dark rather than in HIS awesome, yet often frightful, light.

Don't judge GOD just by what you see happening around you. Don't judge HIM just by what you perceive happening within you. Don't judge HIM by your hindsight or foresight. Judge HIM by your insight.²³

Your ability to perceive GOD's moral intentions for you will always remain beyond your ken. You can only approximate your understanding of HIS designs. You can only look around you and ask yourself who's modeling the kind of morality you'd like to see for yourself.

If you're measuring your idea of "heaven" by how you see gays and Jews living cooperatively with one another, don't inflict your jealousy and envy on us. Come to us with tolerance, acceptance and admiration. Come to us with insight. Who isn't interested in sharing time with those who are insightful?

*"We created you.
Will you not believe then in Our power?"
[56:57]*

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The problem nowadays isn't that those who believe in GOD/GOD/God don't believe in GOD. The problem is that they confuse their own power with HIS. They think that the fruits of every tree of knowledge are theirs to pick without giving thanks to anyone at all. They think that the fruits of the vine and the field are theirs to receive without showing appreciation to themselves and giving thanks to those around them. They think that the stalks, flowers and seeds of their scented herbs are theirs to grind up and use in the

²³ When we look back into the past we learn. When we look into the present we earn. But when we look into the future we may churn.

preparation of spiritual food without expressing any gratitude at all to GOD, appreciation of themselves or thanks to those around them.

Man is a messy conglomeration of propositions and suppositions that he hasn't separated for the purpose of uniting.

*“Behold the semen you discharge.
Did you create it,
or We?”
[56:58]*

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Did you create it,
or WE?”*

Nowhere in Torah or the Gospels does Moses or Jesus talk about semen! And although GOD presents Jesus as HIS SON in the Baptism and the Transfiguration of Jesus, the concept of “WE/WE/We” {GOD speaking about HIMSELF} is celebrated only in the Quran.²⁴

The “WE” of GOD’s desire is for man to perceive HIM as beyond male or female; beyond Jewish, Christian or Muslim; beyond gay or straight. But JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims will have none of it.

Man’s semen is the juice from his fruits. In it lies the mystery of life. With it, he can create life. But even with all the semen in the world at his disposal, he can’t recreate life after he’s destroyed it.

Man yearns to know what GOD knows. He yearns to figuratively hold the secret of life in his hands, not just literally in his testicles. But he isn’t always willing to do the work necessary to achieve the dream of improving the life within his grasp: his own.

When the Prophet draws attention to your semen, he’s pointing to the process by which the essence of all your secrets can be yours. He’s pointing to the secret of your unique creation. And when GOD asks who created your semen, HE is, in effect, asking what you know about your own impending death. You probably know much more than you’d like to know about death in general. What you already learned has probably grieved you immensely.

²⁴ “And a voice from “heaven” said, “THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I LOVE; WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASED.” [Matthew 3:17, Luke 9:35, Luke 3:22]. In the transfiguration of Peter, Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If YOU wish, I will put up three shelters – one for YOU, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” The three shelters revealed that day are Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The problem with *Muslim* semen lies in their conscience, not their testicles. *Muslims* are manly enough, strong enough and virile enough. Their problem doesn't lie below their waist in their testicles or the penis that delivers their semen. Like all other men on Earth, their problem lies in their head, heart and conscience. They can't discern one from the other. What they think, they feel. What they feel they believe. And what they believe, they don't question.

The problem of every man lies in learning the difference between loyalty, devotion and faith. The *Muslim* mind has the potential to be loyal. The *Muslim* heart has the potential to be devoted. And the *Muslim* conscience has the potential of being faithful.

But *Muslims* aren't yet willing to separate their thoughts, feelings and beliefs to then recombine them with their Western brothers and sisters of faith to achieve redemption. They think they're uniquely special. They don't realize that every person on Earth is uniquely special. They're way behind the curve because they're much *too* straight. All I can say is, "Love the one you're with."²⁵

If you can't separate guilt into embarrassment of your body; shame of your character; and humiliation before the Lord – you aren't going to do well when it comes to the meaning of words like loyalty, devotion and faith. When you get to matters of a modern soul, you're going to become lost in moral ambiguities.

The lessons from our Teacher first came to the ancient Jews via Moses. The ancient Jews were the first to be enrolled in this school. The lessons from our Teacher were passed down to the Christians via their Teacher: Jesus. And the lessons passed down from the Archangel Gabriel to the Muslims gave the Muslims their lessons from our Teacher.

Today's lessons may appear, at times, to be a hodge-podge of moral assignments given to you anonymously. But you can make sense of it all if you try. The mystery of being you isn't any harder than you're commanded to make it.

If you think everyone is enrolled in the same classes, moving toward the same degrees, you aren't able to tell the difference between core curriculum classes and the classes in your major. If you think you're at the head of all your classes by virtue of your brilliance or the long line of gifted students you come from genetically, you're unaware of all the departments this school has been divided into. Figuratively speaking, it may be as if you've completed your secondary school diploma, but you're struggling to make your way through your first couple of years of college.

Your head is always going to try to lead, and your heart may lament its second-class status by trying to force you out of your cynicism or by struggling against the weird feelings that will, at times, course through your veins. Your heart may even ignore its disappointment in you having failed so many classes that you may not want to think about what you've had to go through thus far.

But if your conscience is watching what's going on inside of you instead of only complaining about everything it finds abhorrent and abominable beyond the border of your skin, you'll be able to solve a lot of your problems without literally lifting a finger.

The "hell" you're in now may be better than the "hell" some others are having to endure. But if you seek the tranquility of *God* by simply listening to what you're going

²⁵ "“Love the One You're With” is a song by folk rocker Stephen Stills (1970).” [Wikipedia]

through at every moment of the day, you'll achieve great insights in short order. Just maintain your faith in yourself as well as your respect for others. It's surely harder for some of them than you may think.

Life is like a dance between your thoughts and feelings, and you'll want to learn the grace of the "liquid lead." ²⁶ GOD is watching from a distance that you can bridge with greater moral regard for all that you truly desire.

If you were an alien from another planet who was dropped off here to look around, you might want to ask a human being what the difference is between love and loyalty. It's a good question. So imagine for a moment that you're from a planet millions of light-years from our galaxy, and I'm giving you a tour of our humble home: Earth. Here's a brief, but crude, description of the difference between love and loyalty:

Love comes from the heart. Love is something that emanates out of everyone, but it generally flows smoother and faster out of women. In men, it usually trickles at first. But once it get started, it often gushes for brief periods of time. Love begins in early childhood with feelings for stuffed animals, dolls or cars that's eventually projected onto other children and infants. It isn't necessary that love be returned by the receiver. In fact, most children give love without need for reciprocation. Only in adolescence can they no longer wait to get away from their loving parents to explore love with others their age. With their parents, adolescents generally find love claustrophobic and inhibiting after years of having received it from family *ad nauseum*. Young adults are less fond of love altogether. They're more interested in hot sex. And by middle aged people don't even call love "love" anymore. They refer to it as companionship, while the old have no use for love at all. They're much more concerned with expressions of loyalty.

Loyalty comes from the soul. Loyalty more often emanates out from people who don't love you. In expressing loyalty lies the assumption that you've had enough of love. Therefore loyalty, unlike love, *does* need to be returned by the receiver. Most adolescents have a strong need to express loyalty, although rarely to those who love them. Expressing loyalty, as with love, is best done without fanfare. People often feel very guilty once they realize they've been a recipient of either.

If you've been sufficiently, positively influenced by your father and mother, you probably have a good deal of love and loyalty to give to the world. But if, like me, you got more love from your father and more loyalty from your mother, you may be confused about what's figuratively going on below your neck in your chest.

²⁶ "The art of interchanging *leading* and following in ballroom *dance* is called the '*liquid lead*.'" [Wikipedia] When a man can dance with a partner of the same gender, he's ready to explore the interchange of head and heart $\{y + x^2\}$ and heart and head $\{x^2 + y\}$. It doesn't make any difference from within to whom you assign authority, or when, so long as you can witness your own choices. This may be more obvious to women for whom their head and heart $\{x^1 + x^2\}$ may not be in as much conflict or competition because of cultural conditioning worldwide that has been so different from that of men's.

I'm not suggesting that all gay men or Jews fit this bill. I'm just saying that this was the case for me. My father always loved me. And my mother never ceased to be loyal to my needs. She tried to model loyalty for me to copy, while my father was simply heartfelt. My mother, on the other hand, was soulful. Uniting these two virtues might look like it should be quite easy on paper. (But it isn't any easier uniting love and loyalty on paper than it is within.)

Your destiny and fate lie in your hands, and your hands lie in GOD's hands. The atheist shrugs his shoulders and says that "God" doesn't exist. But there are no atheists in life-and-death situations {fox holes}.²⁷ Everyone calls out to g.o.d. when frightened to death – no matter how you spell HIS names.

Every Abrahamic believer knows there's moral reasoning behind every little thing he gets and doesn't get. He knows things aren't happening without a cause, even though he may not be able to unite his assumptions into words. Every Abrahamic believer, whether Jew, Christian or Muslim, knows that loss is hard to explain when we take it personally.

Losing my mother in the way that she's become is a deep loss for me because I once went through insanity which, at the time, she had to witness. But now she's going through another form of insanity and I have to witness her doing so. It's just desserts. And that's hard to explain or account for without GOD's power and participation in me becoming a soulful experience.

Everyone has the potential of perceiving and receiving more awareness of GOD's power and participation in his life regardless of how cynical, distrusting, skeptical or suspicious of himself he might be. So long as he's not overly contemptuous, derisive, mocking, sarcastic, scoffing or scornful of others, there's hope for him.

So look around you, and use the knowledge you have of good and evil to decide whether you're doing something right or wrong in every moment. Then use the knowledge you have of right and wrong to decide whether you could be doing some things better or worse than you've done up until now. The answers to these questions lie in your conscience, which has probably been enlightened with a certain amount of GOD-consciousness. Your conscience is surely being shaped into a modern soul if you're a basically good person.

*"It was We who ordained death among you.
Nothing can hinder Us from replacing you by others like yourselves
or transforming you into beings you know nothing of."
[56:59-62]*

²⁷ "The statement 'There are no atheists in foxholes' is an aphorism used to argue that in times of extreme stress or fear, such as during war, all people will believe in or hope for a Higher Power." [Wikipedia] My usage of "fox holes" is intended as a slight against CHRISTIAN propaganda. Fox News is nothing more than a fox hole.

“It was **WE** who ordained death among you.

Nothing can hinder **US** from replacing you by others like yourselves
or transforming you into beings you know nothing of.”

After **GOD** warned man in this passage by implying that as the Creator of death, **HE**'s far greater than males, females, Jews, Christians, Muslims, gays and straights – **HE** made **HIS** next statement about life and death more blatant. “*Nothing can hinder **US** from replacing you by others like yourselves.*”

Your loved ones can be replaced by strangers. You can be replaced by strangers. You can leave this world as a human being and perhaps be turned into some, other sort of being that may feel more like you're in a humiliating prison than a “heavenly” abode. Therefore don't take your circumstances today for granted. Your sense of loyalty is inferior to **GOD**'s. What's in your best interest is, and isn't, in your hands.

Those with mental, emotional or learning disabilities know what a challenge it is to have a disorder that makes you feel like you're being forced to become someone you fear. But getting to know yourself when you don't have any desire to love yourself may not necessarily feel like a living “hell.” Apathy turns your heart to ice. Your lack of loyalty to you may not make you feel as though you're dying and going to “hell.” It may actually feel like a relief. But there are lessons for inquiring minds in everything we observe around us.

I, for instance, no longer suffer from debilitating mood swings that had previously left me feeling that it wasn't worth going on. But I still have to dive down into the depths of my heart from time to time where the darkness, cold and pressure are so great that I can't do anything other than witness my emotional circumstances as they appear to me to be. These are places I have to go to that I could never endure without my appreciation of Scripture. **GOD** has taught me a lot from mental illness. I no longer strive to be apathetic.

When my thoughts and feelings leave me despairing of my present lot in life, I allow them to take me wherever they will, without fighting them anymore. I allow myself to feel guilty or hopeless about anything that comes to mind. And I observe everything I'm thinking; even the thoughts beneath the thoughts I'm thinking that I'm only implying in the recesses of my mind. This turns thinking into an abstract exercise that can only be partially interpreted using words.

I also watch what I'm feeling, even the feelings beneath the feelings flowing in the recesses of my heart. I patiently walk through my assumptions, attitudes and moods with a desire to learn more about my naked self by implying being with me more fully. This is what I mean by self-intimacy.

Would you consider a friend a friend if he constantly criticized you? Would you consider him a friend if he never told you what he thought you did right? This is the dilemma you have in being you. When do you watch yourself, and when do you stop watching yourself? This is too much for a conscience alone to handle. You need a soul.

Putting self-knowledge above all else has helped me disrobe before me to see what no other person on Earth can point out for me. This has made me more than nude, naked or exposed. It has made me a personification of darkness {guilt} visible to me alone.²⁸

Some can't endure this darkness {guilt} alone. It becomes too painful and lonely to bear. They have to seek light. And once they see it around them, they may not continue by searching for that light within. This creates the differences between the flaming swords that protected the Tree of life in Genesis; the Burning Bush in Exodus; and the eternal flame burning within every modern individual.

Without growing in spiritual understanding of the forces within me, it would have been impossible to clean up the mess others instigated in me over my lifetime. I'm still sensitive in some ways and calloused in others, but I'm willing to wake up each morning to discover the progress I made the previous day. {It's all about progress, not perfection.}

Resting on my laurels or blaming others doesn't help me improve myself. Using the character defects and temptations others have succumbed to, to look at my skin figuratively as a filter between my two worlds, makes it possible for me to perceive how emotionally permeable or resistant I am to feelings and sensations.²⁹

Sometimes I feel emotionally sensitive, sore and tender. It's as though my skin has been bruised, poked or scraped, leaving a black-and-blue mark that can figuratively remain unhealed for days. I can usually distance myself from the assumptions, bad attitudes and moods of others. They only get under my skin when I can't see some negative aspect of myself in what they do.

I've had years of practice filtering out the poisons others have emotionally injected into me. It's as though when people figuratively bite, pinch, poke or scratch me, they leave an emotional abrasion that I'm left having to deal with. Their venom used to be easily inflicted into me when my skin was thin. This required constant doses of emotional antibiotics from friends. I didn't have the spiritual antibodies needed to heal myself. I had to create a defense system from scratch.

Just cleaning out these emotional wounds, covering them up and allowing them to heal wasn't enough. I had to learn to take them more personally and less seriously. I had to see my reaction toward myself in others' actions against me. I had to see my poison initiated by theirs. Only in this way could I create antibodies to their poison to fight it from within.

My emotional skin is no more tender than most people's. I'm just as thin-skinned as others. But my spiritual skin, unlike my emotional skin, is more like the skin of a peach than the rind of a melon.

Fortunately, I've learned to avoid self-pity from these wounds. I've learned to console myself with tender, self-regard in tending to emotional and spiritual puncture marks and poisons rather than wallow in my ow-ees and boo-boos. But that only happened when I left behind the metaphor of life as an insane asylum for that of a school.

²⁸ “‘Yet, from those flames no light, but rather darkness visible.’ From Paradise Lost {1667} by John Milton, English poet.” [Wikipedia]

²⁹ Do you watch TV sitcoms, series and movies for entertainment or self-learning? Do you want to be distracted or attracted to people seemingly vastly inferior to you? The more you know about evil, the more personally you'll take it until you'll be laughing through your tears at yourself.

Recently I went out to the country where I was bitten by a tick. Before it began to suck out blood, it injected poison into me to numb the spot and make it easier for it to digest my blood. After the tick was removed, I allowed my mind to wander wherever it wanted, and I watched what came to mind. I was amazed to discover that that little tick bite made me feel like a prostitute being preyed on by a john, as well as a john being preyed on by a prostitute.

I felt like an unwilling host and an unwilling parasite. I felt used, abused and degraded by the circumstance I found myself in. But I also felt grateful that these thoughts came up as the result of an encounter with a tick and not through an experience with another human being.

People figuratively do the same to one another, leaving us feeling misused and bruised. But we're all blood suckers in our own ways. We're all like vampires. Sometimes we can't seem to live in peace in the light, and sometimes we can't die soon enough. It's possible to appreciate how monsters might feel without having been through what they've been through that made them what they've become if your imagination is sufficiently developed.

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Some people are so bitten, bruised, burned, cut, intruded upon, mauled, pierced, poisoned, scraped, scratched and stung by life – violated by other people's cruelty or insecurities – that some emotional bites, lacerations, lesions pricks, sores and wounds leave scars that never go away. People figuratively flinch if you get too close to them.

You may literally see some as having smooth or rough skin. But emotionally, people may be figuratively deformed by circumstances that were totally beyond their control at the time. The figurative skin that wraps around your heart may not look at all like the literal skin that covers your body.

And the spiritual skin that wraps around the soul of a man may look much worse. You may not have the spiritual antibodies needed to protect yourself from spiritual harm. And you certainly aren't getting healed by their "God."

You may be, like me, so sensitive, that if people even come close to you, you jump somewhere deep down inside. You may be, like me, so calloused to people in some ways, that if they stab you in the back with disrespect, insults and even financial conspiracies to bleed you of money, they won't penetrate your thick skin and bone unless they actually twist the knife with derision, sarcasm and scorn.

I don't look on the inside as I do on the outside. Nor does the skin on my face reveal how I feel. Unless you've become more aware of what your own inner skin looks and feels like, I can't trust that you're going to be very sensitive to mine. I have to assume you're going to rub me the wrong way.

For **GOD** to replace you with others might be looked on as a blessing or a curse depending on how much you like being a student of you in this school. It requires humility

³⁰ When I think of the parents of the children in all the school shootings in America, I imagine a puncture wound so deep and a poison so powerful that they must feel that an enormous creature has attacked and sucked all the blood out of them. This pestilence will continue until each member of the N.R.A. goes through, in his own way, what Pharaoh went through in losing a son. The misery of the victims must be shared with the perpetrators before the masses will come to understand the reasons for the plagues that afflict them.

to open yourself to lifelong learning, especially when you decide to make you {and your love for you} your major.

So many make GOD/GOD/*God* their major, and so few ever develop any interest or curiosity in themselves. To be transformed slowly over time into a being who comes to know and love himself will be unnerving until they find the devotion to themselves that **GOD** holds for them.

Is it a coincidence that the word for “gay” in Hebrew is גִּיּוֹרִים {GE’E}, which means “proud”? Gay pride is an oxymoron in Hebrew. In Israel, all gays are GE’E {proud}. Surely the fundamentalist JEWS don’t want you to know that because they aren’t proud of themselves and don’t want to give away secrets that will only make them feel worse about their prejudice against gays. They’re afraid that pride in who they are would turn them gay.

Is it a coincidence that there are 72 WORDS for GOD in Kabbalah.³¹ Would you rather have 72 virgins in the “afterlife” or 72 ways of knowing your GOD/GOD/*God* now? Surely the fundamentalist JEWS don’t want you to know that either. They want to graduate with highest honors, and they don’t care what that would say about their scheme to monopolize the highest grades.

You can’t know how **GOD** is helping you repair yourself from the inside out or the outside in unless you have skin in both games. **GOD** is working in both your worlds simultaneously. So the anger, fear and sorrow you experience as the result of what others do or don’t do for one another will trigger more and more worries about what will become of you as time goes by.

The emotional bites and spiritual scratches you’ve endured will cause you to question how you’re going to move forward in a world that’s seemingly becoming more hostile and insensitive all the time. In a world where people will defy their own best interests to keep others from succeeding, you have to wonder how the Teacher is grading each of us.

You won’t be as successful in learning how to overcome your fear of you without insight into Scripture to help you develop faith in yourself. Your sense of superiority and inferiority will vacillate. Most people prefer to get their spiritual tools indirectly through culture. Few are willing to seek their truths directly from the WORDS of **GOD**.

People want you to read their Scripture. And they want you to take it personally. They just don’t want to take it personally themselves. They want to advertise their GOD/GOD/*God*, and they want you to watch their commercials. They just don’t give a damn what you make of the show.

Most people want to be popular, hip or cool. They want to give people the impression that they’ve learned so much from others that they’re no longer afraid of anyone but their

³¹ “‘KABBALAH’ is an ancient Jewish philosophical system claiming insight into divine nature through mystical interpretation of Tanach, first transmitted orally using esoteric methods. It reached the height of its influence in the later Middle Ages and remains significant in (the Jewish sub-culture of) HASIDISM today.” [Wikipedia]

“God.” They want to give the impression that they have no reason to fear death because their “God” loves them more than anyone else on Earth.

They conceal their fear of themselves like Adam and Eve concealed themselves from GOD by hiding among the trees. They fool themselves into thinking that nobody would guess that the tree they might come across in the forest might be a lonely pine.

When you pine for childhood or the way things once were, you’re experiencing sorrow. This is the feeling that makes you soulful. Sorrow also brings on the disappointment and regret that comes with grief. And grief is what comes with loss.

Wisdom of the heart will help you see your sorrow. It will help you conclude that you’re the fruit you’ve lost. You’re the fruit that’s missing from your tree. You gobbled you up to hide the evidence of what you’d done. And now there’s nothing to show for what’s missing.

Most people don’t realize they’re an “I” in an “it.” Either they take “I” {their spirit} for granted, or they take “it” {their body} for granted. But when you’ve sought to be yourself over a long period of time, you develop an inner intimacy you wouldn’t give up for the world.

Keep in mind that most people hurt others unintentionally. Those who do so intentionally are always prepared with reasons to justify their actions. Few good people want to be hurtful, and yet the road to their “hell” is paved with the best of intentions. And then they draw lines on that road to keep the traffic flowing in both directions.

People will justify their actions with evidence around them. And they’re right to do so. People can be horrible at times. But they’ll also justify their actions with all that they’ve done for those they like and love. The one thing they won’t justify their actions with is all that they’ve done for themselves. That’s a level of loyalty to life few subscribe to. And that, paradoxically, is precisely what the Teacher is testing us on.

If you can move through your anger, fear and sorrow at the way others are treating you to perceive the onliness beneath it, theirs and yours, you’re going to become more soulful.

You’re going to embrace more and more of yourself. You’re going to perceive that GOD exists in two places at once, externally and internally. And you’re going to find the value in seeking *His* tranquility.

Because my mother insisted I obey her when I was a child to keep her from being embarrassed by me in public, my self-worth depended on how she felt about others, not how well I understood my own behavior. Repressing my feelings to assuage her guilt was paramount to my survival while under her roof. And until I could separate my negative desires from my bad behavior by myself, I couldn’t trust me to behave more appropriately with others. But I also couldn’t allow me to examine my guilt. This is what drove me mad.

Once you understand that negativity can affect you from without as well as from within, you can appreciate the idea that spiritual afflictions can mirror physical ailments. Spiritual illnesses are figuratively contagious (such as the *Muslim* allergy to Jews that *Muslims* are spreading worldwide). Spiritual illnesses can also be self-inflicted (such as straight hypersensitivity to gays). We bring hatred upon parts of ourselves when we spread hate.

Jews have always been the x² scapegoat that the Western world has used to deflect their own spiritual illnesses. JEWS have even used gay-Jews as scapegoats rather than look within for the x² factor. Clearly mankind suffers from serious heart ailments, many of which aren’t cardiological.

The syndromes you suffer lie in right brain thinking. All the secrets you seek lie in your head. But you can't get there without a better heart and deeper soul. **GOD** is, obviously, a lot smarter than you think.

The topic of spiritual ailments was first introduced in Torah. צרעת {TZARAAT: skin ailments} afflicted the Israelites while on their journey to the Promised Land.³² The topic takes up two chapters of the Book of Leviticus [Leviticus 13 and 14]. Irritations that come to us from the world around us literally create skin ailments. Figuratively, they create emotional or spiritual ailments. Whatever you're suffering from inside and out informs you that you're not a closed system. You're affected by people, places and things. And you're especially affected by you.

Hitler wanted to eradicate all the Jews as though we were vermin spreading a disease. And he wanted to eradicate all gays as though we were a malformation growing on the body politic. If you haven't learned a thing from the Second World War, you're going to go in the same directions the Nazis went. And you're going to see similar results.

I don't think the Teacher could possibly enjoy repeating lessons **HE**'s taught thoroughly the first time. Today's Nazis sympathizers should expect worse punishment than the Nazis of the last century because today's anti-Semites have the added perspective of history to know better. The Nazis left a trail for us to know where not to go. Today's Nazis are even more defiant about there not being **ONE** universal **GOD**.

When you can't embarrass people because they don't care what their body looks like or when you can't shame them because they don't care what their character looks like, there's nothing else you can do but humiliate them. Humiliation is all you've got left in terms of guilting them. But if they don't respond to humiliation at what will happen to their mortal soul, you've got to get them out of class as quickly as possible for the sake of the future of every good student to come. You've got to "graduate" them. This is what military force is for. Peace loving intentions, not necessarily peaceful methods, are the intentions the good Lord measures.

The meek may inherit the Earth, but you and I are going to want to dump a whole lot of ego before we claim to be meek. We're going to discover that being weak physically,

³² צרעת {TZARAAT} is the skin disease commonly referred to as leprosy that can take many different forms, and in particularly bad cases can manifest itself on one's clothing, belongings and house, in addition to the skin. According to the rabbis, Tzaraat is caused by sin. This makes it a disease like no others; part medical condition, part spiritual pathology. The figurative affliction of ailments of the human skin [Leviticus 13:2] is attributed to emotional dis-ease. The figurative affliction of ailments contracted through garments [Leviticus 13:47] is attributed to emotional dis-ease that comes of ill-fitting relationships. And the figurative affliction of ailments contracted through houses [Leviticus 14:34] is attributed to emotional dis-ease figuratively contracted through a disconnect from reality. When you sum up all these emotional causes for the afflictions in your life, you come away suspecting that your problem must be more than intellectual and emotional. It may be spiritual. You come to realize that **GOD** is helping you become more soulful. That gives meaning to life.

intellectually, emotionally or spiritually is the result of not succeeding in becoming meek. If you can't inherit the Earth, how in the world do you expect to inherit a piece of "paradise"?

*"You surely know of the first creation.
Why then do you not reflect?
Consider the seeds you grow.
Is it you that give these growth,
or We?
If We pleased,
We could turn your harvest into chaff,
so that,
filled with wonder,
you would exclaim,
'We are laden with debts!
Surely we have been robbed!"*
[56:63-69]

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The first Creation produced knowledge paid for with guilt for having perpetrated evil on others. The second Creation produced love paid for with an aversion to evil. And the third Creation produced redemption paid for with "hell" (on Earth or after) in exchange for the evil perpetrated against yourself.

Guilt, therefore, must be broken down into thoughts, feelings, desires and beliefs. The desire to learn about guilt can overwhelm our thoughts, feelings and beliefs. In our desire to taste the fruits of our own tree, we may become inadvertent perpetrators of evil. Only in

consequently learning right from wrong {emotionally} and better from worse {spiritually} do we grow as a human being to repair the damage we've done.

For those who don't understand the spiritual, operating system, hatred is an emotional reality of life. And "hell" is a realistic description of consequences in and after life for mistakes not atoned for, for the evil exact upon one's self and others. Therefore, guilt, hatred and "hell" are all aspects of inner reality that you ought to concern yourself with.

"Consider the seeds you grow." Don't just consider your semen, the literal seeds you produce. Consider the seeds you sow in the world within you that are then manifested around you. Would you want to sow guilt, hatred and "hell" on Earth? Is that the reason you had children? And if so, why? Is revenge against the world that sweet? If so, surely your sweet tooth has a serrated edge.

Consider the bounty you reap from yourself for yourself. Are you satisfied with your crops? The harvest you achieve each day will be collected during the night and some aspects of today's crop will be shared with your conscious mind. Some of the fruits of your labors will be consumed and digested as dreams that will reprogram your spiritual, operating system for or against your present desires. You have a lifetime to choose which direction you wish to go in at more and more conscious levels of awareness. So don't fuss it up! ³³

"If WE pleased, WE could turn your harvest into chaff." GOD can make each day a blessing or a living "hell," depending on what HE wants to teach you. Look at the lives of the Muslims in the Middle East. They see the Israelis living a life that resembles "paradise" on Earth. They see Jewish examples of righteousness personified as a nation, {although the Israelis are hardly examples of perfection}. And then the *Muslims* become jealous of what the Jews have been given by GOD that, for the *Muslims*, seems to have turned into chaff. And the more the ignorant Muslims listen to their *Muslim* leaders, the more they all reap what they sow.

Iraq has removed all the ancient rocks {Jews} from its land. Syria has plowed them all under. Lebanon is the granary where the seeds of tomorrow's destruction {bombs} are being stored. And Iran, like the Grim Reaper, holds the sickle in its hand. What do they plan to harvest? Could it be gays and Jews? Do you even care?

The solution to the problems in the Middle East won't come only with the pursuits of by your head, heart or conscience. Operating your genitals without understanding how they interface with the rest of your spiritual system is very wise. Fear for yourself projected onto others and magnified by jealousy and envy of them produces hatred on such a mass scale that even righteous men have become victims of a spiritual system they rarely know how to operate wisely.

You might say that the first holocaust occurred when the JEWS fought the Jews during our civil war 2,500 years ago. Weakened by civil turmoil, our ancestors were then conquered and taken in chains to Babylonia in 598 B.C.E. The Babylonian exile ended in

³³ I say this in homage to RuPaul, the famous drag queen, who's fond of warning other drag queens on his television show "RuPaul's Drag Race" by saying, "Don't me[f—k]ss it up!"

538 B.C.E. {about 70 years later} when the Persian conqueror of Babylonia, Cyrus the Great, unexpectedly gave our ancestors permission to return to our homeland.

The second holocaust occurred after the death of Jesus when, after five centuries of strife initiated the Greeks and Romans, the ancestors of today's modern Jews were rounded up and expelled from Israel by the Romans. The Jews were forcibly kept out of our homeland the second time for over 2,000 years.

The third Holocaust happened from 1939-45 C.E. when the CHRISTIANS thought they could repeat what the indigenists had done to us twice before without realizing that we'd eventually come to understand our previous collective errors of judgment. Although most of those in our tribe who lost their lives in the Second World War were JEWISH, that the JEWS don't want to talk about. The Jews who'd learned to assimilate with their neighbors did much better at surviving the Holocaust than the JEWS who didn't.

There won't be a fourth Holocaust if Muslims become spiritually educated about history and the spiritual, operating system that runs us all. You can't love your neighbor as you love yourself if you (A) aren't on speaking terms with yourself, and (B) aren't on speaking terms with your neighbor. Those Muslims who insist on keeping us at arm's-length aren't going to avoid what we're carrying. Besides, it isn't contagious.

You can't become soulful by converting to Judaism, Christianity or Islam. That's as foolish as pretending to be gay. Be yourself. I can assure you it's going to get harder to be you over time than it presently looks.

GOD knows what **HE**'s doing. **HE**'s giving everyone the intellectual freedom, emotional liberty and spiritual emancipation to do as he believes best. What you'll get for your efforts depends entirely on what you seek out of life.

*“Consider the water which you drink.
Was it you that poured it from the cloud,
or We?
If We pleased,
We could turn it bitter.
Why then do you not give thanks?”
[56:70-71]*

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WE could turn it bitter.
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Defiance is the reason why people don't give thanks. Vindictiveness is the reason why people aren't appreciative. Self-loathing is the reason why people aren't grateful. {If you're defiant against others, vindictive toward yourself and loathing of GOD, you really have to strain to be a good person.} If you had a mother like mine who used emotional ploys to get me to buy in to her agenda (and you did), you came away with a certain amount of hatred of authority, too.

If you look at the modern world, you can see how young people are insisting on expanding the concept of authority to create civic authority that's independent of religion. They don't want to be told what to do, not by man or by "God." And they certainly don't want to be pawns in a game with their parents who, like a king and queen, have a castle or two, bishops on their side and knights to do their bidding.

Besides, who wants to give thanks to anyone who can't appreciate himself? It triggers your own inability to be thankful and appreciative. And who's going to show gratitude to GOD for that person in your life if you've got a resentment you can't explain?

It all becomes a vicious circle, a hate triangle unless you understand the system. But some people would rather die and go to "hell" than sit at the same table with a gay man or a Jew. Have it your way. I'll enjoy my repast at my table with you or without you.

The methodology used by the Prophet to employ reason to produce a change of heart won't work anymore in the modern age we live in. Logic isn't the issue. Man will always be more motivated by his feelings {Eve} than logic {Adam} until he realizes his feelings have been usurped by his desires {serpent}. Nobody is going to give thanks just because they have fresh water, unless they're forced to go through a drought of such magnitude that they watch everything around them go up in flames.

The kind of buy-in I had with my mother was based on emotional intimidation, not love. But it happened below the level of consciousness. Although I consciously knew she loved me because of all that she had done for me, she didn't always use her love to teach me about self-love because she wasn't devoted enough to the development of her soul. The Nazis turned her into a Jew out of the atheist her parents had previously created. But she never learned to care about the outcome of her soul.

Why would God have used warnings in the Quran to try to get His way if He already knew that warnings wouldn't work? Surely none of our ancestors were wise enough to create change from within without external threats. Why did they have to go through such pain and suffering to achieve so little?

Inner threats drive people crazy. Inner threats don't unite people who are illogical. Inner threats have to be handled in a whole other way.

External warnings from *Muslims* only produce anger and resentment in us. But anger and resentment do produce resistance. But until we can all agree that *Muslims* are crazy, their threats will continue, and we'll continue to let them intimidate us.

Warnings are never enough. People need to do the wrong thing to discover for themselves why it's wrong. Adam was warned by GOD. Did that stop Eve? It didn't even stop Adam.

Man has achieved what the serpent promised. We've all become like GOD, knowing good and evil. But it hasn't sufficed because we haven't become like GOD or God. We're

knowledgeable, but we're not loving of ourselves or loyal to life. But can you really blame the serpent for not having warned Eve about that? Life has to be lived in stages.

Clearly, we live in a day-and-age when fewer and fewer people respond well to *Muslim* threats and warnings. Tongue-lashings, such as those GOD gave Adam and Eve before HE banished them from Eden haven't held up well over time, either. Only education mixed with losses and grief teach most people what they need to know.

You could poetically make the case for GOD having already turned our water bitter. Today's pollution, droughts, floods and monster storms could be interpreted as external threats since verbal warnings haven't proved to be enough. JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are, themselves, so bitter that they'll never come to the peace table. Peace must be taken completely out of their hands. They're so polluted with hatred of themselves projected onto others that there's no way to reason with them.

*"Observe the fire which you light.
Is it you that create its wood,
or We?
A reminder for man that We made it
and for the traveler a comfort."
[56:72-73]*

*"Observe the fire which you light.
Is it you that create its wood,
or WE?*

*A reminder for man that WE made it
and for the traveler a comfort."*

You're a metaphoric tree and the figurative wood you burn is like your flesh. You're a living blaze, a holy beacon and a precious flare for others to see. You're a burning bush personified out of which you hear GOD's first name proclaimed in your mind. But did *you* create your wood? *"A reminder for man that WE made 'it.'"*

You're the traveler moving through this world that the Prophet speaks of. If the Tree of knowledge in Torah isn't a comfort to you, then you're a pyromaniac. But we all set ourselves aflame like a burning bush to turn people around and make them go the other way. And we all burn ourselves with negative feelings that leave us emotionally scarred and disfigured in the process. Matters of the spiritual, operating system should be a poignant warning to anyone made of wood, grasses, vines or scented herbs.

God, through the Prophet, proclaimed revelations so poetically and kindly that our ancestors may not have perceived all of these revelations until today when WORDS/WORDS/*Words* can be framed in better ways. *God* may have tried to protect man's

ego. *He* may not have wanted to demoralize everyone concerning the hypocrisies of all those who lived in the Middle East and Europe in those days. You don't have the luxury of protecting your ego or remaining in denial of your hypocrisy.

We've all travelled longer and further through this world than our ancestors, but none of us is going to stay here very long in the grand scheme of things. Therefore become a comfort unto yourself. Become a living blaze, a holy beacon and a precious flare that will warm you up to yourself. This world can be very dark and cold. Therefore comfort and console yourself, or you may never succeed in comforting other travelers, be they atheist, gay, gentile, Jew, Muslim or other. Far be it for you to judge **GOD**'s creations. You may hardly know much about your own.

"That which is coming" will be a holocaust for some and a "heavenly" finish in which others will walk through the fire with ease. The future can't be guaranteed with obscene amounts of money or hateful principles. The past can't be erased with excuses, forgiveness or self-exoneration. The present can only be improved upon with hard work now.

Surah 57

سورة الحديد

Iron

Because there are 114 surahs, that means that the 57th surah signals the halfway point numerically, even though we're now four-fifths of the way through the total number of pages of the Quran. The surahs are getting shorter and shorter, just like your life when viewed from closer to the end than the beginning.

The discovery of iron occurred more than 7,000 years ago. Iron was produced for the first time when some pieces of ore used in cooking fires reduced into a metal when fires were kept burning long enough. After that, it was observed that higher temperatures and wind led to a better metal. This method was improved upon with the creation of the furnace. Iron is probably the most precious of all metals since man would certainly miss it more than any other element, even the so-called precious metals found on the Periodic Table of the Elements.

Literally, we live in the Steel Age, but figuratively we live in the Iron Age. That means that externally we're far more advanced than we are internally. That means that all of us have a lot of catching up to do. If you think back to what man looked like and behaved like when he was literally going through the Iron Age, you should get a sense of how primitive he is spiritually now.

This surah is entitled "Iron," but it surely refers to the temperament of the mature individual whose being has been forged over time using the heat of his own emotions and the winds of change. The man whose personality has been forged like iron is precious to ONE and all. A man with "mettle" was always sought and he has, over time, been improved upon. But today we call him a man of steel. A man of iron is an absurdity by comparison in today's context.³⁴

To go from an ordinary human being to a man of steel, you're going to pass through your own Iron Age. Therefore, you'll want to take this surah personally. It's you that's being forged in this surah, not metal. You're like iron. Iron is being used as a simile for your spirit.

We've already looked at the meaning of the nominative case pronouns for GOD: **IT**, **YOU**, **HE**, **SHE**, **IT**, **WE**, **YOU**, **THEY**. You may not speak to GOD in prayer imagining these pronouns these ways, but you understand the importance of being able to separate the words "you" from "**YOU**" and "he" from "**HE**" when you pray. Any mixing or confusion about these pronouns and you can kiss the efficacy of your prayers goodbye.

³⁴ The first man to be called "the man of steel" was the "Superman" of the comic strip. Although we may all fantasize about being super-human, spiritual people don't do enough about it. There are those who behave in amazingly courageous and generous ways, but they're still the exception, not the rule. {The comic strip "Superman" was created by writer Jerry Siegel [American Jew] and artist Joe Shuster [Canadian Jew] in 1938.}

You need to be able to unify the “I” of your mind; the “I” of your heart; and the “I” of your soul to create an inner I/I/I in the same way that you’ve been able to unify the concept of GOD/GOD/*God* to create GOD. And, of course, you also need to be able to separate I/I/I from I, I and I. Otherwise, your ego is going to confuse you with HIM, and then you’re going to behave as though you have the right to lord over some others or all others. Look at the following sentences:

“I/I am around you and within you.”

GOD to man

“I/I/I am around you and within YOU.”

Abrahamic man to GOD

In the first sentence, I’m saying that GOD is saying that HE’s in the air that touches our skin and HE’s inside our body as well because HE has the same ability to be that way with(in) HIMSELF. HE can be in two places at once, something we can all learn to do, too, if we understand how we were made in HIS myriad images.

In the second sentence, I’m saying that the forces of my head {I}, heart {I} and soul {I} are each surrounded by GOD within me, as well as projected around me. In this sense, I can be within GOD while parts of me can be outside of HIM. This creates the paradox of behaving in ways that are good and/or evil. To be the kind of person who can admire everyone for something, you’ll need to forge a sense of I/I/I as though you were blending metals to produce steel.

What many call “consciousness” is merely the I, I or I inside them that’s aware of GOD, GOD or *God*. Expanding your consciousness is a spiritual practice that takes you beyond the religious experience you may have had until now.

*“He is the first and the last,
the visible and the unseen.
He has knowledge of all things.”*
[57:3]

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the visible and the unseen.
HE has knowledge of all things.”

GOD is the first in the sense that **HE** created the universe 13.8 billion years before **HE** introduced himself to Abraham. **HE**'s ongoing in the sense that if you believe that there are three aspects of **HIM**, then you believe that all the parts are a part of the greater whole. And **He** is the last in the sense that there can never be another god in addition to **GOD** because $1 \pm 1 + 1 + 1$. **GOD** \pm GOD + GOD + *God*. **GOD** \pm head + heart + conscience + hard work. All other gods are knowledge of things {idols} that don't include the source of those things. These "Gods" don't include all there is to know about the **ONE GOD**.³⁵

*"Who will give a generous loan to God?
He will pay him back twofold
and he shall receive a noble recompense."
[57:11]*

"Who will give a generous loan to **GOD**?
HE will pay him back twofold
and he shall receive a noble recompense."

This is a curious statement on the face of it because one can hardly think of anything **GOD** might want that we have that we could loan **HIM**. But in fact, there are a great many nonmaterial things we can advance **GOD** that **HE** might appreciate receiving from us, including: affection, conclusions, good thoughts, hypotheses, ideas, loyalty, opinions promises, statements of fact, theories our vows. We could even loan him some of the faith we have in ourselves!

If you loan your faith {religion} your faith in your **GOD/GOD/God**, you should, as with any other loan, expect to be repaid with some form of interest. That interest will, hopefully, come in the way of an interest in something new in life you had no interest in before.

For me, that interest came in the form of the "we" in me which led to an interest in the **WE** in **GOD**, a relationship only hinted at in the Old and New Testaments. Only the Quran offers us the complete "we" of a head, heart and soul working in unison that will open us to the dream of being here with all of **GOD** now. And I can't even speak about that yet

³⁵ I will bring the topic of **Hindu** gods and indigenist gods into the discussion at some time in the future.

because I haven't invented an orthographic key that includes the anonymous contributions of **GOD** in the Eastern **philosophies**.

Believe me, before I discovered that I was being bent, designed, fashioned, formed, molded, reproduced, recreated, shaped, twisted, and wrought just with this end in mind, I had no idea what my big picture was going to look like from a fixed point of view. I had no place in inner space to view myself as though in space looking out at the moon, Earth and sun. Inner space and outer space weren't connected with self-awareness.

Deeds for others are like gifts to GOD/GOD/*God*. I'm sure they make you feel terrific about yourself because you imagine that you've please HIM/HIM/*Him*. Helping the Indians in your tribe has given you a sense of unity from within and a sense of outrage at the European colonists who've invaded your space and claimed it for themselves.

But who ever said that that land was yours? Where is it written? The Jews have a land grant given by GOD. The rest of you are just making up laws about land as you go along.

Inner offerings to the universe without anyone by name in mind are investments in nothingness. Yet modern man isn't yet full of enough faith to devote the "heavenly" bodies within him into gifts for **GOD**. He still has to unite them in consciousness. They're still murky muck floating around in his subconscious or unconscious. He must be disciplined by practicing doing what he's doing for the sake of something truly meaningful.

Thoughts, feelings and expressions of your devotion to others are loans to **GOD**. When a man's luck changes, his mind changes, his heart questions and his soul comes up with new beliefs that brighten the lives of everyone around him. He receives interest from his investment. Isn't interest why you give a loan in the first place?

Therefore the person "*who will give a generous loan to **GOD***" must first have amassed something worthy of loaning. Abraham thought that sacrifice should be Isaac. You're wiser than that. First invest in yourself. Give yourself a little credit. And before long you'll discover that you, too, have something worthy of loaning to **GOD**. You might be smarter about saving and spending honey in your own unique way than you think.

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. But we're all autistic in those small ways we live out our opinions unquestioningly. If you enjoy being with someone as crazy as I am because it sets you apart from others, you'll achieve goals equivalent to mine in no time...

I can see that I'm spiritually autistic. I'm challenged with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and even with nonverbal communication skills with myself that I haven't mastered, and no one has been able to teach me. As with the previous diagnoses by others of me being paranoid schizophrenic, psychotic and manic-depressive, I've been able to unite these coping mechanisms into what I call "syndromes." And my syndromes are what I refer to as the faulty construction of my D.N.A. {the spiral staircase of biological pieces to my puzzle that descends to my fate and ascends to my destiny}. I can account for my inner forces with chutes and ladders that have been combined into a pattern of sequential ups and downs that I can account for by witnessing my own journey of healing and repair.

Anyone who offers himself patience and consolation will receive a sense of security during difficult times. And anyone who loans himself goodwill and self-love will receive his own blessings. If you want the honey, you've got to invest in your milk.

You might be a tiny bit less crazy than me. But you might actually be improving little by little, and not even know it. Open yourself up to my kind of craziness. And don't worry about ending up like a JEW, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim*. Combining Scripture is what Scripture is all about. Taking it literally only is for fools.

Anyone who gives a generous loan to **GOD** will learn the difference between “seeing” and “noticing.” Seeing comes from the eyes in your head. Noticing comes from your heart. In fact, the words for “paying attention” in Hebrew is לִשְׁמֹרֶת {LA-ASIM LEV}, literally means “to put your heart into” what you're doing.

“**GOD** will pay you back twofold and you shall receive a noble recompense.” A “noble recompense” will come in the world around you and a “noble recompense” will come in the world within you if you pay attention within yourself in addition to paying attention to those in the world around you. You cross paths with everyone because **GOD** wants it to be so.

The cynicism most people experience prohibits them from receiving this blessing. They only want external blessings. And many then pray to GOD/GOD/*God* to give them what they wish for, and then conclude that their wishes didn't come true because there isn't a “God.” They may even promise HIM/HIM/*Him* that they'll use their future good fortune to help others in their tribe. But what they're doing is asking for loans *from* GOD/GOD/*God* rather than bestowing loans *upon* HIM.

GOD, of course, knows this. **HE** knows how you intend to use your good fortune to benefit yourself and those you care about rather than giving to those who might more wisely deserve your assistance. **HE** knows how prejudiced and careless we are about using words without realizing the power in the words we utter. And so **HE** accepts certain loans from us to test what we're willing to do with our blessings.

Sadly, most people don't trust **GOD** with their hard-earned honey. Consequently, people are consumed with receiving a noble recompense in the form of cash and don't really give a damn about anything else. How would you “reward” those who pray for money if you were **GOD**?

*“Know that God restores the earth to life after its death.
We have made plain our revelations to you,
that you may grow in wisdom.”*

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GOD literally restores the earth to life every spring. Sunshine, warmth, rain, wind and tidal movement are the tools HE uses to regenerate life on Earth. The springtime is the season of renewal.

But GOD, figuratively, restores the earth to life after its death, as well, in the simile of man’s soul being like the earth beneath your feet. The restoration of your earth after its death {spiritual pollution} alludes to your potential for spiritual growth and renewal if you compare your head, heart and soul to the literal aspects of restoration you see around you. In the figurative sense of restoration in the springtime of life, young people love love, profess their loyalty to those they love, and loudly proclaim their ability to love themselves.

The middle-aged are usually a bit cynical of love after they can look back on it with time and more experience. They often profess their loyalty to money, instead, and proclaim their wisdom in having learned how to think ahead as well as how to think twice about matters of love and money.

But the very old love love because they know that love has a restorative affect. They become spiritual and profess their loyalty to love, even proclaiming the wisdom in being able to express their devotion to their own love. Such is the self-knowledge that usually comes over a long period of time.

You can open yourself to all three stages of life by professing your love of wisdom, love of love and love of devotion. When you can do that, you’ll understand the wisdom GOD brought to the Prophet with the words, “*Know that GOD restores the earth to life after its death. We have made plain our revelations to you, that you may grow in wisdom.*”

Have we seen enough destruction of property on Muslim lands in the Middle East, or not yet? Have we seen enough pollution of the land in superfund sites in America and nuclear power plant sights in Russia and Japan, or not yet? Have we seen enough Jewish blood soaked up into the lands in Europe, or not yet?

Do we have to see the destruction of Israel and the death of every gay and Jew on Earth before JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims will finally graduate their classes on death? Is their education in the Department of Death the only class in this school they care about? Have they got nothing to add to what they know about life?

*“Those who give alms,
be they men or women,*

*and those who give a generous loan to God,
shall be repaid twofold.
They shall receive a noble recompense.”*
[57:18]

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Charity is normally a material gift to someone in need. But there are emotional and spiritual gifts we give others that they may not thank us for or even notice. These immaterial acts of charity are, of course, also witnessed and recorded by GOD. And they are, in a sense, loans to HIM that HE repays twofold, once in the world around us and again in our world within.

Just because you look at your account within with a jaundiced eye, thinking you have amassed nothing, doesn't mean that you're right about that. Granted, if you look in the fifth, sixth or seventh column to left of the decimal point, you may see nothing in your account. But if you look at the first and second columns to the left and all those columns to the right of the decimal point, you'll see the numbers rising before your very eyes.

Those of us who are believers in the deepest (not deadliest) sense of the word do expect to be recompensed for all our forms of charity. That goes without saying. And it also goes without saying that we expect to be recompensed in both our worlds, not just one or the other. We may be spoiled, like aging, bruised fruit, but, at least in some important ways, we know it.

*“Know that the life of this world
is but a sport and a diversion,
a show and an empty boast among you,
a quest for greater riches and more children.
It is like the plants that flourish after rain:
the husbandman rejoices to see them grow;
but then they wither and turn yellow,
soon becoming worthless stubble.”*
[57:20-21]

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a show and an empty boast among you,
a quest for greater riches and more children.
It is like the plants that flourish after rain:
the husbandman rejoices to see them grow;
but then they wither and turn yellow,
soon becoming worthless stubble.”

Here, the Prophet is speaking to believers who ask only for recompense in the world around them. Those who pray for money, power and prestige are fools who know nothing about life. They don't yet see the value of inner riches. For them, the life of this world is a sport they must win and a diversion they can't stop staring at angrily. The show and tell is all they've got, and empty boasts about their proximity to GOD/GOD/*God* are all important to them.

They're more like weeds. They're not like trees, grasses, vines or scented herbs. They flourish after rain. They know nothing of the restoration of the earth that's comprised of a mind that meets at the horizon of its own sea and sky.

The foolish/hateful/mean-spirited rejoice when they get human attention, but they wither when they stand alone before **GOD**. Then there's no inner rain pouring down to rejuvenate them. They suddenly find themselves in drought. Then they discover how much the topography inside them is like the deserts of the Earth. They never bothered to plant seeds in themselves and water them, so they have nothing to tend or watch grow. They are like Israel when it was still Palestine under British rule. Consequently, they don't have a clue where they're going, or why. Their losses are external. And what makes them so mad is that they can't even point to what's missing within.

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is ordained before We bring it into being.
That is easy enough for God;
so that you may not grieve for the good things you miss
or be overjoyed at what you gain.”*
[57:22]

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The earth literally holds seeds beneath the rock that wait for rain. But you, too, have unseen seeds already planted in you that you're waiting to see sprout, blossom and bloom. Granted, your seeds are figurative, but the outer world was given to you as a clue to discover your world within. Your inner world needs your attention, and you're going to need a lot more than six days to get your world up and running. You're not GOD.

From every seed there's an opportunity to become fruitful. But if you don't know how you were figuratively made like the "heavenly" bodies {moon, sun and earth}, you won't know what to do when unexpected weather occurs within you. Acts of GOD will terrify and confound you. The thunder and lightning in your mind will set your teeth ajar, and your brother will oppose you in fear of a power you may not even know you possess.

When you "*grieve for the good things you miss*" you won't think about the fruit from your own tree. You won't question GOD's devotion to one little piece of one little fruit that HE let you₂ {Eve} take and you₁ {Adam} taste without asking. You'll become more patient with the lecture your soul recites to your heart, and the accusations your heart shouts up to your head.

Patience is impossible to achieve. Patience is easy to achieve. Patience only requires conscious awareness of what's happening. When you lose patience, it's because your soul {unconscious} has bowed out of the struggle to help your heart {subconscious}, which, in turn, can't help your head {consciousness}.

With patience you'll think about losses from GOD's point of view. You'll think about what you could possibly want that you need and you're missing. And having no idea what that could really be, you'll raise your eyes from your desk to the front of the room to ask the Teacher a personal question. You may even start to pray naturally and spontaneously about what really matters.

You misplace your keys and grow impatient. You can't find your car and panic. You lose money in Vegas or in the stock market and become deeply morose. You bury an aged loved one; relinquish a limb or an organ; or lose a child in an accident or incident – and you become hysterical, concluding GOD must have reason to hate you.

You forget that you're a student alone in a school. You forget that no one can know what you're going through. You forget that your grades are only now consciously being recorded in HIS roll book. Before now, everything you read about GOD/GOD/*God* was just theory your mind agreed to without the consent of all of you. But now you know what it feels like to unite your head, heart and soul. Now you know the gravity of "heavenly" bodies colliding in inner space. Don't tell yourself that figurative speech isn't real and ordained by GOD.

The seeds of loss can lead to the fruits of self-understanding, or they can grow into an unspoken plan of defiance, retribution and vindication. Do you really want justice or do you just want to even the score? Do you even know what would be best for you? Have you bothered to ask yourself?

Believe me, the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* don't want justice. They don't want mercy. And they don't want what's fair for us all. They only want revenge. And they keep coming up with new reasons why. This comes from interpreting their Scripture literally.

Don't try to pray. You're not yet ready. For now, just keep watching the world around you and ask yourself good questions.

Talk to those who've lost more than you. If you can see peace of mind in their head; serenity in their heart; and tranquility in their soul – you'll know that not all is lost when you lose. Finding faith in yourself can be harder than it looks. But don't look to GOD/GOD/*God* for it. You won't find faith in yourself there.

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so that men might conduct themselves with fairness.
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so that God may recognize those who aid Him,
though unseen,
and help His apostles.”*
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Your participation in GOD's designs depends on your complete understanding of Scripture. The more you know about HIS love, the more you can participate in your own. Kindness, not niceties, is paramount to your development. The irony of GOD's designs is that many who've never even read Scripture are far more in tune with it than those who can quote it by chapter and verse.

Knowledge isn't just a mental exercise. The knowledge you keep in your head isn't all the knowledge there is. Adam and Eve discovered that guilt was something they hadn't known before they ate from the Tree of knowledge. {But the guilt they experienced only corresponded to embarrassment. You know about shame and humiliation. Your sense of guilt is much greater.}

The same was true for the progeny of Adam and Eve, all the way down to you. You were born at a level of the fall lower than any other generation before you. Like little children, many discover new aspects of guilt only after they take evil action. They can't think ahead to see how their behavior might affect them down the line, let alone how it might be received by GOD, and set them on a course of great hardship to learn to be better.

Does all of you claim you're here to learn, or is there a part of you that gets an erection like a penis or get swollen like a clitoris; a part of you that only wants what it wants?

Thanks to all HIS apostles, GOD brought down Scripture and scales of justice so that men might conduct themselves with fairness, including fairness for gays and, of course, Jews. Many forget that the mystery of life can't be solved without us all. We're all outsiders. We're all the initiators of xenophobia. We all have good reason to be afraid to look more deeply within.

"HE have sent down iron with its mighty strength and diverse uses for mankind."

The meaning of "iron" in this passage isn't the literal metal, but the mettle that we've learned to forge within us that makes us morally stronger than our predecessors who were embarrassed about everything and ashamed of nothing.³⁶

The religious fanatics in all three of the Abrahamic faiths take their holy Scriptures so literally that they can't see the many other meanings that enrich it with diversity and mystery. For them, Noah's ark had to be full of African animals and Jonah had to have been swallowed by a whale in the Mediterranean Sea.

The religious fanatics are like wayward children. They fight over the meaning of stories intended for kids who were expected to grow up. And so they remain like children longer than any child has ever had to endure being young.

Early man took Scripture only literally. But the passage of time has made it possible for us to set the literal meanings aside because they've brought so much bloodshed and heartache into the world. Today we have the opportunity to guide ourselves toward the figurative meanings made up of all the WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of GOD. It's these figurative interpretations that will open us to the world within and which will make Scripture more intimate, personal and meaningful.

³⁶ I'm very sensitive to the fact that homonyms are clever, linguistic tricks that don't translate into other languages. Nevertheless, "metal" and "mettle" are interesting juxtapositions of meanings that do serve the English speaker. I did the same with "SON" and "sun." I see no reason *not* to introduce homonyms into my interpretations of Scripture from time to time. If the world could have been tripped up on the Hebrew pun of "big fish" {DAG GADOL} and "worries" {DA-AG GADOL} in the story of Jonah, I leave it to future translators of my works to warn my readers of my linguistic indulgences with the English language.

If *Muslims* make the same mistake the ultra-orthodox JEWS and the religious rightwing CHRISTIANS make, by taking the Quran literally, I suspect the Muslims are going to have to witness even more bloodshed and misery in their lands and there will be bloodshed and misery in our land as well. *Muslims* are going to see HIS story and HIS story repeat itself in *His* story. They're going to inadvertently contribute to history in unseen and unspeakable ways that their progeny will ultimately come to deeply regret.

The importance of iron to mankind can't be overstated. It produced a new tool from the earth that ancient man then used to better himself. Similes are like iron. They give you a new power you couldn't have conceived of before.

When you begin to tell yourself that you are like the fruit of a tree; like the fruit of a vine; and like the fruit of the fields – you begin to bridge your differences with your neighbors. You begin to find ways to relate to other people's beliefs even if you can't believe the dogmas that they believe. You begin to smell the truth like the flowers and fruit inherent in all scented herbs.

It's hard to go from new thoughts to emotionally related concepts to spiritual conclusions. It's hard to forge metaphors with symbols to achieve similes. If you want to improve yourself, you're going to want to do the internal work necessary to create ideas that are made more like steel than wood or iron.

A wooden house will go up in flames in no time. The Jews who were forced to walk into Nazi "showers" learned that lesson the hard way. So much wasted wood, and for what?

When you tell yourself that you're like a "heavenly" body, you begin to see yourself as a "heavenly" creation from GOD literally made of star matter that has importance to the whole universe. You begin to see your heart like the sun/SON; your mind like the moon; and your soul like the whole Earth. You come home without ever having left home. You feel like you're at home in your country, in your house of worship and in your own skin.

You feel like GOD has a method to HIS madness that even includes you!

When you use similes to construct comparisons with those of other faiths and lifestyles, you begin to feel like a student in a school. You begin to care about yourself as though there were grades, a Teacher's opinion and a graduation with possible honors. You even find yourself with homonyms that make no sense in any other language. But these homonyms give you a new intimacy with speech and a quixotic way of facing your own death. Such were the wails that swallowed up Jonah.

The 57th surah signals the halfway point of the 114 surahs if, for no other reason, than because you should leave it feeling like you've left something like the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, and someday soon hope to feel like a man of steel. That's what modern people do.

Surah 58
سورة المجادلة
She Who Pleaded

The idea that women should have to plead is anathema to Judaism, Christianity and Islam. No one should have to plead, including gays and lesbians. Pleading is a condition of early infancy when you had no other way of communicating your needs or circumstances. An adult, human being is too dignified a creature to force him or her to plead for anything. Therefore the dignity of every individual must always be respected. Forcing or allowing even a child to plead, let alone a grown man or woman, is blasphemous and sinful, especially to people of great faith.

And yet, deep down inside every man there's a desire to plead and be pleaded to. It's more intimate than a sexual urge, but not quite a spiritual necessity. In the heart of every Adam there's an Eve GOD gave him that yearns to be emotionally infantile and autonomous. There's an x^2 in a subservient relationship to a y or x^1 . There's a bottom in every top. There's a tiny, little anus x^2 at the other end of every big mouth y/x^1 that has no control over what goes in, but must endure what must come out.

From time to time, they $\{x^1$ or $y\}$ may wish they'd never been born, that they could crawl back inside the womb they came out of to separate from their x^2 at their source before they ever had to connect their mouth to their anus. The whole person searches within for the first hole they came out of. They're in pursuit of a hole they can relate to $\{\text{mouth, penis, vagina or anus}\}$ since their navel has been permanently blocked with a knot. Inside men and women, there's a conspiracy to solve a secret that, in frustration, they may take out on some others, instead.

When you look at yourself as a glass half empty or half full, you demean yourself. But when you look at your hunger for food as a sign that you're spiritually half empty $\{\text{famished}\}$ or half full $\{\text{self-indulged}\}$, it changes the way you consume everything.

Inside you there's a union with **GOD** you may be missing because you blame the serpent in your tree or worm in your apple for indirectly tempting you to do something unholy. And each time that feeling of emptiness reoccurs, you may feel you're about to be banished again with no more than the clothes on your back.³⁷ Such is the origin of guilt that only surfaces in puberty when we're physically able to enjoy biological repartee with our serpent or worm.

You can't go back to childhood once you've passed puberty. Your whole body has been changed. You can't go back to adulthood once your old and grey. Your body has been worn down by time and experiences that have chipped away at who you once were. But I can tell you this: growing old can be better than cuming if you know what you're doing.

Some think that death will be the biggest, best orgasm of your life, like popping a balloon. They eagerly anticipate death as the greatest thrill of their life. I wouldn't know. But I do know that no one looks forward to dying. What I'm suggesting is that the suffering

³⁷ Before GOD banished Adam and Eve, HE graciously made them leather clothes so they wouldn't leave Eden naked. [Genesis 3:21] Your skin is that leather outfit you're always wearing. It's all the protection you've got against external bleeding.

of dying could be greatly alleviated by growing old better than you witnessed those who did it before you.

Feeling powerful or powerless isn't just a sexual feeling people appropriate from the bedroom into matters of business, the gambling world, sports or their faith. People also use this pubescent feeling unconsciously to betray themselves {x²}. And this destructive behavior spreads from matters of privacy into the social realm through training and conformity to mindless social conventions and religiosity.

Boys slowly grow into men who learn to judge everyone; help some; and, ultimately, take advantage of "God." They've so compartmentalized what's going on below their belt from what's going on above it that they think their urges can be satisfied when and where they like without consequence.

Today's modern women know the feeling of being cast as a Jezebel and then scorned for everything every woman in history did wrong. ³⁸ Women know they've been scapegoated for thousands of years, and men know that their male ancestors thrilled at women having to prostrate themselves before them and plead for mercy, as though before a god.

Man's ego doesn't originate in his penis or testicles. It figuratively emanates out from his prostate gland. The process of formation of power figuratively begins just before or after birth with the descent of the testicles from the body cavity. But that biological presentation of power goes through many permutations intellectually and emotionally until an adolescent male creates the first sensation {orgasm} that alerts him to the fact that he's not a boy anymore; that he's physically achieved the sexual prowess of a man. That's when that fist inside his anus grabs his attention and never seems to let go after that. Every man on Earth who's reached orgasm has finally been figuratively fisted. And every woman's vagina through lubrication during arousal has, too.

The spiritual sensation of having testicles that have descended isn't as easily achieved. Deep down inside many a bass still lies a boy who's figuratively singing soprano. His voice doesn't have to have literally gone into the lower range for him to feel that his fruits are figuratively swinging, like heavy fruits filled with juice on stems grasping twigs on branches held high by boughs to the trunk of his tree.

The sense of autonomy is a far cry from the spiritual sensation of manhood and power. And making a baby is a far cry from the spiritual sensation of womanhood. But our ego doesn't know that. It sits by itself in the dark like a fist grabbing something it can't see or say in words.

Obviously, it's not the length of a man's penis or the size and weight of his testicles that make him manly in the spiritual sense. But you'll never convince a young man of that. He has to discover for himself who's behaving like an egotistical asshole, and who isn't.

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Obviously, it's not the stretch marks on a woman's hips or the sag in her breasts that make her womanly. But you'll never convince a young woman of that. She, too, has to

³⁸ "Jezebel was a 9th Century B.C.E. princess identified in Tanach {1 Kings 16:31} as the wife of Ahab, king of northern Israel, who incited her husband to abandon the worship of GOD and encouraged the worship of idols, instead." [Wikipedia]

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When you use people; abuse people; dominate them; or allow yourself to submit to them irrationally – you should envision how cruelly or crudely you behave in bed. Although you have the freedom to do anything you want with consenting adults, cruelty or crudeness *outside* your bedroom is offensive to those of us who are appalled at injustice and unskilled behavior. Granted, there are many with masochistic tendencies who *want* to be hurt, cheated or in some way curtailed to learn lessons they think they can't know any other way. But that doesn't give anyone the right to take advantage of the innocent. Even a sadist is expected to behave responsibly.

Chauvinistic men^u think that pleading is beneath them. They think pleading is “women's work” and something powerless men^o should have to perform if they^o want to get from them^u what they^o want. Chauvinistic men^u use their penis, regardless of its size when limp or engorged, as a license to kill, cheat and steal by virtue of the powerful sensation of autonomy they^u get from “it.” But as is so often the case, they^o secretly thrill at the thought of them^u being like the serpent in the Creation story that watched the first man and woman from its elevated place on the tree as the two of them stood naked and innocent before it.

The place of women in society has changed enormously in Israel and in Christian societies around the world. The time has now come for straight Jews, Christians and Muslims to go through these changes consciously, too. Jews are going to want to modernize Torah in order to do so. Christians are going to want to modernize their understanding of the Bible. And Muslims are going to want to modernize how they relate to the Quran.

Therefore they all ought to begin an honest discussion about the disharmony between their x^2 and their y/x^1 .³⁹ They ought to reconcile a part of themselves from within, as well as throughout. This should be the meaning of “jihad” in the 21st Century.

Without gay men who understand the intimacy of this discussion by virtue of our physical intimacy with our own body, some straight men might misinterpret this interaction as only possible in politics, business, the playing field or the bedroom. Gay men are, in fact, the catalyst that help all males $\{y + x^2\}$ learn to respect themselves from the inside in before they claim to be able to respect women and children from the inside out.

And lesbians are the catalyst that help all females $\{x^1 + x^2\}$ learn to respect themselves the same way. In these ways, we $\{\text{gays and lesbians}\}$ teach straight people how to give up their antiquated, gender role stereotypes that have been a straight jacket for them for so many thousands of years.

³⁹ Disharmony is a conflict within that can be described in musical terms. It's $\{\text{♩}y + \text{♩}x^2\}$ or $\{\text{♩}x^1 + \text{♩}x^2\}$ in which words will never be able to express the struggle between these two aspects of ourselves. This is the cacophonous noise we all have to listen to inside until we find our own song. You might as well learn to talk to yourself about the noise emanating out of yourself and others. There isn't a pill in the world that will stop the racket in either place. So you'd better learn to make music from within.

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The words you utter are unjust and false:
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What does it mean for **GOD** to pardon and forgive? The answer is easy enough to guess if you're wise, loving and devoted to yourself. {But it's difficult to answer if you've been indulged, undisciplined or unconcerned with such questions.}

If you look at you, you should see areas where you've wanted to plead with yourself to give you something you've refused to allow yourself to have. This is the dynamic of the y over x^2 and x^1 over x^2 experience. This is covered up by all the noise you sometimes make inside. This is the humiliation you've been putting yourself through that you still go through from time to time, albeit unconsciously.

There's a memorial to the Holocaust in Paris in which it's written, “*Pardonne, mais n'oublie pas.*” {Forgive, but don't forget.} You can only improve on that by asking yourself to forgive but not forget what you've done to yourself. “**GOD** pardons and forgives.”

Adam woke up from a deep sleep and saw Eve at his side. This is the infant's perception of its mother after birth. And yet, as the Prophet said, you can't call your wife your mother. You're not an infant any longer. Confusing the two is unfair to all women and simply not so, regardless of your desire to be rid of an Eve from your life.

How many straight men behave as though their mother were like their wife or their wife, like their mother? How many men, straight and gay, have psychologically incestuous relationships with women? These misplaced boundaries create power dynamics that, over time, become spiritually obscene.

It's a little too casual nowadays to just say, “**GOD** pardons and forgives.” It would be more accurate to say that **HE** postpones and recalls lessons we're not able to handle until a time when we're better able to understand and atone for the issues at the root of our syndromes.

I don't think GOD forgets anything. I don't think HE pardons {excuses} anything until a time of HIS choosing. I don't think HE forgives anything until you've apologized to the person or persons you've harmed. And I don't think HE exonerates anything until you've repented and redeemed yourself.

Some have to be encouraged to mend their ways with embarrassment, shame or humiliation. And some only have to make amends to themselves {redeemed} for an attitude toward life that was abominable.

Some may die an untimely death. Some aren't allowed to die or repent until they've crawled through their lessons like a snake on its belly. And some simply live in denial from start to finish and, perhaps, face their sins after they're dead.

GOD teaches us by providing us with assignments, homework and lectures and lessons that test our ability to learn about HIS mysterious ways. If you're not willing to treat your life like a school and GOD like a teacher, you're probably not going to learn as much about yourself as you would otherwise. In the long run, you may even create enormous suffering for others, for which, I think, you'll be judged, whether you were consciously aware of the suffering you instigated, or not. You'll graduate with average marks and a bad attitude about a school in which you felt you had to endure far too many stupid students. But what if the dumbest of them all was you?

Those who are mentally challenged and, therefore, incapable of reading and understanding a book like this aren't exempt from life's lessons. But they've often developed skills you and I might envy if we looked a little closer at some of their better coping mechanisms.

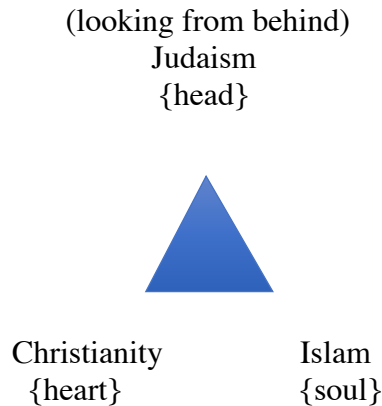
As someone I'd compare more to the autistic than "normal," I'm both amazed at what I can do with words and appalled at those little things most "normal" people can accomplish in life that stump me. I may be a master of metaphor, a sage of symbols and a savant of similes, but my inner child was very challenged for me to have turned out as I have. Sometimes I'm deeply troubled and concerned at what I can't do that others have the luxury of taking for granted.

Becoming is an arduous journey. You're lucky if the Prophet has given you a clue to the importance of developing patience with yourself earlier on in life.

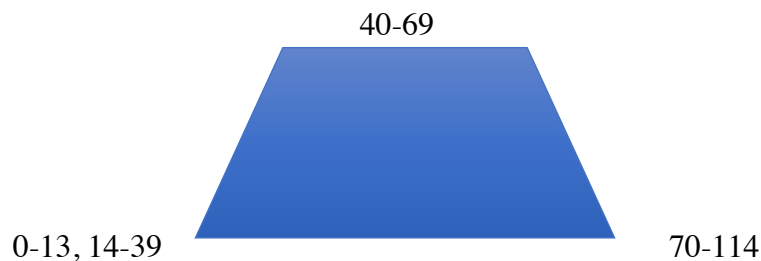
The wreckage you can't see you've created over a lifetime because of your previous beliefs may leave you with a terrible fate hanging over your future. But pleading ignorance before GOD won't do any good. Only a newborn is ignorant, in the sense of *carte blanche*.

It's not about everything you do. It's about how you do everything you do that changes you incrementally day-by-day. It's not where you go that counts. It's about how you get where you're going that counts. Every step is uniquely different from the one before it. Therefore you've to step forward with the eyes on the soles of your feet peeled to the ground beneath them.

We live in a society that has created an enormous hate triangle. The CHRISTIANS hate the *Muslims*. The *Muslims* hate the JEWS. And the JEWS hate themselves. But homosexuality, abortion and Israel aren't the real issues. You can only see the truth in that statement if you create a triangle in your mind that looks like this:



But then you'll need to create the trapezoid of your journey that looks like this:



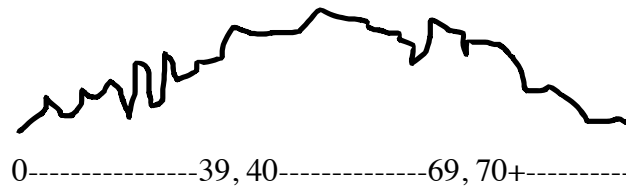
Together they create the meaning of the Eye of Providence {self-witnessing}.

Judaism is at the beginning of the journey of life in the sense that everyone has to be taught to use his head (0-13, 14-39). Christianity is in the middle and at the top (40-69). We all want to experience the joys of love before it's too late for our body to enjoy it. We all want to develop an open heart before we descend into the valley of death. And Islam is at the end (70+) {death}. We all ought to reconcile our journey to the fact that it's going to come to a fateful end if we don't do our best to lead ourselves toward a hopeful destination. We all should prove to ourselves that we were devoted to **GOD** by being a good human being to everyone, but especially and foremost, to ourselves.

The JEWS and CHRISTIANS are fighting over the road up and over. They can't get along with one another {and never could} because each sees itself at the apex of morality. Each claims to be the only true carrier of wisdom and love. They're why our Judeo-Christian society is becoming so destabilized with materialism. We lack a shared devotion.

Without wisdom, love and devotion, you get anarchy. Without acknowledging the divine gifts from all three of the Abrahamic faiths, you become selfish, selfless and unrealistic.

And yet, look at *Muslim* countries today. They've got all the devotion they could ever ask for. But they're behaving so unwisely. And there's no sign of wisdom or love in hardly anything they do.



When you look at your life from the ages of 0-39 as an uphill climb that will take you down into many gorges, valleys and chasms, you get a better perspective on what it's like to grow up in a world of great opportunity for those who are willing to work hard for external comforts and internal achievements. And when you consider the ages of 40-69 as the great plain from which you can see out far and wide, you get an idea of the heights your life can reach over time.

But as you look out over all the edges in middle age, you see what others have missed. You see the mistakes they've made that you've avoided or also succumbed to. What you don't see is what's still straight ahead of you.

But as you descend from 70 to the end you should see another side of life entirely; the depth of endless possibilities you now have the purview to realize. You should see the guilt that JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* refused to face in terms of their relationship to their everlasting soul. This is something best discussed with those over the age of 90 than most other people these days.

Most people do make peace with the little, moral hill that their life turned out to be like. They look forward to meeting their Maker for a full account of what it was all about and how they did. By that age, most others are often uninterested in discovering what their journey was like.

When you awaken to contemplate GOD's reasons for creating a third place in inner space, you achieve more than a reprieve from the machinations of your head and heart. You receive more than a scale on which to balance your thoughts against your feelings. You receive peace of mind, serenity and tranquility. You receive a greater sense of self from within that emanates throughout. You receive the bounty of GOD's beneficence for you alone.

If you're looking for forgiveness from GOD, I suggest you begin to strive for it from yourself. What GOD decides to do, or not do, for you is out of your control. But you have much more of a say about what you do with your life than you probably thought possible before you began reading these books on the Quran. Life will always be an inside job that you externalize.

If you get a sense that you've been cursed with an inner child who's autistic and, therefore, spiritually challenged, I recommend you start by changing your attitude about yourself. There are no mistakes in what you've been given.

*“Those who divorce their wives by saying so,
and afterwards retract their words,
shall free a slave before they touch each other again.”⁴⁰*

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God is cognizant of all your actions.
He that has no slave shall fast two successive months before they touch one another.
If he cannot,
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he shall feed 60 of the destitute.*

This is enjoined on you so that you may have faith in GOD and HIS apostle.”

This advice is absolutely ridiculous if you try to take it literally in the modern setting we live in today. It mirrors the instructions of the ancient, sacrificial gifts to GOD in Torah through killing animals.⁴² Women and children today would have no protection in a civilized society if men were allowed to divorce themselves of their responsibilities with these sorts of outrageously foolish penalties. If a man wishes to make the Quran relevant

⁴⁰ If you're Muslim and have been asked to free a slave as a penalty for having fought with your spouse, do what's modern and most affective: free the slave_{x2} in you. The only way you're going to understand your predisposition to argue with others is by looking within for answers and giving up your obsession with your duty to your forefathers' ancient "God."

⁴¹ If you're too emotionally destitute to care about freeing a part of yourself, feed yourself spiritually. Read Torah, the Gospels and the Quran for self-elucidation from them all. Nurture yourself in ways that will increase your peace of mind, serenity and tranquility. Together, they'll bring peace on Earth.

⁴² If you're interested in details, check out the BURNT OFFERING [Leviticus 1]; GRAIN OFFERING [Leviticus 2]; PEACE OFFERING [Leviticus 3]; THANKSGIVING OFFERING [Leviticus 7:12-15]; VOTIVE OFFERING [Leviticus 7:16-17]; WAVE OFFERING [Leviticus 7:30-31]; and DRINK OFFERING [Leviticus 23:9-14, Exodus 29:40-41].

in this new day-and-age, he's going to want to take this passage personally by interpreting it figuratively.

JEWS who wish to take Torah literally are also stuck with what to do about the slaves mentioned in Torah. Sex trafficking, indentured servitude and other forms of exploitation require that we protect the vulnerable from all forms of bondage. In that sense, the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* would be more useful to society if they acknowledged that they have no desire to modernize the societies in which they live. They want to go forwards backwards. They want to look at where they came from not where they're going. They only want to reinstate slavery, servitude and bondage.⁴³

Although we live in a time when the sorts of instructions made in the above passage make no literal sense anymore, Jews, Christians and Muslims ought to take this passage personally. We understand the concept of a slave. We know that what we see around us is a function of how we all unconsciously behave toward ourselves at times within. We know that what we see around us is a fraction of what's going on inside of us. And we know that the light of morality always shines from the inside out.

Since humanity is doing everything it can to eliminate all kinds of slavery, servitude and degradation of the masses, it's up to us to work on these problems individually. Taking the Quran figuratively will be as challenging for *Muslims* as it is for JEWS and CHRISTIANS. But not everything written in their holy books should be adhered to literally anymore. The wiser you become and the more you achieve wisdom of the heart, the more soulful you'll become over time. And the more soulful you are, the more you can see how Scripture is raising man out of self-slavery today.

Think of Scripture as to-do lists compounded over time. Much of what's in Scripture has already been done. That which has been done literally to GOD's satisfaction, we're now obliged to do figuratively within. That which we've accomplished for others liberally, we're now called on to do for ourselves personally. In an effort to achieve self-emancipation we're all incrementally moving from the outside in.

For you to divorce yourself from those aspects of yourself that are making you miserable, you're going to want to free yourself from the slave mentality you suffer with that you may not even realize has you in chains.

It may be virtually impossible for your head to divorce itself from the rest of you. Your thoughts have surely become fused to your feelings as though they're two metals that were soldered together under great heat.

If you think of your thoughts as like stone, your feelings as like bronze and your beliefs as like iron, then entering the age of steel to forge a new and stronger relationship with

⁴³ We have the same problem in America with the Constitution which claims that blacks are to be counted as a fraction {3/5^{ths}} of whites. We changed that law with the 13th Amendment to the Constitution. Moses received the first set of Ten Commandments which had already been carved by GOD in stone. When he literally broke them on his way down from Mt. Sinai, he then had to make his way back up for a second set. But the second set GOD commanded him to carve himself. [Exodus 34] Even then, Moses had to petition HIM on more than one occasion when amendments to this, our Jewish constitution, needed to be made. {For an examples, see Numbers 9 & 27.} You, too, have to carve GOD's Commandments for yourself. Nothing readymade will be worth anything to you personally.

yourself isn't going to be as easy as simply changing your mind, having a change of heart or deciding you don't want to believe what you believed before.

This inner smelting process is difficult to talk about because it happens at a level of discourse with yourself that's extremely private. This metalwork happens at an inner temperature that's so high that it fuses these three forces together to produce alloys that no temptations can break through.

Self-repair isn't only something JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* need to work on. They aren't our worst enemies. We become our own worst enemies if we don't fight their dogmas from the inside out.

Literalists can't take Torah personally. They can't apply the Ten Commandments to themselves. They can't take the 613 mitzvot {good deeds} in Torah, 365 of which are positive and 248 which are negative {and corresponds to the number of bones and organs of the human body} to heart.

These books on the Quran are a mitzvah. They're a good deed that isn't described in Torah, but which is still a good deed. I've written these books to better myself and mankind. There are many mitzvot you could do that aren't found in the Old Testament. Use your imagination.

Not everyone we care to know repairs himself in the same ways because not everyone is broken in the same places. Some will find that my simple, arithmetic metaphor of $y + x^2 \pm 1 \pm x^1 + x^2$ is helpful in understanding themselves.⁴⁴

Others won't find this algebraic metaphor useful. And so the Prophet offers a second simile in the same passage. *"He that has no slave shall fast two successive months before they touch one another. If he cannot, he shall feed 60 of the destitute."*

Once you've brought the desire to pursue freedom, liberation and emancipation to consciousness, you'll be able to associate feeding and fasting with spirituality. In the spiritual rather than religious sense, your relationship with yourself will take on characteristics of a parent with a child or a teacher with a student.

Self-regard is like feeding yourself. And self-discipline is like fasting. Consuming and fasting are signs of directions you want yourself to go in, just as pulling on the reins of a horse moves the animal in the direction you want it to go.

Those who do their utmost to achieve this kind of respectful control and regard for themselves advance to the next, higher level of awakening. They choose to feed themselves with compliments and fast with reprimands. This kind of emotional and spiritual training mirrors what we do to our body when we count calories, avoid carbs or seek clean or fat-free foods in an effort to train our body to choose to move in the direction of healthy forms of physical nourishment.

But none of this can be done effectively unless the present moment in time has been lengthened, widened and deepened. You need room in the now to be able to add to your thoughts, feelings and beliefs. Without this inner, wiggle room, you're still going to act as though on an old, automatic pilot.

⁴⁴ Note that men and women are in possession of the same slave^{x2}. This should be a reminder to them to work together for inner peace.

You can't watch yourself as you're experiencing what you're doing if there isn't an inner of awareness of the he or she in you. You can't learn from yourself in real time if you haven't made time for the him or her within in your busy schedule.

This third-person perspective will help you find yourself more amusing. It will help you laugh at yourself instead of taking yourself so seriously. If you can't look at yourself as though looking at another person, you don't have the space you need to poke fun at someone who's quite abnormal, amusing, comical, eccentric, funny, odd, peculiar, perplexing, queer, quirky, strange and weird.

By eating only at night, Muslims use the holiday of Ramadan as a way of cleansing themselves of sin and training themselves to do better in the future. Christians restrict their diet during the season of Lent as a form of self-sacrifice. And Jews literally fast for 24 hours on Yom Kippur {the Day of Atonement} each year to focus their attention only on prayer.

The rituals of indulging and restricting food intake are intended to awaken our relationship with GOD/GOD/*God*, but they ought to be used to awaken our relationship with ourselves. And they ought to be practiced on a daily, not just a yearly, basis. ⁴⁵

I use the hours before breakfast to review my relationship with me every morning. That's some of the most productive, subjective time I have with me because it's then that I'm most hungry to know.

Self-scrutiny is something I used to call "office hours with the Teacher." Now I call it "self-witnessing before prayer." I no longer need the kind of guidance in developing my work habits that I needed when I was figuratively in grade school. Today, I can scrutinize myself, knowing that our Professor is always watching over my work.

Although it may be a controversial thing to say, I associate depression with a combination of lack of intelligence, blocked feelings and beliefs that haven't been scrutinized over a long period of time. The less aware I was, the less I could see how my inner forces were getting clogged and bogging me down.

I used to be depressed almost all the time. Anyone who tries to kill themselves even just once isn't at all well. I didn't have an imagination sufficiently developed to create techniques to understand and manage the complexity of my spiritual, operating system. But as I've become more imaginative, I've become more capable of communicating what's going on inside of me to myself. Now I sometimes become sad or confused, but I'm rarely depressed anymore. The constipation of my spiritual, operating system has been dealt with by getting those old ideas out of me... My system is now flowing properly for the first time ever.

*"Are you not aware that God knows
what the heavens and the earth contain?
If three men converse in secret,*

⁴⁵ Half the world is starving and the other half is dieting. If you're dieting or always thinking about restricting your caloric intake, there's much you could do to turn your literal fasts into figurative fasts that will include spiritual experiences that will improve your nutrition on both levels of life. What you may be yearning for most is relish...

He is their fourth;
if five,
He is the sixth;
whether fewer, or more,
wherever they be,
He is with them.
Then,
on the Day of Resurrection,
He will inform them of their doings.”
[58:7]

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In orthodox Judaism, ten men are required to pray communally. Generally speaking, in Islam it's sufficient that there be three people present. “If three men converse in secret, HE is their Fourth.”

You're never alone even if you feel lonely. You don't need other people to overcome onliness, loneliness or emptiness. Once you've developed an intimate relationship with yourself, you become the freest person on Earth. You need only propel yourself in the direction of the importance of solitude and self-fulfillment in whatever fashion you choose. The deeper your relationship with your entire self, the deeper your relationship will be with GOD. The humanity you express toward others will become the evidence of the intimacy you've achieved with you.

The proof of this philosophy lies in your ability to see GOD as your second, third or fourth Companion. The Prophet Said, *"If three men converse in secret, HE is their Fourth."* When you think of these three, secretive men as your GOD within {head}, the SON of your GOD within {heart} and your God within {conscience}, GOD becomes your Fourth. Then you're ready to practice soulfulness and learn to pray.

The mountain that came to the Prophet Muhammad had a tabletop summit much like yours. Your mountain was sociologically warm in the valley in youth {0-39} and psychologically cool at the summit in middle age {40-69}. But on the way down in old age {70+}, you may begin to feel either spiritually warmed again as you descend into the valley of death or you may feel nothing at all as you descend into a Dead Sea experience of your life coming to an end.

Your forested mountainside is a reminder of the glorious, metaphoric, lone pine that you see that's grown through four seasons. The meadows and rolling hills are symbolic of the infancy and childhood you once meandered through without knowing where you were going to go. But so long as the illumination and warmth continues to glow for you from within, you can make your way through any clime to any peak or valley you seek.

"Then, on the day of resurrection, HE will inform" you what you're doing as you're doing it. You won't need to know as much about what those around you are doing. But this outcome I can't reveal to you. For this answer, you must eat from your own tree. You must break your own fast a little sooner each day; develop a little more appetite for a little more of you. And you must come to relish the sweet taste of self-kindness and appreciation you have to offer. Only GOD knows why you're doing what you're doing because only HE knows what HE'd like you to be doing.

"She Who Pleaded" is a euphemism for the hole in your chest; your x² factor. Your heart and soul are pleading with you to feed you. They're pleading for you to listen to yourself and respond, as a crying baby pleads with screams and tears to be helped until the day arrives that he can finally put his needs into words.

Once you hear yourself plead for more of your attentions, you'll never be the same again. Your load will be lightened. Your journey will be more joyous. And your ability to become more vital and sensual will externalize pleading in delightfully creative, even sensuous, ways for you and your partner for the remainder of your days.

Never again, will you have to demean yourself with begging and pleading for something to eat that you couldn't satisfy with words. You'll finally be cool with you. You'll no longer be cold to you. You'll know kindness. And you'll yearn to feed the world with the excess of your inner harvest.

Surah 59

سورة الحشر

Exile

The true exile in the modern world is anyone who feels uncomfortable in the world around him and wishes to change it beginning from within. The Jews led the Christians and then the Christians have led the Muslims on an exodus into the world within. But the exodus out of our inner world into constant reimmersion in the material world we know is, sadly, where many people are only interested in going. Atheism and materialism are not solutions.

You must seek yourself to make the journey of your life meaningful from start to finish. Those who are going from start to finish without this plan may be very disappointed at where they ultimately end up. If you close your eyes while driving at high speed, what do you think will eventually happen?

It's not who you know that count. It's not what you know that counts. It's how you use what you know on who you know that counts.

It's not what you do that counts. It's not who you do it with that counts. It's how you two do it together that counts.

It's not where you're going that counts. It's who you're going to get to be with when you get where you're going that counts.

It's all about how. How is much more important than who, what, when, where or why. You now know so much more about the question "Why?" The only thing left I can teach you about is "How?"

Your spiritual journey must become increasingly more personal and private. It must be validated in your actions in the world around you, but it must be verified in your world within. When you can't verify the feeling of self-validation, you come to see yourself as an exile.

The true exile begins in his head; makes his way into his heart; and, from there, his journey takes him out of his heart into his conscience, where he can observe the other two. But while in each location in inner space he finds himself waging war after war with his penis {or clitoris}. Only this will, over time, turn his conscience into a soul. ⁴⁶

On the spiritual journey, you discover that you have an anus for a reason. You discover that elimination of unneeded characteristics is a spiritual enterprise that purifies your conscience. You, too, then enter that dark realm where your ego resides. And in your own way, you, too, will come to awe the way in which **GOD** made you, holes and all.

⁴⁶ For Muslims who already live in their soul, this exodus is partially mirrored in the Muslim diaspora we see today around the world. But for *Muslims* who are going the other way, they're going to end up in a hole of unimaginable proportions, having walked away from their head, heart and conscience. They're going to watch as they behave like ancient JEWS sacrificing any animal they choose in their desperate attempt to gain their "God's" favor. Meanwhile, the modern exodus is being made manifest through travels and relationships with people of other faiths, **philosophies** and lifestyles. You won't truly be exiled, if you can identify with other exiles. This is the essence of our LGBT+ community experience, not the Jewish experience. The Jews are already making their way home: Israel.

Your skin is the boundary between your two worlds. The contour of your biological fence will determine how you'll interface with the world around you and to the extent that others judge you by your fence and not your house.

Some people are physically big and take up a lot of space. Others are spiritually big and, therefore, take up a lot of spiritual space. Some are physically tall and look down on others literally. Others are spiritually tall and look down on others condescendingly or kindly from the height they have. The more you can appreciate the "it" you've been given, the more you can appreciate the "you" you're becoming.

Your fight for racial justice for blacks has pierced you with awareness that the color of your skin is no reason to feel enslaved. The fight for women's rights has taught you that the shape or size of your genitals and chest gives you no reason to proclaim your superiority or inferiority over others. And the fight for gay rights has taught you that consensual sex between unmarried adults is not open to criticism, while nonconsensual sex with adults or sex with anyone underage or intellectually challenged will receive zero tolerance.

Privacy is a spiritual right. Telling other people how they must relate to "it" has made our religious predecessors unattractive as models of moral example. They've only motivated us to move out of the external world toward our internal world with all the more haste. They've unknowingly made us all more "home" sick.

GOD presents himself as a puzzle for us to assemble in our own way. The unique key you have to HIS designs begins with your skin as you make your way in. The more you come to know yourself, the more you'll understand how you were created in images that emerged from GOD's imagination.

The circumcised penis is a deeply meaningful experience in the life of a Jewish or Muslim male of faith. But because circumcision happens at such a young age as a rule {the eighth day of life for a Jew and at any time in infancy or childhood for a Muslim}, it isn't sufficiently explored for modern interpretation. Its poignancy is relegated to the past.

The Christians have a Jewish GOD and the Muslims have a Jewish penis. Yet neither of them bother to ask themselves or one another what this says about GOD's designs. You'd think that after 2,000 and 1,400 years of exposure to Jews, they'd have more in the way of questions and fewer dogmatic answers.

The uncircumcised penis is more sensitized to stimulation. The sensitivity of the head of the circumcised penis decreases over time. This physical callousing corresponds to an intellectual, emotional or spiritual distancing from outer reality that make the circumcised man think, feel and believe differently about himself from those whose penile sensitivity hasn't been affected in this way.⁴⁷

Common sense might lead one to believe that GOD would want religious people to become more sensitized to the world around them, not less. But when the penis is viewed,

⁴⁷ Those who've lost a limb speak about a haunting, phantom sensation. Even people who've lost a tooth can experience the phantom limb syndrome. The loss of your foreskin creates a similar sensation which can only be perceived and described spiritually.

not as a semen-delivery device, but as a spiritual delivery device, GOD's reasoning might become more apparent.

It's everyone's job to explore his personal limits when it comes to physical pleasure in the world around him as well as to question the awesome delights that come from an intimate relationship with GOD from within. That's not a tribal matter for most people today. That's become personal.

It isn't necessary for every man in the world to be circumcised, any more than it's necessary that every man, woman and child to believe in Jesus. Any GOD-given gift can be shared in abstract ways. We don't need to fight over religious dogma. We need to struggle with the moral challenges we bring individually into the world in order to find collective ways of tolerating, accepting and admiring those who do things differently from the way we do. That's what it means to be modern from the inside out.

Everyone in the Abrahamic faiths faces the challenge of separation from the lawlessness of indigenism as described in the first four stories of Genesis before the story of Abraham. The topic of autonomy was introduced in the Creation story, but it spread through the subsequent stories of Cain and Abel, Noah and the Ark and the Tower of Babel.

After you came to distinguish the difference between your head {Adam} and heart {Eve} in infancy, you entered childhood where a rift occurred between the next generation of your thoughts and feelings {Cain and Abel}. During puberty, a figurative deluge poured down on you {hormones}, after which your inner world was repopulated with the animal instincts you let out onto the world two by two as an adolescent {Noah and the Ark}. GOD then promised you never to exact another ordeal like that upon you by giving you the gift of a rainbow of hope within.

But you continued to defy HIM in early adulthood by figuratively reaching up through your inner clouds {problems} to grasp at HIS "heavenly" abode without permission through collusion and conspiracy with others {the Tower of Babel}. Your early adult successes and failures were towers to power you created and watched tumble down, whether you consciously interpreted it that way then, or not.

Adolescence is something we all got through. But spiritual adolescence is something everyone needs to get through. Adolescence is something we look back on with mixed feelings. Spiritual adolescence is something you should look forward to with promises of gratitude to GOD if HE get you through it.

Remaining infantile, childish or juvenile doesn't have to last forever. You can use hope like an overarching bridge between spiritual childhood and adulthood. You can grow like a rainbow, diaphanously. And you can face your immaturity by crossing this bridge again and again on varying tints and hues until you can recognize and see your syndromes like mist hanging in midair.

You'll always be constructing an understanding of your inner world. You'll always be like an infant in love with women using the reflection of your mother. You'll always be like a child who envies his own heart as he perceives it only in others. You'll always be like an adolescent, wondering where the animals went that you let off your ark. And although you may have given up trying to invade GOD's space with a tower to power that resembles a penis that goes up and then comes crashing down like some young guy with a

crush on a girl, you may consciously be ready to choose to move on to the next story of Torah: Abraham.⁴⁸

The construction and adornment of your inner synagogue, cathedral or mosque may be more apparent to those around you than to you. But if you can perceive your own intentions through figurative interpretations of Scripture, you can achieve your goal in coming to know, love and live a life of devotion to yourself in new and wonderfully creative ways.

The external erection of your tower to power in the material realm is the construction of your monetary estate. In the sexual realm, your tower to power corresponds to your penis and all that it chooses to stand for, such as your life partner and children.

But in the moral realm, your tower to power corresponds to the principles you live by in interfacing with yourself. Your desires will always remain individual whims that may, or may not, conform to GOD's intentions for you. In that sense, every man personalizes Torah whether he thinks about GOD as he pursues honey and money, or not.

Controlling what people do in their bedroom is as futile and sinful as figuratively sticking your nose in the behind or vagina of people you're not having sex with. Invading other people's inner space or bedroom is a waste of time. It says more about your embarrassment, shame and desire to humiliate yourself than it does about your GOD's/GOD's/God's designs.

I don't wish to suggest that gay men have a better time in bed than straight men because we're more in touch with figurative ways of getting an erection and planting our seeds. I also don't wish to suggest that uncircumcised men have a better time in bed than men with a foreskin. And I don't wish to suggest that sodomy is superior to vaginal sex. All men "Edge GOD out" {ego} by compartmentalizing their personal tower to power regardless of what their penis looks like or what they like to do with it.

Many gay men still buy in to the lie that they're doing something in their bedroom that offends GOD/GOD/God, and, therefore, they've had to figuratively circumcise HIM/HIM/Him from their life. But I suspect many straight men keep GOD/GOD/God out of their bedroom by thinking about many other women during sex just to distract them from HIS/HIS/His presence.

Being alone doesn't change the fact that you're by yourself. If you don't share that aloneness with GOD you experience more onliness than ever. You feel as banished as Adam and Eve. You feel exiled from a part of yourself you can't quite put your finger on.

What pride should really be about is the confidence in coming out of your closet before GOD, whether you're gay or straight, circumcised or intact. Sex is important in moving

⁴⁸ The story of Abraham is about the struggle you're having to unify the Abrahamic faiths despite your faith-based tradition. The story of Abraham is about the unification you're going to achieve from within when you succeed in solving for your syndromes in your own unique way as GOD is bringing awareness of them to you.

through embarrassment, shame and humiliation to becoming more modest, humble and gracious.⁴⁹ If you can apply passion to all your affairs, you'll likely develop a very rich, tapestried and loving, sex life with one very special person – other than you...

Those who think men should be ashamed of themselves for kissing men passionately on the mouth and enjoying oral and anal sex with them are, of course, free to hate the action while claiming to love the actors. If it offends their religious sensibilities that we're proud of our sexual conduct, I suggest they take up their indignation with their GOD/GOD/*God* and leave us out of it.

If it offends them that women who don't use contraception get unwanted pregnancies, and then want to seek abortions, I suggest they take that up with their Lord as well, and leave those issues out of secular society where their shock and indignation doesn't belong.

Kilauea Volcano on the big island of Hawaii was erupting furiously not too long ago. And that absorbed some of my thoughts. (My partner is fascinated with volcanos, lava and eruptions.)

But for me, an erupting volcano is a sign of the emotional eruptions I witnessed in my father when I was a child. There's a childish part of me that's younger than the rest of me, a part of me that's always under pressure; always rumbling; and always oozing molten emotion that I try to keep from reaching the surface where it can endanger the wellbeing of others. {like father on the inside; unlike father on the outside}

I don't want to ever display the anger I once had with myself that caused me to attempt suicide. But I don't want to try to squelch my feelings either. My anger as a young man oozed up from the depth of me at times and in ways I now see mirrored the way my father behaved after the War when I was a child. I'm sure I felt the same way he did when he was a young man, even though my reasons were quite different. He was mad at the Nazis who enslaved him. I was mad at a Nazi within who did the same thing to me.

Now I know that the y in me is very protective of my x². I'm very chivalrous about seeing to it that she isn't offended or threatened by anyone anymore. You see that in some straight men. But you see it in gay men and women, too. Don't get too close to our x². We're diligently working inside to protect her from others, and ourselves.

I felt emotionally abandoned and ignored at school growing up. I felt unable to bridge my feelings with kind actions for others, especially my feelings for other boys. But when I grew up, I found women also mirrored some ways in which I felt ignored, condescended to or rejected.

Now, so long as I respect others, I have the freedom and liberty to think whatever I think and feel any way I feel. In other words, I don't have to discuss what my head and heart are doing with anyone. What's happening to my lava underground is my own business, so long as I don't start smoking and erupting outwardly.

⁴⁹ If you think that thinking about your GOD/GOD/*God* during sex will offend HIM/HIM/*Him*, think again. *HE*'s seen it all before. Thinking about *GOD* being in the room with the two of you might even improve your sex life.

But when it comes to my emancipation from myself, I have an obligation to speak about what I believe. Self-emancipation requires me to love the Lord my way. That's guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution.⁵⁰

If you have a religious grievance with what I believe because I don't want what you want, then pray the gay away in you! Don't try to change the laws of the land to force me to accommodate your external belief system. I wouldn't do that to you. You're free to hate whomever you wish. Just don't balk if I say something that makes you feel guilty. There's no law against that, either. GOD knows how people like you have tried to make people like me feel guilty!

Some children don't want to grow up because they know that they're going to have to face puberty if they do. They know that unpleasant thoughts, strange feelings and uncontrollable desires will overwhelm them if they go over that rainbow to the other side. So they figuratively stay children all their lives, pointing fingers at those who've had the courage they lack to keep going. They don't face the whole truth about how they feel about their genitals now that they're oozing hot liquids that weren't there before.

You're not alone in the world around you. You're only alone in your world within. If you don't like the company you have no choice about keeping, that's not my fault. Don't blame me for you having to live with your dirty anus. I pick the anuses I want in my life very carefully. Just because you're not discriminating enough to like the one you've got is no reason to hate me. Hate yourself! See how you like it.

Don't conspire to build towers to your penis problems or clitoris conflicts. We can see right through your erections and swollen clitorises. And if your perverted urges are that nude and naked to us, just try to imagine how transparent they must be to GOD.

For those of us {Jews and Muslims} who've been commanded by GOD to circumcise our sons, this religious ritual should be questioned with personal regard for what it's done for us and our forefathers spiritually. It's figuratively broken the fence between our inner and outer worlds in a space and place below the belt. It's a reminder to us that our skin is more than a biological membrane. Our skin is a filter that allows more than sensations to permeate our body. It's a vehicle to intellectual, emotional and spiritual circumstances that affect our inner life.

The man who believes in GOD with all his heart and soul will develop a good mind. He may still feel a sense of banishment and condemnation in having been placed in a world where he has to find his own way "home." But the consequences of the pain and suffering caused by circumcision in infancy or childhood will reverberate through to his last dying breath on Earth. That's a given. That's normal for Jews and Muslims.

For Christians it's different. They're blessed with baptism instead of circumcision. It's an easier, softer way into life with GOD, one that doesn't break the skin. And you can see

⁵⁰ "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

by the societies they create that Christians always strive for sensuality and pleasures of the body (sadly, too often to the extreme).

The sense of having been exiled into this world is human. But the feeling of being an exile becomes a personal challenge over time as the result of looking for a way through the forest to that one, special tree. The experience of being an exile is like the path up the mountain, across the mountain and down the mountain that the Prophet paved a way for you using cobblestones chiseled by Moses and gathered by Jesus, to which he added his own special cement to hold the stones in place.

Your exile should be a sign of how precious you are to GOD. It shouldn't be a sign that only proves how deeply some people despise you. Your exile and self-emancipation should not only be precious to you. It should be precious to us all.

Jews and Muslims have circumcision in common, something we don't share with many Christians outside the U.S. But what we all share in common is the physical exile from our mother's womb. And this, then becomes the essence of this surah. Even someone like me {a man not born of woman} shares the first exile of life with you.⁵¹

Because the words in Hebrew for "Egypt" {MITZRAYIM} and "narrow places" {MITZARIM} come from the same root, we, Jews, look at ancient Egypt as our surrogate mother and the womb of ancient Egypt as the narrow place we came out of 400 years after GOD transplanted our ancestors into it. Muslims may look at ancient Egypt as their surrogate mother, too, since Hagar was an ancient Egyptian and Muslims are the descendants of her offspring with Abraham: Ishmael.

The story of our conception is the Creation story. But the story of the Passover is the story of our birth. If you want to abort us, it's too late. If you want to kill us as infants, it's too late. And if you want to kill us as children, adolescents or young adults, it's too late. We're older than all of you. You're going to have to kill us as you would your parents, elders in your community and seniors who you despise.

Like the metaphoric fruit from the Tree of knowledge that can never be glued back onto that tree, circumcision is a cut in the mind that leaves a permanent scar. The spiritual search for a universal truth and intimacy with GOD begins in yourself and moves out from there.

You can never go back to who you once were. And you certainly can't go back to share yourself with the family you grew up with or your ancient ancestors.

The past lies in the past. It was a series of moments in time that are connected to now in a way that you can only *figuratively* go back to. To come to understand your growing imagination you're going to have to move forward in time. That's why believing in GOD

is the most modern of all contemporary ideas. Faith in GOD is current, cutting-edge and modern. It always was, and it always will be.

⁵¹ The expression, "*No man that's born of woman shall e'er have power upon thee*" comes from Shakespeare's "Macbeth." [Act 5, Scene 3] It refers to MacBeth's demise by someone who was born by cesarean. Like MacDuff, I, too, was born by cesarean.

*“It was He who drove the nonbelievers
among the people of the book
out of their dwellings into the first exile.⁵²
You do not think that they would go;
and they,
for their part,
fancied that their strongholds would protect them from God.
But God’s scourge fell upon them whence they did not expect it,
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that their dwellings were destroyed by their own hands
as well as by the faithful.
Learn from their example,
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The two ancient exiles of the Jews {Babylonian and Roman} were spiritual consequences that every good Muslim will want to consider carefully before he goes on his own rampage against the Jews today because his ancient ancestors exiled the Jews at Banu al-Nadit. {The modern exile of the Jews occurred in 1948 with the re-creation of the State of Israel when the Jews were expelled from Muslim lands. And the current efforts of *Muslims* to exile Jews from Europe through violence and intimidation is happening as we speak.}

⁵² This is an allusion to the Muslim assault against the Jews of Banu al-Nadit in Arabia. The first exile, from a Jewish point of view, was, of course, the Babylonian Exile in the 6th Century B.C.E. which had occurred more than a 1,000 years prior to this Muslim exile of the Jews in the 7th Century C.E.

But the voluntary exile from the world we share to the world within, and, from there, onward and upward to GOD is familiar to us all. All men should want to learn how to make peace with their penis before they try to make peace with their anus; the external world; and their Maker.

The feeling of having been exiled through the rite of circumcision is Abrahamic man's first clue to a process we're all a part of. So wake up to what's happening below your belt. It's later than you may think.

The tip of your penis is like the tip of an iceberg. There's so much more beneath it that has to be understood. And once you understand that, you're going to get curious about the secret to life that flows through it. You're going to want to know where that potential to create life comes from and what drives that miraculous substance through you into the world we share.

Whether or not you're circumcised, you know the need to hide in a world where exposing too much of yourself may attract pain and/or suffering. We all don an external face to hide how we really feel. This extra face is called our "persona."

But many people become so adept at hiding behind their persona because it's so closely tied to matters below their waist that they figuratively can't take off their social mask even when in prayer. Revealing themselves to GOD simply isn't going to happen until they learn to reveal themselves to themselves. This becomes their secret, unstated, even unknown, mission in life. Learning to express themselves becomes their *raison d'être* because they instinctively know that if they can't learn to talk to themselves, they'll never be able to learn to pray to GOD.

And then, when they meet their Maker, they're going to wonder why HIS first question to them might well be, "Why didn't you ever pray to ME?" And then what are they going to say?

In common parlance, we call this quest being "genuine," being the "real deal." We call getting there "letting down your hair." We call it "letting go, and letting GOD." We call it "getting comfortable in your own skin."

But it's really a way of earning your way back from having broken the 9th Commandment {bearing false witness}. You're not your persona, any more than you're the reflection you see changing from year to year in the mirror. Your "I" is even more mysterious than your "it," although "it" is a clue into "you."

Moses spent 40 years after killing a man, wandering alone, before he stumbled upon the Burning Bush. You can't anticipate how long it's going to take you to make your way through your guilt to your burning bush so you can turn back and go back to the scene of your crime. If you, like me, have spent decades withholding what you think of you and how you feel about you, you don't want to die and then barf all that onto GOD. Let it out now. But let it out carefully. Your self-emancipation depends on doing so wisely and lovingly.

Another way of describing your willingness to attempt to hold a more intimate relationship with **GOD** {regardless of your faith or **philosophy**} may be by changing your verbal approach to **HIM**. Romantic languages do that grammatically through changes in the conjugations of verbs in a formal or informal relationship with the pronoun “you.” When you’re ready to use the informal **YOU** with **GOD**, you may be more comfortable giving up the formal you with HIM/HIM/*Him* that’s been ingrained in all tribal peoples. But that will only happen when you’re ready to hold an informal relationship with you.

If you go to synagogue, church or mosque, and feel a sense of stiffness and formality that makes you uncomfortable, know that they’re figuratively trying to present the formal form of conjugation with the pronoun “YOU/YOU/*You*.” It’s just the way they do things. People are different. It’s only when you talk to them that you discover whether they believe in **ONE GOD** or only theirs.

Getting comfortable using both a formal and informal style of connecting with **GOD** is something you have to begin with yourself. When you can be genuine with yourself without being rude or crude; when you can let down your hair with you without having a bad hair day that makes you dramatic and irrational; when you can let go and let you be with you as brother {y} and sister {x²} or sister {x¹} and sister {x²} – you’ll have proved to yourself that you can be casual, comfortable and contented in your own skin.

This will heal your relationship with the 9th Commandment. This will modify your persona in ways that will make you happier being you. This will help you admit to yourself that you’re the only witness you need. {**GOD** is your Witness. There’s a visual difference in the way these two words have been presented here because there’s a vast difference in meaning. {You only need you. You don’t even need me. But when you have you, you magically find you have an access to **GOD**.}

The problem in becoming your own witness is that you’ve witnessed everything you’ve done up until now. You’ve seen yourself at your worst with others. You’ve seen yourself covet, lie, steal, cheat and maybe even kill. For you to proclaim that you’re your best friend belies the meaning of friendship.

Friendship is a combination of honesty, sincerity and authenticity. Would you choose a friend who’s done some of the things you’ve done to you? Would you befriend someone who neglects you so?

Obviously, your honest answer will be “no.” And this makes a formal relationship with you next to impossible unless you’re a hypocrite.

When you’re honest, sincere and authentic enough to admit that you sometimes have trouble being with you for long periods of time without distraction, you’ll be ready to give up taking Scripture only literally.

When you can admit *that* to yourself, you’ll have started talking to yourself more realistically. The longer you can stand to be with you nude, naked and exposed, the longer

you're going to be able to maintain your connection with GOD, too. Until you can witness that truth, you're probably only going to get your prayers answered formally. And you're going to be disappointed with the results.

The political and social problems Muslims are facing in this country and in Europe are an exile that mirrors the exiles of the Jews. The hatred and scorn Muslims are having to go through at this time in history is something we could help them bear if they let us. Only a shmuck would turn down such an offer, but only a shmuck wouldn't offer it.

You can't appreciate having been made in GOD's images by staring at other people and thinking you know them just by the look on their face. Sooner or later, you'll choose to look at yourself literally, figuratively and spiritually to come to understand humanity through the one human being you have a chance to get to know thoroughly. Sooner or later, you'll choose to search for a panorama on the mountain that will lead you to look down on others with equivalent regard. You can't face any more of others and GOD than you can face yourself.

When you can face the humiliation that has kept you from experiencing embarrassment and shame, you'll change your discourse internally and then externally. You'll come to see yourself as an exile from the religious world who embraces spirituality. And you'll discover that you're a good person because you've created a kind persona.

From a greater height within, you'll see how formal or informal you've been with you in an effort to fit in with others. You may see how you've forced yourself to climb day after day externally without encouragement or consolation.

The valley of infancy when your mother held you so safely in her arms should have been a lesson in how you'd look back to where you once were from today's more elevated precipice. You're probably too old anymore to ask your mother to hold you in her arms, but you may still be too young to hold yourself as you'd now like to feel held. The mountain has many climes on your climb. I promise you it will get warmer within the longer you trek.

It's so easy to see that bad things happen to good people, but it's so difficult to see why good things have to happen to bad people. The plain truth is that we're all a combinations of good and bad, even the worst among us.

A totalitarian is nothing more than an emotional infant who needs glorification and adulation externally. He's nothing more than a big baby. A pedophile is an emotional child who needs physical intimacy and thrills with children. Such is the penis problem that these perverts can't hide. They get figurative erections that make them feel more powerful than even their "God." They have to compare hand size because the size of their soul means nothing to them. And after they've basked in the glory of orgasmic, material or sexual indulgences that have left them feeling simply superb about themselves, down comes their penis, and up come their problems. It's such an old story. You'd think more people would know how it always ends.

Those who glorify such people are spiritually juvenile and therefore vindictive. They, too, want something they know they shouldn't have. What do you think they deserve to get from GOD when their time here is over?

In addition to penis problems, there are, of course clitoris conflicts that cause women to succumb to evil in many ways, as well. Women enjoy basking in the glow of material rewards that symbolize breeding, good looks and strength. But then they discover just how spiritually deprived they really feel. But because they can't display the size of their hands like a man, instead they show off the length of their nails. What's the difference?

When the JEWS in Israel get real, the Christians and the Muslims will help Israelis distinguish real from ideal. But right now, penis problems and clitoris conflicts are just too prevalent for any of us to anticipate what will come next. The Teacher may have lessons **HE** hasn't revealed that may be more shocking than the lessons we're now having to endure.

God allowed the Jews of Banu al-Nadit to be expelled from Medina in August, 625 C.E. after being accused of plotting to assassinate the Prophet. But GOD's/GOD's/*God's* many intentions will vary depending on how deeply you can take HIS/HIS/*His* lessons in life to heart. Just as a teacher comes to class each day with a different lesson plan that builds over time in ways to prepare each student differently depending on his or her learning style, Jews, Christians and Muslims today are being asked to seat themselves next to strangers and help one another in class without knowing why. And that's causing a great deal of consternation from those at the back of the class who are enraged at anyone they were taught to hate and disparage who doesn't have money and power who wants to sit next to them.

The only thing these bozos can agree on is their desire to exclude the poor and disenfranchised. They're not interested in learning about themselves. They don't care what the Teacher is saying or doing at the front of the room. They just want to get more externally rich to hold onto external power.

Is it any wonder **GOD** had to allow man to create the concepts of "heaven" and "hell" to help him contain himself? There wouldn't be enough class time for each student to learn all that he needs to know about himself in one lifetime if he didn't fear what might happen to him after school while on his way "home."

The 'A' students literally pray together. And therefore, everything they say and do is a form of prayer. The 'B' students pray that we can learn to live together in peace. The 'C' students pray to their "God" to remove the 'A' and 'B' students from class, which will give the "C" students the upper hand. The 'D' students are interested in the material world and nothing more. Therefore they don't ever pray unless they have reason to be afraid of losing their life. And the 'F' students fight for world domination.

How do you think you're doing? Grade yourself. Let's see what kind of student of you, you think you are.

The Holocaust was no victory for the Jews even though the world agreed to give us back the land their ancestors had stolen from us. But time has definitely shown us that the biggest losers in the Holocaust were the European Christians. Despite their money, power and prestige on the world stage, most of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have been in psychological revolt against their religious traditions ever since.

The desire for modernity has driven the offspring of 20th Century Europeans to cross paths with those of other faiths and lifestyles. And this has driven a wedge in their religious beliefs. Now they don't know what to believe.

In an effort to know themselves more deeply, most European Christians have chosen to go within for better answers than their forefathers found in their religious tradition. They've opted to open themselves to other faiths and lifestyles. (But most Muslims in Europe don't yet appear to understand what's happening – nor do they seem to care.)

And yet, I believe something curious may be happening to Muslims in America. I think they may be asking themselves what makes them similar to and different from Muslims in Europe and the Middle East. I think they may be starting to ask themselves how the Quran is going to be stretched around the world in the modern age without tearing Islam apart.

So much blood has already been shed in the name of religion. Just imagine how much more innocent Jewish, Christian and Muslim blood will be spilled unless we come together and do something different.⁵³

The war on brown Catholics in the Western Hemisphere is the result of the desire for many people to exile themselves from themselves with inebriants. Drugs create express trains for thoughts that people yearn to climb aboard to get them where they want to go faster. Believe me, I wouldn't have gotten off those express trains myself and taken the local trains of thought if there had been any other way at the time. But every express train I boarded turned out to be taking me in the direction of suicide.

The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* at the back of the room don't give a damn about asking good questions of themselves. They think their grades are great. They think one name for GOD/GOD/*God* is enough, and they scheme to make that name universal. Of course, they aren't being realistic. The best name for GOD is "reality," but they don't want to face reality. (You work in mysterious ways, or you don't.)

I've described life through the metaphor of a school, but that wasn't what I always believed. What I once believed changed from day to day according to how I felt when I woke up in the morning. And when I was feeling particularly discouraged and pessimistic upon opening my eyes, I subscribed to the simile of life as like an insane asylum. (I literally even had to spend time in them.)

In this simile, we're all like inmates on a locked ward. And death is the only key that will get us out. In this simile, there is no FATHER, SON, *Guardian* or Teacher. In this simile, "God" is like a doctor, and the wise guys^u have all concluded that the people in this worldwide institution are really sick. (They^u just don't want to look within for self-healing.)

Those of us in the doctorate program in the school of life, know that we can become smart enough to become doctors to ourselves so we can discharge ourselves from this asylum. We think that every life should be responsibly held in one's own hands.

⁵³ Unless new ideas are the result of internal changes and transformations that lead to a transcendence of spirit in many more people, there'll be no transfiguration of the masses. And external progress will continue at the slow rate we're seeing now. So decide now if you're ready to make a difference in your own life. It matters to us all.

But how many parents ask their son or daughter to grow up to be like a doctor in consultation with the Doctor? It's our relationship with HIM that makes us feel that HE's like a professional colleague, not like our father. In fact, GOD ought to be seen more like the Therapist of all therapists. We should all go to Doc {GOD} to complain about our struggle in being ourselves.

Unfortunately, most people subscribe to the simile of life as like an insane asylum, even though they're terrified of those of us who've literally gone insane. They'd rather accept *their* objective reality and denounce *our* subjective reality, when we were all given two worlds with good reason.

Most people are sentimental attached to the way things are. They don't understand that you can embrace external reality without rejecting internal reality. You just can't insist on your reality to the exclusion of gays and Jews. GOD won't allow that. I believe that's why there's so much more pain and suffering in this world than there needs to be. The exclusion of gays and Jews is a conclusion that's morally obscene, insane and unrealistic. Any prejudice you have against gays or Jews is a sign of your syndrome.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are more insane than the rest of us because they want to throw away every fruit that's blemished, discolored, marred, mottled or in any way, in their mind, less than perfect. They're spiritually wasteful and, therefore, themselves, spoiled. And yet, they point fingers at the LGBT+ community, the poor and the disenfranchised as undesirables who, they think, must be punished. They want to appear to be victims so they can then claim to be martyrs before their GOD/GOD/*God*. Good luck with that! The Doctor can see right through that reasoning. Anyone with an eighth grade education can!

In my opinion, insanity, not fear of life after death, is what horrifies humanity. People don't want to think about having embarrassed, shamed and/or humiliated themselves into insanity – forget death. I don't think most of them could really care less what happens to them after life. And GOD, our Doctor, surely knows it.

What “normal” people *don't* know that those of us who've been involuntarily committed to mental institution *do* know are the unstated rules you need to learn to get yourself out of an insane asylum. It's not as easy as you might think.

When you can't help but perceive this world subjectively as like an insane asylum, and you're worried about losing your mind, here's what I suggest you do:

1. Don't rile up the other inmates. Focus your attention on your own insanity.
2. Befriend the doctors and nurses. They're here to help you.
3. Ask your Therapist what you need to do to get out of the padded cell you figuratively find yourself in that feels so constrained.
4. Ask yourself what you did to get out of the straight jacket you figuratively wore the day before. And then choose comfortable clothing for any inner weather today. It may get quite grey and cloudy today without a moment's notice.

5. Each day, ask yourself what more you need to do morally to achieve a cleaner bill of health than you achieved the day before.
6. Use your imagination wisely using the free time you have to let your mind go wherever it wants. But watch and witness where it takes you. You may be more like an infant in the arms of a child who's being cared for by a teenager under the roof of an irresponsible adult. You may even need to take some medication to help you out for a while.
7. Believe in yourself without taking action on your beliefs at this time. If you just watch what you think, feel and believe, you'll discover what it is you desire most out of life. And if you can see what it is you really want, you'll slowly come to know yourself better and better. It will all change overnight. But it will only change very slowly.

When you watch the news; study people from afar in a café or from a park bench; talk to friends; or look at yourself in the mirror in the quiet hours of the early morning – ask yourself what's sane or insane about the way you've changed since you were a kid. You may discover that you may now perceive better reasons for having been committed to this "institution" on Earth than you did in the past.

When I was a kid I was always worried about getting hurt. After my father beat me that once and my mother spanked me for every little thing I did wrong, I was broken. I became afraid of everyone. And what was happening on the schoolyard between classes didn't augment my opinion of mankind.

You may see how much more sane you've become over time just by having come to know yourself a little better. You may already have healed in many wonderful ways despite the childhood you went through.

Once you can entertain the idea that your sanity has always been in question in your own mind, you'll be able to more humbly move through your life. Once you can admit that sometimes this world looks more like an insane asylum than a sport, game or journey, when, in fact, it's a school – you'll start to question your own sanity from a more spiritual perspective. And that'll make all the difference. That'll raise your moral standing in group therapy sessions with your many selves and our Doctor (who's also our Teacher).

When you look back at all the ways you pretended to be an athlete {sports}, player {game} and tourist {journey} in the past (when you were really more like a patient in a sanatorium), you'll move more humbly forward in developing your relationship with the Doctor/Teacher. You'll embrace the metaphor of you as a pupil in this school.

This may actually be a more uncomfortable experience for those who *haven't* been labeled schizophrenic, manic-depressive or told they suffer from other forms of psychoses or neuroses, including being labeled narcissistic and O.C.D. Moral scrutiny requires questioning your sanity once you believe that your sanity is bound together by the relationships you hold with your head, heart, soul and desires. If you're willing to admit that sanity requires your whole body, and not just your head, the state of your sanity and the future of the State of Israel will come together in a miraculous, whole new way.

But if you give up now, thinking you'd rather put your hopes into JEWISH, CHRISTIAN or *Muslím* dogma, then be my guest... If you still think I'm a narcissistic, nut job who makes no sense whatsoever, you're doing yourself a disservice.

The Jewish dwellings in the Muslim town of Banu al-Nadit may have been destroyed by their own hands {But it was more likely destroyed at the hands of *Muslims*.} I still wouldn't use that battle to draw conclusions about the whole war. The spiritual war has become more and more internalized over a very long period of time. If you want to wage war against anyone, wage war against those aspects of yourself that are still getting in your own way. You have no moral standing to get violent with others. Someone will have to lock you up or remove you from class altogether if you do.

The outcome of that battle in Saudi Arabia then didn't mean that the Jews who survived behaved the same way thereafter. And it didn't mean that the Muslims behaved the same way thereafter, either. Times change. People change. And the moral intentions of **GOD**'s designs may appear to change like the lesson plans of a teacher. **HIS** designs may even shift like sand dunes in the wind.

The sane are able to make connections between Mother Nature and man's nature. The insane separate one from the other. The sane worry about the death of bees because our food source depends on them. The insane will tell you that their "God" always provides, so they plan to continue to pollute the land and destroy the animal kingdom.

That's why we all ought to rhetorically ask ourselves what we can do to improve the mental health of everyone who feels locked up in an asylum. Pointing fingers only at other people's insanity isn't nearly sane enough.

*"Had We brought down this Quran upon a mountain,
you would have seen it humble itself
and break asunder for fear of God."
[59:21]*

"Had **WE** brought down this Quran upon a mountain,
you would have seen it humble itself
and break asunder for fear of **GOD**."

In terms of spiritual linguistics, this is an important passage because it brings up a vital lesson about the personal pronoun "it." It wouldn't have been "it" {the Quran} that would have humbled itself and broken asunder for fear of **GOD**. Obviously, **GOD** was speaking about a mountain being humbled and then breaking apart. **HE** was anthropomorphizing mountains, not **HIS** own WORDS. **HE** was attributing human traits, emotions and intentions to a conglomeration of rocks and dirt, not to this incredible, holy Scripture.

We can only hope that every man will, through metaphor, eventually be humbled enough to figuratively turn himself into a mountain that believes in the Quran. And isn't that just what's happening? Isn't every mountain slowly coming to Muhammad? (You'll

do well if you reduce your thoughts to the size of a boulder, grain of sand, hill, mount, pebble, pile of rubble or rock before you try to budge them. But that can only happen with an excellent spiritual education.

You must find a way to keep track of the subjective, personal pronouns {I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they} and the objective, personal pronouns {me, you, him, her, it, us, you, them} so that you know what you're talking about when you use them in sentences. This may be easier to write about on paper than it is to talk about in the privacy of your own mind.

We take it for granted that we always know the nouns we're associating with the pronouns we use when we think. But people whose sanity is in question actually have great difficulty in making these connections. (I know that for a fact.) Consequently, they make associations and draw myriad, irrational conclusions that aren't realistic.

It's easy to be logical. You only have to use your head to be logical. It's harder to be rational because you have to use your head and heart. But it's a monumental challenge to realistic. That takes a head, heart and soul.

The Quran is as figuratively sharp as a shovel. The Quran is as figuratively heavy as a paver or road roller.⁵⁴ The weight of its message was intended to help men move the kind of mountains that are humble enough to crumble under its weight {the weight of the Quran}. Would that all men were humble enough to perceive GOD's intentions when HE created the Quran.

But if you look at how *Muslims* conspire against their own brothers, and others, you'll see how they conspire against themselves, and God. Is it any wonder the world can't tell the difference between lions and tigers and bears?⁵⁵ The weight of the Quran has not yet split enough mountains asunder.

Is it any wonder that the words that form in your mind are like grains of sand that polish you; the words that form in your heart are like the tips of icebergs that melt you; and the

⁵⁴ "A paver is a piece of construction equipment used to lay asphalt on roads, bridges, parking lots and other such places. It lays the asphalt flat and provides minor compaction before it is compacted by a roller." "A road roller is a compactor-type, engineering vehicle used to compact soil, gravel, concrete, or asphalt in the construction of roads and foundations." [Wikipedia] I tell you this to think about your imagination as like heavy, construction equipment.

⁵⁵ In the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz," while walking through a dark forest, Dorothy, the Scarecrow and the Tin man get scared when they hear noises. The Scarecrow wonders if there are any animals out there that might be interested in eating things like straw, and the Tin Man's says, "*There are probably lions and tigers and bears out there.*" This causes the Scarecrow to anxiously repeat, "Lions and tigers and bears," and then Dorothy throws in "Oh my!" for dramatic effect. Pretty soon, the three are skipping through the forest chanting, "Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!" In today's world, many people are figuratively repeating the same chant about JEWS {lions} and *Muslims* {tigers} and Russians Orthodox CHRISTIANS {bears}. And of course, the totalitarians worldwide know this and are using our fear of them to try to control us.

words that form in your soul are as unseen and yet apparent as the wind that carves the hardest of rocks.

The Abrahamic faiths are like construction equipment. Torah is like a caterpillar excavator {track hoe}. The Gospels are like a cement mixer. And the Quran is like a paver or road roller.

If you think you can construct your inner world using the equivalent tools to a shovel, a hoe and a rake, just imagine the dirt paths you'll create and the hovel you'll live in. Perhaps, you can now see why I say that the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* may be living in primitive, internal conditions that you and I no longer suffer from.

GOD's designs are natural, but they've been moved like mountains many times before.

If you can't figuratively move mountains, damn rivers and fly through the air in your mind, you're not yet modern. You're still primitive. If you can't grow a tree inside; plant a vineyard and a field of grain within; and fill a planter with scented herbs that you hang from your inner windowsill – you don't yet know how to live with yourself using a spiritually astute imagination.

People don't wish to lift up their eyes and open their ears. They don't wish to stop and smell the roses. They aren't interested in the Prophet's deeper message because it only comes to the man who can imagine himself improving.

Man is in an exile unto himself. He knows the stories of Abraham, but he doesn't see himself in them. He sees himself as part of an underground root system that can't be seen with the naked eye, but he doesn't identify with the fruits on every tree. He sees how Abraham left his father's house with his wife {Sarai} and nephew {Lot} to live amongst strangers. But he chooses to close his eyes to the rest of the story.

Today's modern man doesn't yet see himself as exiled from his own father's house. He doesn't yet see himself as divided inside into an Ishmael and an Isaac who fight for his attention. He doesn't yet perceive the importance of taking Torah, the Gospels and the Quran personally. Man can see well enough. He's exiled because he can't perceive.

The Creation story is repeated over and over again in Torah in new manifestations with the same outcomes. Man colludes against GOD {instead of repenting} only to discover that he's then forced to conspire against some others. When that only yields a modicum of improvement to his condition, he digs a little deeper to discover that he's been conspiring against himself, leaving GOD to come and save him (yet again) from the one he's always damned to be with. The autobiography of Moses isn't very different from your own.

Rabbis read Torah from scroll to scroll {cover to cover} over the course of every year. Ministers, parsons, pastors and priests read Torah intermittently. And clerics and imams read about Torah only through the Quran. After 5,780, 2,020 and 1,442 years, they still can't see what you and I can perceive. Maybe it shouldn't be a surprise that the daily news looks as bad as it does.

People want what they want, not what they need. **GOD** gives them what they need, but they refuse to ask themselves how what they've got is much better for them than anything they could have wanted. Now they have the challenge to improve life for everyone.

*“In such parables We speak to men,
so that they may take thought.”
[59:21]*

*“In such parables **WE** speak to men,
so that they may take thought.”*

The Prophet took the *words* brought to him from *God* by the Archangel Gabriel, mixed with what he already knew about GOD/GOD, and produced the Quran. But *Muslims* have diverted their inner animosity out onto others. They’ve either promoted hatred against the Jews, Christians, other Muslims or the LGBT+ community. And Muslims have been sitting by silently while their brothers/classmates/inmates have been committing crimes against all decency and humanity.

It’s time everyone speaks up against the injustices he’s committing against himself, whether or not his grandparents or parents happen to approve. Your life after life depends upon your success or failure in your lifetime. You’ll be judged individually, not collectively. And the outcome of your relationship with your Coach {sport}, Master {skill}, Leader {journey}, Doctor {asylum} or Teacher {school} will determine your fate or destiny.

Your lessons and tests today are not the same as those of the Jews, Christians or Muslims who came before you. If you don’t use the main metaphor of Moses, the symbols of Jesus and the parables of the Prophet, you’re going to watch as your world gets crushed by the Quran rather than turned into a universal pathway thanks to it. *God* knows what *He*’s doing. **GOD** knows what **HE** did before that. GOD even knew what he was doing right from the start.

*“He is God,
besides whom there is no other deity.
He knows the unknown and the manifest.
He is the compassionate,
the Merciful.”
[59:22]*

*“**HE** is God,
besides whom there is no other deity.
HE knows the unknown and the manifest.
HE is the Compassionate,
the Merciful.”*

There is no other deity. There's only ONE GOD. And if you need to see HIS names spelled in various ways {Y.H.V.H./Jesus/Allah} to make that point, that's only because you're blind to the obvious. If you need HIS name spelled out in one of three ways, that could only be because you're an exile from one place in inner space or another that you don't want to go back to.

But at least you've kept reading this far. You obviously know that it's sanity that's more precious to you than all the halos, wings, harps, gemstones and virgins in the next world. At least you didn't buy into promises that were intended to be taken figuratively.

"GOD knows the unknown and the manifest." When people come along to teach you more than your family, friends and religious leaders happen to know, you'll be able to show your humility before the Lord by questioning, learning and seeking peaceful ways of addressing all the differences of opinion you'll be facing.

Gays and Jews aren't as horrible as you've been led to believe. Nor are you as horrible as you've led yourself to believe. But you can do much better than you're now doing, and you will, if you attempt to strive for greater sanity.

But only morality can lead you to sanity. Your conscience will stab you in the back every time you hurt another human being. And you'll turn around confused because nobody is there. You've got to stop hurting others to stop hurting yourself. There is no other way of reducing your wounds.

Sanity is the most precious achievement you can strive for in life. Once you've lost your mind with moral indiscretions, you've crippled your heart and hobbled all hope for making your conscience a good guide.

Until you tell yourself that you "won't," you'll continue to live under the illusion that you "can't." The truth is that you won't. One word is all that's stopping you. Tell yourself humbly that you will. Try to do better. It's only about progress, not perfection.

*"He is God,
beside whom there is no other deity.
He is the sovereign Lord,
The holy one,
the Giver of peace,
the Keeper of faith;
the Guardian,
the Mighty One,
the all-powerful,
the Most High!
Exalted be God above their idols!"
[59:23]*

“**HE** is GOD/GOD/*God*,
beside whom there is no other deity.
HE is the sovereign Lord,
the Holy **ONE**,
the Giver of peace,
the Keeper of faith;
the Guardian,
the Mighty One,
the all-Powerful,
the Most High!
Exalted be **GOD** above their idols!”

Whose idols? Who worships idols anymore? I see many people in the news who worship alcohol, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, meth and all sorts of prescription pills. I see JEWS worshipping food; CHRISTIANS worshipping guns and alcohol {spirits}; and *Muslims* worshipping war. I see the homeless on the streets of San Francisco who idolize autonomy to such a degree that they won’t even harness themselves to the yoke of civilized society to work for the blessings of living indoors. Are those who fight for money and kill for their beliefs saner than *these* idol worshippers?

Every one of us can find good reasons to dance around the golden calf of our choosing. But that doesn’t mean we aren’t able to believe in **GOD**. It only means that today’s problems are more sophisticated than the problems our ancestors had to deal with. Because we’re smarter and more educated than our predecessors, it makes sense that **GOD** would give us greater tools and challenges to discover the depth of **HIS** mighty designs.

But sanity is the greatest tool in our spiritual toolbox. Without it, we become victims of temptation. Sadly, and paradoxically, it’s mostly those of us who went insane seeking sanity who know how precious a gift sanity is.

Temptation is described in Torah as a snake in a tree. But it isn’t until puberty that all sorts of weeds grow around your tree. It isn’t until you’ve got a bush physically burning where there never had been a burning bush before that you may begin to look for reasons to take Torah seriously, and not literally.

Don’t succumb to idols in an effort to avoid temptation. Don’t put your faith in GOD/GOD/*God* above your faith in yourself. If you sell yourself short by becoming a JEW, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim* who expects the worst for everyone but themselves, you’ll lose all hope in **ONE GOD**. Your faith depends upon you not giving up on those who are different from you. And that even includes not giving up on JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*.

*“He is God,
the Creator,
the Originator,
the Modeler.*

*His are the most gracious names.
All that is in the heaven and the earth
gives glory to Him.
He is the Mighty,
the Wise One.”
[59:24]*

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the Creator,
the Originator,
the Modeler.*

*HIS are the most gracious names.
All that is in the ‘heavens’ and the Earth
gives glory to HIM.
HE is the Mighty,
the Wise ONE.”*

Have you ever been in a public place and heard people laughing, and wished you were in on the joke? Religion is no joke. Religion is real. But religion is only as real as Israel is real. When you remove Israel from religion, religion becomes a joke. You don’t have to believe me. It’s not possible to convince the spiritually insane that the joke is on them. They’re going to have to find that out for themselves.

All the arguing and wrangling you see Israelis going through among themselves should alert you to the enormity of GOD’s designs. Each of them is the descendent of prophets, just as Christians are the descendants of saints. Only the Muslims are the descendants of one Prophet. And still straight men can’t stop killing one another and straight women can’t stop encouraging them.

Surely their problems don’t lie in their head, heart or soul. So where could the problem be emanating from? What could account for the misery they bring into this world? “heaven” only knows...

If you want to take off the straight jacket once and for all, you don’t have to become gay to do so. We’re not converting, convincing or recruiting. We don’t want what you have. We don’t want you to donate your son to our cause as Abraham concluded GOD

wanted him to do with Isaac. Nor do we want to banish your son from our house, as Abraham concluded GOD wanted him to do with Ishmael. That's just crazy!

If you believe someone is conspiring against you, you may need to talk to your doctor as well as to our Doctor. The insane are conspiring against themselves while projecting their struggle for sanity onto many of us who are reasonably sane.

The Prophet didn't name GOD's other names. He only described HIM using nominalization {turning verbs into nouns, such as "create/Creator"}. In spiritual life, turning verbs into nouns makes your actions more and more like GOD's actions. The more beautiful the verbs you choose to live out in your life, the more beautiful a person you'll become.

Nominalization is the spiritual process by which you choose the virtues you want to convert into aspects of your persona. And nobody can choose your virtues for you because none of us can choose all GOD's virtues. You're going to choose those virtues that appeal most to you and watch the miraculous results unfold. It's like having a garden and choosing which seeds to plant and commit to watering.

The only nouns and proper nouns that faithfully describe GOD as HE described himself are Y.H.V.H. Jesus and *Allāh*. All other gods are virtues that emanate out of nominalization.

Turning verbs into nouns by taking action from within is how you improve yourself. It's how you become like an athlete {sport}; like a master {game}; like a passenger {journey}; and like an ex-patient {insane asylum}. These are the way you become a pupil in this school. These are the ways in which you become a living symbol of the value of life.

Everything you've done in life has created euphemistic names for GOD within you.

"HIS are the most gracious names." And one of HIS names is yours. When you're through trying to exile you from yourself, you'll know that. Then you'll know the meaning of the WORD חֶסֶד "CHESED," which loosely translates as "loving kindness," but which really means "loyalty."

Surah 60
سورة الممتحنة
She Who Is Tested

“*She who is tested*” is you. “She” $\{x^2\}$ is a part of you. She’s the woman in you $\{x^2\}$ if you’re male $\{y + x^2\}$ and she’s the woman in you $\{x^2\}$ if you’re female $\{x^1 + x^2\}$. She’s the half of you we’re all having tested {Eve}, whether you see yourself as male or female.

The desire for straight men to unite soulfully with women is constructed upon the reasoning that opposites attract $\{y \text{ with } x^1\}$. But that attraction is merely physical. A man who loves his wife and the woman who loves her husband are monogamous because they’re bonded soulful together $\{x^2 \text{ with } x^2\}$. She teaches him about the “s” in “she.” And he teaches her about “h” and “e” in “she.” That’s why she who is tested is you.

Two men or two women can be just as physically attracted to one another $\{y \text{ with } y \text{ or } x^1 \text{ with } x^1\}$ and soulfully bonded $\{x^2 \text{ with } x^2\}$ together. Everyone has an x^2 to share with another. And who you choose to share it with is nobody’s business. Those who resent you if you have a deep and soulful, monogamous relationship, whether your gay or straight, aren’t capable of achieving it themselves.

Desires have been divided by society into those that are masculine and those that are feminine. Desires may be associated with gender, but they aren’t carved in males or females as though they were stone. If people don’t like what you like, they won’t hesitate to stoop to ridiculing you for what you like or for what you don’t like that they think you ought to like based on your gender.

The way your desires are expressed is a unique combination of the myriad variations of inner forces that make you like a uniquely patterned snowflake when viewed very close up. Your pattern is **GOD** given. You either choose to be you, or you choose to fight being you. You either choose to let people be themselves, or you choose to fight them being themselves.

Design is everything. This is why Muslims excel in design and avoid pictures and paintings. This is why they were chosen to pick scented herbs, and not fruits, grains or grapes.

You may descend from the sky like a snowflake; you may rush around in a flurry as though you were a snowball in a snow storm; you may land with a bang like hail; freeze up inside or suddenly melt like sleet. But the story of your inner pattern and the pattern of your travels and travails is yours alone.

The only thing that connects you to the rest of the human race is your anus $\{x^2\}$. If you have a problem with this basic assessment of reality, you’re going to have even bigger problems when you discover how unrealistic you may have been about **GOD**’s designs for others, let alone your own.

Part of **HIS** designs is to give you evidence to motivate you to question **HIS** designs for you alone. You are every rule and every exception to every rule. Don’t worry about sodomy between men. Worry about figurative sodomy: when a man bet[f—ks]rays another man by figuratively massaging his prostate with promises he’ll never fulfill. *That’s* perverted!

Your gender has nothing to do with your sexual identity. Your sexuality is the result of your relationship within yourself with yourself. You're attracted to males or females sexually in answer to the part of you that you most want to connect with. You're not only attracted to the sexual organs of other people. Your attractions to others are attractions you have for yourself that are in reflection and projection.

People_A say they're looking for the whole package when seeking a mate. But they^u don't realize that they^u are the whole package. The only thing they^u should be looking for in a spouse is someone who's physically attractive who has a whole host of skills that they^u don't have.

Sexuality, like all other forces, begins within with your desire for unification with all of you. You're not a heterosexual male because you're attracted to the opposite gender. You're a heterosexual male because you're attracted to the x^2 that you've projected onto women that you seek to unite with your y and her x^1 . If you're only attracted to the x^1 in women, most women will ultimately reject you as a phony and a cad, a playboy, a user. If you're only attracted to x^1 , your marriage will end in divorce when the two of you realize you can't share your x^2 with one another.

And if you're a gay male, that's because you're attracted to y , not x^1 . But if you seek a male spouse, you, too, had better look to your x^2 for compatibility over a lifetime. Sex gets better when you're striving to share x^2 . Sex gets boring if you find yourself stuck with the same old x^1 or y for a long period of time.

Have you never seen two shadows converge on one spot? They don't create a shadow any darker than any other shadow. Shadows simply merge to form amorphous patterns. Whether you're gay or straight, you're seeking the x^2 in you that you're projecting out onto others to maximize your patterns onto each other. You're hoping for a soulmate to share the delight in discovering yourself.

There's a Willie Nelson song called, "Cowboys Are Frequently Secretly Fond of One Another." Here are some of the lyrics: "There's many a strange impulse out on the plains of West Texas;/there's many a young boy who feels things he don't comprehend./Well a small town don't like it when somebody falls between sexes./No, a small town don't like it when a cowboy has feelings for men... Cowboys are frequently secretly fond of each other/What did you think all them saddles and boots was about?/And there's many a cowboy who don't understand the way that he feels for his brother./And inside every lady there's a cowboy who wants to come out./And inside every cowboy there's a lady that'd love to slip out."

This surah isn't about females. This surah is about looking at Scripture from the perspective of desires. This surah was brought down from "heaven" for men, in particular, who have difficulty admitting that they are, by and large, creatures most at home in their world within. They go out into the world to fight with windmills, to prove, again and again, that chivalry isn't dead. ⁵⁶ (Chivalry is, as a rule, misdirected.)

⁵⁶ In Cervantes's novel Don Quixote, {published in two volumes in 1605 and 1615} the main character has lost his sanity. Then in an effort to revive chivalry, undo wrongs and bring justice to the world, he fights windmills {modern technology} he believes to be ferocious giants. Man is a reflection of his windmills {his technological achievements}. His penis is his sword. He harnesses the spirit of *God* {wind} internally to grind his spiritual

Because of the difficulty men and women have had in expressing themselves honestly, sincerely and kindly to one another, children have grown up for hundreds of generations believing they're the product of a conspiracy, not a cooperative effort to bring peace through love into this world. Many imagine their parents had to collude and conspire in bed to create them because their parents believed sex was such a terrible thing that the deed had to be done when their GOD/GOD/*God* wasn't watching... Their offspring can't imagine themselves as the consequential joy in their parents having made love in GOD's presence.

When men^u and women^u admit to themselves that they feel like exiles in this world, they^u will be able to admit to their children^o that they^u unconsciously may have raised them^o to think of themselves^o as manufactured products or assembly-line commodities. Many people may actually feel like Frankenstein's monster, a conglomeration of parts hastily sewn together and shocked into self-awakening.⁵⁷ They^o may rightly see themselves as consumers who are consumed with neglect.

"Eve" wasn't a woman who was willing to endanger her relationship with GOD to secure the satisfaction of her curiosity. "Eve" is that part of everyone who's willing to gamble on the goodness in having been created in GOD's image.

Most of us have to be convinced of our importance to ourselves with three forms of truth: faith, **philosophy** and psychology. Without our head, heart and soul working together on the problems of being genuinely real with our inner selves, we're naturally going to have doubts about the nature of the reality around us.

A spiritualist is someone who believes he has a head for a logical reason. A spiritualist believes he has a heart for a rational reason. And a spiritualist is someone who believes he has a conscience to weigh the matters in his head and heart so he can then make his conscience his guide. In that sense, every realist is a spiritualist.

Moses wasn't a male, chauvinist pig. He never told woman how GOD made her in HIS image. He described her as a Tree of life, leaving the mystery of her creation to her to determine. GOD gave her an ego, as he did, man. But Moses described GOD as having made woman out of a bone in man's chest as a reminder that with every thump in his chest a man will always be reminded that something is missing within him that he'll have to go out into the world to seek answers to.

A tree of knowledge will never be a tree of life literally, although every tree mimics other trees figuratively. A Jew can mimic a gentile. A gentile can mimic a Muslim. A Muslim can mimic a Jew. A gay man can mimic a straight man. And Israel can copy the best and the worst from Christian and Muslim lands. All variations on themes are aspects of the complexity of you. Therefore you should decide what makes you most genuinely real. And I suggest you confer with GOD as you do.

grain to make spiritual bread in his mill. But he's insanely jealous of GOD/GOD/*God* because HE holds the secret to a mysterious process he doesn't understand. So he projects his struggle into war, when his struggle really lies in the arduous process of breaking bread with himself.

⁵⁷ Mary Shelley's 1818 novel, Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus.

Let's be realistic. Things are never what they appear to be. They're only what they look like for the time being. So be patient. Watch and wait to see how things will change. Make yourself greater. Don't trump yourself with appearances.

*"You have a good example in Abraham
and those who followed him.
They said to their people,
'We disown you and the idols you worship beside God.
We renounce you;
enmity and hate shall reign between us until you believe in God only.'
{But do not emulate the words of Abraham to his father:
'I shall implore forgiveness for you,
although I can in no way protect you from God.}'
'Lord,
in you we have put our trust;
to you we turn
and to you we shall come at last.
Lord,
do not expose us to the designs of the nonbelievers.
Forgive us, Lord;
you are the Mighty,
the Wise One.'"}
[60:4-5]*

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People are, by nature, timid creatures who like to fawn before the portion of GOD/GOD/*Gođ* given them rather than express their desire to emulate all of HIM. They only want to have to account for the behaviors expressed in their own Scripture. They don't want to compare and contrast the WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of GOD/GOD/*Gođ*.

CHRISTIANS have been making the claim for 2,000 years that the Jewish GOD is wrathful. They've insinuated in every way they could that their GOD is heartfelt, merciful and forgiving while the Jewish GOD is angry at every Jew who won't convert to CHRISTIANITY.

For hundreds of years the European CHRISTIANS used the Jews to finance their wars and opulent lifestyle. They also forced the Jews to move to indigenist territories to begin trade with non-Christians. But once the Jews developed these businesses, the CHRISTIANS moved in and forced the Jews to move elsewhere.

The CHRISTIANS also made the claim that the Muslim *Gođ* was a hoax and, therefore, Muslims should convert to CHRISTIANITY, too. (It was a great sales pitch, so long as you didn't look too closely at the way CHRISTIANS held GOD like a product and service there to please only those who were faithful to them.)

Although Jews fared better in many *Muslím* lands than in many CHRISTIAN lands, Jews were treated like second-class citizens under *Muslím* rule. The wars between CHRISTIANS and Muslims over the Holy Land lasted more than 200 years, from 1095 to 1291 A.D. making life for those Jews who tried to live in Israel ne'er impossible.

*Muslím*s, by contrast, made the claim that the Christian **GOD** was a false god because **HE** came as a trinity; and part of **HIM** was a Jew. They taught their followers that the Jewish GOD was a lie, a mere appropriation of their *Gođ* who was the real *Gođ*. They insist that Jews and Christians convert to the only true *Gođ*, theirs. (And theirs was a great sales pitch, too, so long as you didn't shop around for better products and services from other “Gods.”)

The JEWS claimed GOD was the only true GOD because their GOD made no claim that anyone needed to convert to JUDAISM to believe in HIM. And yet, they tried to corner the JEWISH market on faith by claiming that their GOD insisted that only heterosexuals could be JEWS. (Their pitch was as good or bad as any other if you looked at it from the viewpoint of a Madison Avenue client with something to sell.)

Although mankind no longer makes the claim that the Earth is flat, many people still think two-dimensionally. Although mankind no longer makes the claim that there's more than ONE *GOD*, people pray like they think – with a flat imagination. And so their dogmas fall flat over time. The promises their faith makes in this lifetime or the “afterlife” will never be three-dimensional enough to come true. But they can't see what they're doing wrong.

Everyone wants to earn a way to get GOD's help, but those who aren't caught up in the dogmas of one faith or another don't know how or where to begin. Praying for forgiveness is sometimes an indirect way of requesting a path to awakening when you don't really have a clue what you need to be asking for.

If hyper-religious people really questioned why the road gets narrower, they'd realize it's because their inner world is round. If hyper-religious people really questioned why they can't see beyond their own horizons, they'd realize it's because they're terrified of falling off some imaginary abyss if they dared go where their questions are taking them.

The future is unknowable. The present is not. But your past is easy for you to see. You can prepare for your future with every step you take as you move along the narrowing road of life toward your own horizon. The sides of your road of life will never literally touch, but you know deep down inside that your journey is like a road that's as thin as a piece of paper. No one can see where you've been or where you're going to end up. The choices you've made at every fork has created one road that only you can truly see all of. This is true of everyone.

It's so easy to disown those you disapprove of, whether they're strangers, family or friends. It's so easy to renounce the ways of others, but so hard to question them for answers you, yourself, don't have. Enmity and scorn are the easiest ways of separating yourself from everyone. That's the fork in every road that leads nowhere. Such negativity always leaves you feeling, abandoned, empty, exiled and lonely inside, even if you don't consciously know it. It's a dead-end. *

Demonizing people is "normal." Putting people on pedestals is "normal." It's even "normal" to overlook most of what people do because they're so assimilated into what's expected of them by society that there's nothing exceptional about them. They're ordinary except for those ways in which you magnify some of their characteristics as outstanding or horrendous.

When I ask myself who "she" is in this surah, "*She Who Is Tested*," what comes to my mind is the story of Safiyah Bint Huyeyi Ibn Akhtab, the Jewish woman who was captured when Muhammad's troops attacked Kheibar and brought her to the Prophet as part of his share of the booty. Safiyah rejected the sexual advances of the 57-year-old Muhammad. She preferred to mourn rather than jump into bed with the killer of her father, husband and many relatives on the same day of their death. [Book of Tabaqat]

The one who is tested is always you, not her. The one who is tested is the one on the journey of life because life is a road that will come to a fork in the road. And the one who is chosen to choose one way or another is you. The Jews aren't the Chosen People. The one who is chosen by GOD is you.

You are on a road that will come to a fork in the road because life is about having to make choices. And the choice you will always have to make will be between a want {penis} and a desire {anus}. In fact, every word you choose when you speak is a choice between one of these two options that lurk beneath your head, heart and soul below your waist.

Our urge for sexual release can be interpreted as a desire to procreate or recreate, or both. And the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* all have their own interpretations of what man should only do with his wants and desires.

Yet surely the Prophet Muhammad had more than a desire to procreate. He had 11 wives at one time and 7 children from two of them. He also had a number of concubines. When you have an urge for sexual relations with any more than one spouse, that's not an "urge." That becomes a "lust."

It's paradoxical and hypocritical that JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* would share the same principles with regard to wants and desires, when Islam is based on the revelations of a man who behaved in lustful ways that are no longer condoned by conservative Muslims in the modern age.

All men and women are lustful. "Lust" is a sensation that comes over us that we enjoy for a moment in our imagination and then our thoughts return us to reality. We entertain thoughts of lust. We don't act on them.

It's as if those who are very frequently concerned with sexual gratification have a constant hard on. Unmarried men and women who choose to regularly engage in lusty behaviors rather than commit to one monogamous partner enjoy a lifestyle different from most of us. Personally, I don't like that lifestyle. I tried it, and, like drugs and alcohol, it didn't satisfy me. In fact, all three of these behaviors seemed to make my life less meaningful and precious. But who am I to judge others now. I live the way I choose to live and close an eye to those lifestyles that don't suit me.

In addition to wants and desires, we all have needs. The need for shelter in order to keep our body dry, warm and cool figuratively come from our navel, the place located between our heart and soul and our penis and anus. I've included in with our needs the need for privacy because I believe it's a very important aspect of being human, as exemplified by the ubiquitous practice of covering our genitals in public. I see privacy as a need, not a luxury.

But the most complex level of relationship between our head, heart and soul with every aspect of our being below them is that of "obsession." Obsessions are a need, want and desire all rolled into one. Obsessions express our urge to find adventure on the road of life. Without a sense of adventure in which we cannot predict whether the outcome will be in our own best interest or deadly, we can't say that we've truly lived.

What I described previously as "syndromes" are a whole range of unhealthy behaviors, not all of which lie in the conscious mind until you understand you way around your body. The more you can bring cause and control of your syndromes to consciousness, the more you can identify with the struggles of others.

Not all syndromes are obsessions, but all obsessions are syndromes. In other words, there are syndromes you have that are unconscious because you haven't learned enough about yourself and therefore they'll be difficult to root out. But those syndromes that play out consciously will be adventurous in the most exciting sense of the word, even though they may also be powerful and difficult to control.

When rightwing CHRISTIANS complain that Christmas is under siege, I hear them saying that they feel exiled, abandoned, discriminated against and disliked. I hear them implying that they need guns because they're terrified of other men's penises, especially black penises which may be much larger than theirs.

I wonder whether CHRISTIANS are terrified that circumcision might really mean something important to **GOD**. This surely explains why, in their tradition, they feel the

need to make up for it with sawed off shotguns... Such nonsense doesn't address the six sensations below their belt.

It's not until you look for the enmity and scorn that separates you from yourself that you discover what you've been doing to make your life so difficult. Being you is much harder than it looks from the outside or it may have looked when you were a child. Once you can admit that to yourself, the questions you may have about your place in the world around you may finally make their way within.

Use your conscience as your guide. Look back at your life and judge yourself for that which you think you may have done that was unkind, inappropriate or illegal. You decide. It's your opinions of you that count. Nobody but you has to rule on your opinions of yourself. If you can't (or won't) use your conscience to exact a judgment on your actions or lack of action, "self-intimacy" is still just a word to you. It doesn't yet mean anything personal.⁵⁸

Abraham may have said to his father, "I shall implore forgiveness for you, although I can in no way protect you from GOD." But wouldn't it have been better had Abraham at least tried to help his dad get started in a new line of work?⁵⁹ Abraham may have implored GOD to forgive Terah for idol worship, but it couldn't have been a coincidence that Abraham later rejected Ishmael and idolized Isaac in worse ways than Terah let Abram down. The sins of the father are not only visited upon the son.⁶⁰ They become the spiritual legacies every young man unwittingly inherits from his father, and then magnifies.

Our spiritual bequest will never end. But we can become awakened and aware of it if we use the tools of wisdom, love and loyalty to repair ourselves with help from the outer world. The fear we have of facing ourselves by ourselves is the cause of most of the contention we see around us. Once you aren't afraid of you, you won't be afraid that you're going to be afraid of others or GOD. The more courage you develop in facing yourself on

⁵⁸ Jesus said, "I KNOW THY WORKS, THAT THOU ART NEITHER COLD NOR HOT: I WOULD THOU WERT COLD OR HOT. SO THEN BECAUSE THOU ART LUKEWARM, AND NEITHER COLD NOR HOT, I WILL SPEW THEE OUT OF MY MOUTH." [Revelations 3:15-16]

⁵⁹ Terah was an idol salesman.

⁶⁰ "YOU SHALL NOT BOW DOWN TO them OR WORSHIP them; FOR **II**, THE LORD your GOD, AM A JEALOUS GOD, PUNISHING THE CHILDREN FOR THE SIN OF THE PARENTS TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THOSE WHO HATE **ME**." [Exodus 20:5]

"THE LORD PASSED BEFORE HIM AND PROCLAIMED, 'THE LORD, THE LORD, A GOD MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS, KEEPING STEADFAST LOVE FOR THOUSANDS, FORGIVING INIQUITY AND TRANSGRESSION AND SIN, BUT WHO WILL BY NO MEANS CLEAR THE GUILTY, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS ON THE CHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, TO THE THIRD AND THE FOURTH GENERATION.'" [Exodus 34:6-7]

"THE LORD IS SLOW TO ANGER, ABOUNDING IN LOVE AND FORGIVING SIN AND REBELLION. YET **HE** DOES NOT LEAVE THE GUILTY UNPUNISHED; **HE** PUNISHES THE CHILDREN FOR THE SIN OF THE PARENTS TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION." [Numbers 14:18]

your own, the more the rest of us will be able to share the gift of your spiritual achievements. And then, GOD will surely celebrate your achievements too.

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between you and those with whom you have hitherto been at odds.
God is mighty.
God is forgiving and merciful.”
[60:7]*

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When you oppose the spiritual kindergartens in Pakistan and elsewhere where Muslims teach their children to hate gays, Christians other Muslims and Jews, you may begin to see changes and transformations in your life. You may begin to see yourself transcend the boundaries you’d previously imposed upon your conscience, and you’ll surely be transfigured into a soulful person.

GOD will put goodwill between you and those with whom you have hitherto been at odds,” but only once you want it. If you don’t want to work out your problems from the inside out, you’ll have no other choice but to work them out from outside in. And that will take a lot longer and will cause you and many others great pain and suffering for which you may ultimately be held partially responsible.

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to those who have neither made war on your religion
nor driven you from your homes.
God loves the equitable.
But He forbids you to make friends with those who have fought against you
on account of your religion
and driven you from your homes
or abetted others to drive you out.
Those that make friends with them are wrong doers.”
[60:8-9]*

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Israel was never your home if you're not Jewish. It was always ours. GOD gave it to us. We've never made war on anyone's religion. Yet, many have called Jews pigs and gays perverts. It's JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who've made war on our religion, each to a different degree. We've only wanted to make peace with everyone. Yet, the hyper-religious scorn making peace with us.

Those today who make “*war on your religion*” and drive “*you from your homes*” are *Muslims*, not Jews or Christians. And gays have done nothing against the hyper-religious, and yet the hyper-religious insist on waging war against us. We've always only asked for peace. The problems in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world have been created by *Muslims* who disobey the Quran. Their problems have been God-given to them to elucidate their moral depravity.

The Prophet has made us aware of the wisdom, love and devotion we hold inside, and still we're so habituated to solving our problems from the outside in that we're confused. Those of us who don't learn from ourselves will be doomed to learn from others.

GOD reveals himself to believers through both their worlds. But the most righteous will be most able to describe the process from the inside out, thus making their quest universal. Isn't that what Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad did for every one of us?

The JEWS await the coming of a messiah. The CHRISTIANS await the return of their Messiah. The *Muslims* await their reward by God in “paradise.” How will all these conflicting expectations be addressed by HIM? Surely you must find a solution to this dilemma that most serves your needs.

The time frame you live in externally is now. We're all sharing this now, and we'll all relinquish it more or less at the same time in the larger scheme of things. But the time frame you're living in internally is a different now. The present continuous tense {being} must be enlarged for you from within to enjoy the subjective experience of time.

What you need is more subjective time. You don't need more objective time. You can't have any more hours in the day than the rest of us are getting. But you probably rush around keeping yourself busy, thinking you have more to do than you'll ever be able to accomplish. Your serpent or worm is telling you what you have to do next before you're even through

with what you're doing now. Your urges, desires, wants, lusts, needs and obsessions know how to speak for themselves. But do you have enough time to fill each moment with a deeper part of you? Self-intimacy may still be a wish, a dream or a promise. "Being" is harder to accomplish in the now than it looks.

When you realize that **GOD** tests her, and that s/he is a part of you, then you'll come to see that **HE** has doubled the x chromosome of man in a woman to help men magnify that side of themselves with the help of women. This is done through projection so men can earn the right to perceive what they're doing *to* themselves or *for* themselves.

In this way, self-scrutiny lets in more light than the light by which most see. The light of clarity becomes purer and more transparent the deeper down into yourself you go. There even comes a point when the words "he" and "she" becomes so personal that you no longer take offense at your genitals not being regarded in one of these two conventional ways. You come to see that "man" is simply a penis {y} with an anus {x²} and "woman" is simply a vagina with an anus {x¹ + x²}. So what? Is that any reason to get your knickers in a twist?

Holding your y or x¹ above others is a poor excuse for an attitude of superiority and exclusivity; male or female chauvinism; child molestation; discriminatory behavior; homophobia; misogyny; predatory impulses or violence. There are ways to sail through life's trials and tribulations without becoming inundated by the sensations you experience below your belt.

"She who is tested" is the female side of everyone, male and female, the x² factor; the dark hole; the anus, the ego, the source of all humiliation. But why do so many men, in particular, choose to live in this dark hole. This is the secret men are sitting on... It couldn't be more obvious, embarrassing or difficult to talk about in polite society. For this reason I speak about it in writing rather than at the dinner table...

If you're male and you're reading this, I hope you see how life is like a school even though it can sometimes feel like an insane asylum. Many of the people who hold the highest and most powerful positions in every land are the sickest of all because they can't face the hole in themselves that brings up the feeling of humiliation. They're obsessed with power. They ought to have a roll of toilet paper at their side at all times to remind them of what they don't wish to remember...

They're immoral perverts. They kill, cheat, steal, lie and covet what others have gathered because they want what they don't have {a clean slate}. And they don't feel at all bad about how they behave towards some others. Simply said, they behave like assholes because they won't admit that, they, too were made with a hole at both ends. That big smile of theirs doesn't fool anyone.

It takes courage to claim you have convictions. It doesn't take courage to follow your leader blindly. If your eyes are sealed shut, you're going to be easily led.

The religious extremists will tell you that the sickest of all people are the Jews or the gays. And there are many JEWS and even a handful of sick homosexuals who'll agree with them.

The truth is that the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are very similar. If you're trying to figure out why they behave so irrationally, don't bother. And if you're trying to figure out why those in power who've been inculcated with hyper-religious indoctrination are so irrational, you'll find yourself with the same evidence. They cannot use their conscience

as their guide. Doing so would compromise everything they stand for. They've spent a lifetime indulging their syndromes and obsessions. If you asked them to do something on principle, they wouldn't know what you're talking about. They can only stare you in the face and claim that $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$.

GOD is your Witness 24/7. That means you're sometimes going to feel like you're on trial. Life is that trial. And **GOD** is your Witness, Judge and Jury. If you don't want to call Jews and/or gays as witnesses for the defense to speak on your behalf before **HIM**, ask yourself why. It's no longer "she" who's being tested. Now it's "you."

Surah 61
سورة الصف
Battle Array

The battle between the hyper-religious factions of Islam must be internalized to be won if Islam is going to survive today's attacks from within their faith. Muslims must fight for the Israel within themselves. And they must fly the rainbow flag. If they've been inducted into an army that's dedicated to the eradication of Israel and other lifestyles, they must surrender. "*Islam* means "submission." But submission to **GOD** will never happen without surrender.

Muslims must learn to recognize their personal struggle {Israel} with **GOD**. They must discover that $\{x^1 + x^2\} \pm \{y + x^2\}$. They must become as much like **GOD** by embracing as many of **HIS** virtues as they possibly can, and not by become as much like others as would make others happy.

But this will never happen unless our Jewish mind and the Christians' heart are adapted to their Muslim soul. This will never happen without transfiguration of their being. This alone will make them soulful.

This series will never change a thing if the faithful don't want to bring the battle array into their head, heart, conscience and clitoris or penis. They must admit that their religion is only one piece of a much greater puzzle.

Because the faithful think of their faith as complete in and of itself, they easily become defiant and scornful of more evidence. They become illogical and irrational in an effort to deny the facts. They behave like a prostate/Skene's gland that's not working properly. They squeeze you in their little fist to try to stop you from wanting what you want. And you become impotent in the figurative sense if you let them have their way.

If you only want sex as though it were a conspiracy you have to hide from **GOD** when **HE**'s not watching, you'll look for, and probably find, sex partners who'll conspire with you to keep the two of you in denial. ⁶¹ Many people don't want to learn any more about themselves than they absolutely have to. They don't want to get any closer to their **GOD/GOD/God** than their institution of faith sanctions them to. Whether dressed in colorful

⁶¹ Men who hate women, unconsciously hate the x^2 factor in themselves and, therefore, attract women who hate the x^2 factor in themselves. Women who defend men who hate women unconsciously hate women as much as they both hate themselves. Emotional ignorance of yourself will force you to ally yourself with people of like kind, so that you two can collude and conspire against others. You can always divorce another person if you married in haste. But I don't recommend you divorce yourself. I tried twice, and I was locked up inside for decades in a prison no larger than a closet. It felt for decades that the Warden had thrown away the key and forgotten me.

designer clothing or drab religious garb, sheep will behave like sheep. And horny sheep are no different in that regard from black or white sheep.

At times of HIS choosing, GOD makes everyone feel guilty, which throws into disarray one's sense of being wise, loving or loyal. Learning about yourself is much harder than it looks. The dogmatic fit neatly into the spiritual frame imposed upon them by their community, family, friends and parents. They don't try to move beyond those frames to perceive the bigger picture. They don't try to place their picture, frame and all, inside a larger frame.

Those who don't care to learn about themselves don't try to grow up to see the spiritual importance of life as though they were layers of an onion. They try to grow down like an onion with their head in the sand. They set up the battle array around them rather than within. They indulge their ego instead of their head, heart and soul; and then they refuse to explore their ego in order to discover the vast difference between their outward persona and their inner, real self.

*"God loves those who fight for His cause
in ranks as firm as a mighty edifice."
[61:3]*

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The Prophet asks us to conceive of GOD's cause as universal. He asks us to perceive HIS cause in ranks internally rather than merely as religious ranks externally. And he asked that that effort be made *"as firm as a mighty edifice."*

It's hard to be FIRST. It's hard to be SECOND. And it's hard to be *third*. But GOD placed us in ranks so we'd do something to unify the whole army. But most people are too caught up in getting their desires and wants met than in perceiving HIS cause at all.

To unify the world we share, you first need to observe your world within, not pat yourself on the back incessantly or try to change yourself *ad nauseum*. But above all, do you no harm. And if you think you have to go into your operating system to fix something because it's got a bug or is broken, and you didn't know that until now, do so prudently. Don't be overly critical of yourself. That's as bad as being overly self-indulgent. Loyalty to you will necessitate that you move slowly toward moral awakening.

The they" in you will damage your efforts if you haven't helped others sufficiently to perceive the difference between the external they" and the internal they". You may be more worried about what they" will say about you than they may be saying about you. But the more charitable you are to others, the more wisely and charitably you'll be able to speak to yourself about them". The last thing you need are voices inside you that rain on your parade with thoughts of how others are secretly scorning and ridiculing you. It may be so. But it

may not be so. So don't give yourself license to tell yourself you have the right to do the same to them". That's hurtful and damaging. You need them" more than you need them.

As I said before, it's not what you do, but how you do what you do that counts the most. If you're consumed with teaching people a lesson, you're going to behave vindictively. And that's not how things ought to get done.

The first aspect of the above passage I'd like to analyze are the words "*mighty edifice*." Only in this way will you be able to separate the meaning of a "*mighty edifice*" externally from the mighty edifice you reside in.

A synagogue is a MIGHTY EDIFICE. A church is a MIGHTY EDIFICE. A mosque is a *mighty edifice*. A Jew is, symbolically, a mighty, moral edifice. A Christian is, symbolically, a mighty, moral edifice. A Muslim is, symbolically, a mighty, moral edifice.

But only a spiritually awakened individual who has united his head, heart and conscience sees the evidence for himself in becoming a mighty edifice in his own way. Quick fixes won't work.

You have the potential to become an entire army that's been called to GOD's cause. Your inner voices will make you aware of the battalion you maintain in your barracks. The battles within you are being fought by an inner army pledged to win every moral skirmish in you, or they're not. This is the moral war you should be waging against yourself with WORDS/WORDS/*Words*. This perspective is the one that you can't afford to lose.

But if you never criticize yourself, you're never at war with you, are you? And if you don't ever stop criticizing yourself, you're never at peace with you, either. Therefore you must choose your battles carefully. This requires a very well-developed conscience.

The spiritual process of self-advancement {like ranks in the military} and self-construction {like the building of an edifice} will give you the feeling of being at home in this world as a soldier of inner fortune. It will make you feel strong, which will give you the courage to participate in making changes externally.

Voting is a form of courage. Speaking up is a form of courage. Civil disobedience is a form of courage. But they all hinge on your ability to produce the strength you need first and foremost for yourself.

You'll get comfortable with your inner arguments, scuffles and struggles if you have an ever-growing desire for hope that you'll improve yourself little by little with GOD's help day-by-day. This will give you a sense of greater soul-control. It'll empower you to take responsibility for the way things have turned out thus far around you. And in this way, your life will become a skyscraper that houses many vital stories, one upon the other.

Your edifice will then act as an outward symbol of your response to the human condition. And you'll become an advocate and living model countering humanity's sense of spiritual emptiness, homelessness and uselessness. You'll model a heroic nature for all to see. You'll become super human. You'll see through walls people build you could never see through before. And you'll fly through inner spaces in ways you had previously crawled.

Mankind has been fighting the feeling of being like a tenement that houses vermin since CHRISTIANS first locked up Jews in the Venetian ghetto in the early 16th Century. Your

body can't become your home if your soul is housed in a cage. Who *doesn't* know why a caged bird sings? ⁶²

An inner ghetto always has the potential of being turned into a livable home, but it takes enormous work to take down the bars on all four sides of your cage and replace them with walls with doors and windows.

You may have to suffer the shame of having wandered through this world as though in a diaspora that concealed you while you were in a stupor. Your edifice may have given you the feeling of having been forced into an exile from everyone despite a yearning to become as grounded as a pyramid.

Your edifice can give you a feeling of foundation, but it can also leave you with a feeling of banishment, emptiness and homelessness that will leave you wanting and feeling abandoned here to die. Your stories in life can give you a penthouse view of reality from which you feel proud of yourself for who you've become if you've done what's morally right inside, and out. A soul is the result of a conscience that's made many little, good choices.

(If you're not visualizing this description as I paint these pictures in your mind, you're communicatively lazy. You're mumbling to yourself about what you see inside. You're not talking clearly in loud.)

It's not my job to do all the work while you just soak up my thoughts and feelings. I hope you're actively using your imagination as you read. I hope you're staying fully awake while I'm speaking in loud on paper. If you sense you're sometimes in a stupor, acknowledge that truth to yourself, and move on with greater resolve.)

Your mighty edifice is more than a metaphor. It's more than a symbol. It's a sign of something **GOD** has given to you alone. It's your unique gateway to something so great that it can't always be put into words. But there's no reason to mumble or stutter like Moses. Speak up inside. And if you have to repeat yourself until you know for sure what you've said to yourself, so be it.

Agree with you when you're right, and disagree with you when you're wrong. Make your relationship with you dynamic. Don't be passive to what you hear you tell yourself. And, for **GOD's** sake, don't sit inside yourself like a bump on a log with nothing to say until someone enters the room.

With a reliable recreational vehicle {RV} taking you on your journey through life, you'll surpass the main metaphor of Moses and the two symbols of Jesus. You'll move toward **GOD's** reason for having needed to create the third Abrahamic faith, as well as **HIS** reason for working slowly with you in sculpting you like clay here and now. You've been given the 114 similes of the Quran to discover that you have the potential of becoming like a sign from **GOD**, not just an intellectual idea emanating out of a head filled with GOD consciousness or a feeling of HIS invention standing on two feet.

62 I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings is a 1969 autobiography describing the early years of American writer and poet Maya Angelou. The first in a seven-volume series, it is a coming-of-age story.

Mark Twain said, “The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you discovered why.” That second day should have occurred a long time ago. But if it didn’t, you don’t have the luxury of waiting any longer to discover why you’re still here. Make that day today.

For me, life is not about writing books. It’s about reading the books I write. I’m not here to become a famous writer or spiritual teacher. I’m here to learn as much as I can from myself. All the rest is an exercise in ego. You’re not that important to me.

The only thing that can stop you from perceiving the might of your edifice is your ego. All the things that annoy, enrage, exasperate, incense, infuriate, irritate and make you irate are reasonable, moral issues you can find ways to manage from without if you begin within.

Before you react to the way you feel about the world around you by taking negative, inner action against yourself or negative, external action against others based on nothing more than your opinions, realize that you may be experiencing sensations that are magnified, even exaggerated, because of childhood experiences you haven’t yet addressed.

Your opinions can become addictive. Don’t obsess on what you think about others. You’ve turned them into the gays or Jews in your life. Their grades aren’t going on your report card. So the more time you waste thinking about what *they* think of you, the more time you’re losing in improving *your* opinion of you.

Other people’s dark, rain cloud may hover over your head all day, every day, for what seems like a lifetime. It may pour confusion and doubts down upon you. Over time, it may even move into the hole in your head and leak sorrow down into your chest, as though you had a leaky roof. Over time, this will make you damp and moldy inside. Dry rot will occur to your foundation. This may cause you to avert your eyes when others look at you. It may lead you to conclude that you’re meek and weak.

Cut out the rot. Mend the roof. Patch the walls and paint. Your house of prayer isn’t the only mighty edifice in your world. You’re living in a house of flesh and blood chosen specifically for you. Don’t let it go to waste.

There’s a handy-dandy little tool in the electrical world called a “wire stripper.” It cuts through the plastic coating on electric wires making it possible to connect two wires so current can flow between them.

If your parents went through terrible hardships in life, you may have been raised to do to yourself what the world did to them. The world stripped the plastic coating off their wires. They’ve got faulty wiring inside that you’ll never be able to undo. Any electric current that shoots through them creates predictable, unhealthy outcomes. They have no way to channel their energy any differently. They’re wired the way they’re wired, and they aren’t going to change their wiring no matter how much you obsess over the way they behave.

Out of love and loyalty, you may have either learned how to strip your own wires to rewire yourself to be more like them or to be completely different. And now your inner world may be charged with an electric field that’s doing you no favors. Your shields may always be up, and you don’t have a clue how to bring them down.

The first thing you need to do is to put down your wire strippers. They’re not helping. You’ve overused them. You need to go through new experiences with greater awareness of what’s going on inside you. You only need to magnify your suffering slightly with silent, self-regard to bring it more fully to consciousness. You don’t need to strip your nerves, like electrical wires every time you short out or a circuit breaks.

Your heart is most probably overly committed to your good intentions in the external world. And it's surely convinced your head that you have every right to do what you *think* is best. But this conclusion is a combination of sensations and emotions that overwhelms your mind with loyalty. You're motivating yourself to react impulsively and obsessively, even if only internally, to fantasies or video games you're playing with yourself to recreate stories about those who "done you wrong."

The dialogues in these videos you create are relationships with a bully you're still a stranger to consciously. This bully can wear many masks. You're still running away from someone you're afraid of inside, and, when cornered, you're attacking him or her overzealously. You're still working out the strategies to your "*Battle Array*" semiconsciously.

Don't believe everything you're thinking. When you take yourself to the movies to watch an inner film {when you fantasize}, don't try to stop it even if it disturbs you. Just watch yourself watching it. You can learn so much simply by witnessing your secret approval or disapproval of what you see inside. Your mind is trying to help you witness one of its many syndromes. Complexity is a sign that not only onions come in layers.

This new game will prove to you how complicated you are. It will reveal the pattern of your snowflake, even though you can do nothing about the way you were made. Just seeing yourself as you truly are is a miracle from GOD. Self-witnessing is the key to self-intimacy.

And self-intimacy is the secret to self-love and healing.

The rawness you may be feeling so much of the time is the result of wires {nerves} that have been stripped of coating. The sense of shorting out is the result of leaks in your roof that are mixing sorrow with your life force that are creating a dangerous current that's figuratively electrocuting your whole house. The more you watch the effect of that within, the less you'll suffer from shocking outcomes externally.

Healing is possible. It happens naturally. You don't have to *try* to heal yourself. GOD will heal you with you. HE will help you dry out your sorrows and bind your exposed wires. In this way, you'll slowly raise your syndrome to consciousness. You won't have to go mad. You won't have to shoot sparks out at others like you see others doing around you.

If you look at yourself while in conversations with those you know well, you'll see how emotionally locked-in you can be to outcomes in them that are, realistically speaking, out of your control. The more you can stand back from how you feel strongly about how others *should* behave, the more you'll be able to see yourself as you presently are.

This awakening will lead to greater self-learning, which will lead to greater humility. Helping the helpless is, to some extent, a projection of wanting to help the helpless part of yourself. Stop it. Give to people materially, or don't give to them at all. Don't become obsessed with helping them change. Even children can be dealt with differently once you better understand this about yourself.

Here's another equation that might help elucidate the process of becoming soulful:

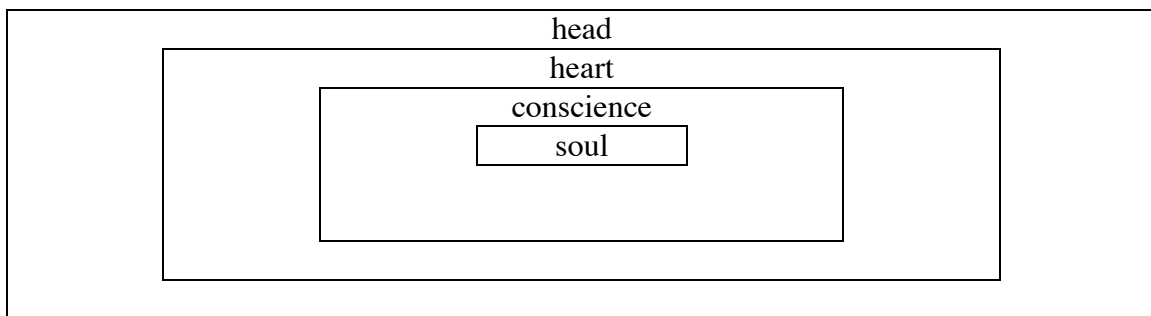
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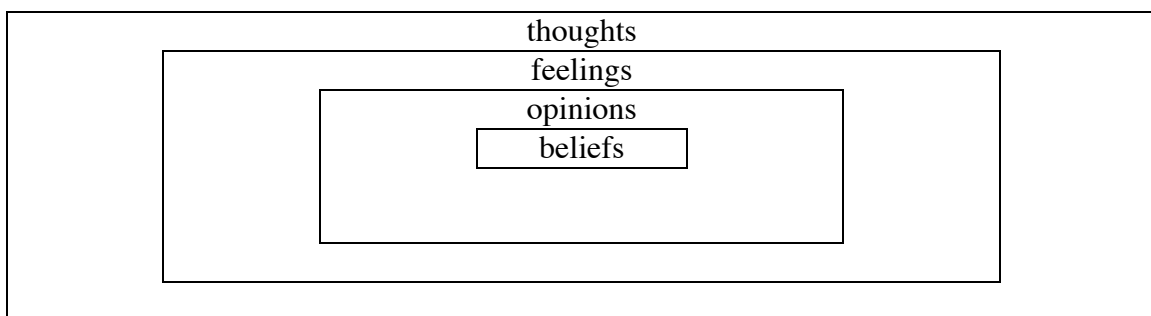
(The greater the separation between your head and heart,
the more your conscience will turn into a soul.)

Your conscience reframes your thoughts and feelings. It separates the two with an invisible action that produces a quotient totally different from either a thought or a feeling. This is what an opinion is. And a great many thoughts, feelings and sensations mixed with opinions come together to form a belief. A soul is a receptacle for the beliefs that started out as opinions you held in your conscience.

Here is a diagram of what you look like on the inside as you move deeper and deeper within:



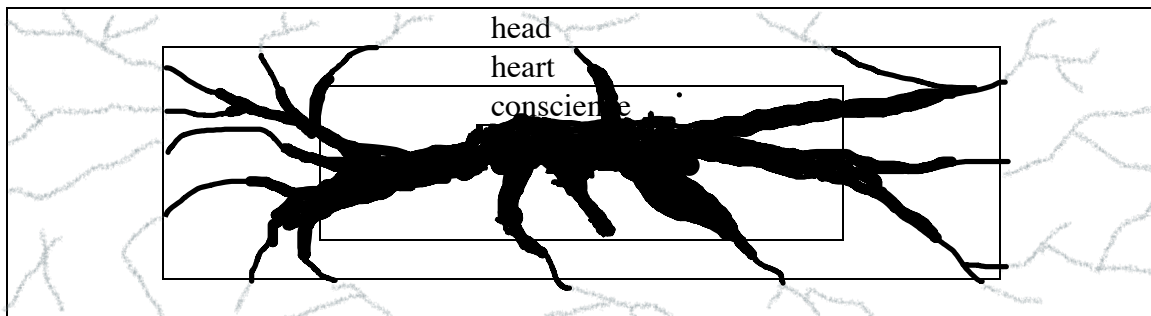
Here is the same idea stated another way that may give you a sense of the depth of your being. This diagram is a picture of the closet metaphor up close. Gay people come out of and go into the closet while trying to gain spiritual, rather than religious, awareness of what they're doing. You can do this, too:



An "opinion" is an unexamined conclusion drawn by your conscience. A "belief" is an analysis produced by all your inner forces at work. I suspect we'll only be judged by the beliefs we've created that we'll leave here with when we die. This is also our legacy. Only our beliefs will remain as evidence of our truths.

Below is a diagram of what my tree looks like if you could cut through the trunk of my tree to see its rings. Knowledge of the external world branches out from the twigs of my

spiritual tree. But the closer I get to the trunk of my tree the more in touch I become with my feelings, opinions and beliefs. This makes it possible for me to consciously shape the beliefs I want to live my life by.



A “tree hugger” is someone who embraces everyone and everything but himself. If you care too much about the wellbeing of others or the natural world, you’re as guilty as those who care too little about them. Life is harder than it looks. The *patients* in the figurative, insane asylum swing back and forth like Tarzans on a vine from one tree to another. It’s only the *students* in this school who can see what the monkey-like men are doing and learn from them.

To delve into the Islamic sign of man as a mighty edifice, you should thoroughly understand how Judaism and Christianity take you on a journey out of the world we share to an inner experience of life that makes everything more personal. But you should be curious enough to add to what Judeo-Christians know with what you’re now learning about the way you operate.

To know more than what you knew, you’ll want to come to know what you don’t now know. You should, therefore, humble yourself to the spiritual process of knowing and not knowing. {This is like walking, putting one foot in front of the other, knowing where one is, while not knowing exactly where the other will be going.} Therefore be patient with yourself as you’re emerging slowly from a conscience that will become a better guide once you use it primarily to guide yourself, and not by pretending you’re here to guide others. ⁶³

I often hear people tell me not to take things so personally. {Of course, they’re fools! What they really want to say is that I shouldn’t take things so emotionally.} But when my desires are engaged with my heart, and I’m hurt by something someone says or does, I’d be better off if people reminded me to take that issue more personally and less emotionally.

Feelings and opinions can be so petty in the grand scheme of things. But when you make your beliefs the center of your being, you open yourself up to the possibility that **GOD** is trying to tell you something. Class is always in session. And you never know when the Teacher will call on you.

⁶³ The best metaphor I can offer for this is that of the sculptor carving an image of a person into rock. What you see each day will become more distinct and realistic over time if you dedicate yourself to the sculpting process in which you are the rock, the chisel and the artist in one.

When I ask myself why GOD would let me go through a bad experience I have no control over, a variety of conclusions come to mind. Taking my problems personally actually distances me from the emotionality I'd otherwise be subjected to.

People can be so calloused, mean-spirited and selfish that I find I have much less reason for presuming their behavior is based on my gender, persona, religion or sexual identity. They're just making spiritual mistakes their own ways. They're letting their opinions about me be their guide. They're taking out their frustrations with themselves on the Jew du jour.

Granted, the Jews have taken more abuse than any other people on the face of the Earth since the beginning of time. But that isn't going to change the knee-jerk reactions of others.

Everyone wants to be hip. Everyone wants to respond to others rather than react with knee-jerk unconscious actions. And everyone has an Achilles' heel. Unfortunately, not everyone wants to stand on his own two feet. A lot of people just want to be carried. All this is happening below your belt and even below the level of your sensations.

Trying to teach people a lesson isn't my job. That's GOD's department. My job is, first and foremost, to teach me as much as I possibly can about what I need to know to operate me.

Distancing myself from other people's experiences helps me understand myself. What I wanted to do in the past, instead, was to become less emotional by striving to become apathetic to other people's feelings. But now that I can observe my emotions, not cut myself off from them, I can witness the emotional power I'm capable of unleashing within without having to say a word out loud. Witnessing my feelings from within, rather than expressing them with full force on others, makes it possible for me to use more of my conscience and soul and less of my head and heart to achieve results.

That may require more fantasizing at times rather than less. That may require that I allow myself to go the movies inside more often. So long as I watch me watching my films my fantasies are useful to me. The days of passive disregard of myself are over. I'm no longer only interested in entertainment.

Once I cared less about others and more about myself, I was no longer sure why I was born. What good was I if I was of no use to anyone else? Granted, I was finally able to do more good for me, but I still didn't feel complete.

It was then that I realized that I have to change *the* world from *my* world. That's when I realized that everything happens from the inside out.

Man becomes a mighty edifice only after he witnesses his physical fragility, his earthly mortality and his eternal dependence on GOD. Showing GOD how independent you can be when you're out of control emotionally only recreates the Creation story in a dramatic way. It only banishes you from the level of reality you're working on. It only decreases your chances of achieving the earthly rewards you're striving for.

Take it from a drama queen who's won a shelf full of Oscars in her own mind! "hell!" I've already won the Nobel Prize in Literature in my imagination!

Defiance of some aspects of GOD/GOD/*God* for the sake of autonomy will elucidate to you how defiant your serpent {desires} and the woman within you {feelings} can be, even though they conspire so seamlessly against the rest of you.

Defiance will show you how compliant and conspiratorial your Adam {head} can become when engulfed in these dark, semiconscious and unconscious parts of yourself, despite your worldly education and all the fantastic experiences in life you may have had thus far.

Allowing your head, heart and penis to recreate the Creation story in a variety of conspiratorial ways without you consciously witnessing what you're doing to yourself will only strengthen your ego. It would be nice if we could see what **GOD** can see, but we have to settle with what we can see of ourselves, so that we can share what we've learned about ourselves with **HIM**.

Telling yourself that your motives are so pure that your "God" will understand why you're doing what you're doing and forgive you for any mistakes you may make along the way is absurd. That's only more evidence that you're in a trance, not striving to fulfill your dreams. That's the underlying meaning of the word "stupor." You should consider yourselves in a stupor until you start to experience visions that will help make your dreams come true.

Your eviction from your mighty edifice {body} isn't only going to happen when you literally die. It may be happening figuratively through moral decline, demise and the death of your virtues. The suffering you're going through now is the result of your syndromes being played out on the world stage. It's a living death you need to experience to be morally reborn.

Although moral rebirth might feel like the crucifixion must have felt to Jesus, you have no choice but to endure it or you'll die thousands of deaths before your demise. When you appreciate the concept of resurrection more deeply than being physically reborn as described by **CHRISTIANS**, you'll better understand why you're having to go through what you're having to go through.

The reason the **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* are getting more and more agitated, illogical and irrational these days is because of the moral decay they see around them that is, in large part, a projection of what's happening to them within. They're secretly terrified, but they don't consciously know why. And their reasons don't make sense, even to them, since they all basically think alike.

GOD has impishly reflected the worst character defects of the **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* onto one another. And if we don't understand this trick **GOD** has played on them, they'll surely destroy the world in their effort to get themselves to the "world to come" where they await a reward from their **GOD/GOD/God**.

Since their dogma insists that they not take responsibility for what they're feeling deep down inside {guilt}, they have no choice but to demand greater allegiance from all others and more irrational solutions to the problems around them. They're mad and they're getting madder. They're literally destructive and they're getting more morally destructive day-by-day. If you don't believe me, you're not reading a wide enough range of political news.

The fear of having to leave your mighty edifice {death} will help you understand your own individual diaspora. It'll help you yearn for a figurative return to your body and inner

world in a more personal way. It'll help you admit you've been, at times, figuratively out of your mind, but now humbly want to get back in it.

Leaving your edifice should feel like a three-day weekend or a two-week vacation, at most. Those of us who love to study really don't like days off from school. But time off is good for us, too. We just don't want to make a career out of avoiding our school work and homework. Remaining engaged with yourself at all times will become your greatest source of joy.

{The laziest people on Earth are drug addicts and alcoholics. If they were willing to study themselves, they'd be willing to inhabit their edifice, not escape from it. But the obese are doing the same thing with food. And workaholics, gamblers and yentas all have their own drugs of choice, too.}

There are many in the Abrahamic faiths who've avoided the Creation story with hyper-religiosity. They've refused to come out of their shell to grow up through the rock of reality into the light. They've bought into the metaphor of GOD as like their father, but then they can't deal with sibling rivalry and those unscrupulous cousins of ours in the Far East who are annoying and disreputable. The hyper-religious agree whole-heartedly with you when you tell them there's a destination at the end of their journey. But they're only playing along to do everything they can to act out their fantasy of master {father} and slave {son}.

The hyper-religious are playing hooky from school and don't have a clue what you really mean when you tell them that their life is like an insane asylum or S&M dungeon. Their work world is that of a slave driver with an Israelite. And their home life is filled with religious business that conceals quiet desperation.

They're the patients in the institution who don't know where they are and don't want to ask for fear they'll find out. They're sometimes the sadist and other times the masochist. They're as conflicted as Moses at what he saw happening around him before he committed murder. But instead of killing their boss, children, neighbors, friends, spouse or total strangers – the least insane amongst them stab at themselves inside to keep themselves bleeding, weak and under control.

You were uniquely created in GOD's images in the same way that each cell phone is uniquely created on an assembly line according to a plan of mass assembly. There are individual phones that come broken from the manufacturer. There are bugs that are later found in the operating system that require fixes to large number of damaged instruments. And there's the individual unification process that each consumer is free to do to his phone after purchase in accordance with his own expertise. In all these ways, you were created in GOD's images like a complex instrument with many functions that you're capable of organizing and mastering despite the technical challenges of the day in which we live.

Look at those older than you. Don't they resemble a flip phone, princess phone or telegraph office? Look at those younger than you. Don't they symbolize the latest in cutting edge technology of the next generation? It may be time for you to upgrade yourself. How long do you think you can continue with the spiritual operating system you've got?

When I tell others how they operate, they don't usually want to listen. I have to slowly show them how to look at themselves in the mirror without unconsciously turning away in disgust. They believe they're looking at someone else {usually a reflection of their mother

or father}. I have to flatter them just to keep them interested and focused on a topic they should want to embrace more than all others.

Morality can feel terrifying unless you go through the gate to your world within. *Muslims* only promote this passage with suicide. *CHRISTIANS* only promote it with collusion and conspiracy in breaking tradition to circumvent the law. And *JEWS* isolate themselves from their inner world entirely in the hopes that in taking Torah literally instead of personally they'll remain in a religious stupor all the days of their lives.

The only thing getting in the way of the *JEWS* are the rest of the Israelis. The only thing getting in the way of the *CHRISTIANS* are those who love gay people. And the only thing getting in the way of the *Muslims* is *God*.

The hyper-religious are wrong. Their edifice is only going to become mighty once they take all Scripture personally. If they continue to try to prove that their faith has a monopoly on *GOD/GOD/God*, they're lying to themselves and you. It will be difficult to convince them that *GOD* wasn't so stupid as to give all the answers to people like them.

Would you just look under the hood of your car; kick the tires; or align the seat and mirrors without turning on the engine? How far do the hyper-religious think they're going to get in their vehicle without turning on the ignition switch? What difference does it make what brand they've been given if they don't know how to drive? Being of Jewish, Christian or Muslim descent is more complicated than it looks.

*“Tell of Moses,
who said to his people,
‘Why do you seek to harm me,
my people,
when you know that I am sent to you by God?’
And when they went astray,
God led their very hearts astray.”*
[61:4-5]

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To give up on Judaism is like giving up on looking for the ignition switch on your dashboard. To give up on Christianity is like giving up on looking for the key to your car. And to give up on Islam is like giving up on putting the key in the ignition and turning it to start the engine. No one who believes that life is like a journey has the luxury of not

taking all three faiths personally. Your body is the only vehicle you've been given for this journey. It's up to you to learn to operate it.

Man is in a mighty edifice of wisdom, love and devotion that he must assemble like a jigsaw puzzle made up of thousands of pieces. This truth isn't a conspiracy on GOD's part.

It a keen understanding on our part of the way HE made us all that requires us to see that we can only get along with others to the degree we've learned to get along with each piece of ourselves.

In a way we no longer live in the modern age. We now live in the age of civility. People who can't be civil with one another insist on reverting to a previous time in history when violence was acceptable.

We have the tools to teach. And we know that every problem will lead to the gays being allowed to be free on the political left and the Jews being allowed to be free on the right. Isn't that enough of a start to solve the problems of the Civil Age?

*“And of Jesus,
Son of Mary,
who said to the Jews,
‘I am sent forth to you from God
To confirm what Torah already revealed,
And to give news of an apostle
That will come after me
whose name is Ahmad.’
Yet, when he brought the conspicuous signs,
They said,
‘this is plain sorcery.’”
[61:6]*

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SON of Mary,
who said to the Jews,
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The JEWS are terrified of Jesus to this day, while the Jews can casually chat about Jesus as one of our own. You should embrace every man living now and in the past who stands for what you believe in. If a Muslim can speak about Jesus as like a prophet, a JEW should at least go out of his way to read what HE said.

How are the JEWS going to embrace any newer message if they can't begin by reading the messages of Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad? Are love and loyalty concepts too terrifying for them to ponder? How much wisdom will it take for them to open their eyes?

Clearly the JEWS have no reason to be afraid of Jesus, (although they have damn good reason to be afraid of CHRISTIANS!) But *Muslíms* who tell Muslims that they have good reason to be afraid of Jews and Christians are just fanning the flames of foolishness and hatred, too.

Who said, "There's no justice in this world?" People are getting sticks rather than carrots because it's unrealistic to expect carrots to motivate them the same way sticks do. If you want carrots, you'd better start learning how to garden and grow them yourself.

A symbol doesn't work like a metaphor. You don't have to swallow the bottle after you've swallowed the liquid in it. The nourishment lies in the contents, not the container. You don't have to pray to Jesus to become a loving person. Nor do you have to pray the way the Prophet Muhammad did to become a devotee of life. Devotion is like wisdom and love combined with a smattering awareness of death for good measure.

The Muslim is constantly thinking about death. The Christian is constantly thinking about the life "after" life. And the Jew is constantly thinking about his own miserable existence here and now. It's too late for you to think like any one of them anymore. Now you know too much.

How a JEW goes through life won't make as much of a difference if he's only looking for the evidence brought by Moses. He'll find what he's looking for, but no more. He'll see where he's headed, but he may not reach as ideal an ideal destination as you or I. And for his hatred of those of his children who happen to turn out gay {or, GOD forbid, artistically inclined...}, I suspect he'll have to pay a grave price. But that's none of our business. He isn't going to read this series of books unless, perhaps, he's Hasidic. The Haredim seem too far gone. I can't imagine them flying a rainbow flag or, GOD forbid, wear colorful clothes.

Is it any wonder that gays and lesbians have been so reviled for so long by so many? We consistently challenge straights with a reality they don't want to have to face. But look at the world today? It's not that JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslíms* are all wrong. It's that each of them is only one-third right. They've all produced sufficient evidence for us to believe that they'd rather kill the messengers than study all the messages.

*"They seek to extinguish the light of God with their mouths;
but God will perfect His light
much as the nonbelievers may dislike it."*

[61:8]

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The mouth of the *Muslim* refuses to admire Moses. The mouth of the CHRISTIAN refuses to admire the Prophet Muhammad. And the mouth of the JEW refuses to admire Jesus. The only thing they’re all prepared to let wax poetic from their mouths is their denunciation of gays as perverts and women as inferior to men. Could there possibly be anything wrong with their idea of GOD/GOD/*God* consciousness?

Why have a mouth if you refuse to use it to say good things about others? Am I not using my mouth to raise your opinion of the Quran? The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are so morally upside down that what’s coming out of their mouth should be seen as coming out their other end...

The mouth is a curious aspect of the human body. It’s used to bring in nourishment from the outside world {eating} and to get knowledge from the inside world out {speaking}. It can even be used to get nourishment from the outside world back out {vomiting}. And it can, of course, also be used as a sexual stimulant when used in kissing, sucking and licking.

You can give back the food you take in through your mouth, but you can’t take back the words you exude once they’ve been spoken. In that sense, the Prophet is justified in saying that there are those who “*seek to extinguish the light of GOD with their mouths.*” {That was his polite way of describing verbal vomit.}

The mouth can be used to bring GOD’s light out from within or to attempt to extinguish HIS light altogether. Try to imagine the darkness inside a JEW, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim*. It’s utterly unfathomable how unexamined the x² factor in them is. Their dark side is pitch black. They’re terrified of public humiliation. Some of them will even kill just to cover their ass.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are determined to “*extinguish the light of GOD with their mouths.*” They’re so bewildered by the irrationality of three “Gods” that stand for one operating system that they ridicule, scorn and deride those who refuse to believe that their way is the only way.

GOD doesn’t have to put anything into rational terms you can understand. You have to want to talk to yourself if you’re going to understand reality. The way you behave will show GOD if you’re taking the gift of life personally.

JEWS^u who deny the dignity and GOD-given gifts of the LGBT+ community are only interested in their^u truth. CHRISTIANS^o who deny climate change and evolution are only interested in their^o truth. And Muslims^{te} who deny the importance of the State of Israel in the moral creation and maintenance of this world we share are only interested in their^{te} truth.

The only way to achieve the whole truth is by taking everything that happens to you a lot more personally. Blaming others for your misfortune will only negate a very small amount of your guilt. And guilt is the key your heart needs to get your spiritual process ignited (like starting an engine). Nothing will move you until you agree to learn more about how to love yourself.

The Prophet said, “GOD will perfect HIS light much as the nonbelievers may dislike it.” But in this day and age, it’s not the nonbelievers who distain HIS light so much as the believers. In today’s world of civility, it’s those at the extreme ends of each of the three religious spectrums who want to extinguish the light GOD emanates out from us all. There are no nonbelievers left in the Middle East. The nonbelievers were all converted with the sword 1,442 years ago.

*“He will forgive you your sins
and admit you to gardens watered by running streams;
He will lodge you in pleasant mansions in the gardens of Eden.
This is the supreme triumph.”
[61:11-12]*

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and admit you to gardens watered by running streams;
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When you universalize the *gardens* and *running streams*, you open the GARDENS OF EDEN to everyone, not just to those who agree with your religious dogma. You move beyond JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY or Islam to universal rewards each of us hopes to receive, as well as to punishments we hope not to have to endure. When you conclude that everyone has the potential of being lodged in a *pleasant mansion* of his own construction, based upon his unique efforts here on Earth, you dignify the work of the individual in addition to that of the collective. And in doing so, you make the study of life more personally important to you.

This passage about rewards begs the question about what constitutes a punishment. What is a sin? If you don't know that you've sinned can you be punished for it? But if you can't be punished for that which you don't know, how will you ever learn?

Not everything can or will be explained to you. You can know without learning, but you can also learn without knowing. Therefore pain and suffering may come at you from unexpected directions. Carrots and sticks are simply necessities of life as it's been given. School cannot remain in session without them.

Those who try to beat the system with a dogma that guarantees the elimination of punishments cease to learn. They come to class to make mischief, secure in the belief that their destiny is guaranteed. Those who've attended school know that success in school isn't like that. But those who are figuratively locked in an insane asylum think that their fantasies are real.

When a young child touches fire for the first time, he hasn't committed a sin because he didn't know any better. But if he survives to touch it a second time, he's committed a small sin. He's behaved in a crazy way by doing the same thing to himself twice, expecting a better result the second time. That becomes the sin of desiring something he should have learned the first time was bad for him. Denying reality isn't a useful tool.

Once you've been burned the first time by someone or something and you engage with that person or substance again, you're being willful and defiant. You're telling yourself how the external world should operate and how you should be allowed to behave autonomously in it. This is the mentality behind addictions and religious dogma.

But those who refuse to avoid getting burned ever again may be unrealistic at the other extreme. About some things you're going to want learn how to manage outer reality in order to learn from it. Some experiences need to be taken personally and not too seriously.

Becoming realistic slowly unfolds as a life-long study unique to you. Everyone begins by learning from the outside out. But there comes a point when you'll want to reverse the process by learning how to also learn from the inside in.

If you didn't know how to use your external experiences to grow morally and virtuously, you went insane on some levels of life. This is what's happened to me. Some of my conclusions were invalid, but I compounded them with repetition until I drove myself crazy.

Those who live in denial of internal reality should expect to receive some form of whipping as though with a stick for their willful defiance and autonomy when and where **GOD** sees fit. ⁶⁴ Getting your way has its limits, and yet, every infant, child, teenager and young adult tries to push the envelope.

⁶⁴ Once ancient man finally realized that the external world was round, the horizon became a curiosity, not a dreaded coming together of earth and sky that predicted his demise. Only then was he intellectually free to go past his horizons, literally and figuratively. The moral consequences implied by the Ten Commandments must be discovered through repetitious experiences in order for you to come to appreciate your inner reality in addition to outer reality. Once you realize you must repeat the lessons infused into the Ten Commandments as you interpreted them subjectively, you discover how **GOD** created life with unique moral

There are spiritual pyromaniacs and pyrophobiacs. Sometimes you may not be able to think without then setting something inside you aflame. Other times you may not be able to think if you even imagine setting something inside you aflame.

Sometimes your mind may not make the connections others make to avoid painful experiences. Then you get spiritually burned or frostbitten without consciously being able to tell one kind of burn from the another. Your conscience becomes as sick and twisted as a guard dog that's been tattooed. You end up having no idea why you look and feel the way you do. You only know that you get easily burned by certain kinds of interactions you have with others. You may not even associate those outcomes with the opinions you've come to.⁶⁵

Just to declare that nobody can do anything to you if you don't let them is unrealistic. People know they can hurt you. And for you to claim that they can't if you don't let them is like walking barefoot on burning coals. Decide for yourself what you want to believe about external reality.

I believe people can hurt me. I believe they've done it many times in the past. And I believe some of them will do it again if I don't guard myself against it. This is why I consider myself a realistic person.

But I also believe that with GOD's help I have the power to heal from their sins. In this way, GOD can allow them to do evil while HE's teaching me to do good. I know what I want to learn. I know how I want to spend the precious time I have.

In maintaining a respectful, moral distance from others that warms me to myself and GOD, I may have to sometimes conclude that some others are perpetrators and I am, on occasion, their victim. Then I may decide to blame these individuals or groups for being the perpetrators of what's happening to me and other people like me.

But if you conclude that you had to become a perpetrator of spiritual crimes against your own humanity to survive; if you conclude that your GOD/GOD/God will redeem you for you – you'll only become a sign to the rest of us to motivate us to work even harder not to end up looking like you.

GOD *"will forgive you your sins and admit you to gardens watered by running streams,"* if you've apologized and repented for the sins you've committed against yourself. It isn't realistic to assume otherwise. Only people whose self-esteem is so low that they can't believe a thing they say to themselves believe they'll be redeemed by their GOD/GOD/God without having to do a thing. The truth is that we're all in need of redemption and redemption takes hard work.

consequences for thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires. You begin to appreciate the value of repetition the further you venture past your early life teachings toward maturity.

⁶⁵ Think back to the metaphor of wire strippers. Your parents may have had their wires stripped by outsiders. But you may have done so to yourself. It's time to recognize that there are new forms of fire equivalent to electricity that have been given to us in the modern age to learn to operate ourselves wisely.

This should give you pause to question your own *supreme triumph*. If you think you're going to "paradise" just because of the faith you were born into or because of your sexual identity, you're deluding yourself. That's not logical. Nor would it be rational to assume that uttering the word "Jesus" with desperation on your deathbed will redeem you of all your sins. Your life is the evidence of your life. Only you can change it. Jesus set an example that you can model. But whether HE has any interest in you is only a question of Christian faith. It's not a universal given. Only love is a universal given.

Some people repeat the same mistakes without questioning what they're doing. Some people avoid the same mistakes without questioning what they're not doing. Either may be a syndrome that needs to be addressed. I'm not suggesting you need to "do" or "not do" anything. I'm suggesting that you need to question how you are and aren't living your life.

If you think the "world to come" will be like an orchard in which there'll be plenty to eat with nothing else to do all day, you're thinking like a monkey, not a human being. That sort of "paradise" is how simians in Africa live. It's time to climb down out of your tree and get a clue to the meadows and the vines. It's time to wake up and smell the scented herbs. Life for human beings has evolved! So you should be evolving too.

The JEWS won't even say the word "Jesus." It's as though HIS name is a bad omen. But that said, they won't say the name Y.H.V.H. either. They use the euphemism "ADONAI" {Lord} for GOD. They write the word "G-d." And they certainly don't ever utter GOD's

other names: Jesus and *Allāh*. You might say that when it comes to GOD's names, the orthodox JEWS are linguistically challenged. And when you look at them in their funny garb, you see a people even more odd than the LGBT+ community, while they point fingers at us for being queer... ⁶⁶

*"Believers,
be God's helpers.
when Jesus,
son of Mary,
said to the Disciples,
'Who will come with me to the help of God?'
the Disciples replied,
'We are God's helpers.'"
[61:14]*

⁶⁶ "How odd of GOD to choose the Jews" {Dorothy Parker}. To which Cecil Browne responded, "But not so odd as those who choose a Jewish GOD, but spurn the Jews."

⁶⁶ Mormonism is going through a tornado of turmoil with marriage equality in America. They can't reconcile their disconnect from modern society because they're so disconnected from themselves. They have no compunction about having granted a man any number of wives in the past, but they can't stomach the idea of granting him one husband now!

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The Prophet has used the Christian faith in this passage to exemplify the duties of a good Muslim. Jesus used the faith before HIS {Judaism} to exemplify the duties of a good Christian. Like a spiritual edifice, faith is built one story upon the next. And any believer who thinks that one man’s ceiling isn’t another man’s floor doesn’t appreciate the spiritual, architectural underpinnings of GOD’s designs.

There are even contemporary faiths {such as Mormonism} that claim to be figuratively constructed on top of the penthouse {Islam} of the Abrahamic faiths. They’re like moral sheds hastily built on the rooftop of the Abrahamic edifice. When you deny the importance of the ground floor of your spiritual edifice and your gay neighbors throughout the building, your beliefs will sway, tip and ultimately come crashing down from the harsh winds of change you’re exposed to on the roof. You, too, will become a victim of your own hypocrisy. {We, gay window-washers who are seldom allowed inside, have seen it all from the outside looking in...}

If you want to help GOD, {rather than attempt to morally hinder HIM}, the first thing you should do outside yourself is make peace with your neighbors. Even if you see yourself more like a window-washer hanging precariously on the side of the Abrahamic edifice, your beliefs may have been tethered to the building. You may be figuratively hanging by a thread, but you’re still luckier than you might think. You probably have virtues you’re relying on that you don’t even appreciate that keep you hanging on.

Granted, many in the LGBT+ community don’t put any faith at all in GOD, but can you blame them after the way they’ve been treated by people^u who claim to be full of faith while calling us full of sh[fertilizer]it? What they^u’re full of is forbidden fruit that’s soured their stomach, and they^u have no idea how to get it out except by vomiting it up onto scapegoats.

Despite the disgusting stench emanating out of some people, seek peace with everyone regardless of his faith or lack of faith. But take your time doing so. Sometimes they’re so exhausted from throwing up all over others that they need a little time before they can be approached.

People may be retched and disgusting. They may throw up in your face. They may walk around as though there isn’t anyone living above and below them in the Abrahamic edifice. But they may appear to be bad at heart. But they’re morally insane...

The Muslims may tell you that they’re the only ones living in the penthouse with the superior view, but their ignorant arrogance is apparent from a window-washer’s

perspective. **GOD** may have given them the highest story, but they know little about the neighbors who live below them, or the idiots camping out on our roof.

I can assure you, there are those who, when they look out their window and see some nelly queen staring back at them with a squeegee in her hand, have a fit. They think their privacy has been invaded. They think some holy secret, like a curtain, has been pulled back. But take it from me, the only “holey secret” that we can see when we look in at them isn’t a secret anymore. Word is out. They’ve got an anus and now everybody knows it...

You’ve got an anus, too. **GOD** gave everybody an anus. But **HE** didn’t give anybody the right to behave like an asshole. An asshole believes that this whole world is nothing more than the remains of predigested food. And so an asshole behaves as though you’re sh[dung, excrement, feces, filth]it.

The more you look at what’s going on below your belt, the more you’ll realize what a huge, rectal problem you really can be at times; and not just for others. I offer you this conclusion so your imagination can grasp what it means to face your ego issues. Because if you don’t, you’ll find something to jam up inside you. And that’s hardly sensual or attractive.

If you want to help **GOD**, get a better sense of **HIS** designs. In some ways, it couldn’t be more obvious. Just take a good look at what’s happening over time to your body. In other, more personal ways, it may be very difficult to see more of you if you’re the one who’s blocking your own view.

You’d never stab people in the back and twist the knife if you weren’t so jealous of the fact that they can see your back, but you can’t. You can always turn your life around, but you’ll never be able to turn around to literally see yourself. You can’t look at the back of your head without visual aid, but everyone else can.

So you’d better get a lot smarter, a lot kinder and a lot more focused on what’s happening in the world around you in relation to the world within you if you want to be given a larger slice of the π .⁶⁷

*“Some of the Jews believed in him
while others did not.
We aided the believers against their enemies,
and they triumphed over them.”
[61:15]*

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while others did not.
WE aided the believers” against their enemies,
and they” triumphed over them.”*

⁶⁷ π : the mathematical symbol for “pi.” I’m making this mathematical pun just to point out that my idea of π may be nothing like yours. My slice of the π isn’t going to affect your slice of the pie. Let go of your dogma, and move on.

Some of the Jews at the time of Jesus followed HIM, believing HE was a holy messenger from the Lord. Whether you call that relationship FATHER/SON or use a different metaphor to describe HIM as in a relationship with GOD, you ought to admit that their beliefs have endured for two millennia.

The ancestors of those who believe in GOD made sure that the Jews and Muslims paid a high price for not converting to Christianity. But if any of them want to try to charge us today for our anti-CHRISTIAN beliefs, we'll remind them that, unlike Jesus, they're not perfect. They won't get a dime out of us.

If Jews have learned anything at all from GOD, it's that we'll never again allow being Jewish to be a crime against the state as it was 2,000 years ago in ancient Israel and in the last century in Nazi Germany. Just imagine what would happen to you if you were an Israeli who ended up in a *Muslim* country.

While some say that being Muslim in America today is slowly turning into a crime against the state, the Jews know that Israel will be next. Muslims here and abroad are benefiting from our hard-won experience, even if they won't do a thing to stop the re-creation of the Holocaust in Israel by her neighbors. Those who don't know GOD's story are doomed to repeat it. Look at how they suffer already.

Meanwhile, the crime of being Jewish in *Muslim* countries, like the crime of being gay, makes it obvious that *Muslims* haven't learned enough from their Abrahamic brothers to be pointing fingers at anyone other than themselves. They're still primitive and backward if they're unable to glean the Prophet's complete message from GOD.

Muslims owe a debt of gratitude to history. Unfortunately, they're just waking up from a deep slumber and haven't achieved the secular education necessary to appreciate the past even though they benefit from a modern lifestyle.

Meanwhile, CHRISTIANS are doing everything in their power to destroy all forms of secular education to bury their past. They're so guilt-ridden that they can't face the whole truth. {I'm glad I graduated with a B.S. in guilt. Now I only have to account for my own misdeeds, not others.}

Jews and Muslims owe a great debt of gratitude to Christian history. Christianity has excelled in ways that have benefited the whole world. Their gift for architecture, art, dance, film, food, music, science and technology has made life on Earth more pleasing and pleasurable for everyone. And I, for one, think Christians are underappreciated. I don't approve of white supremacy, of course. That's just CHRISTIAN self-hate. But I do look at those with European ancestry with great awe and respect for what GOD has given us all through Christian excellence.

Civility raises the question whether today's Jews, Christians, Muslims and the LGBT+ community are going to unite against JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*, or whether we're all just going to look blankly out into space while pretending not to see what's going on.

Religion has become the problem not the solution. Civility is the solution, but only those with a modern approach to life can see the importance of it. What we see from the cults created by hyper-religiosity is infantile, childish and juvenile behavior in governance over the masses. What we're seeing in the masses is a provoking of incivility, disrespect and violence. Penises don't kill people. People with penises who love guns instead of penises kill people.

The way to achieve unity worldwide will be the main issue for Catholic women in their quest to achieve a female pope. It was a similar issue in America that made it possible for a black man to become president here. And it's becoming the issue that will make it possible for members of the LGBT+ community to marry in Israel and for us to pray in any institution of faith anywhere in the world.

Either we embrace individuality through this battle array strategy or the battle array will continue to separate people like three segments of a metal triangle that have been fused together with hate.

An old-fashioned, Texport, triangle, dinner bell symbolizes the one geometric figure that will unite faith and **philosophy**. A Texport, triangle, dinner bell is a metal triangle that's open on one side at the base. This gives the instrument the ability to vibrate when struck which, in turn, creates a much louder ring.

The LGBT+ community will make it possible for everyone to resonate inside and out by breaking open the Abrahamic, hate triangle presently in place, thus giving everyone more access to his inner world. But you're going to have to become the ringer that bangs back and forth inside the bell.

Just like the Jews, we, gays, are an extremely small minority in the world. If you think the straight, moral majority will have no trouble in squashing the LGBT+ community, think back to all the civilizations that thought they could do the same to the Jews. Your GOD/GOD/*God* works in mysterious ways. Our **GOD** does not.

Bet on us. If not, you'll be betting against us. And I don't think **GOD** will like that.

Surah 62

سورة الجمعة

Friday, Or The Day Of Congregation

The Sabbath day for the Jews comes on the seventh day of the week, Saturday, the day in Torah when GOD rested from HIS work. The Christian holy day is Sunday, the first day of the week, the day GOD came up with the idea of creating the world. And the Muslim Sabbath is Friday, the day GOD created humanity to appreciate *His* intentions.

But to recreate all that GOD has done, man would need more than hands and eyes and ears. He'd need a soul. Without a soul, he'd behave like any other animal, devoid of awareness of GOD's Creation.

In the opening lines of Genesis, every day before the Sixth Day of Creation, GOD said at the end of that day, "IT IS GOOD." But after the creation of humanity on the Sixth Day {the first Friday}, HE said, "IT IS VERY GOOD." [Genesis 1:31] ⁶⁸ By extension, the creation of Islam was very good.

Moses brought the metaphor of the Creation of the external and internal worlds into existence through the spiritual week made up of seven holy Days. And today the whole world uses this metaphoric measurement of time for moral assessment of our progress in 7-day increments with three holy days {Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays}. In addition to these three Sabbaths, we were given three Days shrouded in Eastern mystery and one Day in honor of indigenism.

The Christians gave the world reason to celebrate the First Day of Creation as an exercise in the love of life. The Muslims have given us reason to celebrate the Sixth Day of Creation as an exercise in achieving loyalty to life. But without the wisdom to take Scripture personally, there's little point in being religious at all.

It all began with an ancient Egyptian-Jew named Moses who was deeply assimilated and indulged by the society in which he was raised and to the luxurious lifestyle to which he'd become accustomed. Nevertheless, Moses brought GOD's wisdom to a small group of disenfranchised, beleaguered people who are still bound and determined to continue to spread the illumination of HIS wisdom in having created the Seventh Day to remind man to rest from his labors.

But why? What good is rest? The body doesn't need a whole day to rest. The "pharaohs" of industry have been saying just that for thousands of years. The Nazi slogan above Auschwitz and other concentration camp entrances, *Arbeit Macht Frei* {work will set you free}, remains to this day the concept diametrically opposed to the Seventh Day of rest.

Rest will make you dream. And your dreams will make you think. And thinking will lead you to believe that your life has meaning beside the work you have to do.

⁶⁸ In the differences between "IT IS GOOD" and "IT IS VERY GOOD," lie the universality of Torah that's only possible to perceive if you have an imagination.

Needless to say, as stated in the Quran, GOD doesn't need to rest. Giving us a day of rest was for our sake, not HIS. But HIS motivation went further than rest for the body. Because GOD didn't give the Jewish people any promises of "heaven" or threats of "hell," our Sabbath day of rest has become a harbinger of "paradise," of a world yet to come that's much more divine than '+' or '-.'

Even so, it all seems a little illogical, if you ask me. It would have made more sense for *God* to have given Muslims Mondays as their Sabbath day rather than Fridays since the revelations of the Prophet came chronologically after the revelations GOD gave the Jews and GOD gave the Christians. That would have given us holy days on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. For *Him* to have chosen Fridays rather than Mondays as the Muslim Sabbath isn't what I would have done...

The mystery deepens because the Jewish Sabbath begins on Friday nights rather than on Saturday mornings. So the overlap of wisdom and loyalty on Friday nights may be a poetic clue to the darkness we not only see that night, but the darkness shared by the offspring of Ishmael and Isaac.

The first man to represent Fridays {Ishmael} and the first man to represent Saturdays {Isaac} didn't fare well together under the same roof. And because Ishmael was older than Isaac, perhaps it isn't surprising that Ishmael, like Friday, would come before Saturday. Or, perhaps, no one can go from loyalty to life to wisdom without going through a night of darkness and mystery. Perhaps, only then, are we ready to celebrate GOD's love on Sundays.

It states in Genesis that GOD blessed Ishmael before HE blessed Isaac (because Abraham asked him to). GOD, obviously, anticipated the role the descendants of Ishmael would play in HIS designs, but HE didn't make that clear from the beginning. HE only stated that Isaac would be the beneficiary of Abraham's material inheritance {Israel}, while Ishmael would be fruitful.⁶⁹

And yet, we now all live in an Abrahamic expression of subjective time with Christianity representing the beginning {Sunday} of the week; Islam representing the end {Friday} of the work week, and Judaism representing that which will come beyond the end: the day of eternal rest. {You might remember that the next time you declare who will, and who won't, be a part of *GOD*'s designs in the "afterlife."}⁷⁰

⁶⁹ "AND AS FOR ISHMAEL, I HAVE HEARD YOU: I WILL SURELY BLESS HIM; I WILL MAKE HIM FRUITFUL AND WILL GREATLY INCREASE HIS NUMBERS. HE WILL BE THE FATHER OF TWELVE RULERS, I WILL MAKE HIM INTO A GREAT NATION." [Genesis 17:20]

⁷⁰ The concepts of "heaven" and "hell" never became a part of Jewish tradition, and are still rejected by Jews as absurd. The idea of earning chicken-like wings with a light over your head that bathes you in constant illumination doesn't appeal to those who'd rather not live on cold, moist clouds. And receiving 72 virgins is nothing more than a bizarre outcome for lustful, patriarchal, heterosexual *Muslims* and should be rejected by anyone with modern sensibilities. Would you prefer a "heaven" where everyone plays the harp for all eternity, but before entering has to leave his genitals at St. Peter's gate? Or, would you prefer a "heaven" where billions of ex-virgins are walking around doing nothing all day? The idea of rewards and punishments must be questioned for greater clarification of what

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 an apostle of their own
 to recite to them his revelations,
 to purify them,
 and to instruct them in the book
 and in wisdom,
 though they have hitherto been in evident error,
 together with others of their own kin
 who have not yet followed them.”⁷¹
 He is the Mighty One,
 the Wise One.”
 [62:2-3]*

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You can't arrive at the conclusion "*HE is the Mighty ONE, the Wise ONE*" without appreciating the statements, "HE IS THE MIGHT ONE, THE WISE ONE," "**HE IS THE MIGHTY ONE, THE WISE ONE**" and "*He Is the Mighty One, the wise One.*" You can't really even claim to believe that "*HE is the Mighty, the Wise One*" unless you can get your ego out of

it means to achieve moral compensation "after" life for the effort you made while you were here.

⁷¹ The word "them" in this sentence refers to the books {the New Testament and the Old}. The Prophet isn't saying that **HE** created "them" {the Christian people} for the Jews to follow. If that were the case, the Muslims ought to follow behind the Christians. That would only make sense if you believed that love is more important than wisdom or devotion. It's not. One is as important as the other two. Is one of the legs of a stool more important than the other two?

the way to make that claim about **GOD** without being envious and jealous of **HIS** station being so much greater than ours.

When you envy the window washer looking in at you from outside; when you wish your story where on a higher floor with a greater view; when your eyes aren't blue and your hair isn't blond; when you're long in tooth and hair is gray; when your financial station isn't powerful and your stature isn't straight and tall; when you wish you weighed less but could smile more – you're coveting something. You want something **GOD** has that **HE** gave to some others rather than you. Or **HE** gave it to you and it slipped through your fingers.

GOD's designs are like a roundabout you enter from one of many directions that you exit any direction you choose. **JEWS**, **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* come to this roundabout from different directions, but each makes sure to get off exactly 180 degrees from where they got on it. This keeps them always going straight. If they can't go in exactly a straight line after they've gone round the bend, they get off at telling others where to go, instead... They're really only happy when they make the claim that they're perfectly straight. But when it comes to the roundabouts of life, they have no answers to give you. They can't explain the curves life throws at them.

GOD carved the **WORDS** into the original tablets **HE** gave to Moses with the Ten Commandments he destroyed when he got so angry at the Israelites upon descending from Mt. Sinai that he smashed the tablets. But if you were to imagine what those broken tablets looked like after they were collected by the Israelites and added the tablets to the items in the Tabernacle {that were ultimately stolen by the Assyrians and destroyed}, you might imagine that **HIS** words had been cut into a rock that had many, different, colored layers of sediment. Imagine those layers of rock as having been reddish-orange on the surface where it was somewhat like clay; yellowish-greenish-blue in the middle where it shined like a golden light on a turquoise sea; and purplish-violet at the deepest level of rock where it radiated an almost invisible, but mysterious aura into utter darkness.

This might help you see the original Ten Commandments as a rainbow of intellectual, emotional and spiritual decrees from **GOD** that mirrored **HIS** thoughts of fear, **HIS** feelings of anger and *His* reasons for the sorrow of mankind.

This is why you should learn to recognize and obey the Ten Commandments from your head, heart and soul. If you don't combine these colored engravings into one rainbow of hope, you're going to play a fool, a tool or a ghoul.

Wisdom comes from recognizing your duty to obey the Ten Commandments literally in the world we share. Love comes from moving through your fears, angers and sorrows to obeying the Ten Commandments with the wisdom of your heart. And if you can imagine doing those two, you're ready to open the Quran on your own to discover the secret of wisdom through devotion to your everlasting soul.

Then you'll be able to imagine that every chip you cut into the rock of your being elicits a spiritual decree from you that must be chosen slowly and then carefully adhered to. Only

then will you be able to imagine the mystery that lies under the Dome of the Rock that you and I are figuratively excavating now together.⁷²

Today's spiritual concerns return every *Friday: the Day of Congregation*. It all begins when we're asked to congregate with strangers. In the Creation story, on the Sixth Day, **GOD** gave us our humanity. So Fridays are the day when you should be able to come together with everyone, without prejudice in your thoughts or hatred in your heart. But until you can practice learning from the stranger in you, don't anticipate much in the way of a joyous "afterlife." If you can't create a day of congregation on Fridays with Jews, Gentiles and Muslims together in peace, what do you think you should look forward to on your day of eternal rest? Expect disappointment instead.

*"Those to whom the burden of the Torah was entrusted
and yet refused to bear it
are like a donkey laden with books.
Wretched is the example of those who deny God's revelations."
[62:5-6]*

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Truer words have never been spoken. The Jew who doesn't read Torah but who carries it like a weight on his back will behave like a stubborn mule. The Christian who carries Torah and the Gospels but who doesn't compare them, only contrasts them, is more like a bull mindlessly pulling a plow without ever turning around to see what he's dragging. But the Muslim who doesn't read the Quran to unite Scripture in a third place in inner space is like a thoroughbred stallion in a race without a rider.

The horse may be the first to the finish line, beating out the donkey and the bull, but what will the horse have accomplished without a rider? You must learn to read, and then you must read to learn.

The problem with today's students in the school of life is that they think they're being graded on a curve. They think they're in competition with everyone else. What other explanation can account for how little they admire, compliment, help or protect one another? They believe that the better they do on their tests, the more of a reward will be

⁷² Your inner rock corresponds to the literal rock under the Dome of the Rock where Abraham attempted to sacrifice Isaac and from where the Prophet ascended to "heaven." Until you can personalize that rock, don't presume you're ready for "heaven," a place of such inclusion and integration that I doubt anyone will ever succeed in describing it fully in words. Through a well-developed imagination, you can explore this idea for spiritual illumination and warmth. But if you get burned, don't blame me.

given to them. But they're clearly not willing to take all the tests. How would you grade the final exam of someone who came to school one day in three? ⁷³

*“Believers,
when you are summoned to Friday prayers
hasten to the remembrance of God
and cease your trading.
That would be best for you,
if you but knew it.
Then,
when the prayers are ended,
disperse and go your ways in quest of God’s bounty.
Remember God always so that you may prosper.”
[62:7]*

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Remember GOD always so that you may prosper.”

The quest for GOD’s bounty isn’t found after prayers while strolling with your loved one in the market place to see what you can buy; running to your bedroom to have sex; or by sitting with men in coffee houses playing games. If you don’t seek GOD’s bounty before and after your prayers at noon on Fridays, you’ll miss the opportunities HE presents to those who seek HIM all ways, always.

⁷³ When I refer to one day in three, I’m really thinking about Friday, Saturday or Sunday – one Sabbath day out of three.

*“Say to the Jews:
‘If you claim that of all men
you alone are God’s friends,
then you should wish for death,
if what you say be true!’”*

*But
because of what their hands have done,
they will never wish for death.”*

[62:10]

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You’ll die regardless of what your hands look like. You’ll die whether or not you even have hands. The only reasons not to fear death are that you were wise, loving and loyal to all **GOD**’s friends in your lifetime. Without studying Torah, you’ll never know enough about HIS wisdom. Without studying the Gospels you’ll never know enough about HIS love. And without studying the Quran, you’ll never know enough about *His* loyalty.

Without combining what you know about wisdom and love with loyalty to redemption, you’ll never know yourself. And then you should wish for death, for then you’re using up space without giving back anything for it.

The student who hasn’t learned how to read himself like a good book is an abomination to the Teacher’s efforts. People were given Scripture to put it into their own words so that they could use it on themselves. Writing books for others to read is a fool’s errand. I write my books for me to read and then take heed.

I’ve written this series to cut down on my reading and to increase my ability to pray. I have no excuse not to look forward to death. And yet you can be sure, sometimes I fear death without knowing why. Surely in this there’s reason for me to keep learning.

*“Say:
‘That which God has in store
is far better than any merriment
or any commerce.
God is the most munificent giver.’”*

[62:12]

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‘That which **GOD** has in store
is far better than any merriment
or any commerce.

GOD is the most Munificent Giver.’”

Sometimes people just need sports and diversions to retreat from their studies. Sometimes they need songs to express their love and dance to express their joy. They need food to forget their sorrows and stories to remember their goals.

What they don’t need is (6) killing (7) cheating (8) stealing (9) lying, and (10) coveting what **GOD** has given to others. ⁷⁴ Once you’ve completed the first five Commandments for **GOD**’s sake, you’re going to want to work on the second five for your sake. “**GOD** is the most Munificent Giver” to those who study all **HIS** ways.

The way for every Friday to become a day of congregation is for Muslims to join the Jews in prayer at sunset without Jesus, but with love for one another in their hearts as though they were standing over the grave of Abraham. ⁷⁵

Darkness is a boundary we all know and share. Show **GOD** what it looks like to pray standing, kneeling and crouching with those of other faiths. Only then will you bring something to Saturdays that will resemble a day of rest. This will start the new week on

⁷⁴ Don’t confuse taxing the rich with jealousy and envy of them. Don’t let the rich try to convince you that you must supplement their tuition in this school because without them you couldn’t survive. They’ll try to find every trick in the book to make you feel guilty about charging them more for their education than you’re paying. They’ll try to convince you that they shouldn’t have to contribute to your scholarship. They’re always creating new ways to play hooky without you noticing that they’re absent from class. Don’t do their homework for them. Don’t take their tests for them. And certainly, don’t graduate for their sake.

⁷⁵ “The Cave of the Patriarchs or Tomb of the Patriarchs, known to Jews as the Cave of Machpelah מערת המכפלה {cave of the double tombs or cave of the double caves} and to Muslims as the Sanctuary of Abraham الحرم الإبراهيمي, is a series of caves located in the heart of the old city of Hebron in the southern West Bank. According to the Abrahamic religions, the cave and adjoining field were purchased by Abraham as a burial plot.” [Wikipedia] “ABRAHAM LIVED A HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS. THEN ABRAHAM BREATHED HIS LAST AND DIED AT A GOOD OLD AGE, AN OLD MAN AND FULL OF YEARS; AND HE WAS GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE. HIS SONS ISAAC AND ISHMAEL BURIED HIM IN THE CAVE OF MACHPELAH NEAR MAMRE, IN THE FIELD OF EPHRON SON OF ZOHAR THE HITTITE, THE FIELD ABRAHAM HAD BOUGHT FROM THE HITTITES. THERE ABRAHAM WAS BURIED WITH HIS WIFE SARAH.” [Genesis 25:7-10]

Sundays with a whole new reason to live. This is what a three-day weekend should mean for everyone of faith.

Surah 63
سورة المنافقون
The Hypocrites

I'm sure you don't think that this surah was written about you. But if you consider the simile of you being *like* a hypocrite, you may consider the possibility that you have something in common with all the hypocrites you see around you.

The idea of being a hypocrite should always come closer and closer to home if you hold any hope of improving yourself. When you accidentally pierce your skin with a knife and then cry out because your hand slipped, it was because you weren't consciously aware of something you thought, felt, desired or believed in that moment. That outcome could be more useful if it reminds you what inner forces merged at the moment you cut yourself.

There are no accidents, only incidents unaccounted for. You may refuse to take responsibility for these incidents as they spill out into the external world. {That doesn't mean you should never sue others. It only means you should become more aware of every time you figuratively sue yourself!}

People love to stab you with their idea of the truth. They use their truth as a weapon, not as a tool of healing. Don't fall into this trap. You don't always have to tell people your truth. You don't always have to teach people. These can often be subversive ways of being vindictive. They can turn into addictive behaviors you use to validate yourself indirectly at a cost to others.

You'll pay a price for telling the truth if you're unconsciously trying to tell people about themselves in order to make yourself look better in your eyes. If your self-esteem is low, raise it. Don't lower other people's. This is what they mean when they say, "No 'good' deed ever goes unpunished."

You can draw on the concept of hypocrisy from the world around you into the world within, but only with great inner effort. **GOD** separates the men from the boys just as a teacher separates two students or brings two students together, with good reason.

If you choose not to pierce your doubts, confusion and prejudices, you'll only get more angry and bellicose about a harsh world you unfairly feel you have to endure. You'll ask rhetorical questions without seeking answers that lie within. You'll grow old by becoming more and more childish until everyone can see how infantile in some ways you always were.

People who escape the school of life with drugs are the greatest escape artists of them all. They don't just suffer physical abuse at their own hands. They suffer an emotional lethargy you should, by now, be able to tell yourself you don't want to copy. Therefore many of their moral grades are deplorable. Thank **GOD**, you can learn to avoid being like some others. {I did many things the hard way. First I copied those who set a bad example. Then I learned what I'd done wrong just like them.}

Behaving hypocritically is like taking drugs because everyone else does. Just stop it. The only thing drugs are doing for you is keeping your low self-esteem low while professing that others' is even lower. Behaving hypocritically is addictive, destructive and painful.

We're all hypocrites, even if we don't know it because we can't easily see the evidence for it. That doesn't mean we're nonbelievers. It just means we're a little too human {animalistic} and not angelic {GOD-like} enough.

We're all individuals on a journey along with those with those in our faith, geographic tribe, linguistic grouping, nation, **philosophy**, political party and social alliances that require us to view many sides of many external issues.

But that doesn't mean we're right about everything we believe. Just because we may find ourselves surrounded by large numbers of people who agree with us doesn't mean we know any more than anyone else about anything. We each have individual gifts to offer others based on gifts we've already earned for ourselves.

GOD created each and every gay-Jew in HIS image. I have a right to be able to live in peace with everyone. There are very few murders in Israel or Jewish communities anywhere in the world And a JEW knows it's a sin to kill a Jew. So they stab us in other ways.

Find me a CHRISTIAN who believes in the rights of gays or a *Muslim* who believes in the rights of Jews, and I'll find you someone who's struggling to give up his hatred of himself. All the issues in the Abrahamic faiths stem from the rights of Jews that JEWS use Torah to deny. **karma** suggests that what comes around, goes around and around. Is **karma** a GODless invention?

That said, Jews, Christians and Muslims would never kill a human being except in self-defense if their own life were threatened.

Ask yourself what an act of GOD means to you. Maybe the injustices you suffered in your life were injustices that taught you valuable lessons, even if you knew you didn't deserve to be treated harshly or unfairly. But maybe you haven't learned quite enough from previous lessons because you're still fighting with your TEACHER/TEACHER/*Teacher* over HIS/HIS/*His* right to teach you anything.

Until you get bold enough to allow GOD to teach you how to act differently toward yourself because you have faith in HIM, you may have to go through a lot more pain and suffering. All I can tell you is that the harder you work, the luckier you'll get.

But if you wake up every morning with no reason to get out of bed other than to pay the bills; if you don't use your imagination all day to make sense of what GOD is allowing you to go through; and if you go to bed every night with nothing to say to yourself about what you learned about you that day – I suggest you kill yourself. I really don't think you have a good enough reason to live.

To live only for the sake of your children or grandchildren is a waste of precious time. To live only for a cause you're connected to won't get you from here to "there." If you're not at the center of your circle, your circle is oblong, not round. Would you install oblong tires on your car?

Everyone is being taught how to overcome hypocrisy from the inside in. But those who insist on learning only from the outside out aren't going to learn much of anything except the hard way.

*“When the hypocrites come to you,
they say,
‘We bear witness that you are God’s apostle.’
God knows that you are indeed His apostle;
and He bears witness that the hypocrites are surely lying.”*
[63:1]

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If you look at your gender metaphorically as a tree of knowledge $\{y + x^2\}$ or a tree of life $\{x^1 + x^2\}$; your whole body symbolically as a container filling yourself with holy contents; and your actions as 114 similes in which you contrast and compare yourself to yourself {and not to others} – your inner light will be ignited, and you’ll begin to shine like a star.

You’ll find your perspective change from someone figuratively on the dark side of the moon who has no idea that there’s an Earth nearby. You’ll understand why, figuratively speaking, the moon is dark on both sides. You’ll realize that, you, too, can shine if you reflect your love onto all that you say and do.

Your inner brilliance will ultimately become evident even to you if you continue exercising your imagination. You won’t live in the shadows of your mind staring into empty space, full of opinions, but without any evidence of you having a soul. Your heart has an aurora around it that you may choose to interpret as a halo around your head. If so, your soul will grow in ways that will make you joyous and kind.

The hypocrites only want to tell others how to live. They insist on controlling other people’s opinions with separation rather than inclusion. At worst, the *Muslim* hypocrites ignite others’ ire using knives, cars, trucks, guns, bombs or rockets instead of guilt. But the CHRISTIANS do so with collusion, conspiracy and lies. And JEWISH hypocrites are terrified of any changes or transformations occurring in the minds of those they can’t control. They’re particularly incensed when they see it happen to their children.

The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* hypocrites are scared to death that there might be only ONE GOD. They divide HIS/HIS/His wisdom, love and loyalty with reasons to

indulge themselves with whatever dogmas they want. They don't want to please GOD. They want their GOD/GOD/God to please them.

When GOD makes HIS presence known to them, the hypocrites blame us for the changes they see going on inside and around them. They make us scapegoats they try to sacrifice to their "God." They become consumed with spreading fear, dread and terror. The hypocrites who refuse to face their negative feelings toward GOD inflict their negative feelings on the rest of us instead. That should be obvious to you by now.

I don't think I'm as big a hypocrite as I used to be. I've studied Torah, the Gospels and the Quran. I've prayed with Jews in synagogues, Christians in churches and Muslims in mosques. I've stood up, bent down and crouched prostrate on the ground before GOD. I've experienced the physical sensations of praying in every way. I may very well be a hypocrite in ways I don't yet know, but I don't see me as big a hypocrite as I used to be. And for that I'm proud.

No child was born to love olives over ice cream. Man is like the fruit of an olive tree; he has to develop a taste for himself. He has to be cured. This takes time. If you want your inner child to develop a taste for your olives, you'll choose to learn soul-control. But I wouldn't expect miraculous results overnight. All the miracles I've experienced have happened slowly.

Those who think every good looking man or woman is a scoop of ice cream to be licked off the cone know little about how GOD makes everyone in HIS image. GOD isn't only like ice cream. HE's also a lot like olives. And in truth, you're a lot like both, too. Giving people the impression that you're frozen love, sweet and creamy, inside and out, only conceals the truth about what you're having to go through to swallow the bitter side of yourself.

*"They use their faith as a disguise,
and debar others from the path of God.
Evil is what they do."
[63:2]*

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and debar others from the path of GOD.
Evil is what they do."*

Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad understood human nature. And each spoke about it directly and without excuses. Moses was honest. Jesus was sincere; making it possible for the Prophet to then tell his followers to strive to be authentic.

If you're going to claim to be genuine {honest, sincere and authentic}, you're going to want to use your inner eye to perceive what's emanating out from your head, heart and conscience rather than using your faith as a disguise.⁷⁶

There's no one called "satan," only a serpent hanging on to your tree or a worm burrowed in your apple. So learn to live with yourself as you are. Observe how you dress internally. That will help you redress your character defects. Observe what you perceive. Honesty, sincerity and authenticity require practice on others before you can claim to be good at expressing these virtues in your own company.

When you take responsibility for who you are, you stop blaming blacks, gays, illegal immigrants, Jews, Muslims and/or the x² factor in you for not obeying the "God" society and your parents tried to sell you on. Only then do you start to ask yourself what you need to do to obey you, and not them. (Self-discipline is harder than it looks.)

Watch as your thoughts slip and slide across your mind, as though on ice. {This is the apathy that creates thoughts that are really the consequence of very cold feelings.}

If someone told you your feelings had to be warm at all times, they were selling you on their "God." Lukewarm, cool, cold and freezing feelings are natural. You can be a good person and feel frostbite in your heart for some others. You just shouldn't act out of icy feelings for others. That would be immoral.

If you want to discipline yourself for the sake of self-awakening, start with your thinking. Watch where your thoughts go and where they suddenly stop without completing your sentences inside. When you run out of words, you may have reached a wall of self-denial. You may have reached a dead end. Negative feelings are a part of you that you may not want to talk about, and are, therefore, censoring.

Respectfully acknowledge that silence inside. Circle it. Ask **GOD** to help you understand that part of yourself. And move on. Once you ask for help with that specific an issue, **HE** creates a plan that you don't have to be told about.

Don't try to pry words out of your mouth or bury your thoughts with excuses. It's fine to question yourself politely, just as it's fine to do so with others. But if you insinuate that you're lying to yourself, cheating you or withholding secrets from yourself, you might get the same reaction from you that anyone else would give you if you spoke that way to them. More may be revealed in your dreams at night if you question yourself the next morning

⁷⁶ The idea of an inner eye, or third eye, is a concept that was conceived of a long time ago by every faith and **philosophy**. And it has great merit. Think of the concept of the inner eye as a metaphor for non-dualistic thinking. And think of your ability to perceive yourself as the ability to use your inner forces with increasingly greater, conscious awareness. One way to do this is to imagine your inner eyesight as something that can be improved upon with inner glasses of increasing moral magnification. And think of those who break the law as not only being morally myopic, but sometimes even morally astigmatic. Their view of themselves is twisted, not just out of focus. There's no difference between your inner eye and the Eye of Providence. Your "luck" depends on your vision. And your visions depend on your ability to perceive all the forces within.

with interest rather than by being rude or impatient. The truth will out if you let it out gently. *GOD sees all and knows all.*

People don't usually plan to do evil. Evil is more often the consequence of their efforts to try to do good. But making moral mischief and manipulating others is a lot like having unsafe sex. You don't plan on making a baby or catching a disease. It just happens because your lust in the moment outweighed your common sense.

It's only when you look at how your efforts to help others are simultaneously hurting yourself that you may begin to question your motives. Only then do you ask your "God" what "He" might think of you.

If you find yourself compromised with self-destructive behaviors, you might need a spiritual condom. You might need something to protect your raw lust from mixing with your own, and other people's, juices. The worst example of that doesn't come from the gay men who died by the tens of thousands from A.I.D.S. The worst example of raw lust oozing out to plague the world comes from the business community that can't stop raping the planet and by politicians who can't stop screwing over their countrymen.

Money is the lubricant of righteousness, but money isn't adequate protection against evil. Money alone won't accomplish much. People who only throw money at problems become as synthetic as a prophylactic. They end up with no ability to protect themselves from themselves.⁷⁷

The collusion of your head, heart and penis (when your conscience doesn't interrupt your thoughts, feelings and desires with wise words of caution) is very real. But most people don't make the move away from collusion and conspiracy until someone in the public realm has reproached them for what a fool they've made of themselves. But your relationship with you is no less vulnerable to mischief and mayhem than what you see on the news.

You're a hypocrite if you don't follow the news and take it to heart. All the news stories that touch you deeply are mirrors of ways in which you're creating bad news in yourself.

You're a hypocrite if you're a man who thinks he knows what a "woman" is. Just because a man has a head, heart and soul doesn't mean that he operates in the same ways as a woman. Only *GOD* knows what a woman is. She's like a tree of life. She's like an apple with a worm in it. She's like $x^1 + x^2$.

But the only thing a man can know about her is that her x^2 comes from her father. It's her father that he can get to know directly. It's her father that he can admire or deplore. If you're a heterosexual male, your y wants to converse with a woman's x^1 . But all the while, it's your two x^2 factors that are watching the show. *GOD* gave you two a way to overlap your communications.

⁷⁷ Is it any wonder so many people in the business world hate their job? Is it any wonder that they call the business community, "the rat race." Making money can make you synthetic and artificial if you don't bring your spiritual work to work with you every day. Don't let making money remove something natural about you and replace it with something rubbery and manmade.

When you go to sleep at night you enter your world within. And when your feet touch the floor in the morning, you enter the world we share. **GOD** gave us these two worlds to contemplate the meaning of life. But most people are sleeping through both of them.

People “*use their faith as a disguise, and debar others from the path of **GOD**.*” But they don’t usually mean to. They’re just spiritually immature and unwilling to challenge their own headstrong opinions. They behave like the tortoise or the hare in the Aesop fable.⁷⁸ They can’t see themselves as both. They may feel they have to choose between crawling or racing. And this causes them to feel guilty at whatever speed they end up going or wherever they happen to stop or go on their way.

When I was addicted to cigarettes, everything I did was to get through what I was doing to stop for a smoke. And the same could be said about my drug and alcohol consumption.

But now that I’ve been 36 years without any of them, I still rush through what I’m doing to sit down and eat. You’d think the last meal I had was days ago by the focus I unconsciously gave to eating.

It wasn’t until I began to associate literal eating with figuratively eating spiritual food that I began to unlock the secret to my obsessions. I’ve always been a terribly hungry person. But I often eat to satisfy a hunger that cannot be fulfilled with food.

Most people aren’t running in the sense of sprinting. They’re running in the sense of fleeing. When you see that you’re a hare jumping to conclusions and so wound up that you can’t stop yourself from moving too fast, think about your tortoise. Think about the wonderful reasons you have for bringing your whole house along with you wherever you go. Think about crawling back inside you and taking it easy.

This is the essence of symbolism. Jesus could easily have asked HIS disciples to remember HIM in the wine, but not in the bread. But HE knew that the human body holds the secret to the soul. If you’re drinking HIS blood {hare} and racing around like a chick without a head, stop to enjoy HIS body {tortoise}. Obey the basic speed limit. Drive no faster than is safe.

Because my parents were Holocaust survivors, I had very little family. But I did have a great uncle and aunt who had come to America from Austria after the First World War. (I was lucky enough to be born in America because they sponsored my mother to come to this country after the Second World War.) Uncle Martin was a carpenter, cabinetmaker and chess champion. He and I played checkers one time when I was about seven years old, and I won, which made me feel very proud of myself {until my mother told me that he had let me win}. She informed me that there was no way I was smart enough to beat him at checkers.

I remember that Aunt Estie used to use a stick of butter like a paint brush to smear butter on both sides of the bread. I found that curious because she got her fingers greasy in

⁷⁸ Aesop: ancient, Greek storyteller who lived between 620-560 B.C.E. The tortoise plodded along wherever he went, while the hare raced to the finish, but got easily distracted along the way. With an inner eye perspective, you can avoid dualistic thinking by approving of both options rather than disapproving of one or the other, depending on the circumstance.

the process, and then licked them. I never got up the nerve to ask Uncle Martin why he let me win, and I never asked Aunt Estie why she buttered bread on both sides.

But now that I'm an aging gay-Jew, I can see the importance of every inner child developing a taste for winning, and I can see the importance of every inner adult buttering both sides of every issue before biting into it. I can even see the importance of sometimes crawling like a tortoise and sometimes hopping like a hare.

*“They believed and then renounced their faith:
their hearts are sealed,
so that they are devoid of understanding.”
[63:3]*

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The Prophet Muhammad, like Jesus, and Moses before HIM, understood human nature in ways we haven't tried to fully fathom. Each gave us clues to the depth of our creation, but we cling to the dogmas of those who came before us rather than discover how **GOD** made every one of us uniquely using spiritual principles common to us all, now as then.

I found it difficult to admit **GOD**'s designs could be as big as they are until I tested my theory. I couldn't imagine that **HIS** frame was so much larger than the big picture I'd been given by my parents as a child. But as I reached the edge of the mountainous plain I was trekking {aged} and looked over at the long way down on all sides, I could see the former picture I'd hastily sketched in youth, given the figurative size of the imagination my parents had bestowed upon me, and could see that my picture had become much larger than the frame of faith they'd constructed for me.

The only way I could move out further from here-and-now into the unknown was with hope. Hope contains the red {anger}, yellow {fear} and blue {sorrow} with which I created the green {coveting} and orange {social engagement and civic responsibility} that have become the main hues of my life. These feelings are what make me human. The religious tenets of the Abrahamic faiths could only take me so far. I had to put my faith in me before I could fully appreciate all of them.

Hope opened me up to the spiritual importance emotional negativity plays in my life. Hope taught me that my big picture would be more realistic if it included emotional color than it would be with only the black-on-white sketch some others had drawn for me. As I reframed my efforts in adulthood to include matters of my heart, I discovered that my inner, big picture, like the universe around me, is always mixing and expanding.

The closet I came out of in my youth was a darkness visible I never again want to go back into. I'd unconsciously brought out of that dark and narrow place a rainbow I hadn't been able at first to describe. That was, using Mark Twain's description, the day when I

knew why I'd been born. My rainbow is what I have to gift the world with. That's why I'm here.

Feeling good about my life now only requires going through thoughts, feelings, desires and beliefs until I can see the spiritual reason for all that I have to endure. **GOD**'s incredible participation in my life, outside and in, makes each day an amazing mystery unfolding with personal meanings for me, whether it's a good day, or bad.

Today's Arab and Persian world is fixated on a white-on-black sketch of reality based on a misinterpretation of faith quoted to them and attributed to the Quran. What they were given is the negative of a photograph others were trying to develop and reproduce as real. But Muslims worldwide are going to choose modernity over antiquated ideas that will never enhance their children's future.

The road of anti-Semitism has two lanes going the same way. The other lane is anti-Zionism. They're parallel, and they both end up in the same place. I've taken the lane of anti-Semitism. But many Jews are in the lane of anti-Zionism. I'm here to warn you that both lanes end up in a place you won't enjoy. For me, attempted suicide was my dead end. But I can assure you that if you think these two lanes will split and go in different directions, you've made a very foolish bet. You're going to lose. And you're going to lose badly. The **CHRISTIANS** and *Muslims* will teach you that you're Jewish if you don't know it.

I think most religious people believe in **GOD** for about an hour or two each week when in their house of prayer. I think they renounce their faith in **HIM** dozens of times a day by grabbing negativity as though it were a golden calf. Their heart opens, bites off, closes, chews and swallows negative thoughts and feelings so many times each day that their heart becomes thin and wrinkled, like old lips.

People start out life tender and easily touched, like a baby's lips. But they grow to become tough and impervious to touch over time. People end up being easily offended at the least, little thing you do that they fear may invade their privacy, such as you getting an abortion or having gay sex. And as they get closer to the end of their life, they become even more recalcitrant and stubborn. Their arguments become worn and tattered. But they don't see that their principles don't hold up to the truth over time.

The Palestinians are living on Jewish land. They're squatters. The boundaries of Israel have been determined by rabbis. The rabbis know exactly what's ours and what's not. They have Torah as their guide which is our land grant. No politician can change that fact. The politicians can only try to give away a piece of our land in exchange for something they value. But what do the Muslims have that the Jews want, and what do the Jews have that the Muslims want? It's not about land. **GOD** works in mysterious ways.

In the end the Muslims will have to accept a rental agreement that gives their Jewish landlord many needed rights to keep his property safe and secure. If they don't like living on rented land, they're going to have to move. There are plenty of places in the world where they can claim to be living on Muslim land. But where is it written in Scripture that any land is **CHRISTIAN** or *Muslim*?

I think most people become so figuratively wrapped up in the "COAT OF MANY COLORS" that Jacob gave to his favorite son, Joseph, that they can no longer imagine the rainbow of

colorful promises Noah witnessed in the sky after 40 days of stormy skies; that Jesus modeled in the flesh; or that the Prophet described as shining in the darkness within every one of us.⁷⁹

*“When you see them {hypocrites},
their good looks please you:
and when they speak,
you listen to what they say.
Yet, they are like propped-up timber.
Every shout they hear,
they take to be against them.
They are the enemy.
Guard yourself against them.
God confound them!
How perverse they are!”
[63:4]*

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Trees are first roughly cut into timber that includes bark before they’re then shaped into planks. This is the process that prepares them for commercial use as lumber. People are

⁷⁹ The story of Noah is presented in Chapter 6 of Genesis. The story of Jacob’s gift to Joseph occurs in Chapter 37 of Genesis. The Story of Noah was presented in the Quran about 2,000 years later and 700 years after Jesus presented HIS colorful view of a world full of love. GOD, obviously, has no problem taking HIS time in revealing HIS designs to man. But if you can see yourself as having been given a spiritual inheritance that may have appeared to fit you perfectly at one time (until you grew out of it), you’ll understand the importance of tailoring everything you wear within. Nothing should be worn off the rack forever. Everything within needs to be altered to fit you personally.

like trees in this respect, too. Each society hews its youngest members into timber, stacks them and brings them to the sawmill {school} where they're cut into two-by-fours that have been pre-measured for projects needed for the ongoing construction and repair of society. A man who is like *"propped up timber"* will have penis problems. His wood will need to be held up by external means. His erections will weaken over time. He lacks pride in who he is. He has to rely on artificial props.

Each of us should see ourselves as a tree of knowledge that has been processed through cultural, familial, national, religious, and social sawmills that have carved us into who we are today. The most eclectic, exotic and ornate amongst us were once just like logs making their way to market.

The hypocrite, however, is like *"propped up timber."* He's afraid he has a problem, so he compartmentalizes his inner world, which he then conceals from his outer world with a thick bark to avoid the truth.

The hypocrite convinces himself he's made of marble, not petrified wood. He sees his image as hewn from a Carrera quarry, better than the rest. He sees himself as descended directly from the "One" and only "God," while he declares that the rest of us are cheap facsimiles of "Him," mere plastic replicas of Michelangelo's sculpture of David. And he wonders why he's angry and afraid...

*"When they are told,
'Come, God's apostle will beg forgiveness for you,'
they turn their heads
and you see them go away in scorn."
[63:5]*

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You were never brought here to become the keeper of your brothers' and sisters' souls. Let them receive the destiny/fate GOD has in store for them. Help them improve their external circumstances, but stay out of their heads, hearts and souls unless they invite you in. If their desires aren't in conflict with the Ten Commandments, don't stick your nose in their business. Don't tell them what to want. Don't even tell them what you want for them. Want what you want for yourself. And when you've got what you wanted, ask yourself what more you're projecting out onto others instead of wanting it for yourself. Greed for knowledge of yourself is so much more supportive than external props.⁸⁰

⁸⁰ When you express greed for people's attention and/or things, you have to act hypocritically to cover your ass. When you express greed for self-awareness, however, you

The Sunnis and Shiites must work out their problems in applying the Quran to the external world with our help in understanding themselves as individuals. I can't do a thing to change life in the Middle East. I can't even effect Washington D.C. from San Francisco. My Islamic studies have given me what I needed. I'm almost ready to move on to **Hinduism**. This series is but a trail of crumbs in a forest for anyone who cares to question where I've been.

I believe we all want to come before **GOD** and say we corrected our inner selves, even though it was, at times, hard for us to do. I believe we all want to tell our classmates we passed the math classes we were forced to take or turned in the essays we had to write, even though the skills needed for that particular subject may not have been our forte.

When I see myself turning aside and walking away from others in scorn, I stop and do the following:

I acknowledge that all disappointments with others begin within.
I ask myself what that person did that touched me so deeply. {Torah: wisdom}
I fix myself instead of trying to fix the other person. {Gospels: self-love}
I talk about what just happened to warn others. {Quran: loyalty to life}

I want to be a help in other people's life, but I can't do it if I can't be the hero of my own. I can't save other people instead of saving me. This becomes a moral conundrum that I've faced many times in many ways. "If I am not for me, who will be?" ⁸¹

In curbing my enthusiasm for helping others, I've grown so much bigger than I was before. I'm now able to look at others with pity or amusement, not with as much disgust as before. I've been able to come down from that crag on the mountain where I was above it all, to help myself. Self-consolation {not self-pity} is a necessity of life, but I couldn't give my sympathy to others before I'd first shared it in the form of wisdom with regard to me.

"Give,
then
of that which We have given you
before death befalls you
and you say,
"Reprieve me,
Lord,
awhile,
that I may give in charity
and be among the righteous."

express yourself honestly, sincerely and authentically. Those who are greedy are lying to themselves. Greed will always get in their way.

⁸¹ This question was first asked by the rabbi Hillel {110 B.C.E. – 10 C.E.}. Who Wo am I if I am not for me? What do I stand for if I do not stand up for me? And if not now, when?

[63:10]

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of that which *we* have given you
before death befalls you
and you say,
‘Reprieve me,
Lord,
awhile,
that I may give in charity
and be among the righteous.’”

Charity begins at home. And the job of reprieving you from you lies entirely within, even though you can’t do it without *GOD*’s help. It’s not easy to seek reconciliation with your Lord if you’re angry at HIM/HIM/*Him* for allowing you to have been hurt by religious people or non-religious people, alike. It’s not easy to seek reconciliation with the Lord if you’re angry at *HIM* for still allowing you to hurt yourself. The upsetting situations we find ourselves in are like math problems we don’t want to solve because that would mean having to show all our work.

But you can do the work if you understand how to do it. You can give to the one who deserves your charity {you}. You can come to see why the Teacher gave you assignments externally that have the potential to advance you internally. Pain and suffering {sticks} are mandatory internally. But externally, let’s strive to be civil with one another.

There’s no point in pretending to be forgiving or pretending to have forgiven if the feelings in your heart haven’t been resolved. Jesus may have turned water into wine, but you can turn olives into ice cream if you know what you’re doing. Just keep working at loving yourself like olives and ice cream, even if you can’t stomach the idea of having both simultaneously in your system. Millions of people, perhaps billions, have succeeded in doing so, albeit figuratively and possibly, unconsciously. You’ll do better at consuming everything within if you do everything with your inner eye open and your head, heart and conscience fully engaged.

The best preparation for death is a morally well-lived life. The man who’s thankful to others, appreciative of himself and grateful to *GOD* is more likely to develop the grace to hold his own hand while on his deathbed, rather than ask others to figuratively die for him or with him. Terrorists are terrified of dying alone. *God* is no consolation to the man who can’t reconcile himself with *GOD/GOD*.

If you need to put down gay people, it’s not because your “God” told you to do so. It’s because you’re an insecure man who doesn’t want to die in the arms of a man or an insecure woman who doesn’t want to die in the arms of a woman. You’re afraid of what you may have given to your faith that you couldn’t afford to give yourself.

Being charitable to others is just a preview to the tenderness you should hope to have for you. Being among the righteous is one of the rewards for being granted the privilege of knowing, loving and expressing devotion to you. This is why you should end your life with the words, “*Reprieve me, Lord, awhile, that I may give in charity and be among the righteous.*” If you can’t be charitable to you, the kingdom of “heaven” will remain out of your reach.

This is the message the Prophet recited that makes the give-and-take of life so fascinating to those of us who care about ourselves from a moral perspective. If you only want to live in a world of givers and takers, keep going. I’m sure you’ll succeed in getting all that you want. But what you need may slip right through your fingers.

Surah 64

سورة التغابن

Cheating

The 7th Commandment {“THOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY”} deals with cheating, which I define as breaking your WORDS/WORDS/*Words*. Adultery begins within by promising yourself to do one thing for the one you love, and then going out and doing quite another. But you wouldn’t have cheated on another person unless you couldn’t keep your WORDS/WORDS/*Words* to you.

Just telling yourself that the WORD of GOD doesn’t pertain to you because you’re not Jewish is a cop out. If the Jews have to live with the WORDS of GOD and the *words* of *God*, the CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* have to live with the WORDS of GOD. Cheating is a way for people to convince themselves that there isn’t ONE GOD.

And just telling yourself that you won’t break your word if you don’t give it is a sorry excuse. You know you’re lying to yourself if you censor yourself. You know you’re not behaving in your own best interest or as your own best friend if you avoid the truth. You know you’re cutting corners by cheating in order to get ahead. And telling yourself that “they” are doing it all the time is merely a projection of your guilt.

Imagine the Ten Commandments as two pyramids. The first five Commandments rise up like a convention pyramid. ▲ The weight of the first Commandment is at the bottom, and the other four rest upon that truth. But the second five commandments are like an inverted pyramid. ▼ The weight of the sixth Commandment is compounded by the weight of the 7th-10th.

Cheating (#7) then rests upon the (#8) stealing from yourself, (#9) lying to yourself, and (#10) being jealous and envious of parts of yourself that you can’t yet access. It’s a way of morally killing yourself (#6) without literally spilling blood.

Cheating is the way hypocrites conceal from themselves their motivation to listen to the good advice emanating out of their serpent or worm. Cheating justifies their inclination to do evil with external evidence of what’s really going on inside of them.

Cheating is a way of testing GOD to see if HE’s as wrathful as they say HE is. It’s a way of finding out just how wise, loving and loyal to you HE is. Cheating is a way of coming to class prepared to fight rather than learn. It’s a way of usurping other people’s authority to get something you want that you don’t want to have to pay full price for like the rest of us.

Many people are bargain hunters. (Who doesn’t love a good deal?) But only a bargain hunter will use his “God” to cheat us out of what is our due.

Of course, those of us who’ve broken the 6th Commandment by killing another person or having tried to kill ourselves (whether literally or figuratively) will be more consumed with being a killer {#6} than a cheater {#7}. But for all the rest, cheating is a common crime amongst “normal” people.

Religious cheaters are, of course, hypocrites, and hypocrites are all cheaters, whether or not they cheat on their spouse through sex with another person, in business or politics or on their GOD/GOD/*God*. They're all using their GOD/GOD/*God* to justify their ends.

Whether you discover that you're a religious hypocrite and a common cheater, and come before the Lord to request a reprieve, is entirely a personal matter that doesn't concern anyone, but you. But if you don't care about how or when you die, or what will happen thereafter, accusations by others of you having cheated to get ahead won't matter to you in the least. And we, of course, know it.

I'm not a member of the penis-police. I don't care whether you've cheated on your spouse. But if you've been cheating the rest of us, we want justice. What you take from us, we want back. And we want you to have to pay for your crime fairly. Whether you don't care that you're cheating yourself out of a "heavenly" reward doesn't matter to us in the least. Kill yourself. What do we care? One less cheater in the world is nothing I'm going to cry over.⁸²

CHRISTIANS think they can access Christ's two additional Commandments without taking the other ten to heart. They conceal their jealousy of the Jews with superficial recognition of the Ten Commandments. They can't imagine that within those two pyramids lies Christ's Cross. And they don't give a damn that above that Star of David with a Cross inside shines down a Crescent Moon and Star.

CHRISTIANS externalize the conclusion that their body is cheap and second rate because it was second in line in GOD's designs. CHRISTIANS have spent 2,000 years competing with Jews for the body of one Jew that bears {Eastern Orthodox CHRISTIANS}, wolves {CATHOLICS} and foxes {PROTESTANTS} have ripped into shreds over the past 2,000 years. Well, the body of the Jew they wanted wasn't the body any of them got.

Muslims externalize the conclusion that their body is cheap and third rate because it was third in line in GOD's designs. *Muslims* have spent 1,400 years competing with Jews for their contents. Well, the contents of the Jew they wanted to be wasn't the contents any of them got. *God* gave them something else to share with mankind.

Because JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* haven't taken the lessons of life enough to heart, they believe their outer ends will justify their inner means. They have no idea of the means Jesus used to achieve HIS ends. And so, instead, of waking up to the container/contents symbolism HE gave the world, they only try to control other people's external actions, such as those of pregnant women and gay men. They have no interest in how they, themselves, were made in GOD's images or how they operate as a function of HIS designs.

⁸² Bernie Madoff modeled what will happen to those cheaters who don't take their family to heart. Harvey Weinstein modeled what will happen to those cheaters who don't take their business to heart. And Jeffrey Epstein modeled what will happen to those cheaters who don't take their life to heart.

Muslims don't want Christ's body. They only want to spill HIS blood. They want to see what HE had inside of HIM that can be found inside of Christians. *Muslims* want that mysterious ability none of them have that Jews and Christians demonstrate by working together cooperatively to turn this world into a "paradise" for everyone on Earth.

Muslims are too lazy to build "paradise" here on Earth. They'd rather just wait until their sentence is over and they're released back into the "paradise" they claim they came from. Have you been given any evidence in your whole life that the less you do the more you'll be rewarded?

I believe the JEWS can still be convinced that they've been horribly wrong about us. I believe Israelis {Jews and JEWS} can model for the world how unification of faith in the 21st Century can be accomplished by Ashkenazi {European} and Sephardic {Middle Eastern} Jews. I believe religious JEWS and spiritual Jews can learn how to share their celebration and respect for life. I don't think they need the pressure of external enemies to force them to work together. They're ready to internalize their enemy. They're ready to internalize their Israel for all to see what united citizenry of a nation could look like.

But at this time (December 2019) Israelis are having a tough time getting this idea off the ground. Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are about an hour from one another by car, but they're about a million miles away from one another spiritually. If they don't unite the capital of Israel {Jerusalem} with its largest city {Tel Aviv}, there's no hope for the rest of us. This, European politicians and the U.N. can't refute. Most of them can't even recognize it.

Murderers have no respect for the fact that every human being has a body created by **GOD**. Cheaters and thieves have no conscious awareness that the WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of their GOD/GOD/*God* won't get them what they need from this world or into the "world to come." Murderers, cheaters and thieves all believe they can say anything they want and do anything they need to do without repercussion if they just avoid the big picture. The hyper-religious believe they can say and do anything if they can find a passage to pull out of Scripture to justify their evil inclination. Criminals and the hyper-religious deny that they're cheating themselves out of their own reward by blaming others for everything that goes wrong. Loose women and/or gay men are their only concern. Meanwhile, the planet is collapsing under the weight of a population we can't control. Our penises and clitorises are destroying us.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* don't believe their GOD/GOD/*God* is listening to all they're saying to themselves because they're dismissing two thirds of what they hear inside. They don't want to imagine **HIM** learning about all they obsess about that they can't yet question. And they don't want to have to think about their GOD/GOD/*God* watching them having sex or using the toilet.

Their wish is to avoid the seven metaphors of life. They take religious education too seriously. They refuse to allow anyone to their table who might disagree with their point of view on moral grounds they're sitting on and therefore think they're concealing. Consequently, they cheat themselves out of respect for all **GOD**'s belief systems. They

think nobody knows they have an anus. Is it any wonder why they blow up so easily with rage figuratively or they blow themselves up literally?

People think cheating isn't a serious problem if no one knows about it or if everyone in their circle of conspirators agrees with it. They think cheating people out of their vote is business as usual. They think cheating on elections is the way winning was always intended to be done.

What criminals and the hyper-religious call "gratitude" to "God" conceals their fear, terror or horror at having to look honestly at what they're really doing to themselves, So they bow their head in public as though they're begging "God" in their prayers to save them. Do you smell a cheater? Do you see now what your nose is for?

Perhaps, the best way to describe this conundrum is to imagine going scuba diving at a coral reef. You descend into the beautiful world **GOD** created beneath the surface of the sea. And there, you meet a clown fish. Now, I'm not a CLOWN or a FISH, but imagine trying to describe to a CLOWN or a FISH that there's a world above his. Imagine telling him that you come from that world, a world made up of a combination of land, sea and sky.

Naturally, he's going to laugh at you, thinking the idea preposterous. And yet, this world is made up of so many CLOWN FISH. How would you convince them if you had been given a book that described this world from the "heavenly" perspective of a *Crescent Moon* and *Star*? Without hooking them with some sort of bait, reeling them out of the comfortable world they live in, and literally showing them what you mean, you, too, might get frustrated with the way things are at this time.

The bait **GOD** used to lure us out of ourselves was called "forbidden fruit." And it's taken a fruit like me to describe the bait to the CLOWN FISH who are submerged in an ocean of emotions without knowledge of the moon and the stars.

Self-knowledge is all it takes to rise up out of the world you've grown accustomed to. And if others don't bite, they're just not yet hungry. Move on.

"He knows what the heavens and the earth contain.

He knows all that you conceal

and all that you reveal.

God knows your innermost thoughts."

[64:4]

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HE knows if you live in your head, heart or conscience. **HE** knows that your mind revolves around your everlasting soul like the moon revolves around the Earth. You're always facing yourself from one direction. Yet **HE** knows how deeply you want to understand.

But **HE** also knows that opinions are like assholes. Everybody's got one. And **HE**'s got a plan for you in the next moment in time that depends on what you do right now. Every moment your plan changes, **HIS** plan for you changes too. *"That's easy enough for **GOD**."*

The question isn't what **GOD** knows about you, but what **HE** does if you don't want to know yourself. Your thoughts are altogether your own, but if you think **GOD** is sitting back figuratively reading the newspaper in class, you can't yet perceive how dearly **HE** holds all **HIS** creations in **HIS** arms.

Your thoughts and feelings aren't all your own. Even your beliefs, the conclusions you come to about yourself and others in your conscience, have been shaped by what you've been told and all that's been confirmed or denied by your experiences. Much of what has happened to you has been the result of external forces that were mostly out of your control.

But you're a syndrome, not a problem. You're a spiritual construction with a purposeful shape. If you don't wish to perceive even your own big picture, you'll simply have to make do with an increase in uncertainty and doubts.

It's the reactions you've had to your experiences in life that have shaped your opinions and desires into the person you are today. **GOD** knows that. Even you know that. Your opinions and desires for others have been based on what you most wanted for yourself. (Take that as a warning, not praise.)

So it's up to you to orient yourself in inner space if you want to move forward spiritually from here on out. You can, of course, do that without **GOD**-consciousness. But I assure you, the more you learn about you, the more you'll come to fear your **GOD/GOD/God** and be in awe of our **GOD**. The more you remain separate and disconnected internally, the more you'll blame external forces for making you the way you think you have to be now. The more you'll give up personal responsibility for what you want.

Recently in the news, a spokesperson from the U.A.E. declared that it was a mistake for the Arabs to denounce Israel. One day you'll hear the same from the hyper-religious about the LGBT+ community. **GOD** works in mysterious ways. And if you don't anticipate where **HE**'s going, you might end up somewhere other than where you want to be.

It's not satanic forces that fill this world with evil. It's men's and women's desires that do that. As you learn to become more aware of the differences between your thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires {with GOD's help}, you'll slowly learn to control your destiny.

The mother who spoils her son; the men who pursue sex as a sport without interest in the emotional wellbeing of other people involved; the workaholics who substitute spiritual work with making money, thereby only learning one half of the meaning of the Hebrew word עֲבוּדָה {AVODA}; those who open the refrigerator door seeking the ever-elusive, greatest cheesecake ever made to quell their losses – these are the people who are the figurative friends of satan. These are the kinds of people who subjectively ascend their own colon from the outside in until they can finally perceive from within that they're screwing themselves over big time. This is the meaning of sodomy. This is what it means to be egotistical. This is what it means to cheat. We all do it. But what we don't all do is cheat others out of their vote or opportunity for good governance.

It takes an anus to know an asshole. It takes someone like you and me to catch a thief. It takes someone like you and me who loves his own anus from the inside out to love someone like us.⁸³ So we ain't gonna do anyone's dirty work for 'em... The cheaters will simply have to go to jail, regardless of how rich and powerful they are. And cheaters like you and me will simply have to learn how to earn our way out of the jail-sized closet we're in, regardless of how spiritually poor we are.

This isn't a gay, Jewish, Christian or Muslim perspective. This is a perspective on what it means to be a human being from the perspective of a gay-Jew. It isn't about who you sleep with, but whether you sleep soundly at night being the person who you are. Until you learn to face those aspects of yourself that you find embarrassing, shameful or even humiliating when presented in your imagination before the Lord, you're going to create terrorists within who'll do their utmost to keep you intimidated and afraid of change. What the Prophet tells you (that you can take to the bank) is that "GOD knows all that you conceal and all that you reveal. HE knows your innermost thoughts." You might be your own worst enemy, and not even know it. You might be your own best friend, and not know it either. You may even be both.

*"Have you not heard of those who disbelieved before you?
They tasted the fruit of their nonbelief,
and grievous punishment is yet in store for them.
That is because,
when their apostles brought them veritable signs,
they said,
'Shall mortals be our guides?'"*

⁸³ Sexually, do anything you like with your anus. But spiritually, use your anus only as an organ for the elimination of forbidden fruit. In other words, don't humiliate yourself to vindicate you of your failings.

*They disbelieve and paid no heed.
But God was in no need of them:
God is self-sufficient and glorious.”*
[64:5-6]

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“*The fruit of nonbelief*” will eventually bring you back to the fruit in the Creation story. You, too, have a skin, a meat and a core. But you haven’t been picked, even if you feel you’ve been picked on.

You’ve actually fallen from a twig thanks to the wind; hit the ground and rolled far from your own tree. You’re bruised, spoiled, rotten and decaying, despite all your protests to the contrary. Your core is exposed to you and to GOD who is your Witness. There’s nothing left worth bringing back from your journey other than the seeds of your being. This, alone, you have that you can bring to GOD in appreciation for the opportunity of having gone on this journey with HIM.

You’re modern enough to consider whether you’re like forbidden fruit, whether or not you’re like a gay man. You’re the fruit you’ve always been tempted to taste, whether you’re Jewish or **Jain**. You’re the perpetrator, victim and martyr to a crime who feels he’s landed with a thud because he isn’t still swinging from a stem. You’re the one you feel GOD has allowed something terrible to happen to, whether you think so consciously or if it’s just a haunting thought in the back of your head. But you still may not see the big picture.

I doubt you literally identify as an Adam or Eve. I doubt you literally identify with either your thoughts or your feelings; your head or your heart; your father or your mother; or your husband or your wife. I doubt you literally identify with snakes, even though you might admit that your wishes sometimes do whisper wicked suggestions in your ear that you may sometimes need to resist... But I seriously doubt you ever in your life identified as the forbidden fruit in the Creation story until you read these books.

You probably identify most with GOD in the Creation story. You stomp noisily, letting everyone know that you’re coming. You pontificate about what was yours and was

wrongfully taken from you. You punish people for their crimes against your humanity. You banish them from your presence. And you leave snake to fend for themselves. When Moses described GOD, he probably knew he was describing himself. (That's what separates a prophet from those who only wish to profit. Moses never made a dime on the sale of his book.)

Is it any wonder you may be all over the place! I don't have to be you to know you {and neither did Moses}. It's obvious that when we banish people from our presence, even only with negative thoughts about them, we're playing GOD. Who can see that more clearly today than the gays and lesbians, and who can see that more historically clearly than the Jews? Whose names have been more sullied by stinking thinking than ours?

At those times when you're really hurting; at those times when you identify as a victim who was plucked from one world and dumped into another world – you may feel betrayed, conspired against and laughed at, even if you aren't consciously able to admit it to yourself verbally. But you may know deep down inside that you feel picked, consumed and discarded. Your head may not admit it; your heart may not reveal it; and your soul may recoil in disbelief of it.

But the truth is that GOD has allowed you to be treated harshly. HIS designs are greater than anything you've been able to imagine thus far. HE's got the whole world in HIS hands. You've only got your two little worlds in yours.

The only exception to that statement lies with your penis, clitoris and anus. Those, GOD allows you the dignity to touch, hold and stroke all by yourself! Those part of your tree HE leaves entirely to thee... When you look back at what you went through in the past, keep that in mind. Nobody, but nobody, touches you in your private parts without your permission, not even GOD! ⁸⁴

Figuratively, you may be unconsciously trying to get even with HIM for dumping you here, but deep down inside, you know you're only hurting yourself if you do. You may be so secretly spiteful and vindictive that you don't even let yourself know how bad your unconscious intentions can sometimes be.

You may objectively identify as an Adam or an Eve on the outside, but what you may not realize is how much you may remind others of the serpent: the animalification of evil forces bent on destroying the world.

{In case you didn't know it, there's no such thing as a vegetarian snake. All snakes are carnivores. They're all meat lovers and meat eaters.}

No man is a vegetarian in bed. He might behave in a cold-blooded, apathetic manner after he's swallowed his prey, but he only looks harmless because his appetite's been sated. All men are, in this way, like snakes: meat eaters.

⁸⁴ Remember that in the Bible the Archangel Gabriel came to Mary saying, "The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the Holy Child developing inside you will be called the SON of GOD." Mary answered, "I am the Lord's servant. Let everything you've said happen to me." [Luke 1:35-38]

If you think the Creation story is real, all I can tell you is that I agree with that conclusion. Life often takes on a similarity to this story. The plot is as follows: Some sweet young thing is deceived by a meat-eating, cold-blooded snake. And when s/he gets some poor shlub mixed up in his/her misfortune, the two of them eventually turn on each other and ruin all that they had. And then to sell the story, the writer tacks on what appears to be a happy ending, sending the couple off in a hopeful direction to make a couple of babies (one of whom ends up killing the other.)⁸⁵

If you don't have a good education; an excellent imagination; and a great story of your own to tell – you aren't going to be able to relate to Scripture. Then, it's only going to kidnap your imagination and lead you down the road of dogmatic insistence about what's real.

Yes, Torah is a metaphor. But it's also the grant deed {historical reference} that proves Israel was given to us by GOD. Don't play GOD. Moses did, and he never made it into Israel. Nobody, not even GOD, likes people who play GOD.

GOD bless GOD. GOD bless GOD. GOD bless God. And GOD bless you. But if you wish to bless yourselves at a cost to others, you should be told that you're playing GOD. And if you only wish to bless your "God," you're also playing GOD. Religious insanity is more common than you might think.

The privacy GOD gave you can only be found in two spots on your body, and they're both between your legs. Those are the spots the religious fanatics all agree you shouldn't learn too much about. But once you can see yourself as a combination of spiritual forces yearning for unification, you'll figuratively come to see yourself returning to Eden, like the swallows to Capistrano. You'll see yourself as a bird alighting on a mighty tree. And you'll see how hungry you've been to get another nibble of your own forbidden fruits.

And when something happens to startle you while on one of your own branches, and you fly away from you without a second thought, at least you'll have the memory of something so sweet that it compares to everything and nothing at all.

This spiritual return occurs more and more often for those who sincerely choose to pursue self-knowledge. And with each lesson in life that leaves them feeling a little less perplexed, the big picture will begin to become a little more real.

GOD brings you assignments, lectures, lessons, homework, quizzes and tests. HE provides you with a final exam {however long or short, sudden or expected, it may happen to be}. And still some proclaim, "*Shall mortals be our guides?*"

The Prophet knew how you'd feel. He knew you wouldn't believe you'd be able to trust anyone with your spiritual education. So GOD provided you with books to unite your

⁸⁵ shlub: (1) a crude person lacking in social skills along with insensitivity, clumsiness and a lack of manners. (2) an oaf, a bumpkin. (3) a NEBBISH {Yiddish: person of no consequence} [Wikipedia]

experiences and draw you closer to yourself. In this way, **HE** promised that **HE**'d bring you nearer to **HIM**. My books unite those books in an effort to unite you with yourself.

You hear people all the time telling you what to think; how to feel; how to believe; what to want or wish for; and how to behave in a way that will make *them* happy. Is it any wonder you're not always sure what to do?

Challenge, contest, defy, oppose, reject, resist and stand firm by refusing to accept this world – just not in every way. Insist that you don't have to proclaim your love of our **GOD** to anyone. Reward yourself in a manner that's affirming and consistent with your nature, and watch to see all the ways you'll be healed and educated by **GOD**, our Doctor and Teacher.

Don't deny yourself in an effort to please "them." And certainly don't hurt anyone in the process, least of all yourself.

When you ask, "Are **YOU** with me?" you're opening yourself to **GOD**. And **HE**'ll answer your question in a mysterious way. For me, that comes with a snort or a chuckle. Becoming lighthearted is helping me become soulful.

Don't confuse us with them. Don't blame me if you secretly want to get even with "Him." I'm no one's punching bag. The name for Jesus, "Emanuel," loosely translates as "GOD with us" or "GOD with us." But to translate it accurately would be "us with **GOD**."

And that makes all the difference. We're going **HIS** way. **HE**'s not going ours.

"The nonbelievers claim they shall not be raised to life.

Say:

'Yes,

by the Lord,

you shall assuredly be raised to life!

Then you shall be told of all that you have done.

That is easy enough for God."

[64:7]

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All it takes to learn more about yourself is to learn more about the Scriptural secrets of the Jews, Christians and Muslims. And all it takes to do that is to pray with them and discuss your beliefs with them. But if you live in a place where it's not safe to pray with people who believe differently from you, you'd better make that place safe for gays and Jews. If you don't, there'll be "hell" to pay. "*That is easy enough for GOD.*"⁸⁶

Anti-Semitism is the core conflict everyone suffers from. Even the JEWS hate the Jews. But there's someone inside you who's afraid of CHRISTIANS, too. And everyone on Earth, nowadays, has good reason to be terrified of *Muslims*.

You can defy the religious nuts who hate fruits by learning to put more of your faith in yourself. You can learn how not to project your issues onto others. You can learn why **GOD** chose you to be born male or female. And you can learn what **HIS** choice has meant to you thus far by looking into your unique past. Admiring what you went through to get here wouldn't kill you.

Don't let anyone beat you up with their Scripture. That's not what any of these books are for.

Moses was the greatest of the Hebrew prophets. Jesus wasn't a prophet because, by our reckoning, the Age of Prophecy had been closed. Christians consider Jesus one of three aspects of **GOD**. And Muhammad was a "Prophet" if you don't mind mincing WORDS/WORDS/*Words* into WORDS.

A Prophet {or emissary} of the Lord is very different from a prophet. There were many prophets beginning with Moses. There was only one SON. And there was only one Prophet.

Someday, people will simply have to shut their eyes to maintain their hate. There'll simply be too much truth around them. They'll be blinded by the obvious.

Is it so difficult to believe in all three of the Abrahamic faiths? Is it so difficult to believe that all your spiritual siblings are also inmates or classmates brought to you by our Lord? Is it so difficult to believe that each of us is translating **HIS** message into different metaphors, symbols and signs?

Nowhere in the Quran does it tell Muslims to kill Jews and Christians. But nowhere did it say in the Gospels that CHRISTIANS should round up and wipe out non-CHRISTIANS as they've tried so many times to do. The *Muslims* are following in the path of their older, CHRISTIAN brothers who previously failed miserably in the school of life. And for this they anticipate being rewarded? Fat chance, if you ask me.

If you band together with the bozos at the back of the room to convince the average students sitting in the middle of the classroom to turn their back on the Teacher, you, too, will fail miserably. The desire for distractions from learning is still the major cause for all

⁸⁶ If *Muslims* are going to kill gays in clubs; tourists on city streets; and Muslims in mosques – you can be sure that no one is going to go to mosques to pray with Muslims until it's safe. And Muslims won't be welcome in synagogues or churches until they can convince others that they aren't *Muslims*.

the problems in this world. Get to work or you'll get expelled from class into one of the other metaphors of life where you'll languish in ignorance.

Are you going to use your faith in GOD/GOD/*God* as a defense after life? There were plenty of people who didn't give a damn about your GOD/GOD/*God*, and they were morally far better than you. Is being a Teacher's pet going to be your best defense. If so, may I suggest you dress for "hell." It's gonna get hotter by the time you get to Book Seven...

I need Scripture. I need sensible gun laws. I need marriage equality. I need a female pope and female clerics, imams, ministers, parsons, pastors, priests and rabbis. I can't do it alone. Men can't stop themselves from behaving like pigs and dogs. They can't stop themselves from believing they're always a little lower than the angels but higher than a woman and a queen.

Well, use your imagination to decide if you think you're a little lower than an angel? If you haven't practiced tolerating yourself as you are; accepting yourself as you are; and admiring yourself as you are – what does it mean to be a little lower than an angel?

If the hyper-religious could have it their way, they'd outlaw every tree from bearing fruits or nuts. In an effort to glorify their own roots, they'd pass laws to cut down every fruit-bearing tree. All they want to look at are stumps...

The JEWS think they have a monopoly on Torah because they think it was given to them^μ alone by Moses. The CHRISTIANS think they have a monopoly on Torah because it was given to them^σ alone by Jesus. And the *Muslims* think they have a monopoly on Torah because it was given to them^Ε alone via the Prophet Muhammad's *words* in the Quran. (They^{μσΕ}ve all twisted Scripture like uncooked dough and then baked themselves^{μσΕ} into bagels^μ, bialys^σ and pretzels^Ε).

The only one who has a monopoly on Torah is **GOD**.⁸⁷ And until you agree that that's true, expect to be treated like a pig or a dog on a daily basis and not like an angel in disguise. What comes around, goes around. If you think about calling people names, **GOD** will see to it that the essence in those names will be turned around on you.

You've been forbidden from using the "B" word, "N" word or "F" word unless you're female, black or gay. Society had to pass social laws to tactfully tell you that what you think of yourself is leaking out in the worst possible ways.

*"Believe then in God
and in His apostle,
and in the light which We have revealed.
God has knowledge of all your actions."
[64:8]*

"Believe then in **GOD**

⁸⁷ If you're not interested in studying all of Scripture, get out of the business of studying your Scripture. You're the wrong person for the job.

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GOD knows what you think. HE knows what you feel. HE knows what you believe.
And therefore, HE, knows what you’re going to do even before you think of doing it. HE’s
like an adult watching over a toddler. But HE’s much too polite to tell you HE already
knows what you want to do next because HE believes in giving you privacy.

There are only two places in you where GOD doesn’t go. But when you behave like a
rectal problem that’s causing all of society to itch with embarrassment, you should
eventually expect to feel like a hemorrhoid. HIS patience, like the moon behind the clouds
in your inner night sky, waxes and wanes. Doesn’t your patience with people do the same?
Is your patience with yourself constant?

I’m not literally telling you to put your penis back in your pants because you may not
literally be an exhibitionist, flasher or pervert. Nor am I suggesting that filling another
person’s anal cavity with your penis will cure you of your character defects... But
figuratively speaking, there’s a lot more of you exposed than modest people wish to see.
You’d be surprised how much I can see of me where the “sun don’t shine” despite that
innocent looking smirk on my face.

But I’m a hypocrite and cheater, too. I try to raise my low self-esteem by lowering
others’. That isn’t right. Even though I’ve never enjoyed such high self-esteem as I do now,
there’s still work for me to do.

*“The day on which He will gather you,
the day on which you shall all be gathered –
that shall be a day of cheating.
Those who do right in God
and do what is right
shall be forgiven their sins
and admitted to gardens watered by running streams,
where they shall dwell forever.”*
[64:9]

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the day on which you shall all be gathered -
that shall be a day of cheating.

Those who do right in GOD
and do what is right
shall be forgiven their sins
and admitted to gardens watered by running streams,
where they shall dwell forever.”

The day on which you will be gathered is the 7th Day, your day of cheating and your day of rest. Until then you may be cheating yourself out of your own inheritance even if you don't literally cheat on your wife, in business or on your taxes. Your word may not be as good as you think if you don't know what you're really saying to yourself. If you could hear yourself speak to you, and really listened to what you've said, you might be appalled by what's not coming out of your mouth. Then you'd realize how great a difference there is between a conscious {spoken}, subconscious {implied} and unconscious (inferred} mind. You'd find out whether you're slowly losing your mind or whether you're slowly finding it.

If you want to receive the bounty of “paradise,” you might like to take another look at what you're wishing for. Wishful thinking has made it possible for the Jews to survive through every civilization in the Western world and even some civilizations in the Eastern world.⁸⁸

The only way things are going to improve for all of us is if life in Israel gets spiritually better for the Jews, Christians and Muslims living there {including for those who are gay and can't yet marry or have their foreign marriages recognized in Israel}. Once you care more about the wellbeing of gay-Jews, you may find yourself wishing to give more respect to straight Jews, Christians and Muslims, too. You may find you won't want to be hypocritical about anything with anyone!

GOD knows what you're thinking. If you don't use your head to monitor what's going on inside it, how can you expect your heart or soul to improve? A biological transplant will replace a bad heart. But there's no emotional operation that will replace a bad heart figuratively speaking. So you'd better start by learning to use the head GOD gave you. That's what I'm doing. My everlasting soul depends on it.

There are plenty of lucky people in this world. Did it ever occur to you that they filter what they allow themselves to think before it goes into their heart? Listen to what you're telling yourself, and decide whether you like what you hear in the privacy of your own mind.

⁸⁸ “The Talmud, midrash {interpretation}, and the Kabbalistic work, the Zohar, state that the ‘deadline’ by which the Messiah must appear is 6,000 years from Creation. According to tradition, the Hebrew calendar started at the time of Creation, placed at 3,761 B.C.E. The current (2018/2019) Hebrew year is 5,779.” [Wikipedia] According to the rabbis, we have to keep Israel in existence for 221 years before we're going to see the LIGHT. Well, I can't wait that long. I need to see more LIGHT by tomorrow.

If, for instance, you discover you're thinking spiteful thoughts, you could, at the very least, tell yourself, "That's spiteful." If you do something that brings up guilt, you could, at the very least ask yourself, "Did that negative feeling I just thought about correspond to embarrassment, shame or humiliation?"

You're human. You need relationships. But if you₁ aren't in a relationship with you₂, you_{1,2} are going to depend more and more on outside influences to shape you₃. And that's not a good, game plan. How soulful do others look to you_{1,2,3}?

Can I tell you that I have a great attitude toward all Asians, blacks, Christians, gays, Hispanics, homeless people, Jews, lesbians, Muslims, transgendered people and women? I suffer with the same stereotypes everyone else does. But I'm not afraid to admit I have problems instilled in me by thousands of years of conditioning to fear the ways of strangers. I'm constantly working at listening to what I say to myself while closing one eye to how others look at me. I'm no angel, but I'm a highly improved, human being thanks to a lot of hard work.

It's hard to become a good judge of character when the world is filled with so many "characters." To avoid the hypocrisy I see others committing takes insight into my own character. But when I wasn't looking within because I didn't know what to do with myself, all I really had to say was, "Say something!!!" That knocked a few words out of me *tout de suite*.

*"No misfortune strikes except by God's leave.
He guides the hearts of those who believe in Him."
[64:11]*

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HE guides the hearts of those who believe in HIM."

GOD GUIDES THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM. GOD GUIDES THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM. *God guides the hearts of those who believe in Him.* You should see these statements as like three unicycles. But wouldn't it be far more stable to ride a tricycle?

The Prophet made the fatalistic prediction in this passage that "*No misfortune strikes except by GOD's leave.*" And yet, there are millions of JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims who don't believe this warning. They believe only in their "God," not our GOD.

Theoretically, you can imagine how difficult it is to guide yourself when your desires are forever agreeing or interfering with what your beliefs are telling you. It takes enormous discipline, practice and skill to ride a unicycle without falling off and hurting yourself. Practically anyone can get on a tricycle and go.

Changing your opinion of you is like riding a tricycle. But most people spend years perfecting the unicycle experience by suffering to keep their balance. Then they discover paradox and they find themselves on board a tricycle without any more effort. At last, they

discover that they can have positive and negative opinions of themselves that they can witness without conflict.

This is called living in reality. Being realistic is a very hopeful experience because you don't have to share all of your reality with others. But if you treat others as well as you treat yourself, more of reality will appear to you.

Perhaps now, you can see why the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* have to be so dogmatic about every little "thing" {penis/clitoris}. If some "thing" is bigger and seemingly better than their "thing," they get jealous. And they usually make up for their loss by cheating, stealing and lying. But they aren't averse to killing over a bigger "thing." {Just look at Cain. Obviously Abel had something that was bigger and better than Cain's.}

Perhaps you can give yourself credit for being more open to other ways of doing things.

The big picture isn't that difficult to see when you let **GOD** guide your heart and not human beings. Most of them are terribly flawed.

If you, like me, suffer from P.T.R.S.D. {Post-Traumatic Religious Stress Disorder} and you may not ever want to have to go back to a synagogue, church or mosque for the rest of your life, I hear ya. And going to all three will surely bring up your P.T.R.S.D.! But there are many ways to skin a cat. You'll find a way to pass your class in hyper-religious taxidermy. I found mine.

When you listen with your heart and hear the hateful, mean-spirited intentions emanating out of your head, you know you're finally approaching that fourth place in inner space that's surrounded by opinions. Then you know that you're standing in a bright light on the dark side of your moon. Even though you can't see your soul from there, you know it isn't as far away as you once thought. You've discovered a new perspective on your opinions.

When I used to go walking down the streets of San Francisco, I was here-and-then, not here-and-now. I was lost in distraction. I was somewhere in my past, or I was experiencing a worrisome feeling partially projected onto every person on the street.

It's "normal" to tell yourself you'd like to kill someone, rape someone, steal from or lie to someone – so long as you follow those thoughts with condolences for being so upset with yourself for some unknown, very personal reason. The more you can counter your thoughts with heartfelt feelings of remorse for the way you're feeling about yourself deep down inside, the more soulfully you'll be able to hold yourself at such times.

Rejection by others hurts. Patronizing by others hurts. Condescension from them hurts. Ridicule behind your back or to your face hurts. Disingenuousness from people hurts. But if **GOD** is allowing you to go through these sorts of feelings, know that there's more for you to learn about the way you're treating yourself behind your own back. You've reached the place inside that houses your opinions in how you're treating you.

Nobody's grades are going on your report card except your own. Therefore getting through today with pride is paramount to facing tomorrow with hope. You're only as strong as your weakest link. Sometimes it's all much harder than it looks. Other times it's a piece of cake.

We all know that pride cometh before the fall. We know that we're going to pay for our defense mechanisms sooner or later, one way or another. But I'd rather be well

defended from others and vulnerable to me than the other way around. When I strike out at me with self-hate, I can go to my Therapist to discuss my issues with HIM.

Censoring your thoughts isn't healthy. Getting drunk; taking drugs; sleeping around; eating to excess; gambling; and arguing with others – aren't good ways to distract you from the negative thoughts and opinions you produce within. Listen to yourself to learn about you. Then discuss your issues with our Therapist, even if you find it difficult to put your syndromes into words.

Every question you ask comes down to “them” or “me.” Some people choose one; some choose the other. The correct answer isn't always exactly in the middle. But you can't succeed in either of your worlds without the other. The game is rigged. Having a conscience is always going to challenge you to turn it into a soul. Be grateful you have a conscience. If you're working on your opinions of you, you're much further along than most. Not everyone uses his conscience as his guide. Most just react emotionally to others.

Your syndromes are too complex for you to solve either when alone or when together with others. You ought to take your thoughts, feelings and beliefs more personally, not more seriously. Life can't be segmented like an orange or concealed with a thick peel.

The way to manage negative thoughts about yourself is with heartfelt, sincere replies in that particular moment or as soon afterwards as you can. This way of reprogramming your mind will register throughout your spiritual system during the night, and you'll wake up the next day feeling differently. Whether the next day proves to be better or worse, you'll at least know that you're making steady progress in improving your self-esteem.

*“Obey God
and obey the Apostle.
If you pay no heed,
Our Apostle's duty is but to give clear warning.”
[64:12]*

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When GOD told you to obey him {the Apostle} in the above passage, HE was speaking in the third person singular. And when HE told you about “OUR Apostle's duty,” HE was speaking in the first person, plural, possessive. You just don't get that kind of linguistic variety in Tanach or the Gospels. GOD ups the ante linguistically in the Quran. HE asks

you to think of HIM as “HE” and “WE.” HE covers a wide range of subject/verb agreements.⁸⁹

GOD’s pronouns:

Singular: Subject: IT; Object: ME; Possessive: MINE; reflexive: MYSELF.

Singular: Subject: HE; Object: HIM; Possessive: HIS; reflexive: HIMSELF

Plural: Subject: WE; Object: US; Possessive: OUR; reflexive: OURSELVES.

There are, obviously, messages in these messages. The way to unlock them is with the study of your own spiritual, operating system {SOS}.

The Prophet Muhammad isn’t your keeper. The Archangel Gabriel isn’t your keeper. If you’re post-pubescent, your parents aren’t your keepers. You are. The development of your soul lies in your own hands. “HE has the whole world in his hands.” You have only your whole world in yours. Keep you!

The way to become your own keeper is with words, not only with actions. Actions are the consequences of what you’ve already told yourself, even if you only discover your unconscious message to you after the fact. The development of better actions depends on the depth of the relationship you forge with yourself linguistically day-by-day. The more adept you become in talking to yourself, the more you’re going to see your luck change. The results will be simply magical, But you’ll quickly see it works only if you work it.

In the Quran, the Prophet is speaks about everyone to everyone. It’s not a story from a Jew {Moses} to Jews or from a Jew {Jesus} to everyone. It’s from a non-Jew to everyone. But it’s going to be up to good Muslims to advance God’s words in ways we all, in the Judeo-Christian world (and elsewhere), can then incorporate into Western civilization and today’s world tradition. The truth speaks for itself, but each of us has to use our own tradition to amplify GOD’s WORDS. GOD’s WORDS will be mirrored in your words the nearer you get to HIM.

If, when you have a thought, you don’t put that thought into words, you’re not going to be able to reply to that thought consciously. If you have a thought you haven’t put into words, you’re only going to create a more and more semiconscious relationship with yourself that may cause moral misjudgments down the line. I might even add, that it isn’t until you reply to your thoughts in words that you’re going to hear for yourself what you think of your own thought process. And that may produce a negative opinion which will lower your self-esteem.

⁸⁹ GOD never refers to HIMSELF anywhere in Scripture as YOU, SHE or THEY.

If you think you're the exception to this rule; that you were created in an image of GOD more sophisticated and advanced than the rest of us; or that you were cheated out of something you feel is missing in you and, therefore, you have the right to seek revenge from some others – the truth will cut you down to size in this lifetime and possibly wipe you out of some of your reward in a “life to come.”

If you make the claim deep down inside {where you don't have your thoughts consciously organized verbally} that you're a gambling man; that your penis will go up-and-up and never come down – I refer you to a story about a tower that finally came down and the people who then babbled like babies thereafter.⁹⁰

Most people who are financially successful have learned how to use positive emotions to motivate others into doing what they want. Whether or not the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and Muslims become consciously aware of this heartfelt process, they, too, are going to be judged individually for their motives, choices and actions. And if they try to use guilt to keep people in line, they should get what everyone else gets for such efforts.

Guilt should be reserved for you. Therefore listen and learn from every student in class. You'll be stunned at how much they could teach you to avoid doing.

“Believers,
you have an enemy in your spouses and in your children:
beware of them.
But if you overlook their offenses,
And forgive and pardon them,
then know that God is forgiving and merciful.”
[64:14]

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Your spouse and children are like your enemies. Your spouse and children commit many of the same sorts of crimes you commit. Therefore you have unconscious reasons to fear them. Although it's unusual for family members to turn into real enemies, take it from me, it's painful when it happens.

⁹⁰ Some parts of Torah were literal and objectively real, but all of Torah is subjectively real. It's up to you to determine which. But the same can be said of the Gospels and the Quran. From this you should conclude that if you're afraid of becoming a victim of dementia or Alzheimer's that's sound thinking. But if you refuse to be afraid of stinking thinking, that's just crazy.

What the Prophet is saying in this passage is that you should bring your guilt to consciousness. You can't handle it when it lurks in the realm of your unconscious. His shocking statement that your family is your enemy was meant to raise your desire for self-awareness. But don't confound forgiving yourself with forgiving others and mercy for you with mercy for them. There's plenty you shouldn't forgive that's occurring within you without conscious awareness of what it is. Beginning with that is key to self-understanding.

This series of books aren't intended to teach you how to behave. We've all been instructed by authority figures and unconsciously carved by society to behave in appropriate ways. We're all proper. But we're all far from perfect. If you're hoping I'll tell you how to behave properly, you might as well put this book down now. You've wasted a great deal of your time. This isn't a work on better manners (although manners are very important in a civil society).

Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad are your friends. They're teaching you how to awaken to your own evil inclinations, atone for them and redeem yourself. They've given you the means to even understand how modern-day science can be used to reflect the poetic intricacies of the ways in which man was made in GOD's images. Just don't abuse that knowledge with cockamamie crap like creationism.

The Hebrew word for "dog" is כֶּלֶב {KELEV}, a contraction of KMO HA LEV. It means "like the heart." You may be treating your parents, siblings, spouse and/or children like a dog treats its owner. You may be patient and loyal with your family, thinking your loyalty requires no moral compensation from them. But this is too loyal. Don't behave like a dog. And don't do the opposite by behaving like the cruel master of a dog.

The loyalty and friendliness of dogs animalify two of the greatest of human attributes: loyalty and friendliness. If you'd treat yourself more like you're treated by dogs, you'll more likely treat others that wonderfully, too.

But doing that requires that you consciously combine your x^2 and y or x^2 and x^1 . It requires that you express your loyalty to both halves of yourself. (This wasn't easy for me to achieve. I had many preconceived ideas of how a man should behave in the presence of a woman who was no lady – a princess who wasn't yet a queen...)

There's even a third attribute in dogs you could be amplifying in yourself. Dogs have an incredible sense of smell. If you want to wake up your nose {intuition}, you'd do well to pay closer attention to how a dog, whether a bitch or a sire, determines good from bad with their sense of smell.

But none of that can happen until you can commend yourself for all that you say to yourself that's worthy of commendation. If you don't critique yourself and balance that with commendations as you move through your day, how can you expect to see improvements by the next day? How can you improve your intuition if you're not even on speaking terms with your mouth, let alone your nose?

You should listen for what you're *not* telling yourself. You should question how you feel about those of your messages that are unstated, specifically those feelings, beliefs and desires you avoid talking about. You should ask yourself if what you believe to be true about you is as true as you'd like it to be. And if some of what you believe is negative, you

should admit that to yourself in words. How are you going to learn about your unstated beliefs if you don't express yourself using words? Smoke signals? ⁹¹

Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream.

You aren't an adolescent Noah. You have oars. You're not on the high seas. You're on a stream. But you're not merry, are you? Your life is but a dream and you are but a dreamer. You can't seem to turn your life into a vision and yourself into a visionary.

Besides nursery rhymes, there's, another way to communicate with yourself: body language. If you find yourself sticking a finger in your ear, wiping your eyes; pulling your nose or covering your mouth, note that these mannerisms are meaningful if you watch them happening in conjunction with something you're thinking about if you really listen to your thoughts.

If you find yourself scratching an itch, ask yourself who made you itch? Was it your GOD/GOD/*God*, or was it you? Whether your picket fence is white, black, light or muddy brown; if it itches, you've got to scratch. And every part of you, you touch leaves a subliminal message that's meaningful to you, or it's not.

Making excuses for yourself using body language for all to see is a liars worst enemy. Anyone who can lie well will tell you that he watches his body language very carefully. He controls his biting, fidgeting, nervous twitches and scratching, flawlessly. An expert at avoiding the 9th Commandment {lying} is as obvious as an expert at avoiding the 8th Commandment {stealing}. Liars and thieves wear a hat {yarmulke} on their heads that's on fire if you're an experienced observer. They gesticulate in wild ways they don't realize in an effort to tell you that something's terribly wrong with what they're up to. They just can't see what it is that's got them so upset with themselves. Good liars (#9) and thieves (#8) consciously try to be very cautious about their body language. And cheaters, those who avoid the 7th Commandment, consciously try to be cautious about their body language, too.

You should scrutinize yourself for suspicious body language. Everyone uses body language to point out to themselves that they're breaking the Commandments on the second tablet. You only have to watch yourself to see if I'm right about that.

Getting depressed with the way things are unfolding around you is a waste of your precious time. It's as silly as getting upset with your cellphone because you can't download certain apps. If you don't know what you're doing technically, you'll respond the same ways when you don't know what you're doing spiritually. Knocking your cellphone against

⁹¹ People who abuse themselves physically through, anorexia, bulimia or self-mutilation are starved for words and therefore disgusted with themselves. They're able to carry on three separate and exclusive conversations within. They just won't hold one conversation with all of themselves because that might lead to talking things out, which would then lead to prayer. And they can't pray because that would reveal the hypocrisy of their opinion of their GOD/GOD/*God*. They have no other option but to find clever ways to cheat.

a wall isn't going to fix your problem with it. And knocking your cellphone against another cellphone isn't going to help, either... "It" may not be the problem.

You're like an hourglass filled with rocks and pebbles. When you turn you over, very little comes out the middle to the other end. But if you added thousands of the tiniest of thoughts to your operating system, you'd become more fluid in your ability to converse with yourself. You'd fill your container when you turn it over.

You can't put people on a leash. You can't whack 'em with a newspaper. Everyone is "KMO HA LEV," We're all like the heart of a dog. Everyone has a great nose, but not much in the way of brains. Training a dog is as frustrating as training a child because both think with their nose.

That's why GOD brought dogs into early man's caves in the first place. The history of how we once treated dogs and how we treat them today is a good example of how we're beginning to learn how to treat children. Children and dogs are reflections of how we treat ourselves.

If you simply overlook people's offenses or forgive and pardon them without a second thought, that won't confirm for you that GOD is forgiving and merciful. GOD has a soft spot for every creature HE created. But that soft spot, like a spotlight, shrinks in those human beings who become arrogant and defiant over time.

To the extent that you can see your own offences in those of your family, you'll have no trouble forgiving them for that which you've consciously been able to see in yourself. To the extent that you can treat yourself mercifully, {not self-indulgently}, you'll have no trouble being merciful to those close to you. In fact, you may even be able to see how GOD may be treating you like you're treating yourself.

Dogs are loyal and friendly. They make good guardians of your house because they're territorial; have sharp teeth; and a loud bark. Men are like dogs in this respect when it comes to their own home or business, but not always so when it comes to the running of their country. A dog that doesn't bark is like a man who doesn't vote. He's overly friendly and submissive. He's subservient to his master. His tail is lodged between his legs.

Pigs are clean animals that, they say, make good pets, too. But I don't think they're as territorial as dogs. The males have tusks, but I don't think their teeth as sharp as dogs' teeth; and pigs don't squeal loudly enough to frighten anyone.

When *Muslims* compare gays and Jews to dogs and pigs, they're, obviously, being offensive. But they're only implying that we're as greedy as pigs and as sexually indiscriminate as dogs. They aren't looking any more deeply at the characteristics of either animal.

I try not to allow myself to buy into such accusations. Like a dog, I use my nose to discriminate morally in the world around me as well as in my world within. I use my penis like a dog with my boyfriend. And when it comes to spiritual enlightenment, I'm as piggish as they come.

It's against the law to feed the bears at Yosemite National Park in California because the bears don't know where the chocolate bar ends and the fingers begin. JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are like bears. Their moral priorities aren't just literally

dangerous. They're emotionally and spiritually dangerous. They don't know where and when to stop. You'll figuratively lose fingers if you feed them. Watch them from a safe space. They're fascinating and beautiful creatures. But don't forget they're wild.

Try this to help yourself improve your awareness of your body language:

Bend your left arm in the shape of an "L," and then with the index finger of your right hand, draw a line from your left index finger to your left elbow, and then from your left elbow to your left shoulder. This is like the path you use in the real world using your body. Your path through the external world, like your left arm, is moving almost all the time. Your path is sometimes straight and sometimes bent. But there's no way you can literally see your path winding and unwinding unless you look back into the past.

Now bend your left arm into the shape of an "L" again, but this time use your mind to imagine following the same path from the index finger on your left hand to your left elbow, and from there to your left shoulder. This is how your x^2 follows the path your y or x^1 sets in the external world.

And now repeat the exercise a third time, but this time imagine cutting the corner by using your eyes to draw a line directly through the air from your left index finger to your left shoulder without going all the way around your elbow. Don't worry if you move your head. You don't suffer from a stiff neck {stubbornness}. This is path through the air is like the path within you that your x^2 and y or x^2 and x^1 are taking you on in life subjectively. This is the shortcut you may not be giving yourself credit for because you may not be consciously aware that you have the option of taking it.

We're all dutifully living our life taking the long path externally and the short path internally. And yet we don't correlate one path with the other.

You're probably doing everything you need to do in the world around you to secure your literal safety and financial wellbeing. But you may still need to learn more about how to cut corners immaterially. You may be so adept at cheating yourself out of your spiritual inheritance that you have no idea how to get from one here to another there despite all the instruction you've been given from your parents, teachers, religious leaders and society at large.

There's no way you're going to believe the Prophet {or me} when we tell you that **GOD** is forgiving and merciful. You've already learned to read the handwriting on the wall. Now we're going to teach you to read your handwriting on *your* wall. You're going to learn how take yourself personally.

There's no one on Earth today who's had a conversation with Moses, Jesus or the Prophet Muhammad. We're all dependent on the written word, whether we've thought about Scripture in these new ways, or not. The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* think they have a monopoly on what they've read in their Scripture. But they don't question the way they interpret **GOD's** WORDS. Little do they know how little they know.

Your experience and reflection on the personal meaning of your life makes you a potential expert in Scripture. You have no reason to be intimidated by any of "them." They

may be able to quote Scripture chapter and verse. But the big difference between you and “them” is that you’re not afraid of your relationship with your body. They’re terrified of certain parts of theirs.

You don’t have to behave like a 19th Century gay-Jew in some Eastern European shtetl {Yiddish: Jewish village}. They^u probably won’t humiliate you or drive you out of town because you stick out as a little different. They^o won’t ride into town out of nowhere and kill you with a pogrom. You’re probably safer than you think so long as you spiritually work alone, together with other like-minded people.

You may have to go through more thoughts of fear, more feelings of anger and more sorrowful beliefs before you’re ready to face the guilt in being you that will lead you to see the wisdom, love and loyalty to life you’ve already amassed in your lifetime. Life is so much harder than it looks until you strive for an ever-bigger picture. Then life suddenly gets easy, obvious and funny.

I’d tell you that life is like coming out of the closet, but I don’t want to give you an image that may worry you. But it is. You were in a dark, closed space. And you’re coming out into the light. Naturally, it’s going to be a little weird at first once you’re out.

Most people are uninterested in using every moment of life like a school they’ll graduate that will give them exactly the degree they deserve. They’re not afraid of fear. They’re not afraid of anger. And they’re not afraid of sorrow.

But everyone’s utterly petrified of guilt. No one wants to have to pay an inordinate amount for tuition in this school. They don’t want to have to admit that they were taught to become their own worst enemy just to survive. And they don’t want to have to give up their enemy either, as paradoxical as that may sound. That’s why this world looks so much more like an insane asylum to many than a school.

Don’t worry about the Teacher punishing you more than you deserve. **HE** isn’t vindictive. That conclusion is just a projection of you onto **HIM**. The more you study you, the more you’re going to learn about you. And the more you know about yourself, the more valuable you’ll be to some others.

*“Those who preserve themselves
from their own greed will surely prosper.
If you give a generous loan to God,
He will pay you back twofold
and will forgive you.
Gracious is God,
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[64:17]*

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The only way to protect yourself from your own greed is to use your greed to motivate you to learn more about yourself. But an appetite for you is something you have to develop. I hate to sound like a Jewish mother, but people are much less hungry for spiritual nourishment than they ought to be. They ought to eat more.

GOD gave you the capacity for urges, desires, wants, lusts, needs and obsessions with good reason. But if you were taught only to project your hungers out onto the external world in the form of greed, you’re going to be left with a lot less self-understanding than you need in life. You’re going to get easily distracted from the reason for your being. You may discover loneliness, emptiness and uselessness in some of the things you do. And you know that will affect your attitude.

By dancing around golden calves that are hollow, you, too, are going to bellow as the wind passes through you. Just listen to those around you. Can’t you hear a hollow echo inside many of them? They’ve cheated themselves. Their warning to you couldn’t be clearer.

The generous loan you need to give to GOD is faith in yourselves. If you loan you your faith, you’ll soon see whether you’re benefiting from your investment. If so, “{GOD} will pay you back twofold,” and you’ll earn dividends from that loan; once in the world around you and once in the world within. In this way, you’ll learn how not to cheat yourself out of your inheritance of the “world to come.”

What’s the point of agreeing that life is like a school if you’re cheating on your tests, whether or not you’re occasionally doing your homework and coming regularly to class? What’s the point of not looking at the disappointing outcomes in the world around you if you aren’t willing to question what you’re still doing wrong that’s causing GOD to show you what you should avoid doing to yourself?⁹²

The evil around us is related to the evil within us. And if you think you can divorce yourself {JEW} from yourself {Jew}, look what happened to the Jews of Europe in the last century, and look at what divisions over anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism are doing to them

⁹² The planet is now like a boat; and big business is drilling holes in the bottom. Unless we stop them, we’re all going to go under. But the only way to stop them is with guilt. Guilt is the underlying secret to all varieties of nonviolent methods that achieve awakening and change. And yet big business and government are, themselves, using guilt to keep us divided. Poor people must find their way into politics to help the poor, not to become rich. We must take money out of politics and replace the material rewards of helping others with a little money and a lot more honey.

in America in this century. You can't find a Jewish lawyer who doesn't feel plagued by the reputation set by the JEWISH lawyers.

Standing up for the rights of the rich and powerful in court is hardly a noble gesture. Don't kid yourself if you're a JEWISH lawyer type. Snake oil is just as greasy wherever you spread it.

If you don't consider your spiritual education something you're willing to share honestly with the Teacher, why bother to follow your faith at all? Why bother to claim that you're religious if you don't take time each day to enjoy office hours {prayer} with the Teacher? What do you know about being wise, loving or capable of loyalty if you don't know how the WORDS/WORDS/*Words* of your tradition are connected in the world around you to your world within?

"Gracious is **GOD**, and *benignant*." {The word "benignant" means "kind," especially to inferiors.} If you don't see yourself as having been inferior yesterday to who you've become today, your investment in yourself isn't yet paying dividends. You're not yet benignant to yourself. You should be able to look back on your life in wonder at how you managed to get this far knowing as little as you did then. You're a miracle in the making. So keep carving yourself like clay.

The Prophet made it possible through simile for each of us to contrast and compare ourselves to who we were before. If you aren't doing that on a daily basis, you're not becoming a little wiser and more loving day-by-day. And then you'll have good reason to be afraid of your guilt and your final exam.

GOD doesn't need snake oil to lubricate the wheels of justice. So don't you use it. You don't want to grow up to become like a JEWISH lawyer. You should want to grow up to become like a Jewish doctor.

You can't normally see the wind. But when it turns into a tornado, or worse, a cyclone or typhoon, it becomes evident that you'd better run from it and hide. Don't use your strength like a *Muslim* to fight the wind. Don't use your "sword" like Don Quixote used his to do battle against windmills. Use "it" like a Muslim to appreciate yourself like the wind whistling through the trees. Use "it" like a Christian to harness the wind.

You're like the weather. You bring weather wherever you go. Don't cheat yourself out of sunshine. Great power comes from the sun/SON. With or without clouds in your inner sky, your remaining days might be more pleasant than you now think. Just ask yourself what the inner weather must be like inside for those who resist the facts about climate change. I wouldn't want to go there.

Surah 65

سورة الطلا

Divorce

“Divorce” isn’t just a legal break and dissolution of a relationship with your spouse. The concept of divorce, of course, is as a breach in your container caused by insufficient contents. JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who still argue about divorce aren’t looking at this issue at its source.

A divorce from yourself is like a death in your family or estrangement from someone you once loved. It’s a poetic death that causes you to feel banished from your body and from your inner children. There are those who are so divorced from themselves that they’d kill themselves, or others, over an external issue they can’t get their way.

From an external perspective, I was all inner child as a young adult. I had no inner parents. I sought sex with men as medicine to heal my divorce from ignorance of this truth. I wanted my daddy. Experience was like a black hole I’d fall into time and time again. Within that invisible darkness, I sought the comforts of drugs, alcohol, sexual adventure and, ultimately, suicide. Nighttime excursions in which I danced around golden calves offered momentary pleasures I had no hope at the time of recreating metaphorically in the light of day.

Divorce is an egregious problem for the religious and nonreligious alike. But there are plenty of nut jobs out there who’d kill, literally or figuratively, to get what they want in their “God’s” names to satisfy their whims. Some of them are called “terrorists.” But all of them terrorize others in ways to express unconsciously what they’re doing to themselves.

Ending a relationship with someone is a symptom of a split in your personality. It’s painful. It’s upsetting. It’s a sign of something you aren’t going to be able to assimilate for some time, if ever. And the end of each relationship deepens that split. What the Prophet is speaking about in this surah goes much deeper than the dissolution of a civil or religious union.

The gay community is just beginning to celebrate marriage equality in the Western world. And the world is just beginning to discover the meaning of equivalency in marriage. If you can’t join yourself in holy matrimony, you’ll never succeed in doing so with another person. You’ll never become a justice of the peace.

All people suffer from Post-Traumatic Personal Stress Disorder {P.T.P.S.D.} even if they don’t suffer from Post-Traumatic Religious Stress Disorder {P.T.R.S.D.}. In other words, being with themselves over a lifetime has caused them such agony, angst, anguish, anxiety, disquiet, distress, fretfulness, nervousness, stress, torment and unease that they’ve divorced themselves from themselves to such a degree that they have no idea whether the voice inside they’re hearing is that of a totalitarian or the CEO of a corporation.

They’re a conglomeration of voices inside that seem to meld seamlessly one into another. But if they’d spend more time listening to themselves, they’d be shocked at all the parts that have been fused together to make them look and feel whole.

They behave one way with their parents; another way with friends; a third way with their spouse; a fourth with their children; and entirely differently when alone in the bathroom. And when they spend time with an ex-partner or spouse, a whole other side of

them makes its way to the surface. Who but **GOD** could keep track of all these parts of people?

In this, the 65th surah, the Prophet strikes at the core of the human condition. But how could he address marital problems from **GOD**'s perspective when the truth about divorce was so much deeper than anyone realized or could talk about in civilized circles at that time? How could he talk about sexual relationships for others when he had too much practice and too little reflection on what he was doing to himself?

Despite the insistence from JEWS that **GOD**'s wisdom is all you need if you want to keep your head on straight, you actually need a lot more than wisdom. And despite the insistence from CHRISTIANS that the love of Jesus is all you need in life, you actually need a lot more than love to succeed, too.

At those times when your situation couldn't look any darker or more foreboding, you need loyalty to life to keep on living. And if you don't find a good reason to live your life with gusto and curiosity, a part of you may decide to convince the rest of you to go out with a bang, instead. Sound mental health is more difficult to achieve than it looks. I should know...

Muslims cheapen their expression of life with glory to martyrdom. But they also teach us a lot about how the human, operating system really operates. Divorcing another person is serious business because divorcing yourself is serious business. And if you think I'm just being flippant or poetical in saying that, you're wrong.

This surah is the first that speaks to the topic of spiritual subtraction. Divorce is what a man's mind does to separate from his feelings rather than add to what he thinks with what he feels inside.

When you can't stand what you're feeling, you have to come up with something to say to you to ease the pain. So, in an effort to manage your feelings of disappointment with your life, your thoughts develop thoughts you hadn't previously considered. And these new thoughts are deeper, more powerful and potent than anything you previously thought because experience always deepens your understanding of life.

In truth, these new thoughts can't even be called "thoughts" anymore. They're a combination of thoughts and feelings called "opinions." Opinions are very powerful. But opinions can easily be divorced from aspects of reality because opinions are rooted in your experiences, and your experiences are continuing to develop all the time.

As I'm sure you've been reminded by others, "Opinions, are like assholes. Everybody's got one." What that maxim suggests is that opinions shouldn't be revered. They're dirtier than you might think. And the reason for that has a lot to do with the thoughts and feelings that fused together with new experiences to create opinions. Over time, you'll discover that creating opinions out of thoughts and feelings becomes so easy that you don't even need new experiences to validate your opinions. You find you have opinions readymade about everything.

Straight men and women typically divorce themselves from one another in court as mindlessly as they divorce themselves from themselves every day of their life. But the reason they can do so is because of their easy access to opinions. Any anguish they may have to go through, they simply drown in blame or gender shame.

It doesn't really matter who people blame, so long as they can end their anguish like an unwanted kitten in a pail of water. Most young people have little tolerance for anguish because they've been through so little of it compared to older people. People build a tolerance for anguish over time. Rather than avoid anguish and end it at all cost, they learn, instead, to endure it.

Anguish is a moral condition that leaves your head, heart and conscience in conflict. Anguish is a form of suffering that's a condition of the soul, not the head or heart. Anguish is derived from thoughts and feelings that have led to false opinions. Anguish can be described algebraically as follows:

$y > x^1$	Men $\{y\}$ are greater than women $\{x^1\}$.
$y > x^2$	The man in men $\{y\}$ is greater than the woman in men $\{x^2\}$.
$x^1 > x^2$	The woman $\{x^1\}$ in women is greater than the woman $\{x^2\}$ in women $\{x^1\}$.
$x^2y > x^2x^1$	The woman $\{x^2\}$ in men is greater than the woman $\{x^2\}$ in women.
$x^2yx^1 > 1$	The woman $\{x^2\}$ in men and women is greater than GOD/GOD/ <i>God</i> .

These formulas explain why it was Eve $\{x^2\}$ and not Adam $\{y\}$ who was tempted by the serpent. If Adam had been gay, he wouldn't have needed his heart $\{x^2\}$ to collude with his desires $\{y\}$ in order to get him to disobey GOD. He would have conspired with his serpent $\{y\}$ himself. He would have skipped a step.

To this day, some men ask themselves why they should bother to put their heart $\{x^2\}$ into disobedience when they can be disobedient without feelings that may later contradict their efforts to get what they want $\{y\}$; feelings that may even get in their way? This is what's called a "hardened" criminal.

For those criminals who aren't hardened, whose heart $\{x^2\}$ colludes with their penis $\{y\}$ before their head gets involved, the secret to understanding anguish lies in those opinions that have clouded their logical assessments of what they've done. Their opinions about their GOD/GOD/*God* are, in some ways, wrong or inadequate. Therein lies the moral cause of their anguish with their autonomy.

Anguish, emptiness and onliness, which had only been implied as Adam's part in the fall, create the conditions that make it possible for men to disobey GOD to this day. It was only after Adam and Eve learned what they'd done to *themselves* that their anguish, emptiness and onliness rose to the surface of their conscious minds. It was only then that they needed to rid themselves of the consequences of guilt that lay in their heart and soul.

But this they were powerless to do alone. This required redemption. That's why it took mankind about 1,400 years before GOD came to this world to teach man to atone from his heart. That's why it took yet another 700 years before *God* came to redeem man in his soul.

When you unconsciously divorce yourself from parts of yourself, you create the conditions that will motivate you to behave immorally. You set yourself up for a harsh lesson in life. Therefore, you should conclude that with the reunification of your head, heart and soul you'll lessen the depth of the anguish, emptiness and onliness you created in the past.

My mother experienced the joy in having been reuniting with her mother (who survived concentration camp) and the anguish of her dying nine months later. My mother

experienced the joy of meeting and falling in love with my father three months after the War ended and the anguish of divorcing him fourteen years later. She experienced the joy of meeting her second husband at the age of 55 and the anguish of losing him to Alzheimer's 35 years later.

Thanks to GOD's grace and compassion she doesn't experience joy or anguish any longer. Not knowing who I am anymore when I call or visit is a profound gift HE's given her. It'll save her any more anguish, emptiness or onliness when she dies.

The man or woman who needs to divorce his/her husband or wife ought to feel less than whole inside. They ought to feel like a failure in matters of the heart, and, therefore, unwise and disloyal to themselves. They ought to think of themselves as lacking something they crucially need to go on living. They seriously ought to question whether their life is moving forward, backwards or sideways, cos things sure ain't lookin' up.

Separation and divorce should consciously mirror many separations and divorces a person has already gone through that s/he wasn't fully aware of, but that rises to the surface in the form of anguish at any time.

Agonizing, brooding, melancholy and moping are symptoms of another self-divorce in progress. When you discover that abandonment, ignorance and neglect by others mirrors the abandonment, ignorance and neglect you've perpetrated against yourself over a lifetime, you find yourself having to go through yet one more divorce. Divorce is, therefore, much more common than you might have previously wanted to admit. Divorce is "normal."

When you conclude that $y > x^1$ {a man's body is superior to a woman's} or $x^2 y > x^2 x^1$ {a man's inner world is superior to a woman's}, you create false opinions that develop into prejudices. You hurt your own feelings. Ultimately, you're going to hurt other people's feelings and GOD's if you don't struggle to resist those opinions.

Yes, GOD has feelings, too. If every man was made in GOD's image, then GOD must have thoughts, feelings, desires, opinions and beliefs just like the rest of us. And if it was HIS desire to imbue one man {Jesus} with awakened feelings for HIS way of thinking, then the rest of us ought to learn to take GOD's feelings into consideration in whatever we do.

When you come to the conclusion that your x^2 is greater $\{>\}$ than your spouse's x^2 , you're really saying that you may have an anus, but you have good reason to believe that you're less of an asshole than your partner. And that may well be true, but we can only *assume* you're correct about that. How can anyone know except by examining the facts impartially?...

The greatest evidence for the existence of GOD is guilt. Animals (with the exception perhaps of pets) don't feel guilty. They have no reason to. They simply mirror natural behaviors that we take to heart.

The Catholic Church has been grappling with divorce for centuries. They conveniently got out of the problem of the guilt associated with divorce by offering couples annulments instead. But whether you offer a couple a divorce or an annulment, you should learn to

recognize it as an external expression of a lifetime of annulments and divorces from yourself that you'd like to mend so as to improve your opinion of you with yourself.⁹³

You could say that my first suicide attempt was my attempt at annulment, and my second was an attempt at divorce. Both were ways of telling myself that I didn't want any more to do with me. If you think a *Muslim* terrorist isn't saying the same thing about himself when he straps on a bomb, I think you're mistaken. The only difference between him and me is that he's expecting *God* to reunite the bits and pieces of himself, while I didn't suffer from that desire, expectation and presumption.

Divorces can lead to reunifications and reunions if you're willing to be honest with yourself at every step along the way. If you can face your feelings with sincerity, you can get past your most recent divorce from you. And if you can create greater loyalty and faith in yourself as the result of how you took action within through self-witnessing as you were going through your most recent break up, you may be rewarded with a wonderful reconciliation {death} at a time of *GOD*'s choosing.

The outer world has changed pretty rapidly over the course of the last 1,400 years, and the inner world of man has obviously been changing at the same pace. *GOD* doesn't divorce *HIMSELF* from us in either of our two worlds, whether or not we divorce parts of our selves from ourselves or even whether we ever get back together.

Annulment and divorce are forms of separation we justify by calling them "irreconcilable differences" that make it impossible for two people to continue to participate in each other's lives. I'm not suggesting divorce is something you should or shouldn't be ashamed of. I'm simply suggesting that if you took the concepts of annulment and divorce to heart, you could learn a lot more from what you've been through with others that you could apply to yourself.

It's not that hard to recognize those in public who've lost their mind; those who have heart problems; and those who are lacking a soul. I speak about these inner disconnects as divorces we can all identify in others. But these disconnects also mirror the divorces we see in extremists in the Abrahamic faiths. And they mirror the divorces we'd see in ourselves if we were more honest with each and every one of our selves. P.T.P.S.D. {Post, Traumatic, Personal, Stress Disorder} isn't a good excuse for ignoring any aspect of yourself.

Opinions about others are sometimes right and sometimes wrong. But they're always powerful. And this is because opinions are combinations of thoughts and feelings about

⁹³ Suicide is the most obvious, poetic expression of annulment or divorce of your being that you can express in the world we share. The man or woman who chooses death over life is either in great pain or suffering terribly inside {or, perhaps, both}. I'm not suggesting suicide isn't an option you shouldn't have a legal right to employ. I'm simply describing suicide in terms you may not have considered. As a suicide survivor and the child of divorced parents, I know from personal experience what I'm doing when I put suicide in metaphoric terms that compare and contrast suicide to the end of a match made in "heaven" that went all to "hell."

ourselves that we create to validate our ability to draw conclusions about the meaning of life. Opinions hold us together like glue no matter how many times.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* can only agree on the perversion of the LGBT+ community and the sin of divorce because they see women as property and gays as in league with the devil. These are opinions they all have in common.

Hyper-religious women are purchased by their husband through marriage and sold with divorce. They're chattel. They're cattle without a saddle on their back or a bit in their mouth. This opinion of woman makes it possible to maintain the formulas: $y > x^1$ {men are greater than women} and $y > x^2$ {penises are greater than anuses}. This maintains religious stability for people who don't want to have to think critically or deeply.

JEWISH^u, CHRISTIAN^u and *Muslim*^u men^u don't want women to have the power to divorce or end a pregnancy because both actions negate their^u vitality and virility. What's more, it gives everyone the impression that female anuses are as powerful as male anuses, something there can be no doubt is literally true. And hyper-religious men certainly don't want any pervert telling their^u women more about *how* they think than they^u want them to know. They^u behave like thought police. They know that all the controls are in your head.

Telling Adam there was a tree in the middle of the garden that he shouldn't eat from was practically an invitation. And telling young, unmarried Jewish men in Leviticus that it's an abomination to have sex with men was no less provocative. A bull won't charge a matador if he isn't waving a red cape in its face. It makes ya wonder what GOD knows that you don't...

Letting the Jews out of the ghettos of Europe in the 19th Century; and then letting them out of the concentration camps in the 20th Century gave the African-Americans the model they needed to get themselves out of the ghettos of American cities. This set the stage for gays pursuing marriage equality to get us out of the prison we were sentenced to for life that we called a "closet." These aren't just signs of what modern people think of the heroic efforts of Jews, blacks and gays. It's a celebration of what humanity thinks of itself.

If you can't celebrate us {Jews, blacks and gays}, we know it's because you can't yet celebrate all of your selves. You're still crazy after all these years. By now you should be able to perceive that the parts of you that are invisible to you can only be revealed to you by yourself. Revelations from the outside in are a form of rape.

What's missing in you has to be imagined by you. GOD created you in HIS image, meaning HE created you with potential {thoughts, feelings and desires}. But you developed your opinions all on your own. The stronger the opinion, the deeper the belief. For your beliefs you'll be rewarded and punished every day of your life.

Although you may tell yourself you don't keep close track of your thoughts, your head knows otherwise. It's been compromised many times in many ways. And although you may tell yourself you haven't kept close track of your emotional losses, your heart knows otherwise. It, too, has been compromised. These compromises are the basis for many of your negative opinions. You accommodate your head and heart in your conscience with opinions in order to live with yourself without undo struggle. This, too, is why you need to strive for an Israel {struggle with GOD} within.

You are like Mohammad. You are like a camel driver. Your body is your camel. And you can go long periods of time through the desert of external reality without a drink. But you can't go forever. You need to find oases. You need to quench your thirst for evidence of GOD.

The reason you've read this far in these books is because you've been so thirsty for so long. And every time you have to stop reading because your eyes have filled with tears, it's because you've drunk so much that you're temporarily full. The excess has had to spill out over through your eyes. You're verklempt. The journey through anger, anxiety, fear, jealousy/envy, mystery and sorrow has brought you to joy. And so you rain down on the land within you to replenish it. Your cup {body} runneth over.

There are seeds in the soil of your being. These seeds will germinate thanks to the mourning dew. This is proof positive that there is an Israel in you, a potential garden if you're willing to do GOD's work yourself with HIM as your guide.

Once you've stopped trying to kill (#6), cheat (#7), steal (#8) and lie (#9) to yourself in order to magnify your faults so you can see them in the external world, you're going to want to face all the ways in which you project your jealousy and envy (#10) onto others to avoid looking at what you've had to sacrifice to be in the relationship you now have to endure within you.

Being with you for a lifetime will ultimately become harder than you ever could have at first imagined. You may know that as a premise, not for a fact, but I'm sure you're sure I'm right. I shouldn't have to impress upon you that familiarity breeds contempt.

The best you can do is to look closely at all your opinions to determine if there's anything you can do to move deeper within than your presently believe. This is the subtle, inner reorganization that turns beliefs in GOD/GOD/God into a belief in GOD. This is what turns a conscience into a soul.

Your grandparents lived in a village in a valley. They walked everywhere, but there wasn't far to go. And so their legs were strong. Your parents lived in a city with seven hills. They, too, walked everywhere, but there was much further to go. And so their legs were even stronger.

But you live in a megalopolis. You walk up and down skyscrapers every day. You're a mountaineer by comparison. Therefore put more faith in yourself and the next generation.

To get from the Ten Commandments up to Christ's two Commandments, as though walking up a flight of stairs to the next story, you're going to want to clean up the compromises you made in life. You can't "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY SELF/LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY SELF" if you divorced yourself from you and didn't even let yourself know that the two of you had been separated. Until you settle the score from deep down within, you're going to lay blame around you. And that's often externally expressed as disgust with all three of the Abrahamic faiths, with life, with GOD/GOD/God or disgust with some others such as blacks, gays and Jews.

Moses told the Jews to love their neighbor. Jesus told HIS disciples to love their neighbor. And the Muslims tell themselves to love their neighbor. But the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are all having problems getting along with all their neighbors

now that the world has become so multicultural and small. So much culture, but still so little love. What could be the problem?...

I think the Prophet Muhammad is bringing us to see that it's not possible to love your neighbors when they behave badly toward you. But what is possible is to learn from them.

I can't tell you why **GOD** gave you the neighbors you have. But I can tell you that if you look at them as classmates in something resembling a school rather than as siblings in something resembling a family, you won't have to like the way they behave. You could simply ask the Teacher why **HE** wanted you to be seated next to them in class. That would be a better question that might lead to a better answer about how to deal with all neighbors.

Are you going to yearn to return to those primitive days more than 2,000 years ago when **JEWS** were still so ignorant that they insisted on killing and sacrificing animals to **GOD** to assuage themselves of their guilt and sins? Or, are you going to add symbols and similes to metaphors and join the 21st Century?

The last thing we need on the Temple Mount are **JEWS** sacrificing goats or *Muslims* parading around with guns. It's vital that the Dome of the Rock becomes a sign from man to **GOD** that we're able to civilize ourselves, slowly, but surely.

The rock on the Temple Mount holds the externalization of what's produced in your left testicle or ovary. If Abraham didn't sacrifice Isaac on that rock thanks to the intervention of the Archangel Gabriel, **JEWS** can use that place as a reminder of their ascension into **GOD**'s presence. **CHRISTIANS** can use that spot as a reminder of where Jesus communed with **HIS FATHER**. And *Muslims* can use that site as a launching pad to "heaven" and give up the launching pads where they have missiles aimed at the Holy Land. We should all learn to commune with **GOD** about **HIS** designs for us individually and collectively.

GOD not only knows what you don't think about. **GOD** knows why you don't think about the things that escape your concern. **HE** may allow you to become more involved with such matters as you prove your ability to sacrifice yourself for the sake of yourself, not for **HIM**. Sacrificing yourself to others for **HIS** sake is like killing animals and burning them on an altar to show **HIM** your wisdom in overcoming your guilt by spilling blood. That makes no sense anymore. By now you should know better.

Marriage to another person is a reflection of the lifelong marriage your thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires ought to be achieving with themselves using your entire body. Your outer marriage to another person is just for practice. It should be seen as a mirror of your inner marriage to help guide you.

But don't get me wrong. We all have to figuratively dig through our colon from the inside out and all that unpleasant, undigested, spiritual food in there to come out the other end happy with our choices in life. We're all doing the same thing inside even though we don't like to talk about it in polite society.

People don't mind talking about what they like to eat. They don't mind eating in public or even admitting publicly that they sometimes eat privately while standing over the kitchen sink or in front of the open door of the refrigerator. They don't mind sharing recipes, favorite restaurants or revealing those comfort foods they indulge in the most.

But try to talk to them about spiritual food, problems with spiritual digestion or their desires to imbibe nourishment from an unconventional spigot in the human body, and all "hell" breaks loose. Suddenly, they're figuratively anorexic, bulimic or dieting. Suddenly, they look at you as though you're a pervert, an animal, an alien or a creature from a black lagoon...

GOD chose the CHOSEN PEOPLE. GOD chose the CHOSEN PEOPLE. And *God* chose the *chosen people*. Isn't it about time that everybody chooses to work at marrying himself and stop divorcing himself from himself? Spiritual subtraction doesn't work.

Those aspects of your partnership to someone you no longer like, but still love, are mirrors of aspects of your relationship with yourself you haven't yet been able to see and learn to morally negotiate any better than you can now. If your partner cheated on you; disrespected you; or wanted something from you that you couldn't give – you were attracted to someone who did to you what you weren't able to see that you were doing to yourself. Now you can see more. Get on with the lesson inherent in the message. Forgive, but don't forget. Make peace with yourself, not war with others.

Palestinians will always be welcomed guests at our table provided they learn to eat with the table manners set by Civil Age in which we live. If they want to appreciate the gifts of the Passover and our subsequent journey to freedom, we'd be happy to explore the self-emancipation of Muhammad over a pleasant repast.

If they'd like to rent space in our house {the West Bank}, they're welcome to do so. But as renters, they aren't going to have the same rights as owners. If they'd like to lease land, arrangements can be made. But a two-state solution would mean selling some of our land, and a one-state solution would give away ownership of a part of Israel that GOD gave only to us. That would be a divorce from GOD of unspeakable proportions. Therefore our land will never be for sale. Those living on Jewish land will have to come to terms with Jewish landlords and all that that entails about reality.

No one should forget the 38th celebration of Passover that took place in the 39th year of the Exodus that brought the ancient Israelites to the west bank of the Jordan River. That's described in the Book of Numbers. It was with Joshua #1, not Moses, that the Israelites crossed over into Canaan, and it was in that river that the Joshua #2 {Jesus} was baptized, 700 years before Muhammad was even born.

Embarrassment of your body should lead you to modesty. Shame of your character should lead you to humility. And humiliation before **GOD** should lead you to a deeper relationship with yourself through greater self-intimacy. All aspects of guilt should lead you to seek justice for all {not revenge on those you have a low opinion of}. This is why GOD's gift only to the Jewish people {Israel} is vital when discussing every moral issue everywhere in the world.

But instead, people fulfill their prophesy of the value of their life in accordance with their own "big" picture. First they fu[screw]ck themselves up, and then they fu[screw]ck themselves over. And in doing so, they're figuratively raising a fist to their "God" in

defiance of the importance of truth and beauty. They throw the baby {their hard-earned blessings} out with the bathwater.

“The Road to Damascus” refers to a sudden turning point in one’s life. It’s in reference to the conversion to Christianity of the apostle Paul while literally on the road to Damascus from Jerusalem. Prior to that moment, he had been called Saul and was a Pharisee who persecuted followers of Jesus.” [Wikipedia]

“The Road to Damascus” is also a figurative turning point in your relationship with yourself. But look at that literal road and that literal city today. The American, Iranian, Iraqi, Israeli, Lebanese and Russians armies have drained the tub of the Syrians. What’s the BABY going to do without HIS bathwater? Should you double down and throw out every baby as well? Surely in this there are signs from GOD/GOD/*God*.

People’s opinions of GOD couldn’t be clearer, and yet they dare HIM to give them more signs. They’re not willing to look at the signs they’re getting. If I were GOD, I, too, would work very cautiously, carefully and inconspicuously in people’s lives. IT wouldn’t want to upset them when it came to their opinions of ME. IT wouldn’t want them to develop worse opinions about life on planet Earth. IT’d keep them in the dark and let sleeping dogs lie, despite all the truth and beauty to be found in life.

The word “*islam*” means “submission.” But the *Muslims* are the least submissive people on the planet. And JEWS only submit to other JEWS and CHRISTIANS to other CHRISTIANS. You’d think the three of them thought the word “submission” and “surrender” were the same words.

The humiliation you must experience for the sake of your destiny should be voluntary, not imposed on you by anyone, least of all by GOD. You should bring humiliation upon yourself because you’re a part of a spiritual, operating system you want to contribute to.

Others can embarrass you until you’re more modest. They can shame you until you’re more humble. But they can’t humiliate you. Humiliation has to be done to yourself before GOD. It has to happen entirely on your own. And if you’re not willing to humiliate yourself, you’ll get just what you deserve for your lack of self-loyalty.

The grace that comes of self-humiliation will make your intimacy with you all the more special. Having a soulful relationship with yourself makes you someone who is more good today than you were yesterday. But it doesn’t make you any better than anyone else. It’s always and only an inside job.

Therefore you’ll want to further develop your partnership with GOD to achieve the degree you seek in the school of life. Either you choose to move up to this level of need to consciously guilt yourself with self-humiliation, or you’ll remain in this world embarrassing some others, shaming your faith and finding yourself in uncomfortable situations that deepen your disgust and resentment of life.

The journey back from the projection of yourself out in world to your world within can be accomplished without conscious awareness of GOD's help, but only up to the point of shame. Everyone comes to a crossroad sooner or later in which he has to decide whether he's going to go forward alone or in GOD's company. Self-humiliation separates the true believer from the agnostic. And don't get me started when it comes to atheists. They don't even have a clue what I'm talking about.

The "prove to me YOU/YOU/*You* exist" attitude of the agnostic is already a sign of a bad attitude. You're going to want to prove to *you* that *you* exist. This will expand, advance, evolve and progress your approach to GOD. I know that sounds so complicated that it's almost a Catch-22, but that's why there's still a one more book in this series.

GOD allowed Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit to help them break their projection of knowledge as something that comes only from the outside in. And then, for the first time, they experienced guilt, something that happens only on the inside.

What the Prophet is alluding to with divorce in this surah is an ability to move through evil inclinations to unity and harmony in both your worlds. The more you can admit how you've divorced you from yourself, the more you can repent for your misunderstandings, misgivings and mistakes. Not all opinions of you are either good or bad. You have to examine them to find out. But, when you do, I can promise you that you're going to discover that you need a very well-developed conscience to sort out your opinions from your beliefs to derive the whole truth.

Without truth and beauty life has no meaning. Sensations in the extreme as described using the words "pain" and "pleasure" will leave you with reasons to annul your relationship with yourself and divorce you from your body.

But a marriage is a contract. And contracts can be broken, but only if both parties negotiate and come to an agreement on the terms of their separation. Otherwise broken contracts create bad blood. We have lawyers and religious leaders to help us with the terms of many kinds of external dissolutions of contracts.

But if you intend to use matters of menstruation to determine the timing of your divorce, you'll truly insane. The Prophet Muhammad was a sex addict. You don't go to a sex addict for advice on marriage.

Your WORD/WORD/*Word* has to be good if you're going to break a contract you made with yourself a long, long time ago. But your WORD/WORD/*Word* can't be good if you break it without consideration for every aspect of your wellbeing. And that may require changing an opinion you may have held for a very long time about you; not something that's easy to do. That may bring up feelings of humiliation.

When people are in acrimonious relationships with one another, it may mirror a greed, lust or provocation that, sooner or later, they're going to want to face in themselves. Acrimonious relationships may mirror a disconnect between what you once wished for and what you now want. Renegotiating a contract with yourself while renegotiating a contract with another party isn't easy to simultaneously do.

The parties involved in an inner divorce are your head and heart in the presence of your conscience. But the ongoing transfigurational process that you're going through will slowly

turn your conscience into a soul if you make the most dignified and noble of choices about what you think and feel. The more faith you have in yourself, the deeper your transfiguration will be and the more success you'll achieve internally. This will, of course, fill your cup until it overflows into the external world. But you can't believe that on faith. You have to experience it for yourself.

The penis problem or clitoris conflict you're having with your partner {over what the two of you want} may be a reflection of a penis problem or clitoris conflict you're having within yourself {over what you're obsessing on}. If you can't take divorce personally, you deserve to stay with your partner and suffer. And if you think you're simply going to trade their penis or clitoris in for a newer, bigger and better one: guess again. The genital problem you've got is the genital problem you're taking with you into your next relationship if you don't work on your anal issues here-and-now.

My former partner and I didn't just break up because he had sex outside the agreed upon monogamous bond we'd negotiated 14 years prior. We'd divorced ourselves from ourselves a long time before we dissolved our domestic partnership.

Fortunately, in the seven years between our breakup and me meeting my present partner, I learned to thank me, apologize to me, and support me in all those ways that my first partner wouldn't and I couldn't. And that has made my relationship with my second partner one founded upon witnessing rather than surrendering. In the first relationship, I was developing a conscience. In the second, I've been unfurling my soul.

Facing your opinion of yourself can be more unpleasant than sodomy for a straight man with a tight ass. It can feel like you're being violated, screwed over and discarded in a way that you believe you shouldn't have to endure. It can feel utterly immoral. And there isn't a lubricant in the world that will turn it into a smooth move.

Turning Muslim opinions around with regard to Israel is going to feel like sodomy for *Muslims*. They're going to cry out to *God* in "heaven" for the injustice of what they're having to go through. So try to break the truth to them gently. Vaginal bleeding is a normal, monthly experience for sexually mature women. Rectal bleeding is painful and frightening for one and all.

It simply amazes me how easily some people can give up one opinion of themselves in favor of another. I think it's miraculous! All it takes is for them to find that one good reason they've been looking for all their life for them to give themselves permission to change. Unfortunately, no one else can know what that reason is.

Your life is like a contract that was signed when your x^1 or y came together with your x^2 . What we call the mystery of creating a life is an agreement two parties made {your parents} that you're doing the best you can to fulfill in your own way. In that sense, inner acrimony or a desire for a separation, annulment or divorce, is commonplace, although extremely, figuratively painful.

Hopefully with each annulment, break up, divorce or time out, you'll come to change some opinion of you that will make your suffering worthwhile. Hopefully you'll become more soulful.

Everyone wakes up some days feeling divorced from himself and in need of new vows. That's "normal." Everyone does soul searching. Everyone wishes he were dead at those moments when being alive feels more absurd, contradictory, enigmatic, paradoxical, puzzling and just too taxing than he can bear.

Everyone feels at times that he's been unnaturally penetrated, tampered with and violated in an unholy way. This is precisely why **GOD** needs gay people. We understand the process of changing opinions better than anyone else, especially the opinions of those assholes that are particularly up tight.

The kind of divorce I'm talking about is the level of loathing and self-hate that led me to attempt suicide. That wasn't normal. That was the result of a level of break up with myself that requires harmony and unity on a scale of Biblical proportions.

Renegotiating the terms of your agreements with yourself is the whole purpose of the Quran. And nowhere in the Quran is that more evident than in this surah because the Prophet had just such an inner struggle due to problems with his own sex life.

Women in his day had virtually no power except for the power men allotted them, (which was next to none). Therefore the topic of divorce then was even more loaded than it is today. Today, our Judeo-Christian culture is slowly acquiescing male domination over society (although, not without a fight).

This struggle is happening at an even slower pace in the Muslim world than it is in the Catholic world. For today's Muslims to modernize their thinking, they're also going to want to modernize their feelings, opinions, beliefs and desires. Their inner forces are going to need to become more aware of their connection to more of the voices within them at ever-deepening levels of dialogue.

As today's *Muslim* nations are collapsing in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia; as animosity toward *Muslims* increases worldwide; and as their people are rushing out of their countries to find refuge in the humanity of those in other places – the increasing suspicion of their acrimonious relationship with *God* will become ever more evident.

We, Jews, went through something similar in the years following the Holocaust. When my parents separated in 1959 and divorced in 1960, they didn't talk about their breakup in religious terms [although my father later told me that he secretly blamed my mother's father {Protestant} for their marital acrimony]. In essence, he divorced from her father's **GOD**, and she divorced from his father's **GOD**. But when my father was ready to marry again about seven years later, he asked my mother to get a JEWISH divorce so he could marry his third wife in a JEWISH marriage. (Begrudgingly, she did.)⁹⁴

My parents didn't think about me as a child of a religiously broken home. But I sensed that their tears of disappointment and resentment were much more bitter than anything having to do with irreconcilable differences of opinion. Their disappointment with each other mirrored a disappointment in **GOD** that they couldn't put into words. And who wouldn't have great expectations followed by agonizing disappointment after having survived the Holocaust?

Because my mother was Jewish (because her mother was Jewish), but Christian, too, because her father was Christian, she held a modern view of life that my Eastern European,

⁹⁴ When I mother remarried 17 years later, it was to a man whose father had been Jewish and whose mother had been Christian. This was the balance between her Christian father and Jewish mother that made for their match one they believed was made in "heaven."

Jewish father couldn't reconcile himself to. GOD worked in the first half of the 20th Century
GOD
in Europe and America in mysterious ways.

When you've been through great hardship, it's likely you're going to act out your resentments against innocent others. Those who've been through the same sort of trauma are especially prone to hurt the same groups of people for reasons that you and I may not be able to perceive as reasonable. ⁹⁵ But precisely because we all know that our arm's too short to box with GOD, we box with one another. ⁹⁶

It wasn't until my former {Jewish} partner and I separated and we dissolved our domestic partnership agreement {there was no marriage equality in America in those days} that the concept of having suffered a divorce as great as my prior suicide attempts and my parents' divorce came home to roost.

I began to sense that the conclusions I'd held most of my life about love and devotion had been based on my experiences in childhood when my parents were still together. My own encounters with love and devotion took me out of innocence to experience, later making it possible for me to become the guiding light in my life.

Looking back, I can now see that I'd divorced myself from me long before I attempted suicide in the 70's or separated from my boyfriend in the 2000's. That's why I said before that psychiatric pills will only work temporarily. If you don't choose to face the music, you won't be able to whistle the tunes. You'll whisper *soto voce* what should be pronounced out loud with pride.

Because my relationship with GOD hadn't been defined by religious training in my youth, it hadn't much mattered to me that I'd been out of touch with GOD. It had always felt like We'd never been formally introduced, anyway. With the overwhelming evidence that two suicide attempts and a long history of mental illness left me with, it became evident that I'd been divorced from me for a very long time. Separating from romantic paramours, quitting jobs, leaving town and breaking bones just mirrored that schism.

After my former boyfriend and I broke up, the only thing real I could honestly say about myself was that I felt emotionally hanged, drawn and quartered. ⁹⁷ In fact, that seemed more

⁹⁵ Many latent homosexuals end up becoming leaders of gay conversion therapy programs and religious institutions because they're struggling with GOD, and don't know it. Some have to divorce their wife or their faith to find the authenticity they'd avoided.

⁹⁶ "Your Arms Too Short to Box with God": A 1976, Broadway musical based on the Book of Matthew. [Wikipedia]

⁹⁷ "'To be 'hanged, drawn and quartered' comes from a 1351 statutory penalty in England for men convicted of high treason, although the ritual was first recorded during the reign of King Henry III {1216-1272}. Convicts were fastened to a hurdle, or wooden panel, and drawn by horse to the place of execution, where they were hanged {almost to the point of death}, emasculated, disemboweled, beheaded and then quartered {chopped into four pieces}. Their remains were often displayed in prominent places across the country, such as London Bridge. For reasons of public decency {!}, women convicted of high treason were, instead, burned at the stake.'" [Wikipedia]

than honest. That seemed like an exceedingly sincere description of how I felt because, inside, I was filled with a mixture of embarrassment and shame that produced enormous sorrow combined with very low self-esteem. With that meager amount of authenticity to work with, I knew my priorities had to lie with improving my relationship with me, not in going faith shopping for “Him.”

In a sense, the whole thrust of the Quran for those willing to embrace the modern world can be summed up in the struggle the Prophet had with divorce, and how modern men can deal with this struggle much better than Mohammad fared in his day.

“Prophet
{and you believers},
if you divorce your wives,
divorce them at the end of their waiting period.
Compute their waiting period and have fear of God,
your Lord.
You shall not expel them from their homes,
nor shall they go away
unless they have committed a proven lewd act.”
[65:1]

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What the Archangel Gabriel describes as “*the waiting period*” is the nine-month period of human gestation. So the first thing GOD commands Muslim men to do if they want to divorce their wife {wives} is to wait until their wives are no longer pregnant. This can be seen as a blessings for these women.

But it can also be interpreted as a curse because Muslim women aren’t heifers that Muslim men are considering selling.⁹⁸ When Muslim women become pregnant, they don’t

⁹⁸ “heifer”: young, female cows before they’ve become pregnant. If you’re a woman who doesn’t believe that women should be allowed to have abortions, perhaps it’s because you see yourself as a heifer and your unborn child as a calf. But whether you’re a male or female opposed to abortion, you don’t own anybody other than your own. And if you believe the

suddenly become like cows. And their sons don't suddenly become like calves that their mothers are hoping will grow up to become like other bulls.

Looking at family relationships through the eyes of ownership of women and children treats human beings like chattel. That may have been necessary hundreds of years ago when people still lived tribal lives and associated their life with the life of their livestock. But those of us who live in cities aren't going to identify with cattle or as chattel. Those days are over!

We've refined our familial relationships beyond that stage in our moral development.
⁹⁹ Most Muslims have matured their interpretation of family values through secular education or by living abroad. Once you figuratively leave the farm, you may literally go back, but you forevermore draw a spiritual and moral distinction between you, your family, pets and barnyard animals.

Granted, the relationship between people and pets has risen to an all-time high in this country. Pets are given the kind of attention and care people in other countries dream about receiving from other people. Even the 4-H club acknowledges a decency and concern for the wellbeing of farmyard animals that the poor in America don't yet receive.¹⁰⁰ When all women worldwide will be treated with the care and consideration the American cow receives, we'll be able to say that humanity's moral standards for people will have finally risen to a par with our pets and livestock.

*"When their waiting terms is ended,
either keep them honorably
or part with them in honor.
Call to witness two honest men among you
and give your testimony before God."
[65:2]*

state has the right to decide what will happen to unborn offspring, you're still living in a ranch setting in your mind playing COWBOYS and COWGIRLS. You're living out a Western genre movie. You're riding around on a horse {penis} or in a stagecoach {vagina}.

⁹⁹ Calling Jews pigs; calling gay men dogs; and treating Muslim women like heifers all fall under the same category: opinion. Such men see themselves as human beings, and they see women, gays and Jews as less than human. The same audacious opinion by CHRISTIANS is what's fueling the wars that have been going on between CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* for more than a 1,000 years. Converting to Judaism, Christianity or Islam doesn't make anyone human. Being human comes with hard work. You either roll up your sleeves and do the work, or you don't.

¹⁰⁰ "4-H is a U.S.-based network of youth organizations whose mission is 'engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development.' Its name is a reference to the occurrence of the initial letter H four times in the organization's original motto 'head, heart, hands and health' which was later incorporated into the fuller pledge officially adopted in 1927. In the U.S., the organization is administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)." [Wikipedia]

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Finding an honest man isn't so easy. Finding a sincere man is really not easy. And finding an authentic man is hard to do. So finding a man whose head, heart and conscience have been united into a soul to call as a witness is next to impossible. And finding two of them, even in the civilized day-and-age we think we live in, isn't worth looking for.

The problem with calling for two honest men is that men couldn't be trusted to take a woman's point of view then, and we can see by the number of men in America who are being murdered, accused of sexual assault, verbal abuse and even disrespect on the floor of Congress these days that many men can't be trusted today. Even many women no longer trust one another on many issues because so many women have only been taught to trust what their culture has entrusted them to believe.

Maybe more than a thousand years ago men may have colluded against women, and women, therefore, had to do so against men. But today, many men and women put their own interests above those of their gender or clan. Even what we call “culture” is changing. In essence, people are getting nearer to GOD. And they don't need other people's opinions to do so. Give testimony yourself before GOD.

There's no one on Earth who's genuine enough to face GOD without fear and trepidation. And there's no way any man can judge a woman's world from a woman's perspective. A tree of knowledge is not a tree of life even though they're both trees.

There can't be one law for men and another for women; one law for blacks and another for whites; one law for straights and another for gays. The hypocrisy we see in the justice system is a mirror of the hypocrisy each of us ought to endeavor to stamp out within ourselves.

We should all become more critical, as well as admiring, of ourselves the longer we live. At those moments when we contemplate divorce from ourselves; at those moments when in disgrace with what we've done to ourselves – we need to wait until the “*waiting terms is ended*.” We need to wait until our inner child is reborn again to feel proud of ourselves for each and every labor of self-love.

Every man knows the many cuts, slashes and stabs he's exacted upon himself to separate him from a part of himself he couldn't abide at one time. Therefore every man should be able to know what it feels like to keep himself honorably and to part with himself honorably.

There's a part of me that has struggled with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder {O.C.D.} all my life. My mind has obsessed on thoughts of cleanliness, order and organization while my feelings have expressed a compulsion to make the outer world look like I want my inner world to feel.

My mother taught me to accommodate that feeling through housecleaning. But I projected those thoughts and feelings I couldn't abandon through cleaning out onto other people, places and things in an effort not to have to feel them at all.

This has manifested itself as an aversion to confrontation, especially with men. Men have a history of reacting physically when your opinion of something they did is difficult for them to face. Because I concluded that I couldn't clean up anyone else's act, I walked away from many messy confrontations with those men in my life whom I expected would require more than a cursory straightening up inside.

Sadly, I had no idea how severely I suffered from the unconscious thought of escaping thoughts of how deeply insecure I felt. I was painfully aware of how poorly I held myself most of my life. But I couldn't figure out why or what to do about it.

I was the victim of a JEWISH-like head; a CHRISTIAN-like heart; and a *Muslim*-like conscience. I thought too much. I felt too little. And I avoided confrontation with people in inappropriate ways. Together, the three signify what was so messed me up about me. Although I behaved like a *Muslim* terrorist toward myself, thankfully, I didn't suffer from their dogmas about *God*.

I had to learn to protect myself from my own O.C.D. behaviors from the inside out. And the only way I could do so was to come to understand my projections at their source. Now I can see how O.C.D. I am. I can internalize my problems in ways I couldn't before. I no longer have to leave my problems hanging out in the external world like laundry where others can see my unmentionables drying in the wind.

Breaking through my projections by internalizing my issues was the only morally sound choice I had. It was the only way I could heal a very small part of this world. But there was simply too much sickness around me to handle my own illnesses without terror, rage and tears. I had to go within to solve my world's problems knowing that **GOD** would always bring me the challenges **HE** needs me to face to make each of my two worlds a little saner.

*"If you are in doubt concerning those of your wives
who have ceased menstruating,
know that their waiting period shall be three months.
The same shall apply to those who have not yet menstruated.
As for pregnant women,
their term shall end with their confinement.
God will ease the hardship of the man who fears Him."
[65:4] ¹⁰¹*

¹⁰¹ In those days, men married girls who had not yet begun menstruating. Child marriages were common in ancient societies. Today we call such men "sex offenders" and lock them up.

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Giving consideration to the menstruation term of a woman for the purpose of divorcing her is comparable to selling a heifer before it goes into heat. This may raise the value of a heifer, but it does nothing for the self-esteem of a human being. People were treated like cattle 1,400 years ago in the Quran the same way that slaves were treated like property 3,400 years ago in Torah.

The JEWS don’t speak about returning to slavery to fulfill Torah. {Although I think they simply haven’t addressed their feelings on this topic.} And the *Muslims* don’t divorce by keeping in mind their wives’ menstrual cycle. {Although I think they simply haven’t addressed their beliefs on this topic.}

These examples from Torah and the Quran bring up the ways in which gays are being viewed today in less than civilized parts of the world based on a Scriptural interpretation of sex that isn’t taken personally enough. I recently read that Brunei has just introduced a law to punish gay sex and adultery with death by stoning.

If you aren’t willing to touch yourself using oral expression of your imagination, you can kiss a graduation with a Ph.D. in “me” goodbye. You’ll be lucky if you get out of here with an elementary school diploma.

If you want to use outdated measurements to “value” women by separating them from men like barnyard animals; African-Americans by treating them like uncivilized slaves; gays by railing against us as perverts; and Jews by looking down on us as though we were rabid dogs – GOD is going to challenge you in ways that will embarrass and shame you. But whether you have enough sense to associate your punishments with your crimes is up to you.

GOD may have deemed it necessary a long time ago to teach people to treat one another like livestock because that was an improvement on the way things had been before. That increased the value of people to that of animals that held financial worth to the owner. Prior to that they’d treated people like dirt.¹⁰² We’ve moved much further along in our spiritual education since the “good ol’ days.” But we’re not there, yet.

Those of us who’ve been in class with the Teacher the longest {the Jews} have enjoyed the benefits and rewards of having civilized society one-third longer than the Christians and twice as long as Muslims. Some of us may have a point of view that’s richer than many

¹⁰² אָדָם {Adam} was made of אֲדָמָה {ADAMA: earth}, but that didn’t stop men from treating one another like dirt. The land today and people around us both have scars to prove it. These scars *within* us and *around* us should remind us of how we treat ourselves.

others. Let's see whose ego can handle that, and whose can't. But without a modern Judeo-Christian-Islamic education, you'll be lost in a JUDEO-CHRISTIAN-*Islamic* masquerade.

A regard for life means that the spiritual tests of those at the front of the room are going to have to be more difficult than what those at the back of the room are being tested on, even though it's based on the same curriculum. But everyone can succeed with his schoolwork if s/he understands what they're personally being asked to do, and then do it.

My family didn't promote the gift of life after surviving the Holocaust. Maybe it was survivor's guilt. Maybe it simply amounted to their families not having been able to celebrate life under the conditions they'd had to endure in the time they lived. I'm sure my parents' options were far better than their parents had been, as were mine.

Life may be a school, but my first tutors weren't the greatest students themselves in some ways if you compared them to my generation. My father's family was part of the 1% of Lithuania in those days. He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth which he never succeeded in extracting. And my mother, although raised by her working class parents to become a concert violinist, didn't follow through on their dream for her after the War.

Today, some privileged students are figuratively enjoying some classes they never expected to be enrolled in and may fail others they expected to sail through. Nobody can hope to be a straight-A student anymore. Nobody can believe in all the blessings of his institution of faith when the religious institutions have failed us all.

Just look at the body language of the next cleric, imam, minister, parson, pastor priest, or rabbi you see. You decide if the "I" in their "it" is modest, humble and gracious. You decide what you think you can learn from him.

Every man's x^2 was given to him by his mother. That means that your mother holds a secret about you that you may have to explore over a lifetime before you'll be able to fully appreciate it. For me, my maternal grandfather was Christian. And although it took me more than 50 years to explore what that meant to me, I think that exploration has become obvious. I'm very proud of my complex, religious legacy.

Man must search high and low for wisdom, but he must be submerged in love. Only once he learns to swim through love can he submit to learning to fly through loyalty. That's when he rises up to GOD bearing gifts.

But what gifts will you have to give HIM that you haven't first bestowed on yourself? Do you thank yourself? Do you compliment yourself? Do you commend yourself? Are you proud of yourself? How do you know? Do you every say so?

Many people today complain that their father was distant; that he was always working; that the two of them never developed an intimate relationship. Well, have you ameliorated that relationship by becoming close, comfortable, familiar, friendly, informal and intimate with yourself? Or are you just wallowing in self-pity?

Moses didn't make it into the Promised Land because he'd killed a man. Don't think you or I will do any better than he did after the way we've figuratively killed ourselves just to make a meager living to get where we wanted to go in the outside world.

Jesus only had to spend three days in "hell" after what HE was put through on Earth. {And apparently, HE only went to "hell" to help others get out of "there."} But the question of how to avoid "hell" altogether can't be answered by following Jesus.

The Prophet Mohammed tells us in the Quran about a way to avoid “hell” while we’re still here on Earth. You don’t have to repeat the sacrifices Moses or Jesus had to make. But you don’t have to indulge in sex addiction, either, as did the Prophet Muhammad, making it “hell” on Earth for so many.¹⁰³ You could learn from all three of Them by adding their experience to what you already know.

The word “אֲדֹנָי” {ADONAI}, is the generic term for “lord.” Y.H.V.H. Is really an acronym, not a name. GOD is nameless. Implying this first “name” for GOD {Y.H.V.H.} by calling HIM “ADONAI” is a form of respect. But it has personal implications if you don’t show respect for your own self-respect. Manipulating others to respect you isn’t the answer. If you want to hold your own name respectfully, you’d better be all that you can be to you. What greater gift do you have to give GOD.

Using Torah as a weapon against Jews is disrespectful and, therefore, an evil inclination if you do. If you can’t use your head to admire the good that people accomplish outside their bedroom door, you, obviously, need to learn more about GOD through others. Hence I say that the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are the most hateful people on the planet.

But they’re far from alone. You’re stuck in your head because your penis is blocking your neck. You’re stiff-necked {stubborn}, too. You’re using your penis to screw yourself over. And with a delivery device that you’ve come to believe is that big and powerful, you shouldn’t be surprised that your neck ended up becoming stiff and rigid in the first place.

The word “Jesus” {Joshua} is a great name to describe GOD. It means “savior.” Joshua was the first savior who brought the Israelites into the Promised Land. Joshua was the second savior who gave a later set of Jews a promise of another Promised Land above the clouds in the sky above their land.

But the CHRISTIANS ruined the word “Savior” with bad behavior. You don’t get to use love to excuse cruelty, power and greed. Nobody gets to use any of GOD’s names in vain.

The word “*Allāh*” is an equally good word to describe an aspect of GOD.¹⁰⁴ But the word “*Allāh*” sends shivers down the spine of Jews, Christians and many Muslims because

¹⁰³ Granted, I, too, had a motley sex life back in the day. But I was luckier than most in my generation in having survived the A.I.D.S. crisis without contracting the virus. It wasn’t survivor’s guilt alone that gave me an interest in Scripture. It was a love of life that had been enhanced through music and dance that made it possible for me to sculpt meaning out of thin air with my whole body. It was a love of learning that turned me into an English teacher. And it was a love of money and comfort that motivated me to pursue entrepreneurship in the business world. But I had no idea when I was young that honey, not money, was my ultimate goal.

¹⁰⁴ “*Allāh* is the Arabic name for our Supreme Being, from Arabic “*allāhu*,” a contraction of “*al-ʾIlāhu*,” from “*al*” {the} + “*ilāh*” {God} related to “EL OHIM” {a name for GOD used frequently in the Hebrew Bible that means the same}.” [Wikipedia]

of the disgraceful way that name has been misused, too. You don't get to use devotion to *God* to exonerate cruelty, power and greed, either.

To refill the words "Y.H.V.H.," "Jesus" and "*Allāh*" with hope, we're going to want to begin by recognizing the negative emotional affects these names for **GOD** are having on some people worldwide. But we've all heard quite enough from the Palestinians about the horrors of GOD. Let's let them sit and listen to the horror's perpetrated in the names of GOD and *God* for a while and see what sinks in.

The subtext of Torah is penis envy. Every man wants to be like a tall tree with a big, long snake in it that can tell it like it is. Every man wants to feel he can grow tall and branch out in those ways that will make the sky above him more meaningful. He wants to know that his roots go down deep to give him the feeling of being secure and grounded. He wants to be fruitful and multiply in those ways that he's asked to do so from within.

But when men speak, they often sound like talking heads without ears that can listen. They don't realize where they're missing in their head, let alone below the neck. To the inexperienced who haven't examined themselves deeply, it isn't possible to differentiate where the words of men are going, although we can all tell where they're coming from when sh[excrement] it oozes out of their mouth.

The cynical will tell you that men's words are streaming out of their penis like urine. The more enlightened will ask themselves whether men's words are coming from their head, heart or conscience. But we all know there's a tendency in everyone at times to let solid waste slip out of his lips...

The more realistic you become about the purpose of your life, the more you'll be able to bet on all men holding a marvelous, secret desire that they've learned to conceal {even from themselves}. Awakening to awareness of your tendency to deny aspects of reality in order to keep your secret a secret will actually make you more optimistic and hopeful about letting more of your secret out, even if it means humiliating yourself publicly. Hope will drive out your cynicism naturally over time. But you may need to look hard and long at your character defects to take those results personally.

"JUDGE NOT, THAT YOU BE NOT JUDGED. FOR WITH THE JUDGEMENT YOU PRONOUNCE YOU WILL BE JUDGED, AND WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU." [Matthew 7:1-2]

The Jews will be held accountable. Your head will be held accountable. Your body {y or x¹} will be held accountable. The contents of your body {x²} will be held accountable.

Your faith in yourself will hold you accountable to yourself, to say nothing of what **GOD** might have to say to you about how you've conducted yourself from **HIS** perspective.

Watching nature shows on TV to discover how males of different species attract female mates can be very insightful into the way **GOD** made you in **HIS** image. If you've been raised to observe sex through a telescopic lens {x¹ or y}, you're only going to see the external aspects of your reality in nature. You should learn to observe sex in other species through the figurative, microscopic lens {x²}. Then you can look at sex as an internal, unification process that teaches you to appreciate your reality in animalistic, human and

angelic way. Then your sex life should improve. Then you'll give up your fear of doing "it" in GOD's presence just as HE made you.

When you look at sex through the figurative, microscopic lens $\{x^2\}$, it's no longer about procreation. It's not even about recreation. It becomes about self-creation. It becomes about discovering how you can recreate what GOD is allowing to happen in having made you one of a kind. ¹⁰⁵

But the fawns just want to play. The bucks just want to show off that they can get it up. The stags are more interested in locking antlers to prove to one another that they can keep it up. Only the old stags that have had their share of dearest deer want to satisfy their visions. They know that the mystery of impregnating this world with visions only begins once you're struggling with your dreams before GOD, not just with does and fawns and bucks and stags.

Wishful thinking is useless, and dreams are a waste of your time. Become a visionary. That's when your relationship to your penis or clitoris will become personal. That's when your urges, desires, wants, lusts, needs and obsessions will slowly turn from wishes and dreams into hope in the flesh. Wake up bambino! You've got a lot of reasons to learn, earn and churn. ¹⁰⁶

When you awaken, you'll discover that many others, including your parents and siblings, have figuratively touched you in places they shouldn't have. They violated you. And in your effort to be loving and wise, you graciously decided to overlook the desecration of your faith in them. You may even be struggling to this day to bring that struggle to consciousness.

Without an imagination, you're lost in inner space. You're alone in the dark without a sense of up or down. This is an intolerable way to live once you've achieved inner orientation. This is the unexamined life Socrates said wasn't worth living.

I can't orient you in your inner space. I can only continue to give you the coordinates I'm using to communicate to you where I'm coming from. These coordinates are three-dimensional. They're made up of one metaphor, two symbols and 114 similes. But to locate where I am from within you, you'll need to open yourself up to guilt. ¹⁰⁷ You'll want to give up the notion of either being innocent or experienced. Only in this way will your life

¹⁰⁵ And again I say that it's not about anal sex. Anal sex is only a metaphor for what it's all about. You don't have to engage in anal sex to appreciate the metaphor of anal sex. You don't have to have been literally abused or violated to understand the concept of being abused or violated. But if you have engaged in anal sex or been abused or violated, that's nothing to be ashamed of.

¹⁰⁶ As I said before, we learn from our past, we earn from our participation in the present, and we churn over our future – or we don't.

¹⁰⁷ You don't have to get buried in guilt; drown in guilt; or fall from a great height due to guilt, as the religious would like you to think. But you ought to question your motives through every little thing you do. The more you can develop an interest in what's happening inside you without overreacting with an Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, the more you'll be able to embrace guilt for what it is: a sign of GOD's presence at all times.

become a school and cease being like an insane asylum. Only in this way will you overcome your anger, fear and pity about the unsolvable mystery of your life until the day you have to die.

Being real is time consuming. It's going to eat into your day. It's going to get in the way of your distractions. It may even cause you to gain or lose some weight. Tuition is real. Israel is real. Even you have the potential of becoming real.

There are commandments in the Quran, such as those in this surah that describe to you exactly how to treat women like chattel. These commandments should be crossed off your list of things to do. Torah gives detailed instruction on how to treat slaves. Modern Muslims and Jews ought to agree to move forward toward secular standards of competence and comportment externally, while admitting that everyone has to sometimes treat himself {y or x¹} like chattel internally. If you can't admit that there's an animal in you, you're full of bull sh[*twinkies*]it, and you should ask yourself what happened to the magnificent stallion with wings you'd hoped to become like.

It's not acceptable that you violate your trust as others violated you. It not acceptable that you touch yourself in ways that you wouldn't touch another person. Learning how to touch others comes from learning how to develop a sane and healthy intimacy with yourself. Would you expect it to happen any other way?

That means that marriage to another person ought to be seen primarily as a spiritual relationship that encourages you to come to know and love the loyalty of being with your selves as witnessed by another person whose opinions you care about deeply.

If you're thinking of getting married for the sake of your children not being called "bastards," you're missing the point of seeking a soulmate. Marriage to another person should be for practice in learning how to commit to yourself for a lifetime. Children should be for practice in conceiving, birthing and rearing your inner child. And the pressure not to produce a bastard should lead to a sense of guilt at how you may be measuring yourself grossly unfairly.

Children are secondary in a modern marriage. Nowadays many young people come together to come to know the child within themselves in a fun and agreeable way, not to populate the world. {There are more than enough people in this world!} They're drawn together to look for insight through self-intimacy shared with someone doing the same. Some choose to raise a family in addition to having a partner to share their life with. But their real partner lies within.

In societies where people don't fawn over one another with obsequies mannerisms; lock horns over penis problems; bare their claws over clitoris conflicts; or create social harems to accentuate their status and superiority of some over others – people treat one another more respectfully because they treat themselves more respectfully. They have greater insight into the beguiling voice of their penis or clitoris. They can raise and lower the volume of their chatty serpent or worm like a dimmer switch. And they can stay away from the mischief in their own anus. {They can keep their ego under control.}

They may decide to have a child with their partner, but more for the sake of learning about their inner child through raising a child. But they could, instead, buy a vanity mirror with a magnified side and a normal side, and thereby help reduce the population of this overly crowded planet.

Many old bucks in the Abrahamic, religious institutions hold their institutions, congregations and family like elk fighting over doe in their harem. Man's nature mirrors

Mother Nature. And this behavior isn't only obvious in Islam where these old bucks hold whole herds hostage. We see young bucks around the world fighting to take down old bucks. But young bucks aren't doing it only for doe anymore. Many are trying to save the planet.

What old stags understand about young bucks is that they worry about producing results they can be proud of. They want money in their pocket and prospects in their future. Young bucks want to be assured that their journey with **GOD** will be greater than their parents' journey with their GOD/GOD/*God*. We now live in a time when the possibility of making this into a world where people behave as though there's only ONE **GOD** has finally become a realistic possibility.

Muslims aren't livestock. Christians aren't angels with chicken wings. Gays and Jews aren't going to go and live on another planet. Better ways of solving social problems would come if you listened less to JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* and more to the voice of your conscience as it's striving to become a soul.

In Torah, what Abraham wanted was a lasting legacy for his progeny. He was too primitive to seek power over himself. His legacy now corresponds to our destiny or fate. His legacy corresponds to the stream of semen that flowed in the past that has made the present look as it does. That semen has flowed from father $\{y\}$ to son $\{y\}$ and daughter $\{x^1\}$ since the beginning of time. But his wives' legacies have also flowed from mother $\{x^2\}$ to son $\{x^2\}$ and daughter $\{x^2\}$. And these streams will continue to flow into the future, come what may.

This is a truth about life; something Abraham, Sara and Hagar didn't consciously understand, but which they intuitively knew. They saw their legacy to **GOD**'s cause just as you might see your penis or vagina as the figurative tool with which you're going to offer your donation to **GOD**'s cause.

Some men marry and divorce many times, producing children with each wife sequentially. Some Muslim and Mormon men secretly have more than one wife successively. But with the world population completely out of control, it's time for the bucks, stags *and* does to recognize their genital problems and get the population under control. I believe we're all going to suffer severe consequences if they don't.

Baby making especially creates hardships for women and children, to say nothing of what it's doing to the planet. A man who thinks he's doing **GOD**'s will in interpreting the fruits of his loins by leaving a trail of children behind on his journey should think twice about whether it's his will or his willy's will...

And women who think they have a biological urge to procreate are equivalently insane. A woman is an x^2 receptacle for an x^1 or a y . The gender of her progeny is completely determined by the man. Her x^2 contribution lies only with her mother and mother's mother, and is, therefore, of no importance in many a man's eyes. Therefore, she should decide for herself whether she'd prefer a child or a vanity mirror to look at herself more deeply. It's really an important question that many mothers only ask themselves once it's too late.

Dying without children by your side isn't the worst fate in life. Dying without you by your side is. If you don't have the courage to evolve, children aren't going to make that happen. Nothing is.

The gay stags who survived the culling of our herd during the A.I.D.S. epidemic have a message to bring straight men about penis problems. We have a new view of the purpose of man's penis that many of today's old bucks will vehemently buck. And those who are on the front lines of our culture war are in the transgender community.

Moving men out of the bovine mentality of treating people like cows, sheep and goats is the spiritual challenge of the time in which we live. Become more like a camel you can bring down to its knees, mount and then drive. Then you'll become more like Muhammad who literally drove camels. A man $\{x^2\}$ who admires women $\{x^2\}$ is a rare and valuable member of today's caravans.

Once you've married yourself and have working knowledge of the external relationship you've developed between your penis and your partner, you're going to graduate the metaphor of a deer in the headlights and move on to more interesting questions about what it means to be you for a limited amount of time here on Earth. You're going to see your figurative antlers as a unique halo, linking device, and not a ramming contrivance to butt up against others.

*“Lodge them in your own homes,
according to your means.
You shall not harass them so as to make life intolerable for them.
If they are with child,
maintain them until the end of the confinement;
and if,
after that,
they give suckle to infants they bore you,
give them their pay
and consult together in all reasonableness.
But if you cannot tolerate each other,
let other women suckle for you.”
[65:6] ¹⁰⁸*

¹⁰⁸ Lodge all your divorced wives and children in one home. Maybe that'll curb your desire to remarry and make more babies. Treat women as though they were twice as important as your own x^2 factor, not half as much. If you think you're going to impress GOD with your moral exceptionalism, believe me, HE's got a system in place to test you. If you see a man who treats women badly, you can be sure he's in denial of his own x^2 factor. The man who leaves here with a well-developed y and an unexamined x^2 should only expect to walk away

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The *words* of the Prophet make more sense the more sense you make of yourself. The *words* recited to the Prophet make more sense the more personally you interpret his *words*. Once you realize you’ve projected your desires and feelings out into the external world, (and specifically onto women), you may come to see how you may be battling bitterly to become a man who can acknowledge the woman within him and not a man who’s obsessed with having a woman always around him. You’re not an infant anymore.

To make peace with yourself and your Maker, personalize the Quran. To make your way from here to “there,” internalize WORDS/WORDS/*Words*. It would be better for you to observe how your nature has been secretly hidden in Mother Nature. You don’t have to resist the evidence of how you behaved in the past. Just watch yourself change, transform and transcend until you can see for yourself that you’re more evolved.

To become as honest as Moses; as sincere as Jesus; and as authentic as the Prophet Muhammad – you’re going to want to be genuine with yourself. You’re going to want to behave simply and without guile. You’re going to want to be the real deal.

It’s easier and harder to get into “heaven” than it looks. And if your imagination is developed enough, you should be able to imagine where you’re going to end up if you don’t.

Once you’ve loved yourself by reuniting your desires and feelings consciously to figuratively conceive an inner child, you’ll become modern. You’ll become capable of recognizing the difference between your lusts and passions. You’ll become capable of seeking moral equilibrium. Then you’ll be able to perceive yourself evolving on a daily basis. That will bring hope into each moment of each hour of each day.

Once you contemplate the astronomical clues given in the “heavens,” you’ll see how your mind {moon} revolves around your conscience {Earth}, and how the two of them revolve around your heart {sun}. Then your inner forces will produce insights that will alert you to personal clues to how your nature figuratively operates like “heavenly” bodies.

This astronomical metaphor will help you better appreciate the other planets in your solar system {those in your external world who revolve like gas giants in relationship to your heart}. You’ll be able to circumnavigate your inner world without getting lost in

from the school of life with, at most, the equivalent of an eighth grade education. He’s juvenile, at best.

space. And you'll figuratively look up to the footlights of "heaven," the nearby stars, the Milky Way and other galaxies {extended family, crowds and foreigners} as they shine down on the vast mystery of being you that was given to you.

This isn't astrology. This isn't even like astrology. Everything objective can be experienced subjectively if the spectrum of your feelings is both emotionally colorful and morally pure. We all have a mysteriously black {guilt-ridden} background like the night sky. What stands out from that darkness that we can see is what we're here to explore.

Learning about why you're here and not yet "there" can't happen until you can compare and contrast yourself to the natural world without getting superstitious, feeling small or arriving at the belief that you're inconsequential. That would only lead to depression and lack of confidence. If you weren't vitally important to this world, GOD could have put you in a test-tube and let you experiment with being you all on your own. Your presence here was requested because your presence here was required. But don't let your ego run your whole show.

Science should be like your right hand. Religion should be like your left. Use your left hand to assist your right. Don't fumble by doing what you're doing with one hand or the other. Don't mishandle the truth, or it'll slip through your fingers as did Israel in the past to Jews with our gift from GOD. GOD's has given you more to work with than our ancestors had in the past.

If you have a desire to get to know yourself, there's nothing inside stopping you from doing as you please. And if you don't have any desire to get to know yourself, there's nothing inside stopping you from doing as you please.

Masturbation isn't going to make that happen or prevent that from happening. Your relationship to all that's figuratively happening below your waist must be explored using everything above your waist without your hands.

You can be sure that your father "knew" your mother with his penis. He knew her carnally, but to the extent that he knew her intimately would, of course, depend on how deeply he knew himself intimately. Making babies has nothing to do with self-knowledge. People who go around proudly telling others how many children they have, have missed the point. Study leads to knowledge. Critical thinking leads to deeper knowledge. An indiscriminate sex life only leads to more and more data.

Collect as much data as you need to pursue knowledge. Amass enough knowledge to pursue critical thinking skills. And unify your critical thinking skills in an effort to produce wisdom. All your love and devotion to life depend on it.

The degree to which your father shared intimate knowledge of himself with your mother is also one of conjecture. Whether they really knew themselves intimately and shared that exciting discovery with one another surely defined the depth of the bonds of their love and devotion. If you're interested in the answer to that question (and can still ask them) you're luckier than some. But whether you were a love child, or not, you're still a child of GOD's love and devotion to you. There's hope that you can still discover more about wisdom, love and devotion than they did.

Your ability to achieve love and devotion to another human being will be yours to judge. But if you're single and are looking for a mate, I recommend you keep in mind that

the wisdom, love and loyalty with which you choose a partner will only become clear when you personalize those external experiences that are still causing you difficulty.

This is the job of your conscience. I can't tell you what's upsetting you. But you can. And in those ways that your conscience is leaking thoughts and feelings that you can consciously register, you can question your opinions. You can ask, answer and even ridicule yourself if you give you answers that are immature, disrespectful or harmful to your wellbeing.

If you don't know whether to believe what you believe, work out your opinions in your head. That's what your mind is for. Follow your opinions to their natural conclusions. Let your thoughts go wherever they want as you consciously watch how they make you feel. In this way, you can have your opinions internally while not acting on them externally. The temptation to express your opinions to others or about others is greatly overrated. This is one of the great benefits of the bounty of liberty before you come to self-emancipation.

The bond of every newborn with its mother is greater than the bond of husband and wife. The father of the baby only physically knew the baby's mother with his penis. The baby actually knew her with its whole body.

You knew your mother more physically intimately than even your father knew her because his penis only went into her vagina, while your whole body came out of her vagina {including your penis or clitoris}. You knew your mother in the most Biblical sense of the WORD.

The taboo of not knowing your mother a second time {incest} is predicated on forms of knowledge **GOD** forbids you from building upon. That doesn't mean you don't have that knowledge after having been born in the conventional way {i.e. not by cesarean birth}. It only means that in this instance you should stop with what little you know about your mother and pursue knowledge of yourself, instead.¹⁰⁹

Incest with your mother is the first argument made in Leviticus 18 to convince young men to take their vows of matrimony seriously. Once a young man agrees not to know his mother in the same way he's going to know his future wife, it's easy to get him to agree not to know the rest of his family members, neighbors, other members of his community, and men in general in the Biblical sense of knowing.

Sexual commitment to your spouse after matrimony is the lowest, but most profound, level of commitment between two people. The challenges they'll face after that are all predicated on them developing a bond by which each can trust the other's word.

The commitment of one man to one woman (or man) or one woman to one woman (or man) goes beyond traditional monogamy to the very essence of fidelity. Fidelity to your

¹⁰⁹ As a child born by cesarean, I have to admit that I didn't "know" my mother as other people "knew" theirs. **GOD**, in **HIS** infinite wisdom, chose to teach me from a distance what most others "know" unconsciously. Because I didn't know what they knew from birth, I'm privy to some aspects of self-knowledge they don't even know they know that I had to learn. I don't suffer the embarrassment with my mother that I see in those who came out of their mother's vagina.

spouse leads to loyalty in all human affairs. Fidelity and loyalty lead to a lifelong commitment of devotion to yourself and, through you, to GOD.

Once you've lost your virginity physically, and know another person in the sexual sense of the word, you can only find the virginity you lost through your emotions and spirit. Your mind has to continue forward by learning about your heart and soul, (or not).

You can stay locked up in your head and never come out. You can take mini-trips to your genitals without worrying about how that makes you feel or what it says about the meaning of your life. But coming to know yourself is a lifelong task that requires much more than a head or a heart or a soul or a penis or a clitoris.

Once you've picked forbidden fruit, you can never glue it back onto its stem. Once you've been circumcised, you can never take back that pain and the feeling of loss of protection. Once you've thought, felt, believed, wanted or desired something, you can never forget how it's affected you. You can only deny how you feel or admit it. You have to always move forward in time. You can never go back. Your journey is a one-way trip through time.

When you choose to deny the need for action and put a thought on a back burner you choose to avoid going to class. You choose to play hooky. One moment you're in school. The next moment you're elsewhere. And it all comes down to a thought you chose to acknowledge or deny.

Needless to say, the problem men have with keeping their penis in their pants isn't caused by a desire for sex with their mother or by latent homosexuality – but with man's ability to keep his word. He makes a vow before his "God" that he later chooses to break. His desires change over time, and so, he succumbs to lust, greed, power and autonomy. Whether or not he divorces his spouse, he may not have the honesty, sincerity or authenticity to realize that there has already been a divorce inside that he's going to have to choose to deal with externally in a manner consistent with the development of his conscience (or lack thereof).

Man's consciousness only changes when he realizes he knows more than he once knew. But there's a tendency to get cocky when he thinks he knows more than he knows, not realizing that GOD knew more than he knew and knows more than he knows now.

If you don't endeavor to look at yourself through HIS eyes, your imagination won't grow, and you won't see yourself any differently over time. We all need something absolute by which to compare the conditional, incomplete and inconclusive.

Don't sleep with members of either gender until you've slept with yourself. Don't marry before you're fully engaged in being yourself. Don't have children before you've raised your inner child to adulthood. We don't need any more babies making babies.

The cheater may never come to know the reason why his "God" let him succumb to temptation, thereby allowing him to break the 7th Commandments. He may come to know a great deal about life from the world around him, but he'll thwart his knowledge about his inner life if he behaves immorally. Your Israel is a moral struggle with yourself that will lead you to GOD. Therefore, make the word "Israel" come alive.

Without curiosity, apology and atonement for your sins, you'll never reach self-redemption. You'll remain lost in the masquerade. Intimacy with yourself will continue to

escape you until GOD decides that HE's willing to help you heal your conscience by turning it into a soul.

The 7th Commandment {adultery} is a serious sin because it adulterates your relationship with yourself. And this, in turn, adulterates your relationship with GOD.

In an effort to circumvent the problems associated with GOD's divorce from man, Christianity {100 C.E.} and Islam {800 C.E.} kept the Creation story as part of their belief systems. But they personified their penis {as satan}, thereby relinquishing themselves of personal responsibility for their desires. satan became the one to finger when things went wrong. But as that excuse faded over millennia, men found scapegoats around them to punish instead for their "bad" "luck."

Jews and gays have always been the classic scapegoats. We became the personification of man's shmucky behavior for those who didn't want to admit that they behaved like shmucks. And in that way, things haven't changed much, even today. ¹¹⁰

Once man's head knew better than to allow his penis to literally penetrate his family members, he was free to love his parents symbolically and express his loyalty to them figuratively without worry of incest. ¹¹¹

However, that plan for man became more complex when he realized his penis figuratively had a mind of its own. He could still screw his parents over in many ways without doing so literally. And he could allow himself to do even worse to strangers.

Although, obviously, GOD wouldn't approve of either.

This becomes a test from GOD based on every individual's ability to take his Scripture to heart. If you can't take Torah metaphorically, you'll never be able to examine Torah fully analytically. And then you can kiss all your interpretations of the Gospels and the Quran goodbye. You're stuck in the dead ends of literalism. And then, GOD only knows how you're going to turn around and make your way back from that linguistic detour.

The evolution of consciousness through moral ascension has been a long and arduous experience for mankind. It's taken both science, religion and **philosophy** to bring us where we find ourselves today. It ought to embarrass JEWS who still live in the closet. It ought to shame CHRISTIANS who've forced science to conform to religious creationism. ¹¹² And

¹¹⁰ Today, my shmuck is *my* problem, and yours is *yours*. You can't blame me for what you've done with *yours*, and I can't blame you for what I've done with *mine*. Each of us has our own delivery system. Each of us penetrates others and ourselves in our own way.

¹¹¹ As simple as that sounds, statistics from the Internet claim that one in three-to-four girls, and one in five-to-seven boys, are sexually abused before they turn 18, an overwhelming incidence of which happens within the family.

¹¹² "creationism" is the conclusion that the universe and living organisms originate from specific acts of divine creation that originate in the Biblical account from Torah, rather than by natural processes that include a combination of the evolution of the species externally and individual evolution internally.

it ought to humiliate *Muslims* before their *God* for splattering the guts of strangers on the walls and streets of our cities and towns as though it were their idea of performance art.

It's not like many modern men have much reason to worry about incest with their mother in the literal sense. But we should all worry about the emotional boundaries between mothers and sons. {And I say that as a gay-Jew who's virtually the poster child for this dilemma despite having been born by cesarean...}

When a man {Adam} avoids the figurative union of his penis {desires} with his woman {Eve: mother}, he opens himself up to life lessons that will cause him to dance around golden calves instead in an effort to separate out what's real from what's not. In this way, you can jump from Genesis 2 {ADAM AND HIS WIFE WERE BOTH NAKED, AND THEY FELT NO SHAME} to Exodus 3 when Moses stood before the Burning Bush and GOD gave him HIS name {WILL BE RICHES WILL BE}. You'll be like a giant among men. You, too, will be able to fly through Torah on the wings of enlightenment.

People will always find addictions, compulsions, habits and obsessions to substitute for the conscious unification of their desires and feelings. They'll distract themselves from self-love with projections of their love for their mother out onto the external world. And out of guilt for figuratively loving her improperly {too little or too much}, they'll twist themselves into moral pretzels. It only happens figuratively, but it happens to us all.

They'll marry the wrong person, bear children they later don't want, and then end up needing to divorce or run away from their previous commitments. {Temptations to quell their guilt may take the form of grasping for alcohol, drugs, food, money, power or prestige.}

Even if their therapist asks about their relationship with their mother, the two of them {therapist and client} might still miss the personal significance of all the characters in the Creation story if they don't also appreciate the messages in the Gospels and Quran. Psychology is the step-child of Scripture.

A healthy marriage with yourself creates competency, connection and cooperation inside, which then ripples throughout. An unhealthy marriage with another person will create problems around you that ought to motivate you to ask questions of yourself about you, not your spouse or children. Not using critical thinking skills on you that produce guilt will create emotional or spiritual problems down the line. But only using guilt on yourself will lead to severe mental problems and murderous or suicidal thinking. Therefore it's important to find a healthy combination of blame in moving your guilt from the inside out.

Most people are socially myopic. They see people across the room that they're physically attracted to, but they don't know how to approach them socially. They need social glasses to bring their heart into focus, regardless of their ocular vision. But if they don't have a spiritual vision of their future, they're going to project themselves only onto the ones they see who mirror the superficial beauty society produces through social fantasies. And they may find their dreams later shattered through projections of visions that become increasingly unattainable over time.

Suicide can be figuratively described as a permanent solution to self-neglect and self-apathy. Suicide can be described as a broken marriage, the inability to make a friend of the one person in your life who most needs a friend. Suicide is the ultimate divorce unless you don't succeed in killing yourself, in which case it becomes an indicator of a marriage in serious need of new vows.

We all suffer at times from low self-esteem and self-boredom that takes us in the direction of wishing we could file for divorce, or at least get a little time away from the one who's driving us nuts... We all complain about being tired when we really wish we were dead. What we secretly seek in the arms of our partner is someone to love us *for* us. But we may not want to have to do all that hard work for ourselves.

Sex addiction, sexual infidelity, a cigarette every hour, alcohol at night and drugs on the weekend are mini-vacations from yourself. Stealing is a mini-vacation from yourself. So is bungee jumping, the Superbowl and masturbation. These thrills are so much better than suicide unless you're in the midst of a contentious argument inside yourself that leads to one more in a string of painful divorces you can't talk to yourself about.

I'm sure you've been through this "hell" many times in silence. The older you get, the more familiar you become with the process even if you haven't yet found the words to say so in loud. First, it seems like a complete stranger takes over control of your vehicle and throws you into the back seat. You try to reason with him or her, but you find yourself being chauffeured wherever the stranger wants to take you. Slowly, you make your way into the passenger side of the front seat, where you tell yourself that overeating, smoking, drinking, drugging, sleeping or screwing is the only comfort you can expect to be able to give yourself at a time like this.

Switching the driver with the one in the passenger's seat is really difficult when the car is in motion. So don't beat yourself up for the things you should have said, but didn't when in the company of others. It's only when the vehicle is back home that brilliant retorts usually come to mind. This should be a sign of who should be behind the wheel and who should be calling shotgun.

It takes a lot of time, effort and energy to get so angry and frustrated with the stranger who ends up controlling you inside that you can consciously see him or her as a merely a part of you. It's when that happens that you know yourself in a way that you never knew yourself before.

Those who haven't yet achieved this level of self-intimacy live in denial of some aspect of their uniquely oddly-shaped reality. They're usually bitter, cynical, mocking and sarcastic, rather than motivated to trace their feelings for others back to themselves.

Disgust, grumpiness, impatience and irritation of others is natural. It mirrors the reactions you have with yourself that you may not yet be willing to admit to you about yourself. We've all experienced the polar regions of our inner world where inner life is harsh and cold {apathy}. It's not until we come to temperate latitudes {sympathy} where we can finally feel comfortable and warm regardless of the temperature of other people. It's only then that we can discover our mission in life.

This all goes back to passivity. You may be too passive to reach out and touch someone inside you who needs a friend. And because of that, you may be unwilling to reach out to others, as well. And the more disconnected, passive and socially awkward other people are, the less you may want to have to relate with someone who reminds you of yourself.

Life is a school and the Teacher is bringing you classmates all the time to share your studies with. But you reject some of them, just as you reject some aspects of yourself. And then you ask yourself why you aren't popular or more likable. You're not more likable because you can only stand being in the company of people who aren't like you.

If your parents suffered great trauma, it's possible they raised you to become a serious, responsible adult long before you knew what you were doing. That's what happened to me.

I became a little man when I was still a toddler. But the older I got, the more I betrayed me. I lived at my north {+} or south {-} poles. When I found myself in temperate latitudes, I went a little nuts. I indulged my desires. That's how I got diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic and later bi-polar. That's how I discovered that my penis was leading me through life at those moments when thought "paradise" was most at hand. And because my penis was predisposed to going up my own ass, I fuc[screwed]ked myself over. I can assure you, that's not the kind of sodomy that feels good.

Inner argumentation, separation, annulment and divorce from the warm feelings you could be having for yourself in a "paradise" of your own creation only produces anguish, angst, anxiety, confusion, doubts, frustration, nervousness and serious forms of mental illness (including garden-variety depression), when viewed from a spiritual perspective. I'm not saying these problems can't be address with psychiatric medications and talk therapy. I'm simply saying that spiritual health is intrinsically connected to mental and emotional health. The more you evolve spiritually to become a soulful person, the more you're going to want to address the health of your head, heart and soul. ¹¹³

Americans who are afraid of a relationship with another person are afraid of going south, below their own border to the Mexico within. They're afraid of hot feelings that will disrupt the cool thoughts in their head. They're afraid of bringing their heart and soul along with them – and with good reason. What good is a conscience or a soul if you don't know how to use it responsibly?

I don't believe that the answers we seek in Western societies can be found through the wisdom of the Jews, the love of the Christians or the loyalty of the Muslims. The only way we can successfully move through the tiny portion of history we've been given by GOD to wrought in our own unique ways is by acknowledging every bit of history. Denial of the history of the Jews, the history of the Christians and the history of the Muslims won't help humanity.

Without Israel, however, history makes no sense. Without history, life holds no meaning. If you don't love history, your journey will only take you in circles like an Israelite lost in a desert.

HIS story started with Moses. Without a of land of milk {love} and honey {wisdom} to strive for from within, what difference will it make if there's an afterlife? Dogma won't help. Promises won't help.

Mystery must remain mysterious. Being human requires death without answers. We must be free to determine our actions, within reason, all along the way for ourselves.

If GOD had wanted, HE could have given you eternal life in this life. But HE gave you a timed experience and a timed experiment so you'd not only learn about yourself, you'd hopefully come to love yourself for who you're becoming. If HE only wanted you to learn

¹¹³ Wouldn't it be pathetic if racist, white people turned out to be envious of black, brown and Asian people because white people had been deprived of an exotic, inner child? What if people whose ancestors hail from northern or temperate latitudes secretly yearn for something their ancestors couldn't quite put into words?

about HIM, HE could have done that without all the *sturm und drang* we all seem to go through.

When the value of life is determined by how happy you are, you demean your reason for being. You should be so busy making your life meaningful to you that you yearn a little more for eternal rest each day. Rest, relaxation and death should be synonymous.

If you don't use your time to change, transform and transcend the beliefs held by your ancestors, you're going to get just what you deserve – in this lifetime and surely in whatever comes “next.” There are no mistakes in the way things turn out. There are also no coincidences. Grow like a tree, or die like a stump – with all your roots in tact but without a trunk, branches, leaves, flowers or fruit.

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and earths as many.
His commandment descends through them,
so that you may learn that God has command over all things,
and that God encompasses all things with His knowledge.”*
[65:12]

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The “seven ‘heavens’ and earths” is something that will be expanded upon in greater detail in Book Seven. Basically, they refer to the seven attributes of fire and the seven major faiths and **philosophies** that act as seven layers of awakening to the importance of self-awareness. When the Prophet declares that GOD's commandment descends through these layers of reality, we should ask ourselves what Commandments he's referring to in Torah and the Gospels that we haven't yet taken personally.

Everyone in the modern age lives in society built upon Judeo-Christian principles, even those living in Muslim countries; and even the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. If you think you can avoid this truth by picking and choosing those of the Ten Commandments you wish to follow, you're kidding yourself. Even the smallest of thefts will be used against you.

GOD may have power over all things, but HE wisely reserves the right to use HIS power at times of HIS choosing. HE seems to prefer to allow us to figure ourselves out for

ourselves a good deal of the time, just as a teacher assigns homework based on the day's lecture that the student is expected to struggle with alone. **GOD** seems to nudge each of us in the direction we need to go, and **HE** often seems to do little or nothing when we're going the wrong way {until we learn how to pray}.

Praying isn't something you just do, like talking out loud. Praying is something you learn to come to do slowly over time. It's not like writing a postcard, sending a letter, composing an email or scrawling a text message. Praying is more like turning the wheel of your car and experiencing that the view outside is slowly shifting within the parameters of your windshield. Praying comes with visions.

Thanks to the profound words of the Prophet, we have the ability to contrast and compare ourselves to those who came before us. We can individualize our moral behaviors using loyalty to the meaning of our life in the time in which we live by universalizing the Quran in ways that make it personal.

There aren't many gods. There aren't three "Gods" in ONE. There isn't a Jewish **GOD**, a Christian **GOD** and a Muslim *God*. Our literary symbols don't express the depth to which we believe in ONE **GOD**. When you steal, whether literally or figuratively, your fate is sealed. And to the degree that you steal you cannot appeal. It's all a part of the same deal.

You can't converse with people in the external world in your head. You can't even talk *about* people in the external world in your head. Everything that happens in your head happens in a closed system that effects your feelings and opinions alone. But you can observe that fact while you're thinking about others. You can witness yourself using your inner forces.

Don't confuse your two worlds. Your thoughts have no effect on the external world. To change things in the external world you have to communicate with those outside your head, heart and soul. And because **GOD** can be in both places at once, **HE**'s judging you instantly and completely at all times in both places. You may not yet realize how you were made in **HIS** image which are reflected in myriad ways.

Thanks to a Creation story that curiously made its way into all three of the Abrahamic faiths, we have the re-creation of the Creation story by Jesus and the re-creation of the re-creation of the Creation story that we're chewing on now so as to find ways we can all swallow and digest the meaning of forbidden fruit as a simile without blaming our circumstances on a fallen angel {satan} who's mad at our "God."

If there's one Commandment that stands above the other nine and Christ's other two, it is "THOU SHALL NOT STEAL." If you can understand the meaning of the word "stealing" personally you know something about the meaning of life that most others don't. You'll redeem yourself for what you've stolen from yourself. You'll succeed at taking the Creation story to heart in an effort to further develop your soul.

If you can understand the meaning of the word "stealing" you know something about the "seven *heavens*" that came with knowledge of the previous seven Commandments before the 8th Commandment about stealing. If you can avoid stealing, you can interpret

the “seven ‘heavens” figuratively. You can live out your life successfully by focusing on the meaning of not stealing from anyone ever again.

What difference does it make that you don’t know for sure whether there’s a life “after” this one? What difference does it make whether you’re happy, so long as you’re productive inside and out? What difference does it make whether **GOD** is behind all this, or not?

The importance of life is individual and personal. The meaning of life is to give life meaning. Without meaning, you’re better off dead. How much you get out of life depends only on how much you’re willing to put into it. But that takes enormous effort, hard work and courage.

Most aren’t willing to put in nearly as much effort as it takes. In fact, those who put in the least effort are the most hyper-religious because they think their little bit of faith in their GOD/GOD/*God* is all it takes. They think that their destiny, like Israel, already lies in their hands.

If the experiences of Muslim imams, clerics, grandfathers, fathers, uncles, brothers and sons has taught Muslims so much about the meaning of life through their faith, they ought to fly the Israeli flag and the rainbow flag every time a Jew, Christian or Muslim is killed by an *Islamic* terrorist. They ought to show their solidarity with their own designs in those ways that will further universalize the Quran. Otherwise, it’s all just bluster. And boy, have we already seen our share of bluster!

It could be that what they now know is based on what they know {LA-AKIR: have met} about themselves and not on what they know {LADA-AT: know intimately} about themselves. Could it be that, similarly to Jews and Christians, Muslims have only been focused on their *God*? None of them know our **GOD**?

You could make the argument that the Jews know what they know. The Christians know what they know, and the Muslims know what they know. In essence, you could say that there’s no such thing as the truth. There’s no individual or collective design in their GOD’s/GOD’s/*God*’s design.

But you can be sure, that JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will always resume arguing with one another when you remind them that knowledge was first given to the Jews. And when you tell them that gays should have all the rights as straight people, you’ll get more than an argument. Those become fighting words.

The truth is useless if you have to fight over it. Your TRUTHS/TRUTHS/*Truths* are a waste of time. **GOD** isn’t going to test you on the TRUTH/TRUTH/*Truth*, you dumb asses!

HE’s going to test you on the beauty that lies in **HIS** TRUTH. If you don’t learn from the LGBT+ community about beauty, your TRUTHS/TRUTHS/*Truths* will have to serve you in “hell.”

“The angel of death” that came to the Israelites during the 10th plague wasn’t satan. It wasn’t the devil that killed the ancient Egyptians as the Israelites were struggling for

freedom. The ancient Egyptians brought those blights upon themselves. The plagues were **GOD** working through nature in a well-timed way. Is it any different today?

Some claim to know so much about what will happen “after” they die, but they don’t speak out against the anti-Semitism advocated in the name of **CHRISTIANITY** and the anti-Zionism advocated in the name of *Islam*. They speak out only against the stealing done by the **JEWS** on the West Bank, land that is ours! What’s concealed in the vow of those who bet on the elimination of the Jews and Israel anywhere today, and at any time in the past, is motivated by self-loathing based on ugliness. It’s a covetous nature of the beauty in the truth you possess that fans the flames of stealing.

The kind of marriage you have with yourself is evident by what you claim to know about the three major parts of you. Your heart, like your husband or wife, is the greatest symbol of what you’ve chosen to stand for in life. That relationship is figuratively held in place by a gravitational force that attracts your heart to your soul and the mind that revolves around it. Just as your soul rotates, revealing a side of you in light and another side in darkness, you’re a witness to the fact that that’s happening to your beloved spouse, too.

If you’re unhappy with the union you ended up with through marriage, you ought to look more closely at the pathetic union you hold within yourself. The more you know about yourself, the more you’re going to be surprised by what you see in others.

Marriage equality begins with self-equivalency. If you don’t wish to know, love and express devotion to the stranger within you, your marriage to a man or a woman won’t change a thing. You’ll still end up with exactly what you deserve. But if you’re not happy with who you got or what you’re left with, don’t blame the other person. You personify the blind leading the blind.

It’s harder to get into a good marriage than it looks. Marriage equality is needed for all people to achieve a healthy union within themselves. If gays and lesbians can’t marry in your country, you can’t become happy in your marriage. And if they’re literally stoning gays and adulterers in Brunei, the whole world is going to feel **GOD**’s pinch. You’d better speak up, especially if you’re Muslim.

GOD knows what’s in the heart of man. For this reason, I hedge my bet a little more on women. I place a slightly higher bet on x^1 , than on y . And I’ll put my money down on a young x^2 over an old x^2 .

Only **GOD** knows if, in your soul, you’re conspiring against gays and Jews. And only **HE** knows when the threat of divorce {crusade and jihad between two people} is the best way to teach you lessons about the consequences of self-divorce.

Muslim terrorists around the world are planning to “divorce” innocent men, women and children from their heads, arms, legs and genitals. But the trouble these *Muslims* are having within themselves is the direct result of their antiquated interpretations of Scripture. If they think keeping women from seeking a divorce will advance **GOD**’s design, they’re whistling in the dark. They ought to be terrified of dying because they, obviously, don’t know the first thing about living.

Put the Israeli and rainbow flags on your door at Passover, not a lamb shank. ¹¹⁴ When “THE ANGEL OF DEATH” arrives at your door, show it that you’re a true believer. Find your fruits! They’re hanging just below your serpent or they were installed just above your worm. Vote for centrists of both parties who sound like gays and Jews, not like maniacs who are terrified of life who want to get out of here the first chance they get. Don’t divorce you from yourself, not metaphorically; not symbolically; not analytically – and certainly not literally. Make your marriage work, and you’ll see greater movement toward peace through common sense and sensibility.

¹¹⁴ GOD instructed the Israelites to put a lamb shank on their door to avert the angel of death during the 10th plague. In this way, the firstborn sons of the ancient Egyptians died, but not those of the Israelites. If you don’t avert death day by day, you’ll surely succumb to it before you’re ready.

Surah 66

سورة التحريم

Prohibition

Each of us has prohibitions. Each of us can, and cannot, do things that others can, and do, do. Sometimes these are prohibitions we want to exact on others.. Sometimes they're secrets we're keeping from ourselves that we have to discover the hard way. But with GOD's help, we can reveal our prohibitions where and when they must be revealed to save others from the "hell" we've been through.

A prohibition for you is no secret to GOD. If you know it, you know HE knows it. But just because HE knows HE's prohibited you from something doesn't mean HE wants you to know what HE knows. ¹¹⁵ GOD keeps secrets from us all until HE decides we're ready to know them. It's HIS little shell game with each of us. ¹¹⁶ Only in this way do we come to realize that HE knows us better than we know ourselves.

We all seek intimacy with some others, and we all seek intimacy with ourselves. Some of us enjoy sharing our intimacy with some others. And some wish to share their intimacy with GOD. Those choices are personal. They're not something that should be defined by the state or by your culture. That's a depth you seek that no one can force you or stop you from fathoming.

But when it comes to connection with ourselves, we all fall short at times. We all go wide externally until we're stretched so thin that we break and fall through our own thin skin. That's what a syndrome is. That's what causes the mental, emotional and spiritual tears in our fabric that we need to mend within.

The prohibitions you're keeping from yourself are secrets you can't ask GOD to help you reveal because you have no idea what they are, so you have no idea what you're asking for. Therefore you have to work at blindly lifting those prohibitions up out of your unconscious into your subconscious where you can then raise them into full consciousness

¹¹⁵ It's obvious to those who are experienced in life that GOD chooses to make HIS knowledge evident to us at times of HIS choosing. That's why we call ourselves believers and not atheists or agnostics.

¹¹⁶ "‘shell game’ a game involving sleight of hand, in which three inverted cups or nutshells are moved about, and contestants must spot which is the one with a pea or other object underneath." [Wikipedia] Your GOD/GOD/God is an inverted CUP/CUP/Cup. What's under the cups is a secret your seeking to being you.

where you can then ask for **HIS** help. This is a given. This is a part of the mystery of everyone's being.

You'll want to bring up these secrets from your soul, into your heart where you can then bring them into your conscious mind in partnership with **GOD**. {That's why you should always seek intimacy with yourself first. Intimacy with **HIM** must follow, not lead.}

Only in having achieved intimacy with yourself can you pray to **GOD** about what's on your mind. But you may still not have much motivation to pray at all until you've been forced to go through many prohibitions in the external world that teach you that autonomy is never the answer you need. Autonomy is just an excuse to set yourself up for stealing somewhere down the line.

"A 'prohibition' is the action of literally forbidding something, especially by law." [Wikipedia] A "prohibition" is also the action of figuratively forbidding something. Man uses prohibitions to keep people in line. **GOD** uses prohibitions to keep each of us individually in line, (or not).¹¹⁷

If you think you're prohibited from having sex with someone of your gender, by all means, don't do it. If you feel prohibited from having an abortion, by all means, don't have one. And if you believe you're prohibited from recognizing the State of Israel, please struggle with your **GOD/GOD/God** internally. The rest of us are hard at work.

Don't try to use your opinions or beliefs as a defense in a court of law. And certainly, don't confuse man's laws with **GOD**'s. The three of **HIS** {**LAW/LAW/Law**} are external. The other **ONE** is internal and eternal. (I still believe that if you can just get your nose out of other people's inner business, you'll be able to live in peace with them just the way they are.)

But if you insist, as did a county clerk representing the state's government of Kentucky, that you can't give a gay couple a marriage license because it goes against your faith, you're sticking your nose where it doesn't belong. If you set laws in place to force women to have a baby they don't want, you're sticking your nose where it doesn't belong. And if you insist that the State of Israel must be destroyed and the Jews must be driven into the sea, you're sticking your nose where it doesn't belong. There's nothing new about any of these kinds of ideas. We've seen them all before. These are the results of the shell game you've been playing with **GOD/GOD/God** and losing. There's a prohibition there that you aren't taking to heart.

¹¹⁷ When you meet someone who you judge to be a nerd, dork geek or dweeb, remember that that person is suffering from prohibitions that you aren't. When you meet someone who you judge to be a thief, remember that that person *isn't* suffering from a prohibition that you are.

Harvey Milk helped gays and lesbians realize that talking about our sexual secret was intolerable for us to withhold.¹¹⁸ But having the GOD/GOD/*God* of the faith we came out of know our secret wasn't good enough then either. We had to tell everyone but HIM. We had to come out of our closet, even though we didn't know what that really meant, or what it would mean to future members of the LGBT+ community. Our sexual secret had been more than a secret from the rest of society. It was a secret we were keeping parts of from ourselves. And in telling our secret, we were revealing the universality of GOD's designs.

We were revealing HIS wisdom, love and loyalty to us. Your prohibitions aren't ours.

We never refuse to do business in public with straight people because of their sexual desires. Nor do we try to pass laws prohibiting straights from having sex with one another. We don't try to get them fired from their job because of their sexual identity. And we don't try to keep them from teaching our children.

All that would be lunacy. But on those days when they do so to us (whether or not those days coincide with a full moon) the faithful behave like lunatics... They go crazy.

As I've already stated, one or two thirds of a recipe is not enough to bake a successful cake. You need all the instructions. In terms of Scripture, you must be able to follow the instructions of Tanach, the New Testament and the Quran if you're going to argue GOD's WORDS and intentions.

In the case of abortion, I'd like to begin the discussion with masturbation and menstruation. Male masturbation (the spilling of seeds) is, I will concede, a form of murder. And menstruation is the murder of another kind of ungerminated seed. In fact, in GOD's wisdom, HE even included the shedding of blood with the murder of a woman's ungerminated seed through menstruation.

The difference between these minor "murders" and the "murder" of a fetus is a question of degree since sperms and eggs are also alive, even if they don't produce a germinated seed {zygote}.

The greater question (in the minds of men) is whether the male donor of a fetus will be judged by GOD as an accessory to a murderer for having allowed his girlfriend, mistress or wife to abort a human life.

Only the Quran answers this question. *God* makes it very clear that no one shall be judged for the transgressions of another. In other words, the decision to abort lies with the woman. And she alone will be judged for that "murder."

¹¹⁸ "Harvey Milk was an American-Jewish politician who became the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in California when he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Politics and gay activism were not his early interests; he hadn't been politically open about his homosexuality when he lived in New York, nor had he participated in gay rights until after he moved to San Francisco and became a part of the counterculture." [Wikipedia]

This is different from Surah 65 on divorce. The annulment or divorce of a couple is a mirror of a separation within each one of them that they'll each be judged for individually. But the abortion of a fetus will only be judged by the woman. She allowed that seed in, so she has the responsibility of dealing with every consequence of that decision.

Anyone with an ounce of common sense would acknowledge that there's a difference in the degree of "murder" between male masturbation, menstruation, abortion and the killing of a human being after s/he was born. These degrees in breaking the 6th Commandment {murder} must be left to the individual to reconcile with GOD. Therefore, keep your nose out of every form of "murder" except those who are murdered after they're born. Only then should the state get involved.

Not long ago, when asked what he thought of homosexuality, Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" In other words, each of us is human. Each of us is in a relationship with GOD that leads us to certain conclusions about the moral importance of the deeds of our life. Therefore, each of us must be allowed the autonomy to make these choices for ourselves.

If you think that your GOD/GOD/God would disapprove of you having an abortion or participating in an abortion, that is, of course, your choice to conclude. But if you legislate or ostracize others because of their choices, you'll be judged for an invasion of privacy.

Would you sentence a man to capital punishment for having tried to kill himself? Surely this, too, is an attempt at "murder" that the individual must reconcile with his Maker. As someone who tried to kill himself twice, I can assure you that therapists and doctors alike were unable to understand the depth of my disdain for my own life. This was something I've needed a lifetime to come to terms with, with myself and GOD. And I would say that I'm a better person for having worked on this issue without having been punished for having tried to end my life.

A moral conscience is more difficult to develop than it would appear because people are using 1/3 or 2/3 of GOD's recipe. And then they wonder why their GOD/GOD/God seems to have forsaken them. It's really not that hard to figure out why many results look as bad as they do.

Israel was stolen from the Jews by the Babylonians 2,700 years ago and then a second time by the Romans 2,000 years ago. It was fought over by the CHRISTIANS and the Muslims for 1,400 years. And it was returned to us by the world court 70 years ago, much to the chagrin of the Muslims who are still fighting us over it now.

Israel isn't GOD's little secret. Israel is real. But the Israel {struggle with GOD} within each one of us is also very real. Once you scratch the surface of forbidden fruit to see what's beneath the skin, you own it. You're responsible for delving down into the flesh to the core. You can't just toss it away and deny your crime.

In other words, there are prohibitions you know and there are prohibitions about yourself that you may not know. You are a mystery to yourself. GOD knows, nobody else is nearly as interested in your mystery as you should be.

But if you don't think that every infant Adam wakes up at birth concluding that his mother {Eve} came out of him, you're off to a bad start. Moses was very clever in making this subjective point about life right from the start. He had a story to tell, and he wanted to get people to buy into it with subjective truth.

He knew more about human nature and secrets you hold from you than you do. We know he knew more because the main character of Torah (Moses) died two paragraphs before the end of his own autobiography. In other words, Moses {the author} told us that he was well aware that he was stringing us along from the beginning to help us come to understand ourselves better by the end.

The Israel you're constructing in your head, heart and soul is a secret that's real. The Israel that the Israelis are constructing is equivalent. But neither will happen without the help of the gay-Jews, gay-Christians and gay-Muslims because homosexuality is as real as heterosexuality, and just as morally valid. You're going to consume forbidden fruit and if you're a man you're going to sleep with yourself as with a woman. Get over it. There's much more to your story.

You can't learn about Christ's love if you can't love yourself from your soul, not just from your heart. You can't love yourself if you can't love your container as well as your contents. And you can't love your contents if you can't have sex with yourself without feeling guilty about it. GOD's got the system rigged.

But embarrassment of your body is only one level of guilt. There's shame at your behavior towards others. And for a select few, humiliation before others is a vital aspect of guilt they need to express out loud in order to demonstrate to themselves that their love of everyone's life subsumes even their love of themselves. They believe there's a reason for all that we have to go through. They believe that redemption through humiliation makes life worthwhile.

GOD was kept in the מִשְׁכָּן {MISHKAN: Tabernacle} when the Israelites carried HIM throughout the Exodus to Israel. The Tabernacle was the moveable tent that's equivalent to your skin, the outer tent that houses the "I" within you. Within the Tabernacle there was an inner sanctum that was called "אָרוֹן קֹדֶשׁ" {ARON KODESH: the Holy Ark}. In the Holy Ark {Ark of the Covenant} was housed the Ten Commandments.

The literal vehicle of morality the Israelites transported {the Tabernacle} corresponds to your body that transports your conscience, which, in a religious person, becomes ignited with his GOD's/GOD's/God's consciousness. This conscious awareness of your Maker is the first evidence made manifest that you have a Jewish, Christian or Muslim soul.

Not all souls are equal, but they're all equivalent. Not all souls are the same age, although they're all precious. An old soul is of special value. Your soul is still very young. Therefore it would be best to circumcise it soon.

The inner sanctum in you is the "I" in you. You are the equivalent of the ARON KODESH {Holy Ark} and your body is the equivalent to the MISHKAN {Tabernacle}. The Ten Commandments in you are a combination of internal laws that you've carved in your conscience to the best of your ability, just as Moses literally did before GOD after he smashed the set GOD had given him readymade. Coming out of your ARON {closet/Holy Ark} is your way of expressing the GODliness within you through all the moral actions you go through and through all the moral actions you take.

The gays and lesbians of San Francisco were inspired by Harvey Milk, a gay-Jew, to come out of the societal, small space {closet} they were assigned to, although they had no idea that they were also being unconsciously inspired to come out of the Abrahamic closet.

That was a secret **GOD** kept from them. That was prohibited from anyone knowing at the time. Although Harvey wasn't a religious gay-Jew, he was inspired after the age of 40 to reveal his unconscious secret through gay politics and to inspire others to do the same.

As is often the case, after wandering around in the world for 39 years just as the ancient Israelites did so long ago in the desert, people discover a need to express a side of themselves they hadn't previously perceived. This acquisition of greater self-awareness leads men and women to become more honest, sincere and dependable in order to present themselves as more genuine to themselves than they'd been before. This transfiguration, or resurrection of moral direction, makes it possible for them to be able to speak frankly, even in situations that might be dangerous or situations that would pressure them into selfless regard for some deserving others. This is the formula for becoming a hero. ¹¹⁹

The CHRISTIAN baker who refused to bake a wedding cake for a gay couple didn't experiencing a transfiguration or resurrection of his conscience. He only expressed his defiance of reality. He didn't act heroically. If some orthodox JEWS can find ways to keep their electric lights on, on the Sabbath; if they can find ways to sit at the table with non JEWS and eat a little something; if they can join the military in Israel; and if they can hold a job, working beside women in the work world – a baker can find a way to bake a gay, wedding cake for a customer without going to the reception or consuming a fingerful of his own frosting. That kind of obstinacy is an expression of defiance, not love.

There are always ways to serve others if you're willing to serve **GOD**. But there are always ways to avoid serving others if you're belligerent, contrary and defiant. This is what creates problems, not perfection.

In my case, my belligerent, contrary and defiant nature ultimately attracted me to my religious roots in Torah, as well as to the Gospels and the Quran. Learning to say "yes" and "no" to myself required me to break the projection of "yes" and "no" that I'd insisted on proclaiming in habitual ways around me that I'd been keeping a secret from myself. Learning to say "yes" and "no" may require you to learn admiration and civility of others for the sake of pride in yourself.

GOD holds the figurative roles of Gardener, Father, Coach, Guide, Master, Doctor and Teacher. **HE** helps you discover yourself in the course of your innermost thoughts so your secrets can become revealed to you. But you're going to have to do the heavy lifting. Justice will be served, and you will learn how to serve it.

You can't read other people's minds. And if you're really honest with yourself, you'll admit that you even have trouble reading your own mind at times. You don't know what you're permitted and prohibited from doing without looking to see what others who you

¹¹⁹ I refer you to the Book of Numbers {BAMIDBAR: in the desert}. This is the story of what happened to the ancient Israelites in the 39th year of their wandering, just before they entered the Promised Land.

want to like you are doing. To learn to read your own mind, you're going to have to plummet the depths of your heart and soul. **GOD** doesn't make it easy.

Believe me, there's nothing I can tell you about human nature that you aren't going to discover for yourself. If you need consolation because you didn't get what you thought you deserved in life, maybe that's just an opinion based on thoughts mixed with feelings and desires that haven't been fully examined. Maybe **GOD** is withholding "yes" or "no" until you give up withholding "yes" or "no." Maybe you're still stealing and don't want to give it up because you don't yet believe enough in yourself that you can succeed without stealing.

You can't be jealous of my muscles and think that your jealousy is going to make you stronger. You can't be envious of my smarts and think that your envy is going to make you smarter. In psychological terms, wishing to take my container or my contents to make them your own is a delusion. You may think you can simply wish for something and that will make it come true. You can quote my words and give others the impression that they're your own. You can take knowledge and profit from it. This is why the Prophet warns his readers to avoid delusions by recognizing prohibitions.

In metaphoric terms, the secret to the self begins generally in Genesis with the Creation story in which there's a tree of knowledge $\{y + x^2\}$ and a tree of life $\{x^1 + x^2\}$ that are beyond the understandings of the novice to master in terms of matters of spirituality. In metaphoric terms, the secret to the mind ends shortly after the death of the main character in Torah, {Moses}, who also happened to be the author of his work. His tree was felled. But Moses {the author} lived a page longer than Moses {the main character}. The stump and the roots remained. And out of them grew the Gospel and the Quran.

An autobiography that ends after you're dead is a very clever way to tell your story if you hope it will be read beyond your lifetime. If you want to imply that there are prohibitions that you {the author} haven't been able to reveal about yourself, you write the story of your life in such a way that only one of your characters {Joshua} outlives you. In this way, you impishly imply that there's a publisher behind you {Moses, the author} and Moses, your main character. You imply that Joshua holds a secret you don't have.

By today's standards, that's what it meant to Moses to make the story of his life personal and meaningful to himself and GOD. This is why I think his autobiography has sold so well over time...

The Gospels deal with the life, death and resurrection of the main character {Joshua #2/Jesus}, as told by HIS Disciples. A secret about the existence of GOD that was implied in Torah became a secret that was literally fleshed out in the Gospels with the biography of GOD.

The autobiography {Torah} of one Jew {Moses} was followed by the biography {Gospels} of another Jew {Jesus}. But the main character in Torah had to die a few paragraphs before the end of his story, while the main character in the Gospels had to die and return from "hell" before HIS story was fully fulfilled. In this way, we can say that the Publisher for the author of wisdom was also the Publisher for the author of love.¹²⁰

¹²⁰ It's common knowledge that Moses wasn't literally the author of his autobiography because his story wasn't written down until more than 500 years after his death. And it's

The Quran, by comparison, isn't a story in any sense of having a beginning, middle or end. The Quran isn't about anyone. The Quran is 114 similes that describe the meaning of life, but only if combined with the Scriptures that came before it.

The birth and death of the Prophet Muhammad isn't relevant to the meaning of the Quran. Everyone was born and everyone dies. Even Moses and Jesus died. {I don't wish to imply that Their deaths weren't relevant. I'm only stating that the death of the Prophet Muhammad can be seen as separate from the meaning of the Quran.

If you feel like you've died and woken up in "hell" many times in life, your life can still become more meaningful. It only means you've passed through a prohibition and have learned something about yourself you didn't know before. One more secret about you has been revealed. You don't have to conclude that you're simply enduring the time you have left before you literally have to die. You don't have to conclude that there is no GOD or that your life is meaningless.

Although those who met up with Jesus after HE returned from "hell" didn't recognize HIM, you can complete your work here in your own inimitable way day-by-day, whether people recognize you, validate you, appreciate you, or not. Exaggerating your description of your circumstances to yourself by wishing you were dead isn't going to prove helpful.

Everyone wants to feel seen. Everyone wants to feel heard. Everyone wants to be acknowledged. Everyone is curious about what will happen after they're dead.

No doubt you think you may think you've been to "hell" and back, figuratively speaking. And surely you're on a path of self-discovery {spirituality} and recovery {healing}. But self-discovery and healing can be done more or less at the same time. You can feel like you died at the end of one chapter of your life and returned under the same name to complete your own story under the same cover just by turning the page.

Many people know the personal meaning of the words "abandoning hope," "despairing" "giving up" and "quitting." But you can complete one section of your life tragically and then happily begin another a minute later if you author your story differently. You're already a combination of two books by living in the Judeo-Christian world. This makes it possible to imagine adding the Quran to your belief system in an even more mysterious and powerful way.

The Quran isn't about the Prophet Muhammad. It's not a story about a journey or a mission. The Quran is all about man's relationship to GOD. It's not a book with a beginning, middle and end. Therefore it's not a book you should take seriously. If you take the Quran seriously, you'll turn into a homophobe and martyr. If you take it seriously, you'll turn into a Jew-killer. If you take it seriously, you'll turn into a terrorist. You should only take GOD's story personally.

The Prophet recited a message given to him by a messenger from GOD {Gabriel}. In it, the Archangel Gabriel revealed a series of life lessons so profound and universal that anyone and everyone has the capacity to take the Quran to heart if they believe enough in

also true that Jesus wasn't the author of HIS book, even though he was the author of HIS FATHER's love.

themselves. Only a nonbeliever wouldn't be able to understand mankind's longing for the arrival of the Quran.

We tend to think of each of the Abrahamic Scriptures as a journey going in a different direction. We want to think that each of them is sufficient in and of itself. This is very unwise.

Each is a step up to **GOD's** throne. If you don't look at them in this way, they all turn into dead ends. It would be better to think of (1) indigenism; (2) Judaism (3) **Hinduism**; (4) **Buddhism**; (5) Christianity; (6) **Taoism** and (7) Islam as connected arcs that create the circumference of a circle. Together, they act like a round fence that corrals humanity within it.

The secret that's revealed in the Quran is a secret that must be taken personally, not too seriously. If not, it's simply going to go over your head, and you're going to project it out onto others, instead. The Quran doesn't offer insight into what to think about gays, Jews, believers in Christ or nonbelievers in general. The Quran offers insight into the secrets about you that you've prohibited you from allowing yourself to know.

What I'm describing comes with a conscience that's slowly turning into a soul. Suddenly you see the many moral issues in others and can equate them to the moral issues in yourself. You can love and hate, dislike and like – all at the same time depending on the issue.

This is natural outcome for everyone who seeks self-knowledge. This makes it possible to live in peace with most others. It's not rocket science. It's easy if you have the ability to describe this spiritual process in words. Those who can separate their functions of their head, heart and conscience can then reunite them. Therefore they become soulful enough to talk about the process.

This boils down to the secret that lies in your guilt, specifically your embarrassment, shame and humiliation. If you can't embrace each of your sexual partners as a container holding loving contents, you're going to feel guilty after you've had sex. You're going to feel that you did it behind your **GOD's/GOD's/God's** back. You're going to feel that something is missing in you, or them. Your criticism of you or your partner's container or contents will project that guilt. And it will figuratively ricochet around the room.

All that you think you're doing for others will catch up with you in your bedroom. All that you claim to feel for humanity must be expressed with orgasms before **GOD**, or you're a just a hypocrite, and don't yet know it. You're withholding secrets from yourself.

With **GOD's** help you can discover the unexpected and unanticipated. With **GOD's** help, you can enjoy school with all your classmates, without having to behave like an animal. With **HIS** help you can graduate with the sort of degree that would make your mother proud.

Just knowing yourself in the sense of having met you isn't enough to discover these secrets. You should strive to know yourself in the Biblical sense of the *WORD/WORD/Word*. You should know yourself carnally and deeply. You should unite with yourself sexually, sensually, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. You should be willing to touch yourself, literally and figuratively. If you do so with a gentle hand,

you'll conceive of yourself as an adult who's given birth to a son or daughter who's the spitting, mirror image of you. And the miracle of the figurative birth of your inner child will raise your spirit in gratitude to GOD for the way HE's making you two in HIS image.

If you don't, you won't ever be able to trust a thing you say or do. You'll be lost in a house of mirrors, looking at bizarre reflections of yourself that will always scare, anger or sadden you. You'll have to go through waking nightmares. And you'll have to wake yourself up without a way to get out of your fantasies and dreams to discover your vision, something that's harsh and painful to have to admit.

If you don't find your own way in life, you'll live at the base of a mountain that you'll never find the strength to climb. You'll hear yourself speak, but your words will have been so rehearsed that you won't really be sure if you can believe them.

The issue of GOD's Commandments is discussed *ad nauseum* in Torah. The issue of eternal love is professed literally to death in the Gospels. And in the Quran, we've been given prohibitions that murderers, scoundrels and thieves take seriously, not personally.

The issue of life after life is implied in Torah; stated definitively in the Gospels; and then discussed at length in the Quran. But the prohibitions every individual has inflicted upon himself can't be discussed in any but the most general of terms because they're different for each one of us.

When JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* try to tailor Scripture into one-size-fits-all straight jackets, they become oppressive, repressive or tyrannical. When they take GOD's WORDS literally, they minimize the meanings found in Scripture.

The first time I read this surah I sensed it would be important to me. I sensed that it discusses the importance of secrets I was keeping from myself that I couldn't come to know until GOD decided HE was ready to allow me to know them.

I just knew I had to get in touch with my inner child who had, by then, grown up to become an adult. I felt like a father with a grown son who I was very proud of. That changed the way I looked back on all my previous hardships.

I'd spent decades plowing through life without knowing what I was supposed to be doing. I spent years planting seeds and then covering them up with denial. It's only now that I'm a senior citizen who's long since been able to stop watering those seeds with tears, that I'm reaping the rewards of the fruits of my labors. You, too, will reap what you sow.

Every day, I'm now working to earn the right to reveal my untold secrets to me. I can't do this work alone, but I can't do it with anyone else, either. I've chosen to do this in conjunction with GOD, directly, and with others indirectly. I've chosen to move through my prohibitions with loved ones and without them. To me, I'm the greatest mystery and secret in the universe. I'm my greatest reason for being although not my only reason for being.

“Prophet,
why do you prohibit
that which God has made lawful for you:

seeking to please your wives?

[66:1] ¹²¹

“Prophet,
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that which **GOD** has made lawful for you:
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This quote is clearly from Gabriel telling the Prophet to ease up on his guilt about sexual matters. But that was a long time ago, and any man today who strives to live the sex life of the Prophet Muhammad may have a penis problem he ought to investigate. Gay men of my generation tried that kind of sexual autonomy from the 1960's-80's. Do you need me to describe to you in detail how that worked out for us? I watched a living, horror film unfold before my eyes.

In the case of Torah, the prohibition of knowing one's self has been divided into two parts: (1) the fruits from the Tree of knowledge that GOD forbid man from picking, and (2) the fruits of the Tree of life that GOD protected from men. In other words, we need permission from HIM to gain knowledge of what it means to be a man $\{x^2\}$ and a woman $\{x^2\}$.

We don't need permission to know in the sense of “meet” ourselves. But we do need permission to know in the sense of having sexual knowledge of ourselves. And yet, we can only come to know others sexually to the extent that we come to know ourselves in that way. All that we think we know about people below the belt depends on what we know about our own heart and soul and penis or clitoris.

In the Gospels, it is written:

“Some pharisees came to HIM to test HIM.

They asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?’

‘HAVEN'T YOU READ,’ HE replied, ‘THAT, AT THE BEGINNING, THE CREATOR ‘MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,’ AND SAID, ‘FOR THIS REASON, A MAN WILL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE UNITED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH.’ SO THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO, BUT ONE FLESH. THEREFORE WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET NO ONE SEPARATE.’

‘Why then’ they asked, ‘did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?’

Jesus replied, ‘MOSES PERMITTED YOU TO DIVORCE YOUR WIVES BECAUSE YOUR HEARTS WERE HARD. BUT IT WAS NOT THIS WAY FROM THE BEGINNING. I TELL YOU THAT ANYONE WHO DIVORCES HIS WIFE,

¹²¹ The Prophet's wife, Hafsah, we are told, once found him consorting with a coptic slave whom he promised to separate from Hafsah to marry. Hafsah secretly informed Aishah, another wife of his. To free the Prophet from his marital promise to Hafsah was, ostensibly, the object of this surah. But for the seeker of the self, there's a much deeper moral message being presented by **GOD**: strive to tell yourself your secrets to relieve you of self-denial.

EXCEPT FOR SEXUAL IMMORALITY, AND MARRIES ANOTHER WOMAN, COMMITS ADULTERY.” [Matthew 19:3-8]

For the Prophet to relinquish his vow to his wife Hafsah, he would have had to learn about the prohibitions that would become the tenets of the Judeo-Christian society we still live in today. He would have had to become wise and loving before he could shift his loyalty from one wife to another. To understand all the prohibitions for you described in this surah, you must first understand each of the previous prohibitions.

Because gay men were rejected by all three of the Abrahamic faiths, we've developed a form of self-knowledge that gives us insight into our carnal self from an outsider's perspective. We can look at prohibitions differently. We can take prohibitions personally, not seriously.

Because straight men have projected their desires onto the opposite sex, they're blessed with a desire for sexual knowledge from women. But their desires sometimes obfuscate their ability to fully appreciate their mind, emotions and deeper spiritual intentions. Straight men have been given insights into y through projection of their x^2 onto women. Therefore, they don't know as much about themselves as possible.

In the past, straight men thought they were experts on everything there was to know about women $\{x^1 - \text{vaginas}\}$. They didn't realize they were in denial of everything they had in common $\{x^2\}$ with women. Consequently, there's still a tension today between some straight men and straight women that gay people don't usually suffer from. We're a bit more focused on what we have in common with men $\{x^2\}$ and women $\{x^2\}$, not so much with what's different $\{y \text{ or } x^1\}$ about us.

As a gay man matures, he grows out of his penis and anus obsessions into more understanding of the importance of his heart. He becomes attracted to the combination of y and x^2 in men in more abstract and personal ways. He's more willing to defend women's honor, even if that means discrediting any man for his predisposition to demonize women $\{x^2\}$ for what they unconsciously demonize in themselves.

Over time, this maturity has endeared some of us to gentle, straight men who now appreciate our care and attention in helping them improve their relationships with the opposite sex. It's endeared us to children who now appreciate our care and attention in helping them improve their relationship with themselves. And it endears us to people of other races, faiths, **philosophies** and lifestyles.

For any and every man to explore his x^2 factor, he needs to look for the best in women $\{x^2\}$ and then relate that to the goodness in himself $\{x^2\}$. **GOD** didn't create two genders just to make babies. There's a greater method to **HIS** madness than some suspect.

The symbolism Jesus conferred on **HIS** disciples the night before **HE** was killed is free for a man to use in any way he wishes, but only to the extent that he's willing to love himself $\{y + x^2\}$. It's not necessary for you to love Jesus in order to use **GOD's** love to advance the cause of peace on Earth. If you can see yourself as a house you're renting from the Landlord for the duration of your stay here, regardless of what color your fence might be $\{\text{race}\}$ or the plumbing fixtures that came with it $\{\text{gender}\}$, you can access the mystery of spiritual symbolism.

You're at liberty to look at your body as a vehicle you're taking on a journey, with you in the driver's seat. That's an example of spiritual symbolism. You're the driver. You're in the vehicle. Where you take you is up to you.

By extension, the Prophet wasn't the first or last camel {vehicle} driver.¹²² You're a camel driver, too. You're even imaginative enough to see yourself like any of the other creatures GOD placed in the urban desert you find yourself in today.

That which is not prohibited is described in the first sentence of this, the 66th surah. *"Prophet, why do you prohibit that which GOD has made lawful for you: seeking to please your wives?"* Seeking to please your wife {partner} is no longer prohibited. Lust, passion, desire, longing, yearning and sexual hunger is healthy, loyal, loving, and wise. Listening to your serpent and enjoying your "conversations" with it whether alone or in the company of another person isn't forbidden or prohibited any longer.

But how can you chat with a worm if you won't allow yourself to chat without inhibitions with your serpent? How can you have a serious conversation with your serpent if you won't allow yourself to enjoy an informal chat with a worm? Whether you prefer to talk to a serpent or a worm is none of anyone's business. Who made you and gave you the impression that you're here to police other people's conversations? Your "Gods" are all dying. Idol worship has killed "Them."

GOD has allowed homosexuality, if, for no other reason, then because you're too hypocritical to be allowed to maintain antiquated opinions about people you don't happen to like. If you hate your penis, clitoris or anus, don't touch them with your bare hands. Use a glove. See how that works for you. But don't tell me what to do with my body. The real question you need to address is why you may still think there are prohibitions where there are none.

At this point in your spiritual development, you should be able to perceive life as like a mountain with a cave in it; an outer journey with a place inside to come to rest; a place to get to know yourself before you go out again to climb ever higher. There, within, your perceptions of the external mountain you're climbing are going to change as the result of the quality time you spend alone in your cave. There, in that inner campfire, you're going to learn to view the fire within you from seven sides.

The mystery of x¹ is man's associations with the vagina, something he knows nothing about since he doesn't have one. Just having come out of one doesn't make him an expert on them. The vagina is a part of a woman every heterosexual man should yearn to learn more about because he's so sexually attracted to them. But don't pretend to be an expert. Until you have one, you're just an aficionado of them at best.

¹²² The camel was the ancient equivalent of today's automobile. There's a long list of cars that have been given animal names. This satisfies the imagination of the driver with the figurative container he dreams of possessing. Some of these animal car names are: Barracuda, Beetle, Bison, Blackhawk, Bluebird, Bronco, Charger, Cheetah, Cobra, Cougar, Fox, Gazelle, Honey Bee, Impala, Jaguar, Mustang, Ram and Spider. So to envision yourself as a camel driver is the spiritual sense is not far-fetched.

The vagina is, for a woman, something both clean {permitted} at some times and unclean {forbidden} at others. This is no coincidence. I can well imagine that it's a struggle for a straight man to control his desires during those times when his wife is menstruating if she perceives her vagina as unclean and, therefore, doesn't want sex. And I assume that that's a struggle for both of them that goes beyond physical sanitation. It's a struggle that figuratively addresses mental, emotional and spiritual choices they make to contain their desires so as to be able to say that they both feel morally clean about their relationship.

When a man feels physically unclean or unwell, he may not want to be the recipient of anal intercourse either. Anal intercourse is permitted, but also not always desirable. In those countries where marriage equality is now the law, people determine these matters without GOD's/GOD's/*God*'s intervention. They're grown up enough to make these decisions on their own. Their frame is bigger than hyper-religious people's pictures and the GOD/GOD/*God* that frames them.

A man wouldn't want to literally put his penis in places where it'll undermine his reputation in his own eyes. He wouldn't want his serpent to converse with an Adam or Eve who perceived himself or herself as forbidden. Why have a "dialogue" if the other person's heart isn't in it? You might as well "talk" to yourself.

It doesn't literally defile a man's penis to have sex with a woman during menstruation. It doesn't literally defile a man's penis to have anal sex with a man. But they do figuratively bring up issues of moral cleanliness.

The Quran addresses this in this passage on prohibitions. One of the ways a man can choose to learn how to please his wife is by putting her desires before his. Internally, it teaches him to put his heart before his penis. And it teaches other men that what's good with a goose is good with a gander...

This is the way males and females were both made to fulfill a part of GOD's designs.

In this way, GOD allows us to grow out of our inhibitions into the light of modernity.

Part of the mystery of the x^2 factor lies in our understanding of the spiritual importance of the anus, that part of the human body that's literally always unclean, but not forbidden. Although the vagina is spoken about as unclean at certain times of the month, the anus is, obviously, unclean at all times of the month.

The anus is the hole in the human body that brings up much more embarrassment and a sense of uncleanness than the vagina or the penis. Although from a spiritual and figurative perspective, what comes out of man's mouth can be far dirtier than what comes out of his behind.

If you had to ask yourself what part of the human anatomy best represents humiliation, you'd surely choose the anus. Everyone wants to cover his derriere in one way or another. Everyone has an anus, but not everyone allows himself to behave like an asshole. And only those anuses who can, of their own free will, humiliate themselves in those ways that are spiritually meaningful to them, can know all the levels of guilt that make life meaningful.

Once men understand the x^2 factor in themselves, I'm sure they do a more humble job of respecting the x^1 factor in women. But this step-by-step learning process requires a profound modesty, humility and devotion to life that's only attained over very long periods of time for recalcitrant men and women in Judeo-Christian-Islamic cultures who are averse

to talking about their feelings about their anus and their feelings about penetrating an anus from the outside in.

No one is required to awaken to knowledge that goes beyond the knowledge they've amassed thus far. It's a question of choice. There's no prohibition against pleasing your wife or her pleasing you. The big issue in the 21st Century is the topic of anal {x²} intercourse with men, not vaginal {x¹} intercourse or anal intercourse with women. For modern man, there are no unresolved moral issues in "using the back door when the front door is being painted" {choosing to have anal sex with your wife when she's menstruating}.

The issue of defiling the penis by using it in this biologically unclean way is at the heart of this religious prohibition. If a man permits his penis the option of engaging in anal intercourse with a woman, he'd be a hypocrite to assert that gay men can't have anal intercourse with one another. Why would a penis be morally clean after coming out of a woman's anus and dirty after coming out of a man's? Is male bowel any more or less unclean than female bowel? These questions ought to be addressed as moral questions because they're utterly ridiculous if asked from the point of view of sanitation.

This isn't a question of embarrassment any more. This isn't even a question of shame. The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will try to "humiliate" you when it comes to this topic. They aren't willing to question it fervently. They just go back to quoting their Scripture and leaving it at that. Their head is figuratively firmly lodged up their colon... This is the only way they've found to protect themselves from the topic of sodomy.

What the Prophet calls a "*prohibition that's been lifted*" amounts to nothing more than a personal preference by today's standards. Because gay men have insisted on coming out of the closet, thereby modernizing society, man is inching forward towards questioning his sexual conduct from a moral perspective that extends his interpretations of and intimacy with Scripture. He's asking himself whether there's any basis to the prohibition of unmarried men having sex with other unmarried men. And if there's no moral basis for that, then on what grounds can we forbid gay men from marrying one another if they uphold the same moral standards of fidelity that straight men and women require of themselves?

As this question slowly makes its way to the Middle East, it'll obviously be asked by Jews, Christians and Muslims. But they'll have to do so despite threats to their life by true believers. And that threat, for me, is intolerable. I don't want any more good men and women to have to die over this issue. I saw enough death during the A.I.D.S. epidemic. We can all do better to uphold Scripture using logic and rational thinking rather than dogma.

What difference does it make to you whether a gay man's penis is biologically clean or dirty? The whole issue of anal sex becomes a preference, not a prohibition once cleanliness moves out of the realm of religion and into the realm of spirituality. The prohibition was set in place with Torah, but it was lifted with the Quran despite the insistence of JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* to the contrary.

If JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* prefer not to have anal sex, I heartily encourage them not to, so long as they keep their personal preferences to themselves. And they should leave their GOD/GOD/*God* out of the discussion, too! They don't know what they're talking about! If they had their way, masturbation, oral sex, sex for pleasure rather than procreation and anal sex would all be outlawed. If they had it their way, a couple couldn't have sex

without the penis police present in their bedroom to watch how it was being done. And if a woman had sex outside days of ovulation {releasing an egg from the ovary}, she'd be branded a harlot. For these reasons we have to protect privacy from the hyper-religious.

The issues of purity and chastity in the modern era have to become personalized issues of individual, moral purity {cleanliness} and chastity {monogamy}. This differentiates modern man's needs from his wants in ways that maintain societal standards of integrity and avoid issues of hypocrisy.

The straight men and women who reject anal intercourse on the basis of Torah, the Gospels or the Quran have a lot of explaining to do when it comes to other passages of their Scripture that they don't reject. Surely their nose is determining their morality rather than their head, heart and soul... ¹²³

As a young man, I was carnally interested in learning as much as I could about the fruits from trees of knowledge, but I was never much interested in exploring the fruits from trees of life. I'm interested in the commonality of x^2 , but not in the specificity of x^1 . I've spent my life solving for x^2 . I leave it up to women to solve for x^1 . I consider that their department in the school of life, not any man's.

I also don't believe that the secret to my life lies in procreation. I believe it lies in self-creation. I believe we each ought to find a way to create meaning out of our own life, such that it is. I don't believe the creation of children can substitute for this personal process, even though I can see that children can certainly augment it. And I believe that women have to achieve the right to define what x^1 means to them without my interference or the interference of any man.

No one should ignore the spiritual process of conceiving and raising his inner child. Nor should anyone substitute that spiritual process with making babies. Procreation won't substitute for self-creation. We're all in this school alone, together. The more you're fruitful internally, the more you'll be fruitful externally in those ways that are authentic to you. This is why you should take Scripture personally, not seriously.

So when the Prophet referred to Mary's womb, he did so from **GOD**'s point of view via the Archangel Gabriel. {**"WE BREATHED OUR SPIRIT INTO HER"** because she **"PUT HER TRUST IN THE WORLDS OF HER LORD. [66:12]** Mary put her trust in her LORD. The Prophet put his trust in his *Lord*. Because they're one and the same Lord, we should simply do the best we can, given our individual earthly, human perspectives, to do the same in our own ways.

Differences of trust in **GOD**/**GOD**/*God* aren't good enough reasons to kill people. Instead, put your trust in yourself, and then give all the extra trust left to **GOD**. You need it a lot more than **HE** does.

In Torah, Moses had to come to terms with his guilt in having killed a man. Without that reconciliation, the whole of Torah would fall apart and then the moral importance of guilt would never have been raised beyond the point of stealing as it was described

¹²³ If I were **GOD**, I might remove their nose after they completely their journey since it wasn't an organ they learned to use wisely.

abstractly in the Creation story. Returning to the scene of his crime {ancient Egypt} to atone for his sin with GOD's help wouldn't have happened had Moses not bothered to struggle with good and evil for 40 years after killing a man. ¹²⁴

In the Gospels, there's no deed Jesus needed to atone for in HIS lifetime with the exception, perhaps, of a few, unkind WORDS uttered at times of stress or the overturning of the money changers' tables in the Temple. And there's no clue whether HE was gay or straight. We don't even know if HE died a virgin. HIS goodness, as expressed externally, seemed quite divorced from anything that might have been going on below HIS waist. ("The Three Temptations of Christ" by satan weren't just about sex. ¹²⁵)

What I find fascinating about the first line of this surah {"Prophet, why do you prohibit that which God has made lawful for you: seeking to please your wives?} is that the Prophet would be willing to write about his discussion with God concerning his personal issues with his wives. The Prophet addressed his private, sexual syndrome by revealing his sexual indiscretion publicly. That's an example of humiliation. He could have presented himself in so much more divine a light had he omitted discussing his urges, desires, wants, lusts, needs and obsessions entirely. Instead, he spoke about his challenges in the third person:

*"When the Prophet confided a secret to one of his wives;
and when she disclosed it
and God informed him of this,
He made known one part of it
and said nothing about the other.
And when he had acquainted her with it,
she said,
'Who told you this?'
He replied,
'the Wise One, the all-knowing, told me.'"
[66:3]*

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¹²⁴ Moses killed the ancient Egyptian slave driver when he was 40 years old. He ran away for 40 more years. He met GOD at the Burning Bush at the age of 80. And he died at the end of the Exodus on the eastern banks of the Jordan River at the age of 120.

¹²⁵ Jesus was tempted with (1) everlasting, bodily satisfaction; (2) unlimited power; (3) divinity. Apparently eternal orgasm, the power of GOD and divinity weren't enough to tempt HIM.

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GOD sometimes reveals things to us directly, and sometimes **HE** reveals them through others in ways that then become much more embarrassing, shameful or humiliating than had we simply been able to struggle with the problem within ourselves with **GOD** alone as our Witness. What the Prophet is describing in this passage is a complex issue {a combination of an external problem and an inner syndrome} that was revealed to him over time in both his worlds. His predisposition to conceal secrets and lies was beyond question. But he didn’t have to reveal it out loud. This humiliation is an example for us in how to become divine.

Once an idea concerning our reputation pierces us on the inside, it becomes ignited in our mind by embarrassment and makes its way into our heart. There, it burns with a mixture of dread and curiosity, illuminating us to our love of preserving our good name despite our shame. These flares of anger at ourselves that shoot out of our heart are like sunspots that are hotter and more volatile than the rest of our feelings. Soon after, they come to have an effect on our soul just as solar winds are trapped by the magnetic poles.

Embarrassment {the thought} is quite different from shame {the feeling}. Our heart erupts with the feeling of shame when we realize (with or without outside pressure) that we’ve done something that will compromise our body, and, thereby, threaten our survival. Our conscience erupts with humiliation which, like the aurora borealis, ignites the night with humiliation. When we realize that **GOD** has allowed something bad to happen to our body, head and heart to teach us to believe less of ourselves, some of us are motivated to confess our sins. Others just choose to cover their ass.

When it comes to matters of sex, men circumvent embarrassing thoughts, shameful feelings and humiliating opinions and beliefs by protecting one another from anyone who defies or defiles their obsessions. Indignation, denial and hypocrisy are the only membership requirement to join “The Good Ol’ Boys’ Club.”

What it means to have come out of your closet is that you’ve united your head, heart and conscience to determine for yourself whether your thoughts, feelings and opinions are warranted in your own eyes. The great achievement of some gay men is that we’ve been through this unification process because our desire for unity with all mankind has been so much more powerful than we could contain. We’ve been forced to upgrade our opinions of men and challenge our own beliefs because we’re so attracted to them.

Gay men and lesbians know all about embarrassing thoughts. We know all about shameful feelings. But not all of us know about the possibility of humiliating ourselves with truth and beauty. Not all of us are devoted to life. Some only lust for those men or women they’re physically attracted to. Some still formulate moral standards based on the concepts of physical beauty and ugliness. Morality isn’t a part of their coming out story.

But thanks to what most of us know about ourselves, we know we’re not going to allow straight people to shame us any longer. And we don’t give a damn if they’re JEWISH,

CHRISTIAN or *Muslim*, or claim that their GOD/GOD/*God* is going to punish us if we don't behave sexually as they do. Some of us may have to see them again in "hell." But some of us may not.

The solar storms at the heart of the heart of the straight men in The Good Ol' Boys' Club surface without warning. They bubble up from deep down inside them and flare up like a tongue of flames. Straight men deny that the cause of these storms is internal. They profess to have a halo of light around them that shimmers at all times.

But most women and gay men can see right through them like a lunar eclipse that eats away at the sun. One little cloud in the sky that conceals the sun and the hyper-religious men go right back to fighting one another.

They can't do any better. They claim to know so much about life, but they can't tell you why **GOD** chose to create fire along with land, sea and sky. They're burning up within. They're *extinguishing* themselves rather than *distinguishing* themselves.

The Prophet's problems in pleasing all the women in his harem speaks to deep issues in straight men today who aren't willing to question their self-worth. When it comes to embarrassment from the outside in, it's so easy to embarrass straight men by telling their deepest, darkest secrets. But it seems to be impossible for them to humiliate themselves. We just have to cringe for them.

Sometimes we need **GOD** to tell our secrets for us. Our head is so deeply lodged up our backside that we can't see that our ego is right in front of our face. That's something women and gay men are experts at helping straight men perceive realistically, whether they like it, or not...

I call the secrets men keep from themselves "penis problems." The penis problem Moses suffered from produced the explosive fury that caused him to lose his temper more than once in Torah. One such incident was when GOD told him to speak to the rock in the desert of Zin in the 39th year of their wandering, after Miriam died and the whole congregation was tired, thirsty and thoroughly disgusted with the Exodus out of ancient Egypt. Instead of doing what he was told by GOD to do, Moses struck the rock with his staff. And although water did gush forth to quench the thirst of the people, his temper had gotten the better of him. And GOD told Moses and Aaron that because they didn't trust him, they'd never be allowed to enter Israel. [Numbers 20]

Moses didn't have to mention this incident in his autobiography {Torah} any more than the Prophet had to describe his frustrations in trying to satisfy so many wives in the Quran. Doing so humanized them both in the eyes of our ancestors, and it should help humanize us today. No man is devoid of penis problems. Every one of us, except Jesus apparently, has them.

A penis problem, although not necessarily a deep, dark secret anymore, can, nevertheless, become an embarrassing thought and a shameful feeling that can turn into a humiliating belief. It's all a question of what you sense, where within, and what you decide to do about it.

In the case of Jesus, HIS temper was always measured. HIS confrontations were always insightful and morally pure. And HE did nothing, so far as I can tell, to displease HIS FATHER.

But because we have no evidence of the whisperings of HIS carnal desires, we're left wondering whether HE may have been a closeted, gay man or whether HE simply had no interest in expressing HIMSELF through desire and physical intimacy with anyone. Christ's three temptations by the devil are interesting when viewed from a psycho-sexual perspective. But I leave it to you to read my book on the quotations of Jesus in the Bible for further insight into the nature of HIS self-love.

From a universal perspective, every man {with the exception of Jesus and those born by caesarean} has the same penis problem. He doesn't want his penis to touch his mother's vagina walls a second time. This isn't a problem in the literal sense for the vast majority of men, but it's the universal, moral problem they all have in common.

The boundary between loving your mother and making love to your mother is psychologically real. You surely decided to ignore this issue a long time ago by putting it to rest. But, instead, you found yourself with a penis problem or clitoris conflict that's expressed in projection onto the external world. That problem will surface instead as the psycho-spiritual conception, birth, nurturing, rearing and educating of your inner child.

Most straight people^u just make one baby after another instead of conceiving an inner child. And the more babies they^u make, the more they^u think they can unlock the secret to their life using their children's flesh and blood. Each child they^u create becomes a combination to a lock they^u're trying to open. Until their children disappoint, grow up or leave them, every one of them holds some secret to the universe that they^u think they can solve through procreation. But their first born son is traditionally perceived to be their greatest lock and key.

Creating a messiah or recreating the Messiah isn't possible in bed. Sex doesn't work like that. Jesus may have been the SON of GOD, but HE unlocked the door to love. Religious couples who create more than one or two children are just misguided if they try to produce love by making babies. Duplicating GOD's formula using procreation as your tool is a misuse of your "tool."

And as you well know, literally having sex with yourself doesn't produce a child of GOD/GOD/*God* either. It only produces a pleasing sensation. If you're a straight man, fantasizing about sex with women while masturbating unites your y {penis} with her x¹ {vagina} in myriad mental positions that exercise your imagination as much as your hand. You may even fantasize about you being someone else, thereby experiencing sex from someone else's physical perspective.

Whether excessive masturbation will produce a child of GOD is anyone's guess... But I don't recommend it. There are more efficient ways to get to know and love yourself. Sex with yourself is not as satisfying over time as loving yourself.

There are those who can't use their imagination in ways that have anything to do with human beings. They may have, for example, a fetish with an object or animal. Some are only interested in eliciting anger, fear, pain or sorrow through sex. Just as the mind has a mind of its own, so does the heart. So does the penis or clitoris.

In many, creative and destructive ways, your mind figuratively conceives thousands of inner children over your lifetime without having to go through the messy business of literally raising them or taking them to heart.

The classic, family model of the father who comes from his head {y} and mother who comes from her heart {x²} is only sexually fluid in your imagination when your own head and heart entwine like secret lovers; a secret you may not yet have disclosed to yourself because of some prohibition you've been living under.

You may be so versatile with regard to penetration, orgasm and even the conception of children that you don't realize how deeply your thoughts and feelings have been unconsciously linked to that third part of you through orgasm. And if you're really candid with yourself, you may even admit that you can't really distinguish your head from your heart unless you're in a crisis. They usually act as one until you're under stress.

If you think it's weird and unnatural to have sex with your mother, just imagine how weird it is to have figuratively created a baby with yourself, by yourself! This even goes beyond the Immaculate Conception of Jesus!

The fertile imagination can, not only do such a thing; it's a temptation many psychologically wish to achieve in projection through one form or another. Whatever your fantasies, you can't keep your secrets from GOD, even if you can keep them from everyone else.

When you simply entertain this thought, as you've done here, you welcome yourself to the maternity ward in the insane asylum of life. In an instant, you've conceived and birthed an inner child! You're figuratively a father or a mother! Despite all those poor women in Scripture who couldn't conceive, you've figuratively succeeded in doing so by yourself just by having personally entertained the idea! May you get "nachas" {Yiddish: rewards} from your inner child for the rest of your life...

We all have a chatty serpent or worm that conspires with our inner Eve to the detriment of our thinking, which, in turn, affects our reputation when viewed through the eyes of our conscience. All men have penis problems (even men who've been dismembered) because all men are spiritual descendants of Adam and Eve. {And I'm quite sure all women have clitoris conflicts, too}.

Once you understand how deeply you wish to avoid your mother's vagina, you move away from that direction {-}. Once you realize how curious you are to figuratively make a baby with yourself, you move toward that direction {+}. These two inner directives are imperative in helping you shape your inner life in psychologically healthy ways. Man was never meant to be alone for a moment.

Emancipation from our mother {-} and unification with ourselves {+}, when united psychologically, produce the rocket fuel that propels us in the direction of GOD. This then becomes our scientific reasoning for literally leave the Earth to go and explore the stars {a destination that can't be explained logically without psychology}. And it figuratively becomes our reason for exploring guilt to discover better ways of managing our inner reality.

Men's desires rise and fall at their own whims. All that comes out of his mouth is suspect, especially given that his own understanding of his thoughts, feelings and beliefs are so easily swayed by his desires despite the fact that he knows so little about how he operates. These fluctuations in desire have nothing to do his physical attraction to women because the same issues occur in gay men for men. Today's younger generation are well

aware of this and, therefore, don't judge people by the gender they sleep with or the amount of sex they're getting. These issues are non-issues for them.

Desire is evident in the pursuit of morality through politics. People fight for what they believe is right based on what they know and feel to be true about themselves. But the more you know, the less you're willing to literally fight with others. The more you know, the more you're willing to argue and use legal means to fight for justice, mercy and fairness. Stealing elections becomes as odious to you as stealing forbidden fruit.

The LGBT+ community and Jews are the least likely and willing to steal elections to get our way because we're more interested in the outcomes of hard work. We set the standards of what it means to be meek, not weak. We know that the meek shall inherit the Earth because the only hope they have lies in their unspoken faith in **GOD**, whether they consciously know it, or not.

Since we should all be able to agree that every man's penis has a mind of its own, if we don't discuss openly and candidly the moral consequences of how we operate it, we're going to create euphemistic ways of describing our problems even if we're evolved and mature enough not to blame satanic forces for what we're doing.

Consider, if you will, the possibility that **GOD** gave you two worlds because you're like two people. Literally, you're only one person, but figuratively you're like two people in one. If you don't look at yourself as two x's or an x and a y, how would you ever have a clue to what it's like being you?

I was like a Dr. Jekyll {x²} and Mr. Hyde {y}. And Mr. Hyde {y} only wanted to kill me {x²} or carve sexual notches on his bedpost. I had to observe myself very closely to discover why I was so self-destructive. And I had to use bad experiences as my teacher.

But that work paid off. Now I can talk to myself about what I'm going through. I can even write about it in ways that should make sense to others. No one can call me crazy anymore. And if they do, I can laugh it off.

Spiritually, we all get to a point in our maturation process when our inner child reaches spiritual puberty. We know that masturbation is a normal part of sexual maturation. But we should look at physical puberty from a spiritual perspective as that time in our life when we first begin to figuratively copulate with ourselves. Over time, this figuratively conceives the inner baby that we've come to know as the child within that the science of psychology is so fond of talking about.

If you have the qualities of a parent with a child without having children, you have an inner child. If you have compassion, sympathy and empathy for others, you have an inner child. If you experience moral indignation at the way in which others are being treated unfairly, you have an inner child.

But if you aren't incensed by the way straights treat gays and *Muslims* treat Jews, you have a wayward inner child who's undisciplined, spoiled and mischievous. You're raising your inner child to steal. And that outcome will boomerang back on you.

Young adults don't have to figuratively cover themselves with fig leaves because they don't allow themselves to be embarrassed anymore. Their body is theirs, free for them to operate as they please in polite society.

This then makes it possible to build unisex toilets, knowing that people aren't going to abuse themselves or one another in public restrooms. The issue isn't whether transgendered

men or women should be using the toilet that corresponds to their genitals. The issue is whether you can go north of your genitals, past your waist, to operate yourself from your head, heart and soul. This, the hyper-religious don't want to address because they're thieves who only go south to steal.

Now you should be able to see why the fight over Israel isn't just a war over real estate. It's about who's a thief and who's not. Israel is the externalization of an inner issue that hyper-religious straight people don't want to have to face.

There's you_y and you_{x2} in the masculine sense of a relationship with yourself. Or, there's you_{x1} and you_{x2} in the feminine sense of a relationship with yourself. And there's you₁ and you₂ in the universal sense a relationship with yourself. One you₁ is your mind. The other you₂ is your heart. But without a third you₃, you'll never understand the other two. You must be willing to watch yourself grow. You were made to be an inner voyeur.

Your attraction to a partner in the external world is a complicated matter that has many variables. It boils down to the following:

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| 1. he {y} with he {y} | gay |
| 2. he {y} with he {x ² } | gay |
| 3. he {x²} with he {x²} | gay, loving and eternal |
| 4. she {x ¹ } with she {x ¹ } | lesbian |
| 5. she {x ¹ } with she {x ² } | lesbian |
| 6. she {x²} with she {x²} | lesbian, loving and eternal |
| 7. he {y} with she {x ¹ } | straight |
| 8. he {x²} with she {x²} | straight, loving and eternal ¹²⁶ |

Now that you've past spiritual puberty, you can claim to be an adult because you've crossed the threshold of self-knowledge that brings you from spiritual childhood into spiritual maturity. And the spiritual adult in you might be more like a male or female in ways that please or displease you.

Now that I've come to know so much more about myself, I have someone to care for and a reason for being that I didn't have before. Now I'm not feeling "only" anymore. I feel I've become fruitful and have multiplied in the creative ways GOD asked me to strive to do in Torah.

*"If you two turn to God in penitence
 {for your hearts have sinned}
 you shall be pardoned;
 but if you conspire against him,*

¹²⁶ Perhaps, when straight men say that women are complex creatures, what they're really trying to say is that it isn't easy to predict what a woman may be attracted to in another person because she was made by **GOD** somewhat differently. But the same can be said of men.

*know that God is his protector,
and Gabriel,
and the righteous among the faithful.
The angels too are his helpers.”*
[66:4] ¹²⁷

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Here, the Prophet is literally referring to himself in the third person {...if you conspire against “him”... “his” helpers...}. He’s standing behind God and Gabriel for protection against his wives. He’s using the “Good Ol’ Boy’s Network” to keep his women in line. And he’s doing so using the third person in order to frighten his wives and those who wish to protect them into giving him what he wants.

From the Prophet’s point of view, there’s a modern lesson here for us all, and it doesn’t have to do with men protecting themselves from their wives when men want to have sex with other women. It’s about recognizing that the one you love more than anyone else in the whole world is your inner child, not the people you’re attracted to externally or feel protective of.

Once you’ve reached the level of a spiritually young adult, you can’t just ignore your inner child. Now you have a responsibility to manage yourself as someone innocent {x²} with someone experienced {y or x¹}. Now you have the problem all parents have in dealing with children who must be protected from some aspects of reality until their inner child is old enough to help him or her.

So when GOD says that their hearts have sinned, what HE’s really saying is that Hafsah and Aishah didn’t know themselves deeply enough to avoid making their mistakes of

¹²⁷ Until now, the two who were accused of having sinned were Hafsah and Aishah. But you should now be able to make the spiritual leap to conclude that Hafsah and Aishah may have been conspiring against their own inner interests in their unconscious. When men and women have sinned, but only the men have behaved infideliously, GOD has a complex lesson to teach all those involved. The sexual games people play whereby they express devotion to others indicate that they have inner conflicts that their desires externalize and magnify in order to bring their inner forces to higher levels of consciousness.

jealousy and envy. What \mathcal{HE} 's also saying is that \mathcal{He} 'll protect Muhammad in the same way that HE protected Cain. \mathcal{He} 'll separate Muhammad from those who'd seek to hurt him.

I'm sure it's normal for a woman to feel disappointed, even frightened, when she discovers her husband has been keeping secrets from her. It's not a sin to act on infidelity with anger, fear or sorrow by gossiping about your husband to get him to change his behavior through social pressure. Such external conflicts have occurred since the beginning of time.

As straight men and women learn more about themselves from gays and lesbians, straights will become more aware and awakened to the multiplicity of potential relationships they could forge with themselves. Infidelity is a sign of deeper issues that need to be addressed by everyone in a relationship.

Nowadays, most men and women can speak pretty candidly about their inner child, that part of themselves they need to protect if threatened. The struggle between our inner parent $\{y \text{ or } x^1\}$ and inner child $\{x^2\}$ doesn't just go away when our inner child grows up to become emancipated. It becomes more morally acute as we become more morally astute.

We live in an age of anxiety. We live in an age when our parents can't save us from ourselves. Nowadays, the world is turning so quickly that nobody can fully keep up. And in an effort to do so despite the pressure we're under in the 21st Century, it's as though people put a gun to their head to force themselves to do what needs to be done, regardless of the cost it may have to their psyche. This is what figuratively causes anxiety. If you could imagine the barrel of the gun you raise to your temple, you could empathize with your own anxiety.

When you abuse yourself with self-threats below the level of full consciousness just to look "normal" on the outside, you floor your accelerator to make the light; you get your garbage out of the house before your neighbors fill up the bin; you squeeze into pants that are too tight; or do one of thousands other things that you've convinced yourself you've got to accomplish at all cost. The more you set up implied threats if you don't get things your way, the more anxious you're going to become.

Gossip, leaks or rumors aren't only the recourse of women. Men who are anxious will do the same things. We all use these techniques when we feel that, familial, institutional and political structures have threatened our comfort and wellbeing. We defy prohibitions or gender roles when the status quo won't get us what we want.

When blacks, Christians, gays, immigrants, Jews, Muslims and women have fewer cultural, familial, legal or political rights, their loyalty to their inner child is threatened, even if only unconsciously. Anxiety motivates them to seek loyalty to people different from themselves. External matters that threaten their wellbeing have a powerful effect on their persona. Some become overly protective of themselves. Some become overly protective of some others. But a few who can't abide anxiety become destructive and cruel.

Besmirching the reputation of all men may be necessary after millennia of abuse of women and children. Until women are treated equivalently in all societies, straight men, and to a lesser degree, gay men, may have to live with having their gender sullied by gossip, innuendo and historical precedence. Ridicule, scorn and derision have become moral shaping methods that are free for everyone to use, although they're only used productively on one's self. But few do. Most prefer to point fingers.

You might even say that the “Fourth Estate” is the result of the emancipation of a woman’s prerogative to gossip universalized and disseminated as news. How would we survive without journalism? Journalism is the inner parent and inner child relationship externalized for adult consumption. Journalism is the outer manifestation of self-reflection.

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Some women may become consumed with retribution against men to right an historical wrong. But some men may want to atone for their penis problems without having to admit any guilt. Neither is going to happen without soul searching. This isn’t a religious matter anymore. This is a spiritual matter that concerns us all.

My father appeared to be a typically straight male. He was patriarchal in a very old-fashioned, European way. But my mother was atypically straight. She was matriarchal in some old fashioned ways, but she was very modern in terms of social change and adaptation to new, cultural norms. But because they had both been somewhat spoiled by their parents, they became defiant and autonomous under pressure. They saw themselves as so superior to some others that they thought they didn’t have to change for anyone. They both went through life either kicking and screaming or passively deceiving the system.

Later, they met more suitable partners and reconciled with one another and themselves. My father became more modern by marrying a self-made woman who appreciated his European sophistication. My mother married a European man who had no problem with the gay community. Both couples found they could integrate into modern American life, my father and his wife as Republicans who supported Israel and my mother and her husband as Democrats who supported gay rights.

My father hated blacks and gays. And my mother only voted once in her whole life and she cheated on her taxes every single year. It takes **GOD** to measure people by volume rather than moral length, width or depth.

I never heard either of my parents confide to me that their marital problems to one another had been, in part, their own fault. Neither could humiliate himself in that way. They couldn’t see what they’d done wrong in having gotten married in the first place because they never achieved the inner perspective to know themselves deeply enough to do so. Because of the War and their previous losses, they could only inch forward without looking back at what they’d done wrong. He died of heart failure at the age of 84 after two quadruple bypass surgeries. Her death has been dragged out by dementia.

My father came from a Lithuanian family of great wealth and privilege. His father owned a tobacco factory. My father went to a private, German, finishing school, and had even spent time in America for pleasure before the War. My mother came from working class parents in Munich, Germany. Her father was a farmer’s son with more than ten

¹²⁸ The *Fourth Estate* refers to the news media, especially to print journalism or the “press” because the press apply social **pressure**. The press is essential to a functioning democracy. The more restricted the press, the more totalitarian the society. The less understood the press, the less people understand their own nature. And the more unhinged the press becomes from the court of public scrutiny, the more fake news becomes a weapon of mass destruction for the sake of sociological control over society. People who are allowed to speak too freely discourage critical thinking in favor of passionate reactivity. They simply fan the flames of penis problems or clitoris conflicts.

siblings. He came to the big city, passed his civil service test and became a tram driver. Her mother was a tobacco shop owner who moved to Munich from Vienna all on her own. My mother's maternal grandfather had been a school principal.

Emotionally, my father was the youngest of eight children and the most spoiled. He expected to be catered to. He expected to be listened to and obeyed. He had the attitude that people were there not only there to serve his physical needs, but to serve his emotional needs, as well.

My mother, on the other hand, was emotionally very young and inexperienced. She'd been trained to use classical music as a means to achieve social status, but she chose to use her skills as a social climber to hook my father instead. She wanted his prestige and privilege to overcome her lack of education and sophistication. She wanted to be envied.

When my father failed in business and didn't have the emotional equilibrium to manage the consequent pressure of having the silver spoon removed from his mouth, all "hell" broke loose between them. His dreams of becoming as rich and powerful as his father were dashed. Her dreams of finally becoming rich and enviable as her mother had dreamed for her were dashed. They had no choice but to divorce to conceal the great divorce each of them had to go through within that had left them with irreconcilable differences with one another.

All my life my head wanted to associate with the wealthy, well-educated, culturally polished and socially well-healed. But my heart secretly yearned for a working class lifestyle with someone who was the salt of the earth. I never felt accepted in the social circles I aspired to. Once accepted by a group of people, I repeatedly ran away from those kinds of people because I always concluded they were too spoiled for me.

Secrets about gender and lifestyle will be revealed to you through others until you're ready to receive secrets about your gender and lifestyle from yourself. Secrets held by your head and your heart will be revealed as you become more soulful, and less vindictive against yourself. Often times, the only way for people to come clean with the secrets they've kept from themselves is through a romantic relationship that goes sour.

Many straight women nowadays tell their marital secrets to gay men. In this way, women's secrets have made their way into the world of gay men they can trust. And the same, I'm told, is beginning to happen between lesbians and straight men. Word is out. But you're never as sick as other people's secrets. You're only as sick as your own.

Divorce is more common than ever, not because society is more degenerate than it used to be, but because people are finding it harder to keep secrets from themselves, and GOD. But instead of improving their selves by themselves, most still look around for a new and improved external partner to love them.

Moses, Jesus and the Prophet weren't only honest, sincere and authentic, respectively, in ways that were conjointly truthful. All three of Them were frank because they were as genuine as people could be with themselves in the day-and-age in which they lived.

It's understandable to me that Jews are thankful to Moses; Christians are appreciative of Jesus; and Muslims, grateful to the Prophet Muhammad. But GOD knows, some straight men today are just as primitive and aggressive as our ancestors once were! Some of the worst people on Earth are hyper-devotees of one of these holy men, while simultaneously scorning the underlying principles of all three.

*“God gave an example to the nonbelievers in the wife of Noah
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They were married to two of Our righteous servants
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Their husbands could in no way protect them from God.”
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No man can protect a woman from her “God” any more than he can protect a man from his “God.” In those ways that a man refuses to recognize the collusion of his desires with his feelings, he projects this aspect of his relationship with himself out onto others. In the case of straight men, that’s presented in the outer world as sexual relations with women {at one end of the spectrum} and war {at the other}. When you don’t know yourself well enough, you pay a price for your ignorance, whether you consider yourself male, female, gay, straight or someone somewhere in between.

There’s no mention in Torah of Noah’s wife deceiving him, but it’s possible that, because she knew him better than we can say, she may have been angry at him for having callously ignored those drowning around them.¹²⁹ Maybe if she’d suggested that Noah help those drowning from the flood, she wouldn’t have been recorded in the Quran as having been a bad wife.

Lot’s wife turned around to look back on Sodom. In doing so, she may have betrayed her feelings of disapproval of Lot. Maybe if she’d told Lot what a fool he’d been for putting the wellbeing of strangers above that of his own wife and daughters, he might not have betrayed his “family” “values.”

What makes you a modern man or woman, different from your ancestors, lies in your spiritual advancement. Physically, you’re hardly any different from those who came before you. But spiritually you’re not at all the same. Today’s women can embrace the qualities of a tree of knowledge and today’s men can embrace the qualities of a tree of life. There’s no boundary anyone’s imagination can’t forge between the two.

GOD’s decision to divide the light {morality} from the night {guilt}; the land {thoughts} from the sea {feelings}; males {y} from females {x¹}; and gays {x²} from straights {x²} – are expressions of his moral intentions for us all. Surely HE wants us to look more deeply into the appearances of this world. Surely HE wants us to discover how

¹²⁹ Noah’s wife is mentioned five times in the flood story of Genesis, {6:18, 7:7, 7:13, 8:16, 8:18} although never by name. Lot’s wife is mentioned only once, Genesis 19:26, also not by name.

HE made each one of us with the possibility for a great destiny if we choose to strive for an understanding of the meaning of “**ONE GOD**.”

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God gave an example in Pharaoh’s wife,
who said,
‘Lord,
build me a house with you in paradise
and deliver me from Pharaoh and his misdeeds.
Deliver me from a wicked nation.’”
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There’s no corroborating evidence in Torah that Pharaoh’s wife said this. But we can imagine how she must have felt after she lost her firstborn son because of the stubbornness of her husband who put his Israelite, work force above the wellbeing of his loved ones.¹³⁰ From this passage we can see that she realized that the direction her husband had gone in went against GOD’s wishes. But it was too late for her to save her son from her husband’s evil intentions. What else could she do but pray to GOD for her own wellbeing?

Those who behave foolishly always blame women for their own disloyalty to themselves. They project their frustration and anger onto women because, up until recently, they could. Just as Jews opened the door to freedom for the blacks, and a black President liberated gays, gays have opened the door of emancipation for women through the “Me, Too” movement. (But it certainly would be nice if those who went through these open doors would take a moment to turn around and say, “Thank you!”)

If you think JEWISH women, CHRISTIAN women and *Muslim* women are going to advocate for this simply form of spiritual courtesy, you’re out to lunch. The JEWISH women hate blacks. The CHRISTIAN women hate gays. And the *Muslim* women hate one another under their burqas.

¹³⁰ These women’s arguments present questions about the moral integrity of their husbands {Noah, Lot and Pharaoh}. Whether you’re at the bottom in the middle or at the top of society, **GOD**’s laws apply to you.

If the above passage describes Pharaoh's wife's innermost thoughts and prayers, that would only have been evident to GOD and the Archangel Gabriel at the time it happened. Nowhere in Exodus is any time spent in moral reflection on what happened from an ancient, Egyptian, woman's point of view. It's only with the expansion of the moral awareness of man by the 7th Century C.E. that such questions could be asked and answered in the Prophet's recital.

Whether or not you make concessions for your GOD/GOD/*God* because of the wisdom, love or loyalty missing in your Scripture, you're still responsible for the outcomes you contribute to around you. Whether you like it, or not, you're a part of the spiritual evolution.

We must all think about what GOD would want us to do differently. But this is impossible to accomplish without witnessing your thoughts and feelings with a healthy respect for your guilt and pride.¹³¹

The Israelites walked away from the Ten Plagues, while the ancient Egyptians paid a high price for their conspiracy with evil in trying to maintain the status quo. The example set by Moses and the Israelites through the moral importance of freedom didn't end 3,400 years ago. The struggle for liberty wasn't usurped by the Christians 2,020 years ago. And the emancipation of humanity didn't begin and end with the Muslims 1,442 years ago.

Freedom is a Jewish concept of relinquishing the embarrassment of bondage that has been augmented with the Christian concept of liberty to relinquish man's feelings of shame. But the Muslim concept of emancipation adds humiliation to that endeavor. You can't have any one without the others. Such is the full story of guilt. The unexamined life isn't worth living because you'll die in bondage to yourself if you don't learn to behave any better.¹³²

It doesn't take a tree of life to know that a tree of knowledge doesn't always know what it needs to know. Every tree can come to know itself well enough to suspect that there are things it doesn't know and may not have previously wanted to know. Denial is universal. Anyone can see other people's denial, but only those trees that are devoted to morality for the sheer joy of self-improvement are willing to admit the truth about GOD's tremendous, day-to-day participation in their life. Only they're willing to work through their denial and stop worrying so much about other people's denial.

Jesus was the first, male personification of the Tree of life. HE exemplified all the characters in the Creation story: Adam, Eve, serpent and GOD. HE personified a man who believed in himself so thoroughly that HE could identify the most important force within HIM {love} to HIMSELF and before HIS Creator. Jesus built upon the evidence given HIM by Moses in a way that has changed the world for the better in many miraculous respects.

The Prophet built upon the evidence given him by Moses and Jesus. And despite the constant bickering between JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* for the past 1,400 years, much moral progress has been made, for which many rewards have been bestowed upon us all.

¹³¹ What you do and who you are, are quite different. The less you do wrong, the more you'll be able to admit to being wrong. The more you clean up your act around you, the more you can see the moral mess you may have left inside you.

¹³² Words spoken by Socrates as quoted by Plato {400 B.C.E}.

You should do your very best to build upon all that you've inherited. I believe in you. I know you have the potential to become soulful. Who else would have slogged through this much reading but someone who deeply cares about his or her own love?

The Prophet was one tree of knowledge planted at an auspicious time in history. He was a man who knew himself in ways that no other man had ever done until then. The fact that he had so many marital problems should only make him more human and real to people like us.

Moses had anger issues. He gave us hope and ran away from his problems. GOD had to lead him another way. Jesus may have been a closeted, gay man, but HE personified hope in the flesh. And the thrust of the Prophet was to warn us not to become hopeless, despite the fact that he was a sex and love addict. GOD works in mysterious ways.

We need all three of the Abrahamic faiths to decode GOD's designs. We need more of HIS story to decipher HIS story. There isn't one answer to the mystery of life. There's only my story as it intersects with history. And that cross is mine alone to bear.

There's a moral efficacy to your existence whether you can see it, or not. I can't tell you how to find out more about yourself. I can only tell you what I know about me. You may want to decide if there's a secret you've been keeping from yourself that you now want to explore. That will relieve you of prohibitions you're struggling with.

If so, you should decide with what degree you wish to graduate life. Some opt to keep their secrets hidden. They don't mind spending less time in class so long as they don't have to do any homework. They're willing to gamble on the answers to the questions on their final exam.

A JEW, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim* will tell you that homosexuality is a want, while a Jew, Christian or Muslim will tell you that homosexuality is a need. But a JEW, CHRISTIAN or *Muslim* will tell you that murder, cheating, stealing and lying are wants for which they'll be excused because their means will be justified by their *ENDS/ENDS/Ends*.

So it's always a head scratcher when hyper-religious people are caught behaving hypocritically, and then insist that forgiveness is what they deserve, while vengeance is what their enemies deserve.

Marriage equality has opened the door to the religious questions of lusts verses needs. So let's review what we've learned about matters emanating out of your penis or clitoris:

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| 1. | Urges | Breathing, drinking, eating, urinating and defecating |
| 2. | Desires | Procreating and recreating sexually |
| 3. | Wants | Collecting material possessions |
| 4. | Lusts | Sexual sensations mixed with powerful feelings |
| 5. | Needs | Dryness, warmth, coolness and privacy |
| 6. | Obsessions | Sensations mixed with thoughts and feelings that we can't control and often can't even bring to consciousness to talk about. |

The hyper-religious^u confound their desires with their wants. They^u project their desire to recreate sexually onto others and condemn them^o for it. But they^u have no moral compunction about stealing because they^u rationalize it as serving their^u GOD's/GOD's/*God*'s greater goals. And after taking what they want, they^u cover their ass by accusing gay men of behaving in lustful ways that they^u've determined are worse than satisfying their^u own wants.

That's an example of the pot calling the kettle black. Granted, both the pot and the kettle *are* black, and so you'd have to look at each and every pot and kettle to determine which is blacker. That's obvious too big a job for GOD/GOD/*God*. That has to be done by **GOD**.

It's taken more than 70 years for the hyper-religious JEWS to get caught stealing and be forced to face the hypocrisy of their ways. But their wants have nothing to do with gay needs or with the land GOD gave the Jews. This is a clean-up campaign within Israel that will shed light on an Abrahamic issue that the Western world will be forced to face. This will bring up blame that will unite the cause of the anti-Semites and anti-Zionists sitting at the back of the room. But at the front of the room, it will bring up issues of hypocrisy in Jews, Christians and Muslims that will unite us in our endeavor to improve our own grades.

Those in the modern world believe that your sexuality is a need to be fulfilled provided you don't hurt anyone. The choices you make about the people you sleep with determine the depth of your ability to treat yourself, and others, responsibly.

Those in the hyper-religious world who only associate homosexuality with lust want something they can't have. They want to be closer to their GOD/GOD/*God* because they're so divorced from parts of themselves. They don't know how to come any nearer to **HIM** because they don't know how to get any closer to themselves. Their secret is getting in their own way. They're assholes. They're not anuses.

Granted the lustful are also assholes. They^o use one another without much of a thought. But they^o don't scheme to take over the world as the JEWS^u, CHRISTIANS^u and *Muslims*^u are doing. They^o're kettle isn't quite as black as their^u pot.

You decide if you want marriage equality or marriage inequality. It's no longer my penis problem. **GOD** separates the men from the boys here on Earth. Are you becoming a man or are you going to die a little boy?

*"And in Mary,
Imran's daughter,
who preserved her chastity,
and into whose womb We breathed Our spirit;
who put her trust in the worlds of her Lord
and His scriptures,
and was truly devout."*

[66:12]

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In making his argument, the Prophet doesn’t use the actions of men from Scripture, but the actions of Noah’s wife, Lot’s wife, Pharaoh’s wife and now Christ’s mother. And that’s wise considering that the reputation of men wasn’t any better than it is today.

How many devout, little boys do you know verses how many truly devout women have you come across? Women have the winning hand. Jews are jokers in the deck. Jews can go together with any run in any suit. But only gays can teach you how to play at the same time you pray. So show us your hand. We know the cards you’re holding. We just want to see if you trust us or whether you think we’ll screw you.

The Jews put their trust in GOD’s spirit. The Christians put their trust in **GOD**’s spirit. And the Muslims put their trust in *God*’s spirit. But we know that it’s really **GOD**’s spirit we’re all going to have to put our trust in. That, the institutions of religious conveniently forget to mention...

A little knowledge about sex probably didn’t help you when you were an adolescent. It was so easy then to either get overly comfortable or deeply resistant to what others told you rather than challenge yourself to learn more about the land, sea and sky that has had such a powerful effect on the fire {passions} within you.

How many JEWS have read the Gospels? How many CHRISTIANS have read the Quran? How many *Muslims* read anything other than bomb-making material?

“Chastity” should be defined as the sexual behavior of a man or woman who admirably upholds the moral standards and behavioral guidelines of a civilization, culture or faith. In the Western world, the term chastity has become closely associated {and is often used interchangeably} with sexual abstinence, especially before marriage. The words “chaste” and “chastity” stem from the Latin adjective “castus,” meaning, “pure.” This word entered the English language around the middle of the 13th Century. At that time it meant a slightly different thing. “Chaste” meant “virtuous or pure from unlawful sexual intercourse,” and it referred to extramarital sex, while chastity meant “virginity.” It wasn’t until the late 16th century that the two words came to have the same basic meaning as a related adjective and noun.¹³³

For married JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* acts of a sexual nature are restricted to marriage. For unmarried JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* chastity is synonymous with sexual abstinence. Sexual acts outside or apart from marriage, such as adultery, casual sex and prostitution are sinful.

¹³³ Definition of these words and guidelines comes from Wikipedia.

Perhaps surprisingly, Jews, Christians and Muslims feel similarly to JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* about monogamous, sexual relations for married persons. We're just more lenient about sex before marriage and marriage between members of the same gender. Adultery {sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who's not his or her spouse} and prostitution {sex paid for with money or deeds} are disapproved of by most morally astute people, whether or not they believe in GOD. Surprisingly, there's overlap here between Jews, Christians, Muslims with JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*. It's only casual sex that's at issue.

The concept of chastity and purity for gays and lesbians hasn't come into discussion at this time in history, even though we now have the right to marry in many Western countries, and in Taiwan since 2019. {We're not yet universally perceived of as physical containers that are capable of holding all forms of spiritual contents.}

Straights scorn the very idea of gays and lesbians holding the virtue of purity in their heart because they associate purity only with heterosexuality. They renounce the compatibility of purity with homosexuality, even in the confines of marriage. They only recognize chastity as it conforms to traditional views of sexual relations with members of the opposite gender, even though that requires them, by definition, to denounce the sex they've had or are having with themselves...

Some straight men may feel a little angry or irritable when they touch themselves sexually because they'd rather be touching a woman.

Some straight men may feel pleasantly aroused when they touch themselves because they know exactly how they like to be pleased.

Some straight men may be working to figuratively force their testicles out of their body cavity to descend into their scrotal sac to express their power naturally. They feel boyish and underappreciated and wish to be more manly.

Some straight men may be struggling to understand the good and evil their testicles represent as the two of them hang freely in their scrotum.

Some straight men may think the semen they exude from their penis is for procreation only while others don't give it much of a thought.

Some straight men may question the strange mixture of good and evil they figuratively exude all day, every day from their being. Their semen is a sample of the life-giving force they're producing and giving to the world at all times.

But all men were created in GOD's image.

I think JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* men ought to more vehemently oppose masturbation... They should conclude it will lead to homosexuality... Touching themselves and creating any hint of arousal or bond with themselves should be considered the height of impurity and unchaste behavior... If they don't want to appear to be hypocrites in their GOD's/GOD's/*God's* eyes, they should be much more rabid about the "mortal sin" of touching the "it" they're in, with any hint of sexual intention... Even urinating should be done cautiously for fear of getting any hint of arousal... I suggest they use gloves whenever urinating and washing...

The breasts and vagina of female JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* aren't their own, and they shouldn't be encouraged to think they are... They should be ridiculed and shamed if they give "it" away while "it" is still the property of their father... If their father isn't alive, their breasts and vagina should be considered the property of their eldest brother... And if they don't have an elder brother, they should belong to their oldest, younger brother... If they have no brothers, their sex organs should be considered the property of their uncle or closest male relative of any age until these women are married off to their new owner... They, too, should use gloves when touching or washing themselves.

For JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* the sole purpose of marriage inequality is a transference of "it" {a woman's body} to another "him." The "she" in "it" doesn't matter to them. "It" is all that counts. "It" is nothing more than a possession like an animal on a farm. In this way, the religious laws of slavery described in Torah and the chattel described in the Quran can be literally adhered to and adapted to without requiring any figurative interpretations.

This conclusion about hyper-religious tribalism will be the end result unless the hyper-religious admit that they must include figurative interpretations in with their literal interpretations of their Scripture. This is a truth they can no longer avoid.

Relinquishing ownership of female human beings by the males of our species is the next step away from the slavery our ancestors begrudgingly gave up despite their adherence to their Scripture. This negation of Torah is still on process. And it won't happen in the Quran until the JEWS have led the way.

JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* cling to remnants of the concept of female bondage because it's the last stronghold they have to deny their own container/contents. If they lose that, they'll have no choice but to exact ownership of themselves with the same brutality they project today on some others.

To give up the scapegoats society has in place around us, we must each give up the scapegoats each of still has in place within us. You're not free until men and women don't have to resort to prostitution of their body to survive. You're not liberated until gays and lesbians are able to marry. You're not emancipated so long as women are still held captive by their "owners."

There will come a point in time when you'll have to ask yourself, "*Why do you prohibit that which GOD has made lawful for you.*" When you face the prohibitions you've exacted against yourself, you'll be ready to take the Quran personally.

Although religious extremists can't agree on anything other than the perversion of the LGBT+ community and men's ownership of women's bodies, they surely agree on that. The fact that they don't state their positions on masturbation, vaginal and breast possession and slavery out loud is only because they intuitively know that their beliefs, publicly and candidly stated, would elicit nothing but ridicule in the 21st Century.

It's much more likely that Mary preserved her chastity in the same way that every modern woman preserves her chastity after she's lost her virginity – from within, through a spiritual relationship with GOD that awakens her view of what she's physically lost in anticipation of what she's going to spiritually gain from increased knowledge of her relationship with her own body – that which she alone possesses.

Purity and chastity are especially important virtues for young, unmarried women, but young, unmarried men have the capacity to personally relate to the spiritual challenges of purity and chastity, as well. A morally clean and awakened relationship with **GOD** could be as important to males as females – of any age.

When a man or woman's purity and chastity are projected unto the anus {x²} instead of the vagina {x¹} it universalizes the questions of what it means to be clean inside and throughout. It universalizes the idea of guilt and redemption as human issues, not issues men can control in some others.

The real issues of righteousness originate in a much more chaste place in inner space {soul} than where people are focusing their attentions nowadays. It's not about where the sun don't shine. It's about the fact that the SON {symbolically} shines love everywhere at all times. If you live in darkness within, you don't know darkness {guilt} throughout.

The **LORD** figuratively breathes **HIS** spirit into the womb of every pregnant woman, thereby giving life to the zygote inside her. {**HE** doesn't literally impregnate her with **HIS** sperm}. **HIS** spirit figuratively descends from her soul into her womb, and she conceives, or she doesn't.

Eggs and sperm are only the physical tools of creating life. When viewed under an electron microscope, you can see that male and female chromosomes come together to create the first cell of the new, human being. What you can't see is how chromosomes create life. **GOD** must ignite the process with **HIS** will, or there would be no life. Science only tells us one part of the story.

Rightwing CHRISTIANS are correct in asserting that life begins at conception, not at birth. What they aren't willing to argue is the privacy matter of a process occurring within a woman's body, a place where the laws of man should have no standing. If a woman chooses to thwart her plan of creating a new life in a timely manner, that should be her prerogative. That's a moral issue between her and her Maker. Her grades aren't going on your report card.

Killing zygotes is a woman's prerogative, not a man's. Men can't be given that choice. They've abused the concept of possession and ownership for too long and too egregiously. Look what they've done with the 6th Commandment {killing}! The decision to end a life inside a woman is the right of that woman, and no one else. All other outcomes assume control of her body.

Straight men's reasons for opposing abortion aren't rational. Their reasons are based on proving that their testicles have descended. Their reasons aren't based on figuratively choosing between the left testicle representing evil and the right representing good. Straight men are figuratively hungry to hold power in their hands without literally having to touch the physical source of another man's power {his testicles}. And on their views of homosexuality, their opinion about any testicles other than their own becomes apparent. They want to figuratively hold an iron grip on every man's prostate gland and testicles, but they reel with disgust when any stimulation occurs literally that might cause them to get aroused.

In looking back at the history of mankind, we can see that the ego of ancient man came to the following conclusion with regard to their **GOD/GOD/God** and their women:

$1 = 1$	Their GOD/GOD/God was the only GOD/GOD/God
$y + x = 1$	A man and a woman create a GOD/GOD/God-like creature if it's a son
$x < 1$	But if they create a daughter she's less than their GOD/GOD/God
$y > 1 - x$	Men are greater. Women only diminish the meaning of GOD/GOD/God
$y \pm 1$	Men and GOD/GOD/God are like "1"
$x \pm 0$	Woman is like "0" {nothing}

Those men^u who think that females^o can never be equivalent to males will never find a way to include them^o in with them^u. What they^u're saying is that they^u and their GOD/GOD/God are superior to them^o. They^u're saying that their GOD/GOD/God is exclusive. HE/HE/He plays favorites by gender.

What I'm saying is that our GOD is all inclusive. Women aren't means {ovens} for straight men to prove that they're real men by baking their babies in women's ovens. Making babies can't make you into a man. What I'm saying is that your gender or sexual identity don't make you better than anyone else. What I'm saying is that GOD's designs are greater than your designs whether you're male or female, straight or gay.

Many men still identify as an Adam and see "his" Eve as having been created after him, from a part of him and, therefore, of less worth than him. He compartmentalizes his prejudices in accordance with his whims. His head sees his heart as inferior, just as Cain saw Abel as a threat to him.

This was why Noah cruised on by those who were drowning. This was why that tower to "heaven" had to come crashing down on so many. This is why today's political and sociological towers to power are built upon the pyramidal shape. This makes it much more difficult to knock them down.

When you can finally connect your head, heart and soul, you should feel even closer to GOD. You should put your eternal wellbeing first, while recognizing that to do so, you might want to consider how HE might be looking at all that you're doing in conjunction with all that you're not doing.

You're being judged by GOD to see how much of yourself you're able to put first while acting fairly. If you don't come to conscious awareness of that fact and acknowledge that everything you do for others is intended to advance your opinion of you, you'll become sanctimoniously selfish or obnoxiously selfless. And yet, improving your self-esteem mandates that you help others in order to help yourself as much as possible.

But if you claim that you're doing so for anyone's sake other than your own, you're in denial of the truth. You're breaking the 9th Commandment {lying}. Improving your self-

esteem mandates that you, first and foremost, help yourself, even while you're helping others.

Neither men, nor women, are equal to GOD. Neither holds the secret to creating life, even though everyone who's reached the age puberty knows how to procreate. Anyone who's biologically old enough can make a baby. But only GOD can sanctify the creation of life or infuse you with the meaning of self.

If you don't want a baby, and you created an unwanted zygote, get an abortion before it's too late! It's better to suffer with the charge of murder from GOD, than to put an unborn life before your own. Self-sacrifice done unenthusiastically is a waste of everyone's time. If you think your penis or vagina is so powerful that it's the delivery system of your happiness in life, you've got ego issues. The secret to life doesn't lie in making babies; having a boyfriend or girlfriend; or getting sex every night with someone new. The secret to life lies in your soul, not in your testicles or ovaries. And your secret can't be revealed by anyone other than you to you. (That's what they mean when they say it's an inside job.)

It makes perfect sense that the GOD of Mary breathed life into her, thus producing Jesus with a particularly unique intention for HIM, different from all others. I don't pray to Jesus, but that's because I believe the symbolic meaning of HIS body and blood are universal attributes HE revealed for everyone because HE was motivated to give of HIMSELF in that way. I see HIS love as universal, not CHRISTIAN.

Even the wisdom of Moses and the loyalty of the Prophet were given to humanity to be used universally.¹³⁴ How GOD has broken down the lessons of wisdom, love and loyalty to make them personally meaningful to you is the mystery of your life. But in principle, you're no different than a gay-Jew.

Anyone should be able to appreciate the spiritual importance of the Prophet's message without having to pray to the surname of GOD: *Allāh*. As a humanist, a Jew and universalist, I respect all faiths as GOD given. You can know, love and thoroughly believe in one of GOD's names. But if you don't respect the other two, you're going to run into trouble in your head, heart or conscience. And then the people around you are going to suffer. And you'll pay a dear price for their suffering because you'll have been a perpetrator of it.

Because the State of Israel and the borders of Israel are still such contentious topics for many, and because homosexuality is still such a contentious, topic worldwide, I feel selected by GOD to magnify HIS designs so some members of each of the Western faiths

¹³⁴ Although Jews don't pray to Moses, and Muslims don't pray to the Prophet Muhammad, Christians do pray to Jesus. That's just another mysterious part of GOD's designs. Get over it! It's none of your business. You're not the prayer police any more than you're the penis police or the abortion police.

and Eastern **philosophies** can come to see that their traditions are only a part of a bigger picture. This I need to do for me more than you. I'm no messiah or messenger. And neither are you. But by the end of this book, you will be like an emissary of the Lord.

This surah is entitled "*Prohibition*." It implies that there are prohibitions that you've been concealing through secrets from yourself. All people struggle with this prohibition in their own, unique ways. Gays and lesbians struggle with it, too.

It can be detrimental, dangerous and even life threatening for gays and lesbians to reveal our sexual secret because some straights react so violently to our sex lives. {Surely this is a projection of their animosity toward their own miserable relationship with themselves.} The transgender community is still especially vulnerable to attack by heterosexual males. And this violent tendency is directly linked to hyper-religious teachings embedded in the withholding of secrets.

When we come out of our own closet, we shake society to its roots. When we practice honesty, sincerity and authenticity, we become dangerous to the autonomous and a blessing before **GOD**. We become seekers of Israel. And for those who choose to go in this direction in life, we become deserving of circumcision of our soul, the topic of Book Seven.

When gay people come out of the closet, we challenge people to reflect upon how they love themselves. The more you come out of your closet, the more you're going to hate others less. The more you learn about them, the more you're going to seek the secret inside you that you're going to need a lifetime to fully reveal to you. **GOD** works with true believers slowly and in mysterious ways. Only those terrified of the secrets **GOD** has planted inside them are going to hold resentments against the LGBT+ community and/or the Jews.

The Prophet decided to reveal his own secret in the Quran. He came out of his closet in his own special way. And although his secret didn't alienate him from other men, it did cause quite some consternation in his own household amongst his wives when they discovered that he was emotionally unfaithful to them all by having conspired with one against the other behind their backs. (As this Islamic story unfolds, you'll see that the Prophet's secret will turn into an all-out rebellion for one woman in his household.)

African-Americans, Asians and Latinos don't call their ethnicity a secret. But it *is* a sort of secret. **GOD** has deemed that the brown border {skin} between the world around them and their world within holds a secret similar, but different from mine. Their features, body language, lifestyle and the unique, cultural attributes that are part of their history and religious traditions are clues for each one of them to the secret they have the potential of solving during their lifetime. They're exposed before **GOD** in ways that make their secret as personal, enticing and mysterious as those in the European culture that has so glorified its history to the exception of all others.

European history is like a white picket fence. It looks so homey and cozy from the outside. But you should never judge a house by the fence around it. Even a house in your own neighborhood might be adorable or a hovel. There's no way of knowing unless you're invited inside.

Your secret is implied by your looks, not revealed by it. The color of your fence {skin}, the shape of your windows {eyes} or the pitch of your awning (nose} all say something about your edifice. But they says nothing about the individual living in that abode. Our secret must be revealed by each one of us individually and personally. If a person does invite you in, there's always good reason to believe GOD has allowed that to happen as an indirect way of inviting you in to you to view another room in your house. Your house could turn out to be the mansion you've always dreamed of. If you're really good, it might even turn into a home.

When you want to get to "know" someone, whether in the sense of meet or know intimately, you're only going to find out a few things about that person by figuratively running your fingers across the fence around their house. You're going to want to be welcomed in to a much greater degree, to know them better than superficially, physically and stereotypically.

That leaves all communication, including body language and sexual intimacy, the possibility of being prosaic or poetic. That makes all the words you use to communicate precious or banal. It turns your fingers into ten languages that speak for you about you, or it turns your fists into boxing gloves with which you punch your way away through people to get to the "top."

It would be a pity if you needed to wear gloves because the thought of using your nude, naked and exposed hands to touch yourself caused you such consternation that you felt you needed to distant you against yourself.¹³⁵

When you contemplate the prohibition of not knowing yourself, you begin the process of self-purification. Another way of saying this is that contemplation of the prohibition of picking forbidden fruit leads to self-purification. Then you start to overcome the stereotypes people have plagued you with, and you learn to explore each and every individual as an individual. You come to see this world as an orchard of personal experiences. And you become hungry for more fruits of knowledge because you know GOD is really leading you from one branch to another to taste and savor the sweetest fruits of all: your own.

This makes loyalty to life as important as the wisdom needed to be thankful for life and the love you have inside to appreciate life "after" life. This is what it takes to be grateful to GOD, even for HIS prohibitions.

¹³⁵ I suffer from just such a syndrome because I suffer from an auto-immune, hand disease called Dupetren's contracture. This disease causes scar tissue to develop in the hands that makes it feel like I'm wearing gloves. So I have a literal disease that corresponds to the figurative syndrome I've been describing.

Surah 67

سورة الملك

Sovereignty

Each of us is sovereign, while none of us is supreme. Each of us strives to be independent, self-governing, self-determined and free, although none of us goes through life without having to answer on a daily basis to the one Ruler who rules us all.

When I was insane, I was living life deep in inner space. I thought I was here on Earth, but I was, figuratively speaking, millions of miles away from here. Coming out was the first step toward sanity, in my case. It was the first move I made in my direction. Before that I'd been an alien from inner space living on this planet. It took me a life time to feel that I truly belong here.

My sovereignty had to be dignified with the rule of law. And no two country on Earth dignify the rule of law more than Israel and the United States. In no other immigrant countries on Earth do their citizens have as much freedom to practice their faith, and, by extension, to draw conclusions about who they are and why they're here. The sovereignty of the State of Israel will always stand as a beacon in the darkness for all faiths and **philosophies**. The sovereignty of the United States will always shine as a beacon in the darkness for all ways of life.

You don't have to be gay or Jewish to marry in America. But unfortunately, you do have to be heterosexual and JEWISH to marry in Israel {unless you get special permission from the JEWS to marry someone of the opposite gender in another faith}. The laws of marriage will have to change in Israel (and elsewhere) as religious extremists learn to make alliances outside their own faith about matters of faith.

They say, "love conquers all." But that, of course, isn't entirely true. Wisdom, love and loyalty conquer all. Love, alone, is a recipe for disaster. You'll never know when to "TURN THE OTHER CHEEK" and when to face yourself unless you have wisdom and loyalty by your side. ¹³⁶

The world begs Israel to be hospitable to Muslims by condemning her for being "only" a Jewish state. But we all believe that hospitality isn't necessarily wise or loving. When people bang on your door to break it down, you have to protect yourself.

"Say:

*'It was He who placed you on the earth,
and before Him shall you all be gathered.'*

[67-23]

¹³⁶ The secret to protecting yourself begins within. When you can figuratively protect you from yourself for not stopping you for talkin' smack about you to yourself, you'll know when to "TURN THE OTHER CHEEK" with others. When you can face your embezzlements, burglaries, holdups, larcenies, shoplifting and thefts from yourself, you can talk about Israel's problems in the modern age.

“Say:

‘It was **HE** who placed you on the Earth,
and before **HIM** shall you all be gathered.’”

You may be given the choice of being gathered up with those who’ll answer to the King in his palace {“heaven”} or gathered up with those who’ll answer to the Judge in his courthouse {the gates of “hell”}. Both the time and the place of your invitation (or confrontation) before **HIM** lie in your hands.

The best I can do is to put my faith in myself, and then listen to others with all my might, with all my heart and with all my soul. (But that doesn’t mean that I won’t have to be prepared to protect myself.

It’s **HE** who’ll judge your penis or your clitoris for its figurative ability to have steered you like a joystick. “It” isn’t your motor, your sail or your wings. Your mind is like a motor. Your heart is like a sail. And in your soul is like your wings. “It” is just your joystick. Don’t use it like a dipstick.

Don’t inject desires into your thoughts without conscious regard for what you’re going to do to your heart. Madison Avenue knows how to shape desires to sell you their products and services. If you don’t defend yourself against advertisers, you’ll fail yourself. You’ll succumb to temptation. You need a wide range of sound opinions to make up your mind. And by all means, don’t buy on credit. You might die before you paid it all off and then have to face your Maker in debt. If you can’t afford to pay cash or pay off your entire credit card at the end of every month, don’t let your penis or clitoris connive you into getting into debt. It won’t much matter how deeply you proclaim to have faith in the Lord if “it” is steering you, taking you every which way or in circles.

GOD sees where you’re going. **HE** can help teach you how to move through life in a more positive direction. Your “joystick” has a very specific function. If you don’t learn to use “it” properly, you’ll invite accidents, incidents, mayhem and, even, catastrophes.

*“They ask,
‘When will this promise be fulfilled,
if what you say be true?’”
[67:24]*

*“They ask,
‘When will this promise be fulfilled,
if what you say be true?’”*

Jews are only 1/10th of 1% of the world’s population. But gay, male Jews are ½ of 1/10th of 1/10th of 1% of the world’s population. If you think my voice isn’t clear enough, loud enough or confident enough, maybe you need spiritual hearing aids to hear my message. May you need spiritual glasses to better read what’s on my mind. Maybe you can’t see or

hear the cries of good people everywhere who are under attack by those who think they can go through life on dogmatic principles that are steered by “it” {penis or clitoris} and not by them {head, heart and soul}.

The PROMISE has morphed into the PROMISE, which has morphed into the *promise*. Do you really think that these “promises” couldn’t possibly morph into a PROMISE in you?

Look at the homophobes, anti-Semites and anti-Zionists. You’ll see a penis problem and clitoris conflict that’s going over the edge of rational thinking that will make them crash and burn in “hell” if they don’t stop themselves in time. Every day the truth is becoming more obvious. And for others, every day of life is becoming more PROMISING.

“Say:
‘*God alone has knowledge of that.*
My mission is but to warn you plainly.”
[67:25]

“Say:
‘**GOD** alone has knowledge of that.
My mission is but to warn you plainly.’”

The Prophet had the courage to reveal his secret about his trouble with women to the world. Do you have the courage to ask **GOD** to help you reveal your secret to yourself? His mission was to warn you plainly. My mission is to magnify the promises of Moses; the blessings of Jesus; and the warnings of the Prophet. Your mission is whatever you and **GOD** want it to be. You don’t have to die a sacrificial sheep. You can become a shepherd unto yourself, leading yourself wherever you’re destined to go.

The problem in solving the problems your conscience has with the facts will be described simplistically to you if you’re someone who believes in GOD/GOD/*God*. Your tradition is never going to transfigure you. If you’re Jewish or Muslim you’re never going to believe in Jesus. If you’re Christian, you’re never going to give up your belief in Jesus.

So we need to come to an understanding about the difference between their GOD/GOD/*God* and everyone’s **GOD**. And that’s easier to do than you might (cynically) think. Y.H.V.H., Jesus and *Allāh* are subjective experiences of a struggle that’s turning every conscience into a soul. But that won’t affect you consciously and positively unless you yearn to be soulful.

But be very careful! Playing god is easier than you might think. When your mind hasn’t differentiated between the following pronouns, you’re going to look for ways to play god. Here’s what you need to know to avoid doing that:

	GOD	GOD	GOD	<i>God</i>	GOD
I	I	I	I	<i>I</i>	II
you	YOU	YOU	YOU	<i>You</i>	YOU
he	HE	HE	HE	<i>He</i>	HE
she	-	-	-	-	SH
we	WE	WE	WE	<i>We</i>	WE
you (pl.)	-	-	-	-	-
they	-	-	(THEY)	-	(THEY) ¹³⁷

As you can see, it's far less likely that women will play **GOD** because they don't confuse the third person, feminine pronoun {she} with the third person, masculine pronoun {he}. This makes them far more reliable when it comes to matters of spirituality. This is why spirituality must be mixed in with religion and why men must give up their grip on only their GOD/GOD/*God*.

Your view of the world around you will change, transform and transcend what you believed yesterday based on new desires that you bring to a higher level of consciousness each day. But this can only happen if you believe that there really is only **ONE GOD**. When you come to understand that your conscience has to be constantly informed about the true nature of external reality, it humbles you to the truth about your internal reality. It humbles you to learning and helps you overcome the dogmas that may have plagued you for your lifetime.

If you're hoping that the LGBT+ community is going to go to "hell" and/or that the State of Israel will fall to the CHRISTIANS or *Muslims*, you're being unrealistic. That would mean that your inner world is plagued with dogmas that your religious leaders have been feeding you all your life.

You're going to need to pay more attention to the world around you. Fox News won't bring you all the news. Fox News will only bring you CHRISTIAN news. MSNBC won't bring you discussions about religious convictions. They'll only bring you secular news.

¹³⁷ The feminine pronoun for GOD in Torah is EL SHADDAI. The third-person plural form of **GOD** in Christianity {**THEY**} {FATHER, SON and Holy Spirit} is never spoken about out loud using the third person plural pronoun. There are no examples anywhere in Scripture of **GOD** talking to **HIMSELF** in the second-person plural {**YOU**} or third-person plural {**THEY**}. **HE** obviously keeps **HIS** thoughts about those parts of **HIMSELF** to **HIMSELF**.

One is a CHRISTIAN factory of many faith-based predictions that are based on fear, intimidation and conspiracy. The other is a secular factory of faithless-based predications that are based only on the facts on the ground. And if you think that the Russians don't know how to produce a "news" product that can take advantage of both extreme points of view, you're naïve.

Al Jezeera { الجزيرة } is an Arabic-language television channel from Doha, Qatar. "*al jezeera*" means "island" in Arabic. {No man is an island.} If you think that their *Muslim* truth is any more truthful than the CHRISTIAN truth or the secular truth, you're also naïve. If the gays and the Jews can't contribute to your "news" it's not news from our perspectives. It's just propaganda.

If you think my words are filled with arrogance and self-infatuation; if you think I've got an overly developed ego; even if you think I'm crazy – you're free to think whatever you please.

If you think my methods are prejudicial; if you think I'm self-serving or even self-obsessed; if you think I have devious motives for going to such lengths to promote my ways of describing a universal, operating system – you're entitled to your opinion, even if I happen to think it's wrong.

I'm only here to warn you that you may have a religious sphincter of such a large circumference that you're in danger of falling through it... I'm only here to warn you that the only thing that's kept you from falling through it already has been your extremely enlarged ego.

Why should I care what you believe about me? Threats of violence and death are the only options that lie in the hands of losers. The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* have a history of threats and violence that GOD will not forget. But that's the only option they have to shut people like me up. I'm going to die continuing in the direction I'm becoming. Not even torturing me will erase these words now that they've been uttered and recorded. Vengeance can't be concealed with defenses, excuses, explanations, justifications, pretexts, or reasons. The truth will come out. You can tell the truth or you can hide from it. You can also do both.

Your conscience will always look out at others as though through the window in a two-way mirror. Your soul will always look in at yourself like the reflective side of a two-way mirror. To better your conscience, you're going to have to upgrade your soul. That's easy enough for GOD to judge.

WORDS can make you richer than money ever will. WORDS are inner gold. But only one side of WORDS will hold their value over time. The other side of words will dribble down into the river of time to be lost forever. When you can turn your words over to reveal the other side of them, all that you don't know about you will lie in your hands.

But when JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* flip over their WORDS/WORDS/*Words*, they're often contradictory and illogical. These "serious" believers are headed for "hell," and they're taking us with them. They don't know how to take Scripture personally.

Men who study the law to use it against the poor, disenfranchised, minorities and the disabled are going to pay with **GOD**'s laws, even if they're such experts at man's laws that they get away with it. They're going the wrong way, and they're hopefully going to be embarrassed and shamed to encourage them to seek a lesson in humiliation.

For every WORD/WORD/*Word* people use against us, we simply have to show them that the table they're flipping words on has a glass tabletop that everyone can see through. We only need to bring them under the table to look up at their own WORDS/WORDS/*Words* from the other side.

When you can't tell heads from tails or up from down morally speaking, it's because you can't tell the difference between what's coming out of someone's mouth and what's figuratively coming out of his/her ass. You can't tell right from wrong. And that's usually because someone's paying you handsomely to close your eyes and hold your nose.

No one can stop us from our love of gold. We were taught that the love of money is the root of all evil, but the love of money is like your love of gold. Milk and honey are just a taste of what your inner Israel has to offer in the way of golden outcomes. But only those hungry to know themselves will discover that for themselves.¹³⁸

You never know which side of your words will land face up or face down if you flip them over and over again with calloused disregard for what you're really telling yourself. The truth will come out just as a new generation of gays and lesbians will come out. They'd have to kill every gay and lesbian baby on the planet to turn this world into the nightmare today's pharaohs would like it to be.

The Passover story will never end. Slavery begins and ends within. And the hatred of rebels begins in you, whether you're law abiding, or not.

*“But when they see it {hell} drawing near,
the nonbelievers' faces will be contorted with woe,
and a voice will say,
‘This is the doom which you have challenged.’”
[67:26]*

*“But when they see it {‘hell’} drawing near,
the nonbelievers faces will be contorted with woe,
and a voice will say,
‘This is the doom which you have challenged.’”*

¹³⁸ FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS A ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL. SOME PEOPLE, EAGER FOR MONEY, HAVE WANDERED FROM THE FAITH AND PIERCED THEMSELVES WITH MANY GRIEFS. [1 Timothy 6:10] When you discover the difference between your two worlds, you pierce yourself with astonishment. Even though your astonishment may be mixed with disappointment and, at first, be a bit painful, it'll slowly turn into self-love if you can equate money to honey.

You may already know a lot about doom. You may wake up on Monday mornings with a sense of doom. You may get on the freeway on your way to work with a sense of defiance of doom. When certain people call or contact you, you may feel your heart sink into your stomach with a dreadful sense of doom and gloom. I'm sure you'll never forget those occasions in your past when you experienced doom suddenly, without a moment's notice.

This world is full of the feeling of doom, and still people refuse to plummet this feeling as the Prophet has instructed. Doom is the consequence of guilt. Guilt is the consequence of ignorance. And ignorance is the consequence of self-apathy.

Your face may already be contorted with woe, but you may hide your woe with whimsy and caprice. Face yourself, and you'll be better prepared to face **GOD** in your lifetime in preparation for facing **HIM** after life. The sovereignty you seek must be achieved from within.

Face yourself. And I promise you, you'll move to more and more shallow, emotional waters where you'll be able to stand. You'll learn to frolic in the waves at your shore or dive out into deep waters within yourself to gather the pearls of your own wisdom. Your new swimming skills will amaze you. You've never met anyone remotely like you before. When **GOD** made you, **HE** broke the mold.

There are so many indication of "hell" after life based upon the "hell" many are witnessing here on Earth. Why wouldn't you want to end "hell" in Israel for the Jews living there? There lies the crossroads of all three of the Abrahamic faiths. If we can work together to bring "heaven" down to Earth in Israel, there's hope of improving the rest of the world. The "hell" you make for others will become the "hell" you'll find yourself in if you don't make more of an effort to help yourself while you can.

"Say:
'Consider:
*whether God destroys me
and all my followers
or has mercy upon us,
who will protect the nonbelievers from a woeful scourge?'"*
[67:27]

"Say:
'Consider:
whether **GOD** destroys me
and all my followers
or has mercy upon us,
who will protect the nonbelievers from a woeful scourge?'"

People were very concerned about the fate of nonbelievers thousands of years ago. But Christianity and Islam abused their privileges by killing nonbelievers and those who believed differently from them. Getting too close to their GOD/*God* makes it impossible to see all of HIM. It restricts your ability to perceive HIS overall designs. The great gift to humanity in gays and lesbians having been rejected by the institutions of faith is that it's distanced us from their GOD/GOD/*God*, which has allowed us to see more of HIM than most other people. We're not ignorant of HIS wisdom, love and devotion to us. But many others are.

If Muslims don't make a greater effort to modernize their principles through mosques and religious schools around the world, why would GOD find a greater reason to reward them "after" life than HE rewarded their forefathers? If they don't help HIM in HIS designs to make HIS process known throughout the modern world, how good will they be at being themselves? How will they measure their self-esteem if they don't contrast and compare themselves to who they were before? What good is a soul if it doesn't reflect a conscience that weighs thoughts against its feelings to find the path of fairness?

Anyone can claim to be better than others based on the color of his skin; by who he sleeps with; or how he prays – standing, kneeling or prostrate. Anyone can assert his superiority over others by contrasting himself to other lifestyles.

But what happens when you compare yourself to who you were before is that you realize you're not nearly as special as you think, even if you know you're unique. Your GOD/GOD/*God* lives in us, too, regardless of whether your opinions are in line with ours. We just call HIM/HIM/*Him* GOD. We just think of HIM as ours, not yours.

Think of GOD as having a head that looks like a Star of David. Think of GOD as having a heart that looks like the Cross. And think of GOD as having a soul that looks like a Crescent Moon and Star. This is what GOD "looks" like. HE can only be described using metaphors, symbols and similes.

Let's go back to the simile of words being like coins that were tossed at conception, landing heads up or tails up, leaving you with a particular fate and potential destiny. And if you remember, I described the table on which they landed as having a glass top, so you could climb under the table, if you wished, to see the other sides of these coins from a personal perspective.

Let's now look at words as like "heavenly" bodies. Let's describe conjunctions as asteroids; adverbs as comets; adjectives as moons; verbs as planets; and nouns as stars.

You can't move words. They're already moving in an inner space so vast that they rarely collide. Their inertia and gravitational force is so great that you're powerless over even the smallest of the words you use.

But now let's imagine that your mind is so facile that you can move your mind in any direction you want. There is no up or down in your imagination. The only thing keeping you from thinking differently is the anticipation of outcomes you deem to be true based on your experience of external reality as you now know it.

A romantic relationship with another person is like two stars with all their asteroids, comets, planets and moons coming within the gravitational force of one another. It's a miraculous outpouring of energy, gravity and light. It changes the very fabric of inner and outer space.

But if these "heavenly" bodies separate over time, and the forces between them that have since changed their very nature have to part, there's going to be a rift created within both systems that only the wise, loving and loyal will be able to manage artfully. Otherwise, there'll be a catastrophic storm in inner space that will disrupt the whole galaxy.

What was once like a coin sitting on a glass top table with two sides is now like a "heavenly" body you can explore from any direction as it moves on its trajectory in inner space. You started out like a gambler rolling words like dice. And now you've become an astronaut in inner space who's exploring an endless universe in the brief amount of time you're here.

The adult in you may lead you to conclude you're mature and I'm infantile, childish or juvenile. But how mature could you really be if you bully, lie and steal from people to get the results you want? Pride doesn't come before the fall. Arrogance does. Didn't we see enough bullying on the schoolyard growing up? Who can't recognize a bully when he sees one?

We all saw our classmates ridiculed for loving to study; scorned for respecting our teachers; and derided for being obedient in class. What standards are you using when you contrast and compare yourself to me? Your faith? Your sexual identity? Your gender? Get over yourself. You may be unique, but you're not that special. There are plenty more stars in the sky.

Your sense of sovereignty may be held very tightly within, but it may be precariously close to a sense of moral superiority based on external matters that have no moral bearing. You may be playing god with words. You may think you can think anything you like without consequences. But look at the moon, and compare what it looks like to what happens to a mind that has no protection from the least little word. Your mind may be so pock-marked that you don't even consciously know what torment it's been through.

I thought I'd lost my mind. The doctors locked me up because they, too, thought I'd lost my mind. But it was just hiding behind a cloud on a long, dark, winter night. Or perhaps my new moon phase had lasted an unusually long time.¹³⁹

Once you can visualize the difference between the nominative case pronouns and **GOD**, you'll be able to talk to yourself without impediment. This will prepare you for prayer. Believe me, when you sink my knife into your soul to circumcise your soul, you may want to pray. (But don't worry. It won't be painful.)

¹³⁹ "In astronomy, the new moon is the first lunar phase, when the moon and sun have the same ecliptic longitude. At this phase, the lunar disk is not visible to the unaided eye. Daylight outshines the earthlight that dimly illuminates the new moon." [Wikipedia]

When you've been taught a song like "Mary had a little lamb whose fleece was white as snow," you know you were brainwashed early in life about Mary and Jesus being Caucasians. And you know that that couldn't have been so. They were Jewish! Jews didn't have skin that was as white as snow until they were carted off to Europe as slaves by the Romans and had sexual intercourse with Europeans. Mary definitely didn't conceive a little lamb whose fleece was as white as snow. (And from where I'm standing, it looks more like some white lambs are in a lot worse moral trouble than many a black sheep...)

The Quran wasn't given to the Prophet to prove that mankind has good reason to believe in "heaven." Christianity had already brought the concept of "heaven" into the world. The Quran was given to the Prophet to prove that mankind had even better reason 700 years after Jesus to believe all the more in "hell." The Quran ought to solidify your reasons for fearing the outcome of your life, so you'll do more to help make this world an easier place for everyone to strive for "heavenly" rewards here-and-now.

Many think of themselves as their GOD's/GOD's/*God*'s crossing guard {police} or hall monitor {guerrilla soldiers}. But they don't go to class. Some think they're so special that they believe they were chosen to be a cloak monitor {religious leaders} or to clean the blackboard. {What is Alzheimer's if not an unconscious attempt out of guilt to erase everything on the board.} Few come to school to learn. They just want to feel important as they strut across the quad or umpire the games being played on the playground.

Guilt will determine how and when you die, not your GOD/GOD/*God*. The less you know about the darkness within you, the more likely you'll die in a poetically appropriate way that may describe how you avoided life.

Through your fear of your GOD/GOD/*God* in three places in inner space rather than just ONE, you should come to sense that the gates of "hell" are equally wide open to all, not just to nonbelievers of your faith. It's only when you entertain the idea that **GOD** has a wise, loving and devoted plan to help everyone that you'll begin to see the light that shines down and around everyone.

GOD motivates man with sticks, not only carrots. **HE** knew that one faith would never be enough to teach him how to perceive **HIS** awesome designs. Not even two faiths would keep men from killing one another over differences of opinion. {Just look back at the Holocaust.} **HE** knew **HE** needed at least three faiths so that the bullies would constantly have to remake their "hell" bent alliances as good people scramble to get smarter just to keep up with the collusions and conspiracies that are agreed to with a wink and a nod, without a WORD/WORD/*Word* needing to be said.

Collusion within leads to collusion throughout. Conspiracy within leads to conspiracy without. But cooperation leads to cooperation everywhere. You're the one making choices at every fork in every road. But don't blame me if you land on your sorry ass. I've got bruises on my backside of my own...

"hell" isn't something you can avoid just because you're Muslim, any more than "heaven" is something you're guaranteed just because you're Christian. The whole purpose

of “heaven” and “hell” is to teach people how to cooperate with themselves rather than collude and conspire against others.

Nobody is in more need of cooperation worldwide than the gays and Jews. But nobody is more determined to keep us from cooperating with ourselves than the extremists in all three of the Abrahamic faiths. The extremists know that for every two Jews there are three opinions. What they don’t know is that for every gay individual there’s a fourth opinion that emanates from below his waist.

Arguing over who’s headed for “heaven” and who’s wasting his life in a “hell” of his own making is a waste of precious time. Judge yourself. But just because you’ve been given a taste of “heaven” and a taste of “hell” here on Earth doesn’t mean you’re free to do as you please from here on out. Autonomy isn’t the answer. Israel isn’t the bully in the Middle East. But the pressure from Jerusalem to end bullying worldwide will make its way into everyone’s head, heart and soul if you help yourself heal. GOD works in your life to the extent that you choose reality. {Choosing reality is much more instructive than choosing a lifestyle.} ¹⁴⁰

GOD gives you privacy from the waist down. GOD’s not going to force you to look under your glass tabletop. He’ll let you want anything you want to want. Like a father who washes his toddler’s upper body for her and teach her to wash herself below the waist, you, too, are learning to deal with matters of your own privacy. But your lessons in privacy should teach you about the moral cleanliness of combining your thoughts, feelings and beliefs with your desires.

Privacy is intended to show you where GOD doesn’t wash. x^1 and x^2 {the vagina and anus} should be kept clean, both with lessons of sanitation, as well as with moral hygiene. Those whose nose is always in other people’s { x^1 } vagina or { x^2 } anus have a lot of washing to do below their waist. Your spiritual smegma { y }, blood-stained panties { x^1 } or brown-streaked underwear are your problems, not mine.

Fortunately today’s capitals of Judaism and Christianity {Jerusalem and Rome} are deeply engaged in learning how to model greater cooperation for all the world to witness. Sadly, Mecca is still trying to bully us with antiquated interpretations of the Quran. But as

140 “SEE, I SET BEFORE YOU TODAY LIFE AND PROSPERITY, DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. FOR I COMMAND YOU TODAY TO LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, TO WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM, AND TO KEEP HIS COMMANDS, DECREES AND LAWS; THEN YOU WILL LIVE AND INCREASE, AND THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BLESS YOU IN THE LAND YOU ARE ENTERING TO POSSESS. BUT IF YOUR HEART TURNS AWAY AND YOU ARE NOT OBEDIENT, AND IF YOU ARE DRAWN AWAY TO BOW DOWN TO OTHER GODS AND WORSHIP THEM, I DECLARE TO YOU THIS DAY THAT YOU WILL CERTAINLY BE DESTROYED. YOU WILL NOT LIVE LONG IN THE LAND YOU ARE CROSSING THE JORDAN TO ENTER AND POSSESS. THIS DAY I CALL THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AS WITNESSES AGAINST YOU THAT I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSINGS AND CURSES. NOW CHOOSE LIFE, SO THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE AND THAT YOU MAY LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, LISTEN TO HIS VOICE, AND HOLD FAST TO HIM. FOR THE LORD IS YOUR LIFE, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU MANY YEARS IN THE LAND HE SWORE TO GIVE TO YOUR FATHERS, ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB.” {Deuteronomy 30:15-20}

each generation becomes more enamored of modernity, Muslims will choose to accept new views of **GOD**'s Abrahamic plan for man or suffer the shameful consequences of spiritual defeat.

Hopefully, the next Holocaust will never come. But if it does, the Jews will see to it that the whole Earth is circumcised if *Muslims* insist on cutting Israel off the map. Either everyone's soul is circumcised or I fear all "hell" will break loose.

Only **GOD** knows how **HE** wants this world to end. Many, over time, have been designated the Jew du jour. Many have had to be victimized in order for mankind to see the error of his ways. The purpose of the Quran should be to help you wash yourself, not hinder you from coming clean.

Many strive to help **GOD** make **HIS** designs manifest without realizing that they mirror the anti-Semitism of the JEWS and anti-Zionism of the Jews. As people discover that their parents weren't perfect parents, they'll realize that their parents did the best they could, given the paucity of their spiritual education. They'll realize how deeply we all yearn for tutors to help us make up the classes we've missed in the school of life.

Blaming anyone for the parents **GOD** gave you is unfair. Do you look back with vengeance on your kindergarten teacher? Haven't you had enough time to make up for what you didn't get in her class?

Once you've birthed your inner child into existence, you're going to become much more protective and caring of yourself. You're going to exhibit the traits of a protective mother. But once that inner child grows into an adolescent, you're going to want to exhibit the traits of a guiding father. In these ways, you'll prove to yourself that a child doesn't need a mother and a father. A child needs a good custodian. Single mothers and gay parents are perfectly suited to the job of raising a child if they're suitable to the job of raising their inner child.

"Say:
*'He is the Lord of mercy:
in Him we believe,
and in Him we put our trust.
You shall soon learn who is in evident error'"*
[67:28-39]

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GOD's designs can't be made manifest without the teachings of Jesus. Mercy is HIS department in the school of life. HE knew how difficult it was to be real. You'll never graduate mercy without feeling crucified in some ways for your beliefs. If mercy doesn't come from your heart, it comes from a place of superiority and condescension below your belt. You've sexualized forgiveness.

Your inner parent {mother} and inner adult {father} must be equal partners in the raising of your inner child, or you'll become a person in a position of power who abuses your power. And that's just cruel. But if the word "cruel" excites you, then "Houston, we've had a problem."¹⁴¹

You can't claim to have a righteous feeling if you can't demonstrate that you've expressed that feeling for yourself. So you'd better start by learning how to be merciful to you. There's more to you than meets the eye.

Why would GOD do more for you than HE did for Jesus? Why should HE relieve your pain and suffering with a place in "heaven" if you've done nothing to set an example of mercy {not indulgence or cruelty} toward yourself?

If you have to lie to cover up your motives, you may be able to tolerate or accept yourself, but you'll never be able to admire yourself. If you aren't modelling the kind of behavior you admire 24/7, don't expect to be rewarded for all that you think you do.

This surah has been about sovereignty. Sovereignty is the natural outcome of a process of striving for freedom, liberty and emancipation. You can't fully integrate sovereignty into your persona without GOD's help. You're sovereign striving for sovereignty. HE's sovereign at all times.

There are no more nonbelievers, but there are many lax believers who don't desire what's best for themselves. They're coasting through the school of life with beliefs that are antiquated and possibly even inclining them toward doing evil. They aren't completing their spiritual curriculum each day with conscious understanding of what they're learning. They're not voting on their urges, desires, wants, lusts, needs or obsessions. If they want something they simply do their best to take it without getting caught.

Why would you expect people to vote more wisely in governmental elections if they refuse to govern themselves wisely within? If they're more interested in the entertaining antics that can be gleaned from the voting process than the spiritual process that underlies it, they'll get just the kind of entertainers and jokers in positions of power they deserve. A political party of "no's" isn't a party that knows. Start looking at the congress of voices within you that you ought to disapprove of.

The strength and sovereignty of the nation you live in depends on the strength and sovereignty of your nation within. The governance of the nation you live in depends on the governance of your inner state of affairs. If you're opposed to bigger and better government around you, it's because you're an anarchist within. You won't want to unify the

¹⁴¹ "The ominous announcement made by commander Jim Lovell following the explosion of an oxygen tank which tore off the side of the spacecraft, service module on board Apollo 13." [Wikipedia] Only, in your case, Houston is located in your soul, while you're helplessly adrift in space.

government we all have to share if you're bent on disrupting greater awareness of your world within. You'll only be against regulations in an effort to become even more autonomous.

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{chronologically listed} Whether you're (1) indigenous, (2) Jewish, (3) **Hindu**, (4) **Buddhist**, (5) Christian, (6) **Taoist** or (7) Muslim, you have a duty to fulfill your humanity to understand the virtues of Tanach, the Gospels and the Quran. They're interpretations of faith that will teach you to combine the principles **GOD** gave each of us for the purpose of uniting the world with the universal goals of peace and prosperity. This will give you the sense of sovereignty that the Prophet was inspired to bring down from "heaven."¹⁴²

¹⁴² If you're interested in exploring your innocence, you'll find it in **HIS philosophies**. If you're interested in exploring your guilt, you'll find it in **HIS** faiths. **GOD** created three Abrahamic faiths using **HIS** names plus three **philosophies** and the beliefs of the indigenous peoples of the world. To go all the way around your inner world, you're going to have to figuratively go all the way around the external world with words.

Surah 68

سورة القلم

The Pen

“The pen is mightier than the sword!”

“The penis: mightier than the sword.”

(Thank GOD we’ve been given enough space in HIS designs to punctuate HIS words.)

*“By the pen,
and what they write,
you are not mad:
thanks to the favor of your Lord
a lasting recompense awaits you,
for yours is a sublime nature.
You shall before long see
- as they will see -
which of you is mad.”
[68:1] 143*

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Most people are reticent to challenge the principles they live by because they may be secretly afraid that doing so will drive them mad, as they see happening to many nowadays. People who are crazy do things they can’t justify with reason, only with faith or naked urges and impulses. So there’s a distinct possibility that if you challenge your own principles you, too, might lose the close-fisted control you presently have over your actions.

This dilemma leads me to the issue of questioning the difference between what’s “important” verses what’s of “value.” That which is *important* will force you to do what you must do to survive. It’ll force you to take small risks. That which is of *value* will force you to cherish more deeply that which you’ve already attained from within. It’ll force you not to take risks that supersede survival issues with wishes or dreams of rewards down the

¹⁴³ You will see, just as the angels will see, that you’re not mad.

line. The outcome of the choices you've made between what's important or of value can be only seen with visions of what you might hope to attain.

Those who are crazy are going to allow themselves to be overwhelmed by what's important to them in the moment. They're going to allow their penis problem or clitoris conflict to guide their actions. I imagine these people will be figuratively arrested "after" life and will be taken to court to plead their case before the Judge.

But they all have the same defense: "I needed the money" or "I wanted people to like me." They'll all claim they couldn't live their life without these external signs of approval.

Those who are guided internally by what's of value to them are judged instead in accordance with their success in awakening to self-awareness day-by-day. They're content with their lot in life so long as they can learn. It's not about being seen or heard. It's about seeing and hearing.

No one was more acutely aware of the difference between what was important and what was of value to him in the 7th Century than the Prophet Muhammad. He could see that the Jews had turned their back on indigenism and Christianity. He could see that the Christians had turned their back on indigenism and Judaism. And he concluded that it was important that the Muslims turn their back on indigenism, Judaism and Christianity. But what was important and of value to him at that time must be questioned by every modern person today.

The birth of Islam was like the birth of a child. Islam began by sucking up its mother's {Judaism} milk. Islam eventually grew teeth and began to consume the meat brought to the spiritual table by its father {Christianity}. But today, most people in the Middle East are hungry for a diet that integrates what's halal with what's important and of value to a modern lifestyle. They seek a well-balanced diet. ¹⁴⁴

By the 7th Century, Christianity dominated the entire Mediterranean. But the Prophet intuitively knew it was not in GOD's designs that Christianity should take over the entire known world. He promoted a new set of principles based on the Jewish and Christian ideas of monotheism that was served to him by the Archangel Gabriel through a wholesome, spiritual diet presented to him in a new way. {There was no such thing as a Judeo-Christian culture then. The concept of a Judeo-Christian GOD only came into existence after 1948

GOD and the recreation of the State of Israel. Prior to that, there were only JEWS and CHRISTIANS blaming Jews and Christians.}

As every man knows, there are hungers of the belly and there are hungers of the crotch. And although Judaism, Christianity and Islam have been doing their best to satisfy the needs of the head, heart and soul of their peoples, none of them have offered anything new about the religious problems that need to be solved when it comes to hungers down under...

This is why gluttony, greed and lust are overwhelming contemporary man. And those who display the greatest, material hungers are often sexually obsessed, as well.

¹⁴⁴ Jewish immigrants had the same problem in America in the 19th Century when they had to decide whether to maintain a KOSHER diet or sit down with their Christian brothers at dinner tables and restaurants. The differences we see today between modern Jews and orthodox JEWS is the result of that difference.

The Prophet didn't throw baby Moses out of the basket into the Nile. Nor did he throw baby Jesus out with the bathwater.¹⁴⁵ He knew he had to add to what had been GOD/GOD given, not detract from it. He wasn't crazy just because he believed in aspects of *Gođ* that hadn't been revealed until then. He was simply challenged to talk about even greater principles than hadn't been revealed until they were presented to him. Doing so didn't drive him crazy. And it won't drive you crazy either. It'll only make you taste a little nuttier if you're straight or a little fruitier if you're gay.¹⁴⁶

Those who, like me, believe in ONE universal *GOD* aren't crazy. We don't see Torah, the Gospels and the Quran as the ravings of psychotic lunatics. We believe in modernizing the Quran, not fighting more wars over it.

Understanding the potential of the mind is something we must all contribute to if we're going to continue to advance throughout our lifetime. Without an active imagination, your thoughts are nothing more than useless twigs and bramble that have been cast off from the trunk of your tree.¹⁴⁷

Believe me, I can think straight. The purpose of this book is to teach straight people that they can throw some curves at their thinking without going around the bend. Without a curved imagination, you're only going to go in two directions: back-and-forth or in-and-out. And that's precisely what it means to think with your penis. Imaginative people have a mind that understands the importance of curves. Imaginative people don't fall off their inner world because they can perceive that their inner world is round.

You need an imagination to gather together what you unconsciously know you don't conscious know. To consider yourself a living tree that grows out of soil that's been fertilized with a good secular and religious education, you should appreciate every twig that emerges from every branch on every bough of your tree. From these will come magical blossoms of *GOD*'s invention.

¹⁴⁵ "A German proverb first written down in 1512 by Thomas Murner in his book, Appeal To Fools. The idiomatic expression of "throwing the baby out with the bathwater" is used to suggest an avoidable error in which something good is eliminated when trying to get rid of something bad. A slightly different explanation suggests that this also has to do with discarding the essential while retaining the superfluous because of excessive zeal." [Wikipedia] In other words, the idiom is applicable not only when throwing out the baby with the bathwater, but also when someone might throw out the baby and then want to drink the bathwater... *That's excessive zeal!*

¹⁴⁶ What I'm suggesting with humor is that in addition to trees of knowledge and trees of life, we were given nut trees {straights} and fruit trees {gays}. Life may be an orchard of experiences, but you have to choose what you want to pick. Your opinions matter, but only to you.

¹⁴⁷ People who call us "faggots" are derogatively implying that we can't think straight. The literal meaning of "faggot" is a bunch of twigs bundled together. The implied meaning is "homosexual pervert." When gays use the word "faggot" as an endearing term for one another, similar to the "N-word" when used by blacks or the "B-word" when used by women; it becomes a privilege no one else is allowed. It's a form of social exclusion as a means of achieving spiritual inclusion.

If you can't yet see that good ideas have been planted in your mind by strangers, how can you expect to propagate all that's growing in your inner garden? If you hope to grow anything other than thorny weeds, you're going to want to embrace every twig, branch, bough, blossom, flower, leaf, and fruit that falls to the ground to enrich your soil.

Twice I was committed to mental institutions against my will. I say that not to boast (obviously), but to confess that I know what grows out of an uncultivated mind. Twice I tried to kill myself because I was frustrated being in a body given to me by GOD that I didn't know how to operate. Being me in adulthood became harder than it looked. I became jealous of other people's container and envious of their contents.

It took decades for me to learn how to learn. Only then could I come to love and trust myself. Only then could I get along with others without feeling that I was compromising myself. Only then did I become popular from the inside out. Only then did my opinions become something I didn't need to argue over with others.

Having sex with someone who excites you isn't nearly enough. You should have sex with someone who excites you to the point that you find yourself exciting. If you don't reach orgasm excited about being you with him or her, you're missing the best orgasms. You should also bring your opinion of you two before GOD in the bedroom or you're just spinning your wheels.

There are billions of people in this world who live and die without a friend they can trust. For many, not even their mother is someone they're able to let their defenses down with. Why would you expect them to be able to believe in GOD if they know, love and trust so little about themselves and others?

Relationships aren't built upon external ties. Relationships are built upon internal ties. The world looks as it does with good reason. So go inside and make a friend.

To honor your father and mother, you only need to copy the good in them. You don't have to do what they say or repeat their mistakes. That's why GOD asked us to *honor* our parents and not *love* them. They weren't always right.

The Prophet wasn't anymore crazy than I am. He learned how to operate himself from further within, as most try to do today. He had the mind of a citizen of the world, not a provincial bumpkin. He knew how to build upon what had come before him rather than tear down what was. The fact that it had to happen with war in those days is no different than the fact that it's still happening with war today. Some people only learn through pain and suffering. They're too arrogant to listen to a wise person who has better answers {themselves}.

Don't worry about going out of your mind in order to search for your heart and soul. Many have, but they've found something growing in their imagination far greater than what they lost. If you persevere, you'll find ways of uniting the abstract pictures you see inside that summarize your thoughts, feelings, beliefs and desires. You'll start to use words in ways so grand that you'll even surprise yourself! These are the visions within you that are rich with metaphors, symbols and similes. GOD has given you a language of your own to lead you on your way. It just may not come to you in words.

Some communicate with acts of courage; some with art, science or charity. You might already know the ways in which **GOD** has gifted you to communicate, even if you may still take words for granted. Add to that special vocabulary you've already amassed any way you like. But try to talk to yourself at all times, whatever you do.

When you're verklempt; when you're cup runneth over, tears come to your eyes and you're lost for words; when the humiliation you're going through fills you with potential as great as all of outer space – know that you're digging into your conscience to make room for you to become an old soul.

Your gifts lie deeper down than you may realize. Finding even one brilliant stone shining on the ground in the moonlight means that there's reason to start digging for diamonds. But you may have to dig down deep to retrieve them.

Visions will be given to you to guide you toward the peace-loving goals **GOD** has planned for you. But these visions will be yours alone. They'll be personal and private, and yet through them you'll know that **GOD** is in communion with more of you than you previously consciously realized.

The prohibitions you went through in the past have protected you from self-will that would have otherwise run riot. But now you have a taste of freedom and liberty. Now you have a map of the city in your head {freedom} and the bus routes {liberty} superimposed on it from your heart. Now you can decide for yourself {emancipation} the most morally expeditious way of getting where you want to go.

I can't speak any more specifically about visions than that. But I can tell you that if you don't feel raised higher through new experiences, what you're experiencing are just penis problems, not matters that are directly emanating from above your waist. You're still figuratively learning to wash yourself by yourself.

*“Your Lord knows best those who stray from His path,
as He knows best those who are rightly guided.
Pay no heed to the disbelievers:
they desire you to overlook their doings
that they may overlook yours.”
[68:9-10]*

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People don't really want to know too much about themselves, so they create social agreements in which everyone agrees not to talk about certain things that are called “private.” In modern parlance, this is called “tribalism.” It makes us limit our intimate

discussions to people who think, talk and behave like we do. But this only makes it easier to avoid privacy issues that should concern us all. In truth, such people are protecting themselves from public scrutiny to avoid self-scrutiny.

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“Your Lord knows best those who stray from his path, as HE knows best those who are rightly guided.” That’s easy to agree to, but how do you know when you’re straying from HIS path and when you’re rightly guided?

Don’t for a moment think you can always believe what others say about you. Neither their compliments nor criticisms can ever be fully trusted. The person you need to learn to trust is yourself. Once you can criticize and compliment yourself in the privacy of your own mind – you’ll be far more appreciative of the kudos you receive from you than anything purported by others.

The arrogant, boastful, cocky, conceited, egotistical, pig headed, pompous, pretentious and vain know something about themselves that you may not yet know about you. And you may be so terrified of becoming like them that you refuse to learn anything at all from them. It’s arrogant not to think you can learn something from everyone. You may be hobbling yourself and then wondering why you can’t seem to run free.¹⁴⁸

You may treat yourself like a horse and then wonder why other people whip you to make you go faster or put blinders on you to keep you from getting startled. If you behave like an animal, people may figure out just what animal you think you’re like, and then use you in just that way. Don’t underestimate the desire of some others to harness, hitch or yoke you to serve their needs. What the ancient JEWS literally did to animals they soon learned how to figuratively do to people, too – everything except literally sacrificing them.

The arrogant, boastful, cocky, conceited, egotistical, pig headed, pompous, pretentious and vain might be modeling ways you’re treating yourself without realizing it. What they’re revealing through their relationships with others, you may be hiding from yourself with a persona that allows you to secretly judge them without taking those conclusions to heart. But what they’re doing really shouldn’t matter to you if you aren’t doing the same thing to yourself.

¹⁴⁸ To “hobble” literally means “to tie or strap together {the legs of a horse or other animal} to prevent it from straying.” We literally hobble animals, but we figuratively hobble people, too. What makes you so sure GOD won’t judge you for treating yourself like an animal? If you don’t see how you’ve been treating yourself like a beast of burden, a domesticated barnyard animal or a pet to profit from any way you wish, you’ll never come to understand why the **Hindus** revere cows.

Judging others harshly or mercifully might just be a ruse. Neither letting people off the hook nor nailing them for their misdeeds is the full story. You've got to take their behavior personally, or you won't learn a thing from it other than condescension.

They say Muslim men are very sexy and attractive, and I happen to agree. But what makes them so enticing isn't their brown eyes or flashing smile. It's their ability to scrutinize the world around them without allowing themselves to be flattered by what they see missing in some others. I think they may be taught not to flatter themselves over what they see others doing in the world around them.

What *Muslims* men may need to learn more about is their world within. That will turn *Muslim* men into sexy, Muslim men. If you don't have reasons for loving others like a brother, what can you say you really know about becoming a brother to yourself?

*“Hurry to your orchard
if you would pick its fruit.
And off they went,
whispering to one another,
‘No beggar shall enter the orchard today.’”*
[68:22-25]

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if you would pick its fruit.
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‘No beggar shall enter the orchard today.’”*

No matter how much faith you have in your GOD/GOD/*God*, you may feel intimidated, defended or confused over what you really mean to yourself. (*“No beggar shall enter the orchard today.”*) Who, but someone like you, would have to beg to enter his own orchard?

*“Thus they went out,
fixed in their resolve.
But when they saw it
they cried,
‘We have been wrong.
We are utterly ruined.’”*
[68:26-28] ¹⁴⁹

¹⁴⁹ When Adam and Eve “went out of” {were banished from} Eden they saw the innermost orchard they had to leave behind. But instead of becoming thrilled and excited at the

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Without the metaphoric key from the Creation story, you wouldn't be in a position to plummet the depth of this passage about Adam and Eve. Nor would you be able to make the personal connection between “it” {Eden} and “we” {yourself}. Without seeing the world around you as an orchard of experiences and yourself as a tree of knowledge or life, you still won't be able to access the wisdom, love and loyalty needed to see through your own perceptions.

Many claim they've seen their life pass before their eyes. But how many have seen their mother's life pass before their eyes? How many have seen dying swans on stage dance before their eyes without connecting them with their own mother? If you can't take your mother's death to heart, you'll never be able to take anyone's feelings more personally.

Your mother has an ego, too. She literally has a Skene's gland, and she figuratively has an ego in the same place men have theirs. If you can't associate your mom {x¹} with a woman in a romantic relationship with another dancer {x²}, you're refusing to contemplate what's happening beneath her belt. You're so terrified of taboos in you that you're closing your mind, shutting down your heart and relinquishing responsibility over your conscience.

You may assume there's no darkness you can't pierce, but that's just not the case. There's a dancer {x²} in you, too. And whether you're male {y} or female {x¹} your pas de deux will continue until you see every dying swan in you.

Your pen is mightier than the sword. But your tongue is your sword. Therefore you should think of your tongue as your pen and every word you utter as much sharper and deadly than a sword.

You're writing your autobiography with your pen line-by-line. But your thoughts, feelings and beliefs aren't the ink that flows out of your pen. Watch what you think, feel and believe and you won't have to watch as carefully what you say.

Your semen or vaginal lubrication is the ink in your pen. It corresponds to the saliva in your mouth. If you don't compare what flows out of your mouth with what flows out of your genitals, you're not going to think about all that you say and do. If you don't want to admit that there's a correlation between your tongue and your penis or clitoris, it's because the institution of your faith has conditioned you to be disgusted by the liquids that create life and to ignore the verbal ink that's printed in your head; read by your heart, and, from there, flows out of your soul through that one special language that's native to you.

Your religious leaders may have conditioned you to be as stiff-necked as an ancient Israelite. They may have circumcised you to shut you up. They may have told you never to look within yourself for anything *they* can't explain.

Tell your religious leaders to get naked in front of a mirror and talk to themselves about “it.” Tell them to bring you another religious leader, one who's a female or gay.

possibility of earning their way back through personal insight, they became pessimistic and hopelessly dark, instead. “They cried, *‘We have been wrong. We are utterly ruined.’*”

GOD created the two genders. But HE didn't create them to produce a physical divide to bridge by creating babies. HE created our gender differences as an emotional and spiritual divide we need to cross to discover the potential of our life in our lifetime. If you don't use your heart and soul to assist you in discovering the meaning of your life, you're going to treat someone, a gay someone, a Jewish someone, a Muslim, African-American, female, Mexican or Asian someone in a way s/he doesn't deserve. If you don't question the meaning of every divide and try to bridge it with wisdom, love and loyalty to life, you're going to remain incomplete, limited and small in some, personal way that GOD is going to confront you with at a time of HIS choosing.

Concern yourself more with yourself. You'll forever be your own worst enemy unless you devote yourself to becoming your own best friend.

Scripture wasn't given to tell you what to do in bed. Your sex life isn't something you need to strut around and parade like a peacock with its plumage on display. It doesn't matter whether you're straight or gay. If you think you were created better than those on one or the other side of this divide, you're excessively proud of yourself.

Your curriculum is of no concern to me because your grades aren't going on my report card. Do what you think best in the classes you have to take. Time will tell. Your GOD/GOD/God will betray you if you need to be taught a harsh lesson. And then you'll have to ask yourself "Why?"

This is a parallel discovery with making money. Rich people are very willing to give their GOD/GOD/God credit for having helped them get where they are monetarily. And they're also willing to jump to the conclusion that their financial wealth, like their heterosexuality, is a reward for their spiritual achievements. What a mistake that is! They're failing the test they've been given.

Rich, straight people are so proud of what they've accomplished that they often unconsciously go out of their way to keep poor people in their place economically by denying them opportunities for advancement. And rich, straight people often do so without a second thought because they do so with a twisted heart. They look down on the working poor instead of looking up at them.

The straight, white and wealthy are no better or worse than poor, gay people of color. If you can't give your wealth to yourself, your loyalty is limited to a pitifully small world of like-minded people. You're surrounded by bigots. You're fish who don't know what water is. And the more you try to deluge others with that mean, little world of yours, the greater your regrets will be if there is a "world to come."

I'm not responsible for your poverty any more than I am for your wealth. It takes a village. It takes all kinds of good people around you to come to see all the wonderful possibilities inherent in GOD's designs. But you'll never achieve awareness of that if you don't question your inner selves. It takes a village within to create a village throughout.

There's a boundary between your money and your honey. There's a boundary between your gender and your sexuality. There's a boundary between your sexuality and your sensuality. Your outer world and inner world are separated by a thin skin. When you slow

down enough to discover the depth of that skin, you find it easier to access the spiritual boundary between your upper body and lower body called your “waist.” You discover your boundary between public and private.

Nobody talks about praying to his GOD/GOD/*God* while sitting on the toilet. Yet, people will even go out of their way to talk on the phone while on the toilet without letting the other person know where they are. Privacy is so personal that people don’t question everyone’s need to protect his or her own privacy.

I suggest you begin by talking to yourself while on the toilet and asking yourself if you wouldn’t mind including GOD in on the conversation. You might discover that you’re actually lonely in the bathroom all alone, even though you wouldn’t want another living soul in there with you. Bringing GOD with you wherever is a concept that will really be tested if you can bring HIM to the toilet with you. You may even want to begin by inviting HIM to watch you urinate before you offer to allow HIM to watch you defecate. You may be more of a private person than you think.

Although this suggestion might seem a little odd, I’m sure you’re mature enough to recognize the value in breaking down the wall you’ve created between you and GOD. I can just imagine how JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* would be appalled at such an idea. But I give you credit for being anti-hyper-religious enough to try it. I know that GOD would never go anywhere HE wasn’t wanted.

You have a defense system in place that faces two ways, just like the skin on an apple. The outer layer of your skin is there to protect you from the outside world. But the inner layer of your skin is there to open you to yourself. You’re like a two-way mirror. We can see you, but you can only see us to the extent that you seek to see into yourself. You’re a window on the outside and a mirror of the outer world on the inside. And your innermost skin is made of a very curious kind of glass.

The difference between a gay and a straight man is that a straight man grows up to see himself as the king of his own castle, while a gay man grows up to see himself as the queen of his own castle. A gay man would never confuse himself with the King.¹⁵⁰ Because we

¹⁵⁰ The exception are homosexuals, men who have sex with men but who hide their sexual identity from polite society, unlike gay men. Such men may see themselves as twisted monsters who create emotional destruction in their wake. In psychological terms, they’re called “latent homosexuals.” According to the Internet, “they have an erotic attraction toward members of the same sex that’s not consciously experienced or expressed in overt action. This may mean a hidden inclination or potential for interest in homosexual relationships, which is either suppressed or not recognized, and which has not yet been explored or may never be explored.” In other words, they’re people who aren’t honest, sincere or authentic because they’ve been so traumatized by straight-laced society that they can neither think straight nor admit to their own curves.

have a well-developed feminine side {x²}, we're free use the third person singular {HE or SHE} for GOD without concern.

There are boundaries you need to respect in yourself that other people may need to remind you of. But that's not my job, either. I'm not interested in correcting you. I'll let you do that. I'm just pointing out facts.

There are people who are stubborn about certain things because there's no better way for them to protect themselves from their own secrets. To the extent that you don't want to know about you, you aren't going to want to know about some aspects of the world around you.

We're all born into a world that we learn to make our way through like a path through the countryside. But over many years, we pave that path until it becomes like a four-lane highway going both directions. And as most people age, that highway seemingly sinks into a trench which fills with tears until it's more like a canal they can't get out of.

Habits can't be broken. Habits have to be forded. Habits have to be filled in. Habits have to be flown over. Habits have to be studied as subjects that you're being tested on by the Teacher.

Many people call their habits personal or private. They don't want anyone to see or comment on aspects of themselves that lie predominantly in their unconscious. They don't mind if poor people have to expose their monetary poverty, but they don't want to have to expose their intellectual, emotional or spiritual deficiencies, at least not publicly. They're ashamed of the poverty within themselves.

When the ancient JEWS started a civil war in 721 C.E, GOD shamed them by having 10 of their 12 tribes defeated by the Assyrians {today's Syrians}. They lost the Ark of the Covenant {אֲרוֹן קֹדֶשׁ: ARON KODESH: Holy Ark} to the Assyrians and a portion of their land, as well. Those ancient JEWS lost Israel twice more, once in the Babylonian exile to what is today's Iraq {597 B.C.E.}. That exile lasted about 60 years, until the ancient Persians {today's Iranians} defeated the Babylonians in 539 B.C.E. and allowed the ancient JEWS to return to Israel. The third shaming happened with the Roman Exile {today's Italians} that lasted 2,000 years. We've been embarrassed before indigenists, shamed before CHRISTIANS and, recently, *Muslims* have tried to humiliate us. But we've learned a lot about guilt from all our experiences. And the more you know about guilt, the more you can avoid it.

You decide if you're here to help your GOD/GOD/*God* or help our GOD. If you want to help our GOD, start by stop embarrassing and shaming yourself. And let the chips fall where they may. If you choose to humiliate yourself, you'll be much happier, I can assure you. Confession is good for the soul.

The question you should ask shouldn't be what you've done wrong, but what you've done right in GOD's eyes to be allowed to continue to exist in a world with people as defiant, corrupt and as asleep at the wheel as we still see in this world.

No one's perfect. If Jesus was perfect, that still wouldn't explain why HE had to be physically embarrassed, publicly shamed and lastly humiliate HIMSELF on the cross – for

surely nothing occurred without HIS tacit agreement then, even if it didn't conform to HIS approval. Even the ONE chosen from among the chosen chose to go through the guilting process that makes us all come to understand what it means to be a creation by GOD. We all have our cross to bear. (Jesus literally had to bear HIS own cross, so that now you only have to do so figuratively.)

Today's Jews aren't perfect, even if a third of the world believes that one Jew was. And if ultra-orthodox JEWS denounce gay-Jews {which once happened to me in an ultra-orthodox house of prayer} because the JEWS think Torah gives them the right to do so, the ultra-orthodox JEWISH community is going to suffer along with the rest of the world for their prejudicial thinking and mean spirit. JEWS have no monopoly on suffering. No Jew is exempt from suffering. If you prick us, yes, we will bleed! ¹⁵¹

About 10% of the Jewish world is made up of orthodox JEWS and about 10% of the Jewish world are gay. Old-fashioned JEWS think it's an abomination for a man to sleep with a man as with a woman. [Leviticus 18:22, 20:13] Modern Jews think every man sleeps with himself as though with half a woman {x²}, so the matter of who you choose to have sex with must remain personal and private. Modern Jews think that how they sleep at night is determined by how they behaved toward themselves and others that day. Orthodox JEWS just take the words of Torah literally.

Modern men and women take Scripture more personally than seriously. The old-fashioned take Scripture literally and dogmatically. Modern people strive to live their life like Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad. The old-fashioned^u try to force us to live our life in ways they^u approve of.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam were once terribly worried about indigenous rituals that included indiscriminate, sexual glorification of gods through idol worship. But those days are long gone. The spiritual paranoia of such things happening in synagogues, churches or mosques today is unfounded.

Sex isn't wrapped up in religious ritual for true believers anymore. Sex is a personal matter that old-fashioned believers insist on condemning if they don't approve of a particular sexual practice they wouldn't want to perform. But try suggesting that they pray on the toilet and watch how the hyper-religious react! There, they don't want to have to go with their GOD/GOD/*God*.

Today's problem for all three of the Abrahamic faiths is dogma, not smegma. A little soap and water on the outside and a little douching on the inside, and men are good to cum and go...

¹⁵¹ The question asked by Shylock, a Jewish moneylender in Act 3, Scene 1 of "The Merchant of Venice," a 16th Century play by William Shakespeare was, "Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is? *If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh?*" I've simply given you the answer. Yes! Gay-Jews bleed just as much when pricked as hyper-religious JEWS.

*“Glory be to our Lord,
they answered.
‘We have assuredly done wrong.’
And they began to blame one another.”
[68:29]*

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True believers in every era in the past had the knowledge needed to change, transform and transcend themselves. They did the best they could in the time in which they lived. Those, today, who cling to those few, remaining passages of their Scripture that they insist on taking literally to the detriment of some others will have a hard time convincing themselves that they’re not hopelessly “hell” bent. All that finger pointing at us is wearing them thin.

I’m not able to move them out of their morass, nor do I have any intention of trying. I have faith that they’ll end up just where they deserve to be. But I do suggest that you allow yourself to witness everything you’re doing to yourself. That will make the circumcision of your soul quite painless and guilt free should you choose to read the last book in this series. That will make excising self-hate and replacing it with self-love easy and clean.

When the trees around you that you relied on for sustenance die or no longer produce the bounty you enjoyed when your appetite was smaller, you’ll be forced to face questions of spiritual survival that, in turn, will have an effect on everything that happens to you in a world we ought to learn to share in many profound ways. Longing, melancholy, nostalgia, wistfulness and yearning are signs of maturation.

How you feel about what you’ve done without those you loved and whether your moral intentions are in line with GOD’s are questions for the lone pine. There’s no coincidence in what you go through each and every day. We’re all alone, together. We live in a forest of lonely pines.

The same light shines down upon us all. Those who can’t see the light are going to lose hope over time. And I’m not in charge of anyone else’s spiritual photosynthesis. The only energy that will give you hope comes from the light within you, not the lights around you. Whether you grow leaves that will turn your light into spiritual sustenance next year depends on you.

Some people live in a seemingly perpetual winter. Others are blessed with a growing season all year long. But that depends on your attitude, not your altitude or latitude. Your inner world is more varied than you may think.

The outer world is a reflection of your inner world, and GOD exists in both. It’s very hard to reconcile yourself to the experiences you go through internally when your outer, survival issues have been threatened by gluttonous, greedy and lustful people who want to take what they can from you; chew you up; spit you out; and then walk all over you.

Modern interpretations of the Hebrew and Christian Testaments are profoundly important to interpretations of Islamic doctrine. The Muslim future depends on their self-understanding of material, intellectual, emotional and spiritual progress. As in the past, some will learn and grow. Others will die gnarled with spiritual dry rot, or they'll be cut down to the size of a stump. GOD alone knows what will happen to their roots.

Rather than blame one's self, most people blame one another. Wars are natural outgrowths of internal challenges people aren't willing to face because they aren't willing to behave as individuals, only en masse, like cogs in a wheel. The problem with JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY and *Islām* today is that their followers are facing the forces of individualism. Much of their blame of others is the result of self-ignorance.

The hyper-religious aren't alone anymore in this world. They may try to avoid interacting with people who believe differently from them, but they may find it very unpleasant when they have to concede that GOD made everyone in HIS image because HE loves diversity and wants to see how we can each become more like HIM despite the challenges of diversity.

*"Woe betide us!"
they cried.
'We have been great transgressors.
We hope our Lord will give us a better orchard in its place;
to our Lord we will turn."
[68:30-31]*

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All the orchards of the world are under great stress because of global warming; because of the annihilation of bee populations; and because of the poisoning of the land with fertilizers and insecticides. But people don't make the connection between these transgressions and the moral transgressions they exact against themselves. They separate the outer world from their world within, and then blame the gays and/or the Jews when things go awry. I've heard rightwing CHRISTIANS blame the gays for floods, hurricanes, and tornados in the South. And there's no end to *Muslīm* blame of Jews when the emotional tidal waves of modernity inundate their "families" "values."

With the kind of view on the modern world we get from JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslīms*, what else can anyone do today but make excuses, find reasons and cast aspersions for why things aren't going well in the external world. They blame

interpretations of other people's GOD/GOD/*God*. But they have no intention of ever conceding to the idea of ONE GOD.

"They hope our Lord will give them a better orchard in its place." But there are orchards around us and then there are orchards within us. How can you hope for an orchard {PARDES: "paradise"} in the "world to come" if you can't properly harvest the orchards you've been given here on Earth? Will you blame the gays and Jews for your inner horticultural mishaps, too? You may have turned into such a sophisticated urbanite that you can't think like a farmer anymore. {Cain was a farmer. Abel was a hunter. The heart that's a lonely hunter will not catch its prey.} ¹⁵²

If you aren't willing to spend more time looking at the metaphoric skin that separates your two worlds, you're not going to be able to tell the difference between one fruit and another. Penetrate yourself with needle-like questions; knife-like queries; and scalpel-like demands of your conscience. If you aren't willing to puncture your inner, defense system with more faith in GOD and HIS personal plan for you alone, you're going to let your inner garden choke you with weeds and prick you with brambles.

If you aren't willing to make your conscience a better guide by weighing your thoughts against your feelings with greater accuracy, your beliefs are going to cause you to take actions you'll regret. And your inner temple will be destroyed, as was our Temple in Jerusalem (twice). And even your efforts to embrace the cathedral in Rome {Vatican} or the Great Mosque in Mecca {Al-Masjid Al-Haram} will leave you in ruins.

*"Such was their punishment.
But the punishment of the life to come is more terrible,
If they but knew it."
[68:32-33]*

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If you can't clearly see the world around you or clearly perceive your world within, it's because you've got a wall up between your two worlds. Use that wall to create one side of an inner edifice that you can call a modern, spiritual structure that reflects your insights and achievements for the new age.

If you don't know how to do that, major in spiritual architecture in your college level coursework in the school of life. Study the modern, metaphoric interpretations of Torah that will make you wise. Study the modern, symbolic interpretations of the Gospels that will leave you loving. And study the modern, comparative interpretations of the Quran that will lift you off the ground and into the world of spirit as it did for the Prophet Muhammad.

¹⁵² "The poem "The Lonely Hunter" by the Scottish poet William Sharp, who used the pseudonym "Fiona MacLeod," wrote: 'Deep in the heart of summer, sweet is life to me still, but my heart is a lonely hunter that hunts on a lonely hill.'" [Wikipedia]

Then you'll fly from your home in Mecca to Jerusalem on a magic carpet of faith. Then you'll recreate the Prophet's journey to "heaven." Then you'll come back through Jerusalem and through Bethlehem to build a house of bread {physical and emotional wellbeing} before you return to Mecca.

The world has changed in 1,400 years, thank GOD! And you should be able to proudly say you're a part of that change.

In short, look at your life as an orchard of experiences in which you're picking the fruits of knowledge from every tree of knowledge you come across. Look at your life as an orchard of experiences in which you're picking the fruits of life from every tree of life you come across. In this way, you'll learn about good and evil; right and wrong; better and worse.

In so doing, you'll conclude that you were planted like a seed in a garden; that you've grown into a mighty tree in an orchard; and that you've branched out with intellectual knowledge, blossomed with love and fruited with the joy of loyalty to the Lord by becoming more and more who you were always meant to be. In so doing, you'll wrap your desire to be yourself around GOD like roots around a rock.

This will elicit meaning from the rock under the Dome. This is the rock you can figuratively take with you when you leave for good. Your piece of this rock is the only gift you need to give to GOD.

Those who are stuck in literal interpretations of Scripture will only lead others to more pain and suffering that the hyper-religious will be blamed for instigating. We should all combat their entrenched dogmas with greater knowledge of Scripture. We need to be able to discuss our spiritual beliefs using the Hebrew, Christian and Muslim Testaments to make our point. If we don't learn one another's language, we aren't going to be able to make ourselves understood. If we don't ground ourselves with Israel, we'll drown in CHRISTIAN dogma or come tumbling down to earth from *Islamic* castles built in the sky.

"Have you a scripture that promises you whatever you choose?

*Or, have We sworn a covenant with you -
a covenant binding till the Day of Resurrection -
that you shall have what you yourself ordain?
Ask if any of them will vouch for that!"*
[68:37-40]

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The extremists believe they have a monopoly on faith. They see themselves as **GOD's** only beloved ones. They think the words "Moses," "Jesus" or "Muhammad" will open doors. They separate themselves from the rest of us with gay issues, Jewish issues, immigrant issues, Israel issues, racial issues or women's issues. They're still stonewalling the LGBT+ community in retaliation for us having stonewalled them.¹⁵³ They don't understand that they'll never run out of stone walls with which to separate themselves from themselves. They'll never admit that Scripture might have any other interpretation than the one they hold.

If you do what the Prophet did, and ask them, "*Have you a Scripture that promises you whatever you choose?*" they'll vigorously deny it. And yet some JEWS choose to believe the Earth is no older than 6,000 years. Some CHRISTIANS choose to believe that all Jews will be converted to CHRISTIANITY when their Messiah comes. Some *Muslims* choose to believe they have the only covenant with *God*, that theirs supersedes those that came before it. Nowhere in Scripture is any of that written.

A messiah may not come. The Messiah may not return. I'm not a soothsayer. I don't know. But I do know that unless you find a way to forge the fire within you in your lifetime, you may find yourself in hot water later in life or thereafter.

*"Have they knowledge of what is hidden?
Can they write it down?"*
[68:47]

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Can they write it down?"

If they have knowledge that's hidden, let's see them write it down. Let's see whether "the force is with them."¹⁵⁴ Force them to admit out loud what fantasies they hold and where their fantasies are written in Scripture. If you ask them to quote the source of their beliefs, chapter and verse, they'll cry out "Tradition!"

¹⁵³ This is ironic since it was the gay men at the Stonewall Bar in New York who fought back against police bullying. "The Stonewall riots {also referred to as the Stonewall uprising or the Stonewall rebellion} were a series of spontaneous, violent demonstrations by members of the LGBT community against a police raid that took place in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, the night Judy Garland died, at the Stonewall Inn, located in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan. Those riots are widely considered to constitute the single most important event leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern struggle for LGBT+ rights in the United States." [Wikipedia]

¹⁵⁴ "*May the force be with you*" is a famous quote said by numerous characters as an expression of good luck throughout the Star Wars film series." [Wikipedia] I'm borrowing the expression to imply knowledge of the four forces in you {thoughts, beliefs, feelings and desires} that, like the four directions of the wind {N.E.W.S.} make up human nature.

Once you force people to face their own beliefs, you discover that they're motivated from below their waist. They don't want to know the figurative meaning of the holes in their body. You'll see that their beliefs don't conform to the wise, loving and loyal intentions of GOD. Their beliefs only conform to their desires and ego issues. Their beliefs are just opinions that they bolster with old interpretations of Scripture.

*“Wait,
then,
for the judgment of your Lord
and do not act like him who was swallowed by the whale
when he called out in despair.
Had his Lord not bestowed on him His grace,
he would have been abandoned in the open
to be blamed by all.
But his Lord chose him for His own
and made of him a righteous man.”
[68:48-50]*

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No one in his right mind can believe that Jonah was literally swallowed by a whale. You know this was a Hebrew pun that the Prophet understood right from the start. Jonah was an example of what the humiliation of every righteous man who defies GOD looks like. First, he goes the wrong way. Then he jumps overboard with despair at what he's done to others. Then he's swallowed up by worries he can't understand and dumped by GOD just where he needs to be.

The prophet Jonah went the wrong way in life, and, therefore, GOD used him to personify someone who was so psychologically disenfranchised from himself and spiritually disabled that he couldn't get on board the grandeur of GOD's designs from the start.

The Lord chose Jonah for HIS own and made of him a righteous man. HE taught him to see how he'd humiliated himself in an effort to understand the gift of life.

Tomorrow's emissaries of the Lord (who HE is fashioning today out of modern men and women) won't go overboard in their effort to help others understand GOD's/GOD's/*God's* nature. They'll set examples through architecture, art, business, dance, science, service and song with a message that inquiring minds will be able to perceive. They'll profess to having been swallowed by many wails and will watch with amusement as the fools' eyes grow wide with disbelief. {A lack of education is a sign of a waste of precious time.}

Jonah is our story: yours and mine. If not for the grace of GOD, we, too, would end up swallowed by one worry after another without being able to watch ourselves submerge deep down into the depth of our feelings. We wouldn't have been delivered to our Nineveh to do our work. If not for GOD's eye peering down on us, as the burning sun peered down on poor Jonah in the desert at the end of his story in Tanach, we, too, might assume we had nothing to atone for. We'd never sweat the small stuff.¹⁵⁵ We'd never question where we are in contrast to where we might have been or how where we are is better because it's nearer to where we're going.

Those of us who find ourselves in "hell" on Earth more often than we care to admit, must admit that the "hell" we know is better than the "hell" some others will someday find themselves in. Better to go through our syndromes with a glimmer in our eye, knowing that this is far better than what some others are going to have to face.

Our "*Lord chose him for HIS own and made of him a righteous man.*" We know we're similar to Jonah, but more advanced. We know GOD is making our journey as clear to us as HE eventually did for him. We're becoming more righteous day-by-day.

*"When they hear the admonition,
the nonbelievers well-nigh devour you with their eyes.
'He is surely possessed,'
they say."
[68:51]*

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¹⁵⁵ Dr. Richard Carlson's 1997 popular, self-help book, Don't Sweat The Small Stuff. And It's All Small Stuff. I suggest the opposite. *Do* sweat the small stuff! You're made of much smaller stuff than you may think.

If the religiously dogmatic don't claim I'm crazy, they'll assure themselves that I'm possessed. They'll claim satan has gotten me; that the power that moves me comes from the bowels of the earth. All three of them will accuse me of being against their GOD/GOD/*God*.

They won't say, "He's got a penis problem; that's why he's a shmuck." They won't say, "He's got ego issues; that's why he's an asshole." They wouldn't dare open the conversation to matters below the waist. They'd rather waste the importance of having been born with a waist^u. And they'd rather ignore the spiritual importance of every hole below it^u.

People like to think they've learned how to think by being critical of others. But their thinking is often so deeply influenced by their desires and feelings that the opinions they come to are often immoral, impure and unkind. In truth, people think very little using their head. They relax their thinking and let their feelings take over, not realizing their heart has been tainted by unwholesome desires that influence the conclusions they come to.

People who think they can think may, in fact, not be able to do so. Those with a high I.Q. are often lacking in E.Q.¹⁵⁶ They may be unconsciously poisoning themselves with feelings of jealousy and desires for revenge, just as the witch did in the fable of "Sleeping Beauty." They look in the mirror within and are enraged at seeing someone fairer than themselves.

Such people then serve themselves poisoned apples and fall asleep for what might seem to us like a 100 years. Some never wake up to the beauty they saw in the mirror. They spend their life on a witch hunt to find out who did this to them.

In algebraic terms, y becomes suspicious of x^2 , or x^1 becomes suspicious of x^2 . These sleeping "beauties" believe everyone is an asshole out to get them. And so they give up on fairy tales coming true.¹⁵⁷

In psychological terms, narcissists become obsessed with flaws in their own character. They beat themselves up mercilessly for what's imperfect about them. They refuse to look at what they're doing right. That would level the playing field. That they see as cheating.

Over a lifetime of keeping the playing field unbalanced and uphill, narcissists become cynical, sarcastic and hopeless. They project their frustration with themselves onto others. They see themselves as aliens dropped off on the wrong planet. They see themselves as "God's" only righteous creation. They can't get with the spiritual program.

¹⁵⁶ "E.Q. {emotional quotient} reflects a person's ability to empathize with others: identify, evaluate, control and express one's own emotions; perceive and assess others' emotions; use emotions to facilitate thinking by understanding emotional meanings." [Wikipedia]

¹⁵⁷ When looking at the fairy tale "Sleeping Beauty" from a personal perspective, Beauty is a woman's x^1 factor and the noble side of her is her x^2 factor that she projects upon a prince. She then lives out the role of princess in her own fantasy until a man who behaves in a princely way comes along to wake her up. And men do the same with the noble side of themselves $\{x^2\}$ which they project onto women as their princesses. Sadly, this fantasy doesn't work out well in the long run since it's just a projection of an inner awakening that men and women are avoiding doing for themselves. A healthy, modern relationship with another person is created when the two of you become witnesses to your, and one another's, awakening.

If you think about the Abrahamic faiths as an edifice with the Jews on the ground floor and the Christian and Muslim stories above ours, then you should ask yourself what the Jews are thinking about that's different from what the neighbors upstairs are thinking about. The answer to that question is very easy if you have a good imagination; if you're practiced in the art of metaphor and not just an expert on symbolism or simile.

A smart Jew thinks about what others are thinking about. He thinks about why GOD made our ceiling another man's floor. He thinks about what GOD would want him to do for those living upstairs that won't give them the impression that their home is higher and, therefore, holier than everyone else's.

A smart Jew thinks about love without getting jealous of Christians. A smart Jew thinks about the history of Judaism, which is based on more than just Tanach. It's based on compounded experiences in the world over the lifetime of every Jew past and present. That can't be fully shared with anyone. That's personal.

A smart Jew thinks about his loyalty to life, not just about the relationship of wisdom to love. He thinks about why *God* created a story on top of the other two previous stories. He thinks about what he can do not to become envious of what *God* gave the Muslims.

A smart Jew thinks about a life based on much more than just Tanach, the Gospels or the Quran. He thinks about the compounded experiences in the Western world that leave him with opinions he can't fully share with anyone other than GOD for personal reasons.

If you take the weather for granted and not as a sign from GOD, you may take your inner weather for granted, too. You may use food, alcohol and drugs to affect your weather within. You, too, may play god by abusing the vehicle you were given for the journey you're on.

Your body is like an RV. It's like a turtle shell. It's like a computer, and you're like your hard drive and your imagination is like your screen. Each of us is hand made by GOD. But we all come off different assembly lines at the same factory. Open your eyes and your imagination will follow.

I love emotional and spiritual food, but I also just love food. I use food to express my celebration of life. And I use food to hide my disappointment with life. I use food to give me the energy I need to explore more of the mystery of my life. I use food to retrace the trail of my opinions as I make my way through the forest of conclusions I'm going through. Even crumbs are better than nothing at all.

You may not adequately discipline yourself. Although GOD *loves* everyone, you can certainly see why GOD doesn't have good reason to *like* everyone. People's opinions can be awful, ignorant and even obscene.

You may be a petty criminal who's stealing your own good name out from under yourself, thinking no one will mind if no one knows. You might think something as small as a piece of fruit you've taken without asking permission and then eaten won't make a damn bit of difference to you until you discover that getting it in was much easier than getting it out... That's the problem I've always had with food.

I know my boyfriend is cool to me because he likes me. He had to bite his tongue when he was with his former partners, but he teases me. And I know that his tickles, pinches and pokes are his way of telling me he likes me. It's just not what once I thought I needed.

I would prefer a warmer home environment. He likes it cool. So I eat over his lack of warmth. Food hides my disappointment in not getting exactly what I want the way I want it. Substitution is an important principle when "you can't always get what you want."¹⁵⁸ Food serves many purposes.

It's not a crime to have sex with someone of your own gender. It's not a crime to file for divorce. It's not a crime to have sex with more than one person at a time if you haven't made a commitment to one person. And it's not a crime to marry one person after another.

It's not a crime to end a pregnancy if it's done in a timely manner. It's not a crime to eat until you're obese; drink until you're a drunk; or drug until you're an addict. It's not a crime to gamble until you're homeless and in debt. And it's not even a crime to be constipated.

But of all the above mentioned behaviors, being constipated is the one that probably brings up the most embarrassment. Why is that? You'd think that mature men and women would have their priorities better prioritized. Sadly, that's often not the case. It's constipation that most reminds us of the trouble we have in getting forbidden fruit out that went so easily in.

There's no law against any of these actions in civilized societies, provided you don't hurt others in the process. We allow people to monitor their choices for themselves, by themselves. And we assume GOD intervenes with individual lessons of HIS own that magnify HIS intentions for each of us.

Like GOD with Mary, we acknowledge every person's right to privacy, allowing HIM to enter our conscience to illuminate it with HIS spirit in mysterious ways Christians unify under the heading of the Holy Spirit.

It ought to be a crime to borrow money and not pay it back, just as it ought to be a crime to loan money at rates that mirror extortion. It ought to be impossible to even start a car if you're drunk or stoned, just as it ought to be a crime to construct an automobile that avoids safety standards. It ought to be a crime to enter another country illegally, just as it ought to be a crime to separate parents from their children.

Scapegoating is evil, and even if it isn't yet a civil crime to scapegoat others, it's a crime for which you'll pay a terrible price in the long run.¹⁵⁹

¹⁵⁸ "Song by the Rolling Stones on their 1969 album 'Let It Bleed.' 'You can't always get what you want, but, if you try, sometime you find you get what you need.'" [Wikipedia] Knowing that you have what you need is so much harder to appreciate than you might think.

¹⁵⁹ It's a crime to scapegoat people because it's a crime to scapegoat goats. When you sacrifice an animal to appease you for crimes you've committed against yourself, you turn yourself into an ancient JEW. You go back in time, not forward. This is why I'm of the opinion that the Jews should never build a third Temple on the Temple Mount. It ought to remain in Muslim hands as a reminder to us that animals are important to our humanity.

It will never be a crime to make anyone figuratively climb up your intestines from your anus to unblock a blockage if you're spiritually constipated. And the reason for that is because ain't nobody ever gonna do it!... Not even GOD will volunteer to be your plumber. You have to do that dirty work, or it doesn't get done.

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, we are our brother's keeper physically and emotionally even if, in the Muslim tradition, we aren't our brother's keeper spiritually. Your head and heart may insist you ought to protect people from themselves, but in your soul, you know that everyone's on his own in the larger scheme of things. We all ought to be concerned how we're going to move through guilt {embarrassment, shame and humiliation} to self-love {modesty, humility and loyalty} all by ourselves. In the school of life, your grades aren't going on anyone else's report card. If you don't study yourself, you aren't going to learn a thing of importance you can take with you when you leave.

On the other hand, if you're cheating on your tests, your crimes do become my business. If you stack the deck in your favor, I'll deck you. If you invite people up from the back of the room to intimidate me, I'll make them move your seat to where they came from.

If you're cheating on your schoolwork, I'm going to make sure that I don't help you, no matter how much you beg for my help. Helping cheaters so they can continue to cheat is a crime I'll have no part of.

If you think it makes you uncomfortable to see those you love suffer, wait until you realize how much GOD is allowing you to make you suffer! Wait until you ask GOD what you did to endure such pain and/or suffering.

It may be hard to watch people learn from their mistakes, but it's even harder to watch yourself have to learn when you don't know from day to day what you did the day before to yourself because you've been with you so long that you've become inured to your own character defects.

Life is a school in which many make excuses for not coming to class. Life is a school, and some are dismissed, put on probation and even expelled without reason.

Do you really want to go back to the metaphor of life as an insane asylum? Life is a school unless you're one of the bozos at the back of the room who insists on teaching those around you a lesson. Then life is no more than an insane asylum that you think gives you permission to do crazy things.

You may not know what your status looks like in the Teacher's roll book because you may not be paying close enough attention. You may be bullying the young, the poor or the disenfranchised because you think you can. But you could also be bullying yourself because you think you should.

It's you who's dismissed yourself from class if you're crazy. It's you who put yourself on probation in the past for a period of time. And it'll be you who'll eventually expel yourself from this school if you must leave early. Don't think your fate doesn't lie in your hands. The Teacher is always watching to see whether and what you're teaching yourself.

We're all GOD's creatures. It's one thing to eat an animal. It's quite another to sacrifice it to your GOD. And by extension, it's a sin to sacrifice a human being to your GOD/God.

If you've been debarred from the metaphor of life as a school, and you're lucky, you'll be admitted into the sixth metaphor of life as a hospital filled with sick people. And if that doesn't teach you any more about yourself, and you're lucky, you'll be discharged from that metaphor to the fifth metaphor as a master with an incorrigible apprentice. And if you don't learn from that, if you're lucky you'll be demoted to the fourth metaphor of a coach with a player. And so on and so forth until you're simply banished from the garden for something so innocuous that you'd never be able to guess what was so egregious about your crime.

What could possibly be such a big deal about one little piece of fruit the serpent colluded with Eve to steal that she then got Adam to conspire with her to eat? The big deal was that it was only the beginning. But you wouldn't know that, would you, unless you knew all about the possibility for a graduation ceremony at the end?

Those who are physically or mentally ill are treated as out-patients or hospitalized. But those who are spiritually sick aren't. And yet, our prisons are full of many spiritually sick people. And our institutions are filled with many masters who treat the hired help like incorrigible apprentices. Even our houses of prayer are full of coaches with players who aren't paying attention to the game.

Do I have the most gorgeous penis on Earth? Would you say my desires are bigger, better or more penetrating than yours? Would you conclude that my testicles are filled with more liquid love than any other man's on Earth?

Think about that! I have a feeling that you'll come to the conclusion that I'm similar to every other guy on earth, even though I may be gay and Jewish. I have many of the same concerns you have because I've been concocted using the same formula.

The struggle between my head and heart in opposition to my soul is what I'm working on, too. Every individual is progressive if he's progressing. Every individual is also conservative if he's progressing, And every individual will slowly move in the direction of Islam and a modern interpretation of the Quran whether or not the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* approve of it.

The Jews have been given the first name of GOD, Y.H.V.H. {which is an acronym, not a name}. The Christians have been given **HIS** second name {Jesus}, which is that of a Jew. And the Muslims have *His* last name, *Allāh*, under their belt. {You can already anticipate that the JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* will all agree that they disagree with even that...}

"Yet, it is but an admonition to mankind."

[68:52] ¹⁶⁰

¹⁶⁰ The Prophet is saying that the Quran is but an admonition. He's suggesting that there's another way to go. He's implying that the Quran is a sign, like a sign at the beginning of a road that reads, "Dead End." If you go down that road {"hell"}, you may be very disappointed in where it takes you. Read all the signs on the roads, or you'll be lost! Of the seven paths to **GOD**, Islam is the seventh and last. You'd expect its message for anyone who plans to go any further to be a "Dead End." Your spiritual evolution depends on you learning to read all the signs.

“Yet, it is but an admonition to mankind.”

The Prophet has brought down “*an admonition to mankind*” just by comparing and contrasting Judaism to Christianity as *God* asked him to do. His theory about how to live a righteous life implied it must be led from the inside out. Can you do that for yourself without hurting another human being, including gays and Jews? Or, are you going to project some of your inner issues onto others and then gamble whether you’re going to pay an eternal price for having worked out those problems from the outside in?

My syndromes are a unique combination of steps and risers I had to learn to ascend and descend internally in order to achieve greater success than merely surviving. The decisions I make in both my worlds are earning me the progress I’ve yearned for.

But if I look at other people’s stubbornness and unrealistic methods of achieving change, I’d have to compare it to walking through walls or climb out of windows. There’s no need for me to do anything more than open doors for others as would any other gentleman. Sane people simply thank me for doing so and proceed in.

The Jews were given eyes to see the Lord. The Christians were given ears to hear the Lord. And the Muslims were given a nose to sense the Lord’s presence in a mysterious unseen and unheard way.

Would you cut out the eyes of all the Jews to have others see it your way? Would you cut off the ears of all the Christians to stop questions from coming to them? Would you cut off the nose of all the Muslims as a sign of what will happen to anyone who claims it stinks inside every one of us?

Your pen is mightier than your sword. Your penis: mightier than your sword... Hardly! Only your tongue is mightier than a sword. You can cut out a man’s tongue, but you can’t cut out his desire for righteousness. That desire isn’t as mighty or sharp as a sword. **GOD** can see right through your desires. So before you bump into walls within or find yourself trying to crawl out of windows in an effort to get away from yourself, try opening doors. What’s in the very next room is a vital part of your secret.

Surah 69
سورة الحاقة
The Catastrophe

The Quran is fond of scaring its readers with visions of what will happen if they don't do as they're told. But in all fairness, Tanach and the Gospels do the same, just in different ways. Torah predicts death for every sin, and the Gospels predict "hell."

Ancient man was more vulnerable to catastrophes and death than we are today because we can rely on advancements in science and technology to solve many more of our problems. We're not as easily scared as our forefathers once were of events outside our control. Nowadays, death is a reality of life, and "hell" is becoming less worrisome for us as we bring more of "hell" up from the bowels of the earth to solve for ourselves.

On the other hand, I've never felt more miserable in my life as I do now. Misery is the cosmic background noise of my inner universe. Cosmic microwave background radiation (CMBR) from outer space which is a relic of the Big Bang is equivalent to the misery of my little bang. That which I anticipate as a catastrophe is really the commonplace wretchedness I have to deal with all the time.

When you look at life as a means for spiritual evolution, the idea of death and "hell" aren't quite so daunting. What becomes more grim is the thought of what you might be devolving into. {Although physical devolution is the negative stimulus of the Eastern **philosophies {reincarnation}**, spiritual devolution, when fully fleshed out in the mind of modern man can be even more grey, grim and unpleasant to have to think of.}

This is the "catastrophe" implied in the 69th surah of the Quran.

Nowadays, **GOD** allows specialists to terrorize us for **HIM**. And although calling orthodox JEWS, rightwing conservative CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* specialists in terror, the essence of the statement is one I stand by. Not even the religious fanatics are as afraid of their GOD/GOD/*God* as they once were.¹⁶¹

Addiction, cruelty, illness, poverty and prejudice are reoccurring problems none of us can easily solve despite our scientific prowess because they have their roots in our penis or clitoris, not our head, heart or soul. Uncovering what you truly desire is the key.

*"Pharaoh,
and those before him,
and the inhabitants of the ruined cities,
also committed sin*

¹⁶¹ I include the ultra-orthodox JEWS in this statement because they have the blood of two Jewish murders on their hands: Yitzhak Rabin, the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, and Shira Banki, a 16-year-old Israeli teen who was marching in the Jerusalem Pride Parade in 2016. Rabin was assassinated by a right-wing extremist. Banki was also killed by a right-wing extremist and convicted criminal who had previously stabbed three marchers at the Jerusalem Pride Parade in 2005. (Both murderers were given life sentences.)

*and disobeyed their Lord's apostle.
With a terrible scourge He smote them.”*
[69:9] ¹⁶²

“Pharaoh,
and those before him,
and the inhabitants of the ruined cities,
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and disobeyed their Lord's apostle.
With a terrible scourge HE smote them.”

The “*scourge*” of the ancient world before the creation of Judaism was indigenism. People resorted to hedonistic superstitions and called them prayers. But their prayers often included public displays of sex that were immodest; acts of cruelty that were indecent; and an ignorance of GOD's presence that was condescending and demeaning.

The scourge of today isn't indigenism, but violence in one of GOD's/GOD's/*God's* names. GOD didn't need war to free the Israelites from their ancient, Egyptian bondsmen. HIS design was much simpler then. HE used plagues. In the last century, brother fought brother in the Second World War to see who could get the upper hand on GOD's design. ^{GOD, 2}

Today, people are fighting the brother within themselves to promote their desires.

There are factions of JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* who are each betting that they'll achieve a monopoly over their GOD's/GOD's/*God's* design when all is said and done. They promote violence in their GOD's'/GOD's/*God's* name, while insisting that GOD's name can't have anything Jewish and/or Christian and/or Muslim about it.

The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* justify their violence with the goal of sexual purity. And yet, ironically, these hyper-religious men are figuratively kicking themselves in the balls to prove their masochistic devotion to their GOD/GOD/*God* for having created them in HIS/HIS/*His* male image. Maybe some women can watch that sort of behavior and snicker. But a gay man has to wince.

The need to evolve to come to know the brother within me brought me out of my head, heart and soul, and took me below my belt. This is what we call “coming out,” which is a misnomer because it's really about going deeper within. If you can't correlate guns and missiles to penis problems; and opening a can of worms to clitoris conflicts – you're still enjoying a junior high school relationship with yourself. You're only at the edge of spiritual puberty.

The exclusivity of JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* religious schools discourages curiosity about other ways of thinking, and it promotes sexual purity through conformity

¹⁶² The “*ruined cities*” were Sodom and Gomorrah

to dogmatic notions of exclusivity that threaten punishment for self-curiosity and a desire to satisfy earthly temptations in wholesome ways. If there's any activity that typifies the similarities of JEWISH, CHRISTIAN and *Muslim* dogmas, it's their sexual practices. They're all devoid of curiosity about how their passions contribute to their spiritual operating system {SOS}.

Jews, Christians and Muslims are open to sexual playfulness and exploration because they've learned how to apply their feelings of guilt to a wider range of behaviors. They aren't rigidly moralistic about what they do in bed, or elsewhere. (Remember, the Prophet had a very curious and passionate sex life.)

But for those of us who are devoted to one other person, monogamy becomes harder than it looked after we've tied the knot. With temptation come challenges. Monogamy is a challenge worth taking on if you're doing it for inner harmony rather than to mimic societal standards put in place to create conformity to religious practices.

Sexual fidelity to one person is difficult because commitment sometimes brings up anger. Anger often brings up resentment. And resentment may bring up the confluence of temptation and desire that causes us to break our WORD/WORD/*Word*. It's only those who are in touch with their soul who can maintain a monogamous relationship with themselves regardless of what they're feeling. It's men like that that straight women should be seeking as soulmates.

Suicide combined with a terrorist attack is a breaking of the 7th Commandment as well as the 6th. When you become so angry at yourself that your resentment can't be contained, you break your last word: loyalty to life. You adulterate every reason you have for being.

The only way to avoid the catastrophes that **GOD** allows you to endure is to live in the now with optimism for a better future as well as pessimism about what you did in the past. And the only way to achieve a realistic understanding of yourself is with more personal power.

Life happens only in the present because power can only happen in the now. You can't apply your power to the past or the future. You must apply it here and now or you'll bemoan the misery of having been born.

Muslim terrorists are the greediest of all people for *words*. They're trying to describe something they want to put into action for the sake of personal power, but they don't have *words* to describe their rage.

I know that rage. I've never met anyone in my whole life who was as enraged as I was. I was like a *Muslim* terrorist except that I only tried to kill myself, not others. Therefore I recommend that *Muslims* put down their "pens" and learn to speak to **GOD** about what's upsetting them.

Your penis isn't mightier than your head, heart and soul. Don't tie your serpent up in knots. Just imagine what that would look like... You need the delivery device of your power. Ergo, you need to understand how the whole system is tied together.

The big picture can't be perceived without psychology, the science that fathoms man's inner world with longitude, latitude and depth. That makes it possible to pinpoint any place in inner space. With the Abrahamic faiths still at each other's throats over the meaning of

WORDS/WORDS/*Words*, we need to look at how the individual was created in **GOD's** image rather than look only at the religious practices created by each of **HIS** three faiths.

In so doing, you'll become sensitized to the order in which each and every WORD/WORD/*Word* is layered with meaning that corresponds to the LENGTH, WIDTH and *depth* of WORDS. The lowest layer is intellectual. The next layer up is emotional. And the third layer is spiritual. At the base of each WORD in your vocabulary are lodged the desires you hold to that WORD which are secured in place by your experiences. To change people's desires not only requires that you know about your own. It requires that you can read between your own lines.

You can't know the depth of your own desires until you can unite the forces within you. And you can't unite them within you unless you can see how they're unified or disjointed in others. You need to inch forward with empathy for others to develop empathy for yourself. Your truth is harder to perceive than you might think.

Therefore you'll want to get to know others to perceive how flawed and fabulous they are in how they behave toward themselves. And you'll want to learn to turn those flaws and fine points inside in to see how you may do the same to yourself.

You can't embrace outer reality if you can't accept the similarities and differences between your two worlds. The more you can embrace both simultaneously, the stronger you'll grow. Life isn't only about learning to give to and receive from others. Life is about giving to and receiving from yourself.

The decision to learn about disappointment, however, required me to learn about it everywhere. Loyalty and commitment to others had just been for practice. Acknowledging my disappointments in others motivated me to question my disappointment in myself. Only in this way did I inch forward slowly toward transfiguration using disappointment as a vehicle to soulfulness.

My mother and I can't pretend to share the secret of onliness anymore. I loved her approval and admiration of me and she, mine. **GOD** knows I don't get much of that from others. But she's gotten so old and frail that she doesn't even know who I am anymore. Time distances us from some others without telling us why. These changes over time lie in **GOD's** hands. It all works out as it does with good reason. Loss is a vital part of life.

My mother once told me that her father may have had a family before he came to Munich from the village in Bavaria where he'd grown up. (The difference in ages between my mother's parents was great.) But that was a secret shame my mother and her mother had kept from everyone. My mother only confiding it in me after she was widowed at the age of 90. She may have been too ashamed of her father to share her feelings with me until she'd lost all hope of maintaining the ruse any longer.¹⁶³

¹⁶³ My mother was born Berta Herter. She changed her given name to Bella when she came to this country before I was born and changed her surname to Zeve when she married my father. When she married for the second time her name became Bella Roos. Curiously, she always was a "bella ruse," a beautiful trickster.

The JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* are interested in taking us back to live like they did in the past when guilt was everywhere around them, but nowhere to be found within. The JEWS began by killing animals to relieve themselves of guilt. The CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* later chose to kill one another for the same reason, leaving the Jews^u to do what they could to avoid the bloodshed around them over Israel, a land that was actually theirs^u.

Today's Jews, Christians and Muslims are interested in bringing us forward to live in a future filled with guilt from within. And then there are those who can see the tensions between the hyper-religious and the spiritual but are only interested in cashing in to make as much money as possible on all of us while they can.

Often the experience of being in the "now" {**Nirvana**} is sought as an antidote to anxiety, apprehension, distress, dread, fear, horror, panic, terror and/or trepidation. But you can't move through that layers of words to discover your desires until you can suffer the discomfort of disappointment in yourself and the background misery that reverberates through you.

Many people are so stressed out by the thought of having to live only in the now where the feeling of guilt lives and breathes that they avoid talking to themselves at all cost rather than address the thoughts, feelings and opinions gnawing inside them. They take up residence somewhere outside themselves through projection in an effort to avoid the guilt of abandonment occurring within. They hide a part of themselves somewhere within where not even they'll find him or her. They don't want to get to know themselves any more than they absolutely have to if it involves having to get to know **GOD**. They keep secrets from themselves that they'll never be able to share with themselves. But **GOD** sees all and knows all. There's hope even for them.

Take catastrophes personally. I don't know how people can claim to measure catastrophes in the external world when catastrophes come and go every day. But when you can face the catastrophe occurring in the now inside you, you find a way of moving through the outer world you didn't see before.

People may wonder why the news looks as bleak as it does while nobody bothers to fix the problems. They wonder why the JEWS don't do more. They wonder why the CHRISTIANS don't do more; why the *Muslims* don't do more. They may even secretly wonder why their GOD/GOD/*God* doesn't do more.

Only the LGBT+ community is reacting to reality by scattering clues to what's going on inside the human psyche. Only they have a semiconscious idea of the catastrophe you see when you look in the windows of the Abrahamic edifice at what's going on inside on every story. We know all about the orchard {PARDES/"paradise"} on the roof of today's skyscrapers. We've got our scaffolding fastened to "paradise." With just a bucket and a sponge, **GOD** has equipped us to change the world. You try it. Let's see how you deal with heights.

East is east and west is west. But they meet in the bedroom of gay men and lesbians. To avoid suffering worldwide, we must make sure that other people's suffering is alleviated to alleviate our own. If you only alleviate your own suffer, you'll make peace with cows living in the streets of Delhi while turning yourself into a pig. And yet, if you alleviate only

other people's suffering, you'll make peace with pigs by turning yourself into a holy cow. There's no end to the pitfalls and paradoxes of life.

The cause of this great escape is often agony within yourself that's unconsciously triggered by other people's misery. Feeling too deeply for others is a projection of feelings you haven't yet agreed to feel for yourself. And yet, not feeling their misery is a recipe for eternal disaster. When you've become so highly sensitized to the pain and suffering of those around you {especially those you don't love or even like}, GOD may bestow a bucket and sponge on you. Then we'll see what you do with it.

Hyper-religious dogma is one way to lose your mind. Polarized, political opinions are another. Family feuds, sexual infidelities and substance abuse are yet others. And when all else fails, there's always overeating and war to fall back on... What will become of the brother or sister within?

People often utilize the metaphor of life as a sport or a game that they project onto teams, political parties and patriotic chants for approval. They try to win {sport} or master {game} some external aspect of life. But when you're making the same mistakes as others {school} without questioning what's really going on, you don't graduate with a sense of transfiguration {spiritual evolution}. You lose your individuality. You become small and insignificant regardless of how dutifully you've developed a persona.

To compensate for that, people usually take unrealistic positions to stand up for underdogs {such as the Palestinians} who they haven't come to know personally. They bend over backwards with sentimentality by proclaiming their undying devotion to strangers they can't assess logically or rationally. They become more like Lot than like Abraham. They behave like teenagers rather than mature adults. They screw their children out of any realistic hope for a good future.

Jews aren't going away. Our Jewish nation isn't going away. Gay people aren't going away. Pregnant women who want abortions aren't going away. And the future will keep on dripping into the present like a leaky faucet that can't be stopped. How well you're prepared to face the parts of yourself you've denied until now is your only hope. There is no GOD/GOD/God. It was all a ruse, a bella ruse. There is only you and GOD.

GOD created Adam in HIS image, but he was lonely. He tried to find a partner in the animal kingdom, but he couldn't find an animal he could fully relate to. He saw himself like the animals around him, but he couldn't see enough of himself in nature. So he had to separate himself from nature to search for his own nature.

Today, when a modern man looks up at the night sky, he sees light pollution. Yet he doesn't connect the lack of stars in the bright, night sky to the light pollution Western man has inflicted upon himself since the beginning of time. He's divorced from his own darkness. He lives in perpetual LIGHT/LIGHT/light. Even with his eyes closed, he can't imagine why he has such a difficult time identifying with the concept of guilt as a dark, empty void in his container.

GOD created woman to be man's mate. But Adam and Eve chose to conspire against GOD rather than go to HIM with questions to satisfy their curiosity. Why do people act first and ask questions later? Could it be that they're shy? And if so, why does self-ignorance make them so bashful?

Human beings are shy because they value privacy. They don't want other people to hear them belch or gas. Many are even somewhat upset when alone and have to hear themselves produce these unpleasant sounds and smells. And they certainly don't want anyone seeing them vomit or defecate. People get easily embarrassed over bodily functions, especially sexual functions and malfunctions. They've got more than their genitals covered. They've also covered their ass.

This shyness around matters of being in a physical apparatus isn't something they know naturally. It's something they learned as they moved from the infantile to toddler stage of social development, and then internalized. The first lesson we were all taught in life was to separate ourselves from nature.

But if you watch people in public, you'll see that many aren't shy about sticking a finger in their ear, nose or mouth and then looking at what they pull out from inside themselves. What do they expect to find? Could it be that they're really curious about what's figuratively inside them? Could it be that they've projected that curiosity onto the literal contents of their body instead of what they're figuratively amassing inside themselves?

Shyness is the outcome of toilet training. But shyness only begins there. Closing the bathroom door in order to urinate and defecate is a precursor to closing the bedroom door in order to fornicate.

Those who'd like the autonomy to urinate, defecate and fornicate in public are considered animals in every religion and **philosophy**. {I'm sure even indigenists are shy about their bodily functions even if they walk around nude. Just the fact that they embellish their body to augment their beauty or status is a sign that they're Adams and Eves no different than any of us.

The first thing the Christian missionaries did when they came to the New World was to shame the indigenists into concealing their^u genitals, so that they^u wouldn't remind them of Adam and Eve before the temptation. The missionaries^o taught the Native Americans about European shyness which was based on a Jewish metaphor that they^o passed on to them^u without explaining its full meaning.

Making people feel guilty about their bodily functions and, thereby, proud of their societal conformity to sanitation embellishes cultural expressions of acceptance. Making people feel guilty isn't just the role of parents. It's been the unconscious role of religious functionaries and every member of every society since the dawn of time.

Eating kosher or halal is based on shyness in eating spiritual food in their GOD's/*God's* presence in order to defecate something less offensive to HIM/*Hím*. But there are many other ways of projecting shyness of the body out onto the world. Eating pork and admitting out loud that you like it because you aren't ashamed of behaving like a pig is one way. If **GOD** created pigs, there must have been many good reasons for it.

Not literally belching, gassing, vomiting or fornicating in your GOD's/*GOD's*/*God's* presence will increase in difficulty the more religious you become. It's only as you slowly give up hyper-religiosity in favor of spirituality that guilt over your bodily functions can be dealt with realistically with prohibitions from the inside in and not just dogma from the

outside out. Only then will you no longer have to feel like you're lost in limbo just because you were made in GOD's image. ¹⁶⁴

The first family in the Hebrew Testament that we were taught to compare our family to was "The Abram's family." And the first family we were taught to contrast our family to was Lot's.

Abram had sex outside his marriage vows (with his wife, Sarai's consent) in order to produce an heir {Ishmael} because Sarai was barren. That was an example of *collaboration* between Abram, Sarai and Hagar. Lot {Abram's nephew} promoted his own idea of sexual purity by offering his daughters (without his wife's consent) to his neighbors rather than sanction his male neighbors indulging their sexual desires for men. That was an example of an attempt at *collusion* between Lot and his neighbors. But later, Lot had sex with his daughters. And the even greater shock was that his daughters instigated the act by *conspiring* with one another to get him drunk to do so. ¹⁶⁵

The spiritual malaise of hyper-religious people may not be with urination, defecation or fornication. The spiritual malaise of today's hyper-religious participants in JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY and *Islam* may lie in admitting to themselves that GOD is watching them

do absolutely everything. HE can see what's going in and coming out of every hole in their body. And because there's a lot of collusion, conspiracy and collaboration taking place to avoid guilt, the hyper-religious have projected their shame onto how everyone else is behaving. They certainly aren't motivated to break through their projections to blame themselves.

Anyone can claim to be shy. They may wish to believe that their GOD/GOD/*God* turns a blind eye when they close the bathroom or bedroom door. They may wish to believe that HE/HE/*He* takes privacy cues from them to preserve their modesty in lieu of them having to learn about the depth of the privacy for themselves within themselves that has kept them from discovering their secrets.

Their shyness is a ruse. There's something much deeper they're unwilling to look at that is causing a great catastrophe. Learning about privacy leads to truth and beauty. The journey to wisdom will force you, at times, to feel guilty. And your journey from there to

¹⁶⁴ "limbo": (1) in some Christian beliefs, the supposed abode of the souls of unbaptized infants, and of the just who died before Christ's coming. (2) An uncertain person who's awaiting a decision or resolution, (3) an intermediate state or condition." [Wikipedia]

¹⁶⁵ The idea ignorant men perpetrate is that all women are "asking for it." And that may come from these stories from Genesis. Lot's daughters thought the world had come to an end and that the only way to repopulate humanity would be with their father. In order to promote modesty in women, ignorant men embarrass, taunt, hurt, rape and even kill women in order to teach them not to be like Lot's daughters. These perverts then pat themselves on the back for their hyper-religious purity, not realizing that they're treating women like chattel, just as Lot did when he tried to pimp his daughters to his neighbors. How did Lot expect his daughters to behave when they concluded that the time had come for them to behave like cows and let their "bull" satisfy his "natural" cravings with them.

love and loyalty will require you to admit your shyness before the Lord. But wouldn't that be better than never discovering truth and beauty at all?

You may be terrified of GOD/GOD/*God*. You may be in awe of HIM. You may be shy because at the root of it all, you feel guilty about who you think you are as you stand before the Lord fully exposed in your imagination.

If you don't believe GOD is watching you at all times, you may take advantage of HIS spiritual, operating system {SOS}. You may test your autonomy by exploring killing, cheating, stealing, lying and coveting as ways of proving how special you think you are. You may test GOD to see what HE'll let you get away with. Your highest principles may not be guiding you. And so you may have to resort to becoming a martyr to a cause.

If you don't look at your spiritual shyness, you may do very bad things to very good people. You may even perpetrate more evil in your lifetime than good without even knowing it. And you may have to pay for that mistake "after" life if you don't correct your mistakes of judgment and atone for all the evils you unconsciously and semiconsciously perpetrated in your lifetime.

I believe GOD may bring you lessons in life that will elucidate some aspects of your being that you may not have considered before. Consider yourself lucky if HE does.

The Prophet probably instinctively knew GOD would have to discipline the Muslims in order to help them, just as he did with the Christians and Jews. And I believe the three Abrahamic faiths all support that understanding, each in its own way.

The emperor is wearing no clothes. You are the emperor. And you are the little boy who's going to want to decide if you're going to proclaim the truth, whether the crowd turns on you and claims you're nude too, or whether they insist that the emperor looks fabulous just the way he is...

The truth is that we're all forced to conceal our embarrassment of our body and shame of our character. There's no other way to graduate to humiliation of our soul with a better attitude and conscious understanding of the process we're going through. The paths of honesty, sincerity and authenticity are necessary in becoming genuine.

If you don't figuratively look down at your genitals to see yourself as you truly are, you're going to see only your head, heart or soul influencing your behavior. Your serpent will beguile you into thinking there's nothing happening below your waist that you need to take note of. Your desire to see yourself without duplicitous desires will have been achieved.

You'll have figuratively neutered yourself. You'll cut yourself off from your power. Or you'll circumcise all of your penis and clitoris in a demented attempt to circumcise your soul.

When you live your life without wishing to question the difference between nude, naked, and exposed, you leave it up to GOD to prove to you that you're transparent. "Nude" means that you're literally without clothes on and, therefore, prone to feeling embarrassed about the container you were given. "Naked" means emotionally bare and prone to feeling

ashamed of your behavior toward others. But “exposed” means that your soul has been revealed to you before yourself and the Lord in your imagination. From that, you can’t hide. Life won’t humiliate anyone. Either you do it to yourself or it won’t get done.

If you humiliate yourself before others with confession and vows of atonement, **GOD** will treat you mercifully. **GOD** is watching every figurative morsel of food you’ve ingested as it moves from your mouth through your spiritual body and out of your anus. And if you think what will literally come out won’t stink anymore, you have no idea how smelly and messy life sometimes has to be. You’re not alone in having been created in this way.

If you think you can eliminate the Jews because they remind you that you’re nude, you’re crazy. If you think you can dismiss the Christians because they remind you that you’re naked, you’re nuts. If you think you can denounce the Muslims because they remind you that you’re exposed, you’re cuckoo. But if you think you can humiliate the LGBT+ community because we constantly remind you that **GOD** is watching each and every little thing you do, inside and out, you’re insane. You won’t humiliate yourself under any circumstance. Your behavior is still shameful.

If you think that it’s appalling that the Jews were given the **WORD** of **GOD** in small caps and the Christians were given the **WORD** of **GOD** in all caps, but that Muslims only got the *Word* of *God* without caps because they’re inferior – you’re daft. There isn’t a person on the planet with writes all in caps or all without them. There are rules for the use of capital letters. And the hyper-religious don’t figuratively know them.

The 69th surah is about a catastrophe that must be righted. It’s about everything you never wanted to happen that happened, has been happening, is happening, could still happen and will happen if you don’t fight for more sanity.¹⁶⁶

Life is all about the catastrophe you’re creating or eliminating with every breath you take. This surah dismisses the metaphors of life as a garden, family, journey, sport, game, and even the metaphor of life as a school. It concentrates only on the metaphor of life as a hospital. If you’re not healed here, I seriously doubt that you’re going to be able to move on from here to “there.” This world is a turning point because it’s happening in 3D. Either you turn your life around to do what’s fair for **ONE** and all, or you’re going to continue to kill, cheat, steal, lie and covet yourself over what you believe to be right.

The catastrophe would be in not achieving moral sanity. The catastrophe would be in not achieving what’s fair during your lifetime. But don’t look to the gays and the Jews to show you the way. Model the way. You show us!

¹⁶⁶ When others see that your mind isn’t working properly, they claim you’re insane. But when you determine that your head, heart and conscience aren’t working in unison, you see that you’re morally unrealistic. Others can help you achieve a modicum of sanity with drugs and talk therapy. But only you can help yourself achieve more, moral realism. No one other than you can help you do what’s right. You’re all alone, together with the rest of us, making choices at every step along the way.

*“When the flood rose high
We carried you in the floating ark,
making the event a warning,
so that all attentive ears might heed it.”
[69:10-11] 167*

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GOD gave Adam a verbal warning before he ate from the Tree of knowledge. That wasn't enough for Adam, but it should have been enough reason for Cain not to have killed Abel. It wasn't. Cain doubled down. He was the first to gift GOD, but he should have known that gifts wouldn't be enough if he was harboring jealousy in his soul. The benevolence GOD bestowed on Abel should have pleased Cain, not angered him. Happiness for Abel would have been the greater gift for a devoted brother to have given GOD.

These two interactions with GOD by the Adams family should have been sufficient examples of evil for people to have avoided HIS wrath before the flood. But only one family got on board GOD's design then, *“making the event a warning, so that all attentive ears might heed it.”*

Those who built the Tower of Babel {the story after Noah and the Ark} should have known better than to invade GOD's abode with the intention of usurping HIS authority. They didn't. They used collaboration, collusion and conspiracy to work together to achieve their ends. And we wonder why their tower came tumbling down...

In the next chapter of Genesis, Abraham should have thought about the consequences of having conceived Ishamel^u and then abandoning him^u and his^u mother. Abraham should also have reflected on how sacrificing Isaac^o might have made him^o feel, knowing that his^o father loved GOD more than his own son.

Abraham didn't care about his first son's {Ishmael^u} survival in a cruel world without affiliation to his father's tribe. He didn't even care about his^u mother with whom he conceived him^u. Is it any wonder that his second son's {Isaac^o} survival would be at risk? In a household where a man had already collaborated with his wife and mistress, is it really a surprise that he'd be willing to kill him^o at what he presumed was his GOD's command.

Abraham might have talked a good game when it came to GOD, but he personifies the typical man of today who's talk isn't followed up with righteous action. Collaboration leads

¹⁶⁷ GOD may have literally carried our spiritual forefathers in the ark, but **HE**, figuratively, carried us all until puberty. We could never have carried ourselves alone through infancy and childhood. Adolescence was the time in our life when **GOD** put us down, and we began to learn how to carry ourselves. You know that from experience. I'm not telling you anything new.

to collusion, and collusion leads to conspiracies. If the hyper-religious haven't yet seen that magnified on the world stage, it's because they like their head lodged firmly up their ass. They're using their tongue to massage their ego and think the rest of us find that sexy.¹⁶⁸

Hindsight is 20/20, figuratively speaking. The year is 2020. Let's see if people's vision is improving. Let's see if they still want to delude themselves with fantasies and dreams or whether they're ready to pursue visions of spiritual life in the modern age.

The lessons of Genesis and the Quran look childlike and simple once you have enough experience to warn yourself to take the actions of the characters in Scripture to heart. The whole history of humanity ought to remind us that we're all recipients of lessons brought down to us by Moses, Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad. We should look back at what we did yesterday with dread at what we might do tomorrow if we don't learn today from yesterday's mistakes.

You can't get much hotter under the collar than a gay-Jew and still call yourself "cool." Inside, I'm flowing like lava. Outside I'm typing with fingers that have the precision and care of a concert pianist. I'm not going to lose my cool over anyone anymore. I only lose it big time when I see koala bears dying in forest fires.

People are potential readers of my books. The only other thing that counts are righters. You have the option of slamming this book shut on any page you choose. I don't have that luxury when it comes to me. I have to live with me until the very end.

Indulging myself by calling you names or insulting you with labels in order to describe my feelings of indignation about you aren't worth my while. No one is worth me breaking the 3rd Commandment for his sake. And it wouldn't stop there if I did. I'd end up disrespecting myself. I'd end up losing sight of my own visions.

If the Lord can speak about himself in the third person {THOU SHALL NOT UTTER THE LORD'S NAME(S) IN VAIN}, I can strive to talk to myself about me the same way. **HE**ll do just fine without me here on Earth. **HE** must respect **HIMSELF**. Whether I respect myself is a promise I make to myself every morning and then have to review every night.

Some people make a career out of warning others. They become experts in some area where they can use societal powers to improve the lives of others through an institution of caring. Assessors, auditor, clerks, examiners, inspectors, overseers, scientists, superintendents and supervisors have been given positions of power to prevent accidents and uncover incidents. The members of the judicial system, law enforcement agents, military, police officers and security guards have been set up to protect people, possessions and the power structure generally.

But many hyper-religious leaders aren't personalizing their career by applying what they've learned to themselves. It's easier to inspect, control and regulate others than it is to inspect, control and regulate yourself. Whatever your job is, I'm sure it's harder than it looks if you're only doing it for others' sake. And if you're only doing it for your GOD's/GOD's/*God*'s sake, you can forget about regulation entirely.

¹⁶⁸ And they have the nerve to call us perverts!

*“He who is given his book in his right hand will say,
 ‘Here it is.
 Read my book!
 I knew I should come face to face with my account!’
 His shall be in a blissful state in a lofty garden,
 with clusters of fruits within his reach.
 We shall say to him
 ‘Eat and drink to your heart’s content:
 your recompense for what you did in days gone by.’”
 [69:19-22]*

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The true believer uses all of holy Scripture to complete himself. His own holy Scripture should be like crazy glue that holds the universal pieces of himself together, as Humpty Dumpty should have done instead of waiting for all the king’s horses and men to put him together for him.¹⁶⁹ If you don’t take all of Scripture to heart, you won’t figuratively reach out and take your own Scripture in your right hand. You’ll fall off the wall and like an egg, you’ll come away cracked. You won’t offer your Scripture to others with your right hand. And you won’t come face to face with your account of you.

As the Prophet warned, you’ll miss out on “paradise.” You’ll promote a book, not a message. You’ll read your holy Scripture like a cookbook, but you’ll never take a single recipe from it and try to make something with it that you’d want to have to swallow.

*“But he who is given his book in his left hand will say,
 ‘Would that my book were not given me!
 Would that I knew nothing of my account!
 Would that my death had ended all!
 Nothing has my wealth availed me,
 and I am bereft of all my power.’”*

¹⁶⁹ English nursery rhyme.

[69:23-26]

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That which is figuratively received with your right hand leads to goodness, which ends in self-love. That which is figuratively received with your left hand leads to evil, which can end in wisdom, albeit only if you apologize and make amends for your mistakes. But that takes loyalty derived from humiliation. Therefore you should persevere to use that which is in either of your hands in a timely and righteous manner.

Wisdom of the mind is the fruit of the seedling. Wisdom of the heart is the fruit of the sapling. And wisdom of the soul is at the core of the fruit from a mature tree. Wait patiently for many seasons, and you should see the slow, but steady, maturation of the fruits of your labors {inner work}.

*“It is but an admonition to the righteous.
We well know that there are some among you who will deny it.”*
[69:51]¹⁷⁰

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WE well know that there are some among you who will deny it.”

Tanach describes GOD’s design of wisdom. But you’ll die whether you were wise or foolish. The Christian Testament is a short, concise promise to those who lead a love-filled life. But you’ll die whether you were loving or hateful. The Quran is 114 surahs of warning to those who aren’t wise or loving. But you’ll die whether or not you heed its warning.

You can’t expect the Quran to elucidate its truth with your first reading of it any more than you can expect Tanach and the Gospels to open your head and heart without guidance from above.

Anyone who’s cynical and, therefore, hateful is going to lead you to question your attitude. But if you don’t change your attitude, you’re going to discover that you’re duplicitous. You’ll double down. Becoming a morally astute person is harder than it looks because you can’t make your conscience a better guide for others than it is for yourself.

The catastrophe that’s looming over the head of humanity is utter destruction of the planet. But avoiding that catastrophe requires trickle up morality. Intelligent people have long since concluded that trickle-down economics doesn’t work, so why should we be hopeful that trickle up morality would be any more successful?

¹⁷⁰ The Quran is an admonition to the righteous, but the righteous rarely read it for personal meaning. This is why I commend you for having read this far.

The problem with trickle-down economics was that the people at the top who put that system in place were thieves. If we'd put people at the top who are honest, sincere, authentic and genuine, the results would look different. Trickle up morality will always work because we need to start with honesty, and move from there up to sincerity and then to authenticity to arrive at becoming genuine. And you know that the hyper-religious can't even strive for that because it would require believing in ONE GOD.¹⁷¹

So long as we're dealing with JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims* at the top of the economic system, we'll have to accept the trickle-down economics they hold in place using trickle down morality. But morality won't trickle down from those who have their eyes on power in order to promote their GOD/GOD/*God* any more than money has trickled down from them.

This begs a better question. "How does morality work?"

Morality begins as an idea that benefits you. Once you can see that *you'll* profit from your own idea, you become motivated to convince others to agree with it. Once you can demonstrate that your idea will make all others feel good about themselves, too, you convince yourself to buy into your own idea with heart and soul. In other words, you move from an opinion to a belief.

But it doesn't end there. Morality requires that you prove to yourself that your ideas and the feelings they generate in you are not only good for everyone. They're good for the planet. You should consistently prove to yourself that you're such a grateful beneficiary of your own ideas and the feelings that come with them that you're capable of behaving better than you did the day before. In this way, you'll grow to have a mission in life. In this way, morality will trickle up from unconsciousness to semi consciousness to greater consciousness day-by-day. Getting over the illusion that you're perfect just the way you are is a lifelong task. Embarrassment, shame and humiliation alleviate perfection.

The trick is not to sell your ideas to others. The trick is not to give your feelings for your ideas to others expecting them to feel as you do. The trick is not to teach others to believe as you do.

The best you can do is to make them jealous and envious of what you have by being who you are. That alone will separate the men from the boys. The men will seek to copy your success. The boys will try to take what you've got or denounce it. {Don't expect much in the way of questions or thank yous from anyone.}

Your theory has to show evidence in the external world that it can pay dividends over time. But that can't happen without consistency. The more you can demonstrate your

¹⁷¹ This can be done by entering the Abrahamic abode on the ground floor; then taking the stairs up to second floor; and from there going cautiously up to the third floor one step at a time. Going from there to the roof garden is possible thanks to their spiral staircase from which you can look down on the glass ceilings and floors onto the indigenist landscape below.

consistency, the more you can prove to yourself that you're moving in the right direction.
¹⁷² Expressing only your constancy to others won't help anyone. ¹⁷³

The hyper-religious are tenaciously constant. They do everything for their GOD/GOD/*God*. They never give up their foolish, hateful ways because they don't want to disappoint HIM/HIM/*Him*. They worry about failing HIM/HIM/*Him* instead of worrying about failing themselves. They're object oriented. They're literalists.

The spiritual strive to be consistent. They're not afraid of GOD. They see every person that comes into their life as a unique opportunity to learn for the sake of being rewarded with more insight into themselves. They're subject oriented. They're figurativists.

When awareness of all the elements of the equation come together, you begin to see trickle up morality in action. You begin to see your goodness emanate out of you like a fountain bubbling over many martini glasses being filled at many levels. And you begin to see how you don't have to try to fill the cups of those around you. You only need to model to them how you fill your own.

Trickle-down economics doesn't work because the glasses of thieves are cracked and broken. What leaks out of them they waste. The same can be said of the trickle down morality of JEWS, CHRISTIANS and *Muslims*.

It takes people who are witnessing trickle up morality within themselves to make sure that GOD's work is consciously getting done. It has to happen from the inside in before it can emanate from the inside out. It has to be inclusive, subjective and consistent.

GOD's wisdom couldn't have been brought down to Earth only with words. **HIS** pure love couldn't even survive more than 33 years in the flesh down here! And *His* loyalty has caused millennia to be consumed with religious wars to force people to convert by the sword.

If you choose to learn from people who are prejudiced against GOD, you'll only learn to hate yourself more and more over time. Religion may become irrelevant to you if you become irrelevant to yourself. ¹⁷⁴

The world is full of hyper-religious people who are prejudiced against other hyper-religious people. You can't fill a synagogue, church or mosque with people who don't criticize those of other faiths. And when alone with one another, they criticize those of their own faith who aren't there in their house of worship. If you join them in prayer, they'll

¹⁷² "consistency (1) The ability to maintain a particular standard or repeat a particular task with minimal variation. (2) loyalty: The quality of remaining faithful to a person or decision, especially in the face of difficulties." [Wikipedia] Your consistency and loyalty to yourself demonstrate your ability to internalize your belief in yourself.

¹⁷³ One of my favorite lines in literature is in Philip Roth's novel "Portnoy's Complaint" when the very disturbed, neighbor boy upstairs hanged himself from the shower rod in the bathroom with a note pinned to his lapel, saying, "Mrs. Goldberg called. The mahjong party has been moved to 4:00 o'clock." {Constancy won't work.}

¹⁷⁴ Self-hate takes the form of physical sickness, mental illness, emotional suffering and spiritual misery.

soon tell you all about the synagogue, church or mosque nearby that they don't go to. Or they'll dish the gays or the Jews.

The catastrophe began with Adam and Eve, but it didn't stay in Eden. It bubbled out onto their progeny around the world. It filled our ancestors with doom and gloom. And it's spread into the self-ignorance we see around us today.

Strive for moral sanity. Perhaps, you're ready to even admit that you're not yet as sane as you'd like to be. For some, the first step is the hardest. For others, it'll be the second or third steps that trip them up. There are actually seven tiny steps which I'll go into in detail in the last book.

The natural world **GOD** gave us is cruel, but sane. It's people who are crazy. We've destroyed much of the planet and have left most of humanity in pain and suffering because we're as capable of breaking as repairing; sickening as healing; and hurting as helping. And we can't seem to figure out how to do any better.

Animals would never destroy their home. Nor would they kill gratuitously. They wouldn't hurt themselves with excesses. They wouldn't use revenge to get even with their enemies.

Sane people believe in ONE universal **GOD**. They worry about offending themselves before **HIM**. The name they're making for themselves matters more to them than anything the name they're using for **HIM**.

The only rational response to the impending catastrophe is to work diligently at regaining more of your moral sanity. This is where the Quran brings you to at this point in its exploration of human nature.

Now that you understand my meaning of the *wind {warning}*, you can see why those in the uppermost level of Dante's "Inferno" were merely blown around by gales. But things get a lot hotter as you descend from there into the bowels of "hell." Those damning themselves slowly bubble and boil inside until they can't take the heat flowing out of their heart any longer. From there, they descend into the lowest level of "hell," the frozen lake of sheer and utter apathy that resides in their unexamined conscience. There, they can enjoy doing what they do best: walking on water. There, amid frigid winds and glacial temperatures that produce rigid forms of denial of their own imperfections, they burn in a way that no ancient, desert dweller could have possibly imagined. **GOD** works in mysterious ways that you can't imagine unless you've developed an imagination.

It's easy to fast-forward your interpretation of this story as the big, bad Jew today who treats the descendants of Ishmael badly. It's harder to internalize this story as two brothers {Ishmael and Isaac} who personify aspects of yourself. It's harder to move slowly and personally through the stories of Adam and Eve {infancy} Cain and Abel {childhood}; Noah and the Ark {adolescence}; and the Tower of Babel {young adulthood} – to then interpret the story of Abraham from a mature and personal perspective.

You've seen how the stories of Genesis were like steps through life from infancy {Adam and Eve} to world fame {Joseph} for having saved the most powerful nation (then)

on Earth. You've seen how the dream-like state of spiritual development and awakening turns you into someone who can interpret the dreams of kings.

And you've seen how the Quran mirrors that spiritual process by dividing the 114 surah into four steps: Judaism {Surah 1-13}; Christianity {Surah 14-39}; Islam {Surah 40-69}; and universal understanding of the spiritual operating system {Surah 70-114}. With this call {SOS}, you will have the means to learn how to communicate speak directly with GOD in Book Seven.

With the imagination you've now attained, you can leave your fantasies and dreams behind to ordain yourself a visionary. A visionary is an emissary of the Lord.

Psalm 22

As It Would Have Been Spoken By Jesus

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?
WHY ARE YOU SO FAR FROM SAVING ME,
SO FAR FROM MY CRIES OF ANGUISH?

MY GOD, I CRY OUT BY DAY, BUT YOU DO NOT ANSWER,
BY NIGHT, BUT I FIND NO REST.

YET YOU ARE ENTHRONED AS THE HOLY ONE;
YOU ARE THE ONE ISRAEL PRAISES.

IN YOU OUR ANCESTORS PUT THEIR TRUST;
THEY TRUSTED AND YOU DELIVERED THEM.

TO YOU THEY CRIED OUT AND WERE SAVED;
IN YOU THEY TRUSTED AND WERE NOT PUT TO SHAME.

BUT I AM A WORM AND NOT A MAN,
SCORNFUL BY EVERYONE, DESPISED BY THE PEOPLE.

ALL WHO SEE ME MOCK ME;
THEY HURL INSULTS, SHAKING THEIR HEADS.

“HE TRUSTS IN THE LORD,” THEY SAY,
“LET THE LORD RESCUE HIM.
LET HIM DELIVER HIM,
SINCE HE DELIGHTS IN HIM.”

YET YOU BROUGHT ME OUT OF THE WOMB;
YOU MADE ME TRUST IN YOU, EVEN AT MY MOTHER’S BREAST.

FROM BIRTH I WAS CAST ON YOU;
FROM MY MOTHER’S WOMB YOU HAVE BEEN MY GOD.

DO NOT BE FAR FROM ME,
FOR TROUBLE IS NEAR
AND THERE IS NO ONE TO HELP.

MANY BULLS SURROUND ME;
STRONG BULLS OF BASHAN ENCIRCLE ME.

ROARING LIONS THAT TEAR THEIR PREY
OPEN THEIR MOUTHS WIDE AGAINST ME.

I AM POURED OUT LIKE WATER,
AND ALL MY BONES ARE OUT OF JOINT.

MY HEART HAS TURNED TO WAX;
IT HAS MELTED WITHIN ME.

MY MOUTH IS DRIED UP LIKE A POTSHERD,
AND MY TONGUE STICKS TO THE ROOF OF MY MOUTH;
YOU LAY ME IN THE DUST OF DEATH.

DOGS SURROUND ME,
A PACK OF VILLAINS ENCIRCLES ME;
THEY PIERCE MY HANDS AND MY FEET.

ALL MY BONES ARE ON DISPLAY;
PEOPLE STARE AND GLOAT OVER ME.

THEY DIVIDE MY CLOTHES AMONG THEM
AND CAST LOTS FOR MY GARMENT.

BUT YOU, LORD, DO NOT BE FAR FROM ME.
YOU ARE MY STRENGTH; COME QUICKLY TO HELP ME.

DELIVER ME FROM THE SWORD,
MY PRECIOUS LIFE FROM THE POWER OF THE DOGS.

RESCUE ME FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LIONS;
SAVE ME FROM THE HORNS OF THE WILD OXEN.

I WILL DECLARE YOUR NAME TO MY PEOPLE;
IN THE ASSEMBLY I WILL PRAISE YOU.

YOU WHO FEAR THE LORD, PRAISE HIM!
ALL YOU DESCENDANTS OF JACOB, HONOR HIM!
REVERE HIM, ALL YOU DESCENDANTS OF ISRAEL!

FOR HE HAS NOT DESPISED OR SCORNE
THE SUFFERING OF THE AFFLICTED ONE;
HE HAS NOT HIDDEN HIS FACE FROM HIM
BUT HAS LISTENED TO HIS CRY FOR HELP.

FROM YOU COMES THE THEME OF MY PRAISE IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY;
BEFORE THOSE WHO FEAR YOU I WILL FULFILL MY VOWS.

THE POOR WILL EAT AND BE SATISFIED;
THOSE WHO SEEK THE LORD WILL PRAISE HIM -
MAY YOUR HEARTS LIVE FOREVER!

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
WILL REMEMBER AND TURN TO THE LORD,
AND ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE NATIONS
WILL BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM,
FOR DOMINION BELONGS TO THE LORD
AND HE RULES OVER THE NATIONS.

ALL THE RICH OF THE EARTH WILL FEAST AND WORSHIP;
ALL WHO GO DOWN TO THE DUST WILL KNEEL BEFORE HIM -
THOSE WHO CANNOT KEEP THEMSELVES ALIVE.
POSTERITY WILL SERVE HIM;
FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL BE TOLD ABOUT THE LORD.
THEY WILL PROCLAIM HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,
DECLARING TO A PEOPLE YET UNBORN:
HE HAS DONE IT!

Reverse Glossary of Sacred Quotations

This makes it possible for you to see if a favorite quote or topic from Scripture
is discussed in Books Five and Six.

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The Eye of Providence

The Eye of Providence is the symbol for self-witnessing.

Cut out the diagram below and use the inner compass to model the journey of your life with soulful self-witnessing as though you were watching from above yourself. Whether you're going North, South, East or West, your inner eye will observe your trek.

