

"I believe that the spirits are your parents and their parents and their parents and their parents, and they are in your bloodstream, and they run through your body constantly, because they want you to live on because they want to live on, and they are trying all the time to tell you shit, and if you just spend a few minutes with yourself... you will hear them." ¹

¹ "Parents (Interlude)" Gil-Scott Heron, *I'm New Here*

Too Young for this Shit

What childhood?

Rat race to the abyss kiddos

Clarity comes from wearing blinders to overanalysis. It can be comorbid with dogma.

Meditation is doing nothing. Creation is doing as much as possible. Partying is the latter. How is it extremes typically yield more fleeting peace than in-betweens?

Accept normalcy or chase illusions? Outsider to today or eternity?

Once I told my chemistry partner to listen to a 2pac verse. He told me to look at my hand. I said okay. He asked me what color it was²

cynical sonsabitches

As brutally self-oblivious as human condition

Sheepish acknowledgement of indifference

In the best and the worst times, why comes to me. DBT³ says sometimes we have to “~~Why?~~” and ask “What Next?” Or in the case of your immediate life experience, such as walking down the street, you would do well to keep in mind “What’s now?” This is where DBT can fail when neurotransmitters electro-waterboard your consciousness

You can’t go to peace, peace comes to you⁴

detours teach appreciation

Two weeks down, two weeks even. Two weeks down, two weeks even. Two weeks down...

When it’s at bay, I feel I’m on my way to vanquishing it.

medically crazy, socially estranged.

Kids never made sense to me when I was one.

I’m not self-conscious, I’m self-conscientious as I Google to ensure my spelling’s good.

Ideally the Internet should bring about the death of anyone’s sense of cognitive superiority by virtue of knowledge, and spark a rebirth in the virtue of wisdom. NOT⁵

My parents are busted-their-ass-until-success class

At the age of ~4 my youngest brother Zach said to our middle bro these words: "Alex! Get your fuck shit damn ass over here!!" That's in my genes.

² To be fair he was a self-acknowledged asshole and took pride in it

³ Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, all the rage these days

⁴ Synchronicity: “Peace is something that starts with me” -Kid Cudi, KIDS SEE GHOSTS (2018)

⁵ “NOT” (in Borat or Wayne’s World voice, your choice)

Light came before stars⁶

I had this fantasy as a kid that whenever I divided by zero I collapsed someone's universe.

Hot concrete

It went this way default of the education system desensitizing/indoctrinating us instead of educating us.

Troubled about nothing

Fear culture

Sympathetic nervous systems⁷ making us less sympathetic to others.

Equating time and money diminishes the value of both.

Writing is a visual art. When we type, we normalize, equalize the content. There's no slanting up or down to expose affect, no brushstroke to channel psychic impulse. The benefit is typing can be clean and sharp. But it turns communication into a cyborg process.

Suffering can fuel authenticity but isn't needed

Quantum schizophrenia. You heard it here first?

What happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object? Manic depression.

Humanitarian Principles

1. Systemic violence is bad, don't do it. Same with normal violence.
2. Everyone should eat food every day, the world would be a better place if that happened.

Money doesn't leave a paper trail. It reveals a cotton one.

⁶ Genesis

⁷ The division of the nervous system responsible for fight-or-flight behavior, stress and alertness



Trigger Warnings⁸



I remember being given the cracker and juice for the Jesus thing once. I ate and drank the stuff immediately, because I was bored. My dad wasn't amused.

For years, I would throw hours-long tantrums protesting my right to freedom from religion. One time when I was three or so, after my dad had successfully bribed or threatened me into attending church (probably threat⁹ based on how I remember feeling), I remember him unbuckling me from my car seat as I asked him why God made flies and mosquitos so annoying. My mom always read to me a lot, but I'm sure I had no idea what "biology" meant. I was primed for evolutionary thought before I was fifty pounds. I don't remember my dad's exact rebuttal, but it was that I still had to go to church. But I came prepared with two in the chamber. I brought forth the moral proposition that my honesty should count for something. My Dad had recently taught me how truthfulness is the most important virtue to practice, something I had already begun internalizing in a selfishly twisted three-year-old way that was more unfiltered bluntness than integrity. I hadn't fully connected any dots, like how secular morality was just as viable as Christian morality or how hypocritical billion-dollar megachurch tax breaks are to a mission of humanitarianism, I just knew the other kids' trance-like obeisance scared me shitless and the karaoke was terrible and the whole sensory ordeal made me feel disgusted and knotted me up with what was angst inside.

So it was on that fateful afternoon, or perhaps a different one, that I marched upstairs to my room to execute the master plan which I'd devised during my two hours on the existential tilt-a-whirl of Middle America Protestant worship. I stormed straight to my desk, grabbed a no. 2 pencil from off the top, sat down cross-legged beside the fateful piece of furniture and furiously scribbled the inscription, "God stinks, Jeusus¹⁰ stinks" into the wood¹¹. My wouldn't-hurt-a-fly Christian brother Alex still has that desk in his room at time of writing this, though the sides aren't visible from any natural viewpoint and he doesn't use it much.

⁸ Feel free to skip to page 15. The first label I ever picked up was Atheist, a result of childhood experiences with that monotheism of Christianity. Reading their tome cover-to-cover at a young age set up an oppositional palette in my intellect, right as I was heading into my first year of academic rigor with college-level Advanced Placement courses. Jesus hype pushed me in the opposite direction with high velocity.

⁹ Basic grounding/loss of privileges usually. Or SWIM experiencing physical abuse administered by YHWH himself.

¹⁰ Or maybe it was Jesusus.

¹¹ They call me yung Antichrist.

“And as God goes on to explain the logistics of buying and selling slaves”¹²

Leviticus 25

44 “Your male and female slaves are to come from the nations around you; from them you may buy slaves. 45 You may also buy some of the temporary residents living among you and members of their clans born in your country, and they will become your property. 46 You can bequeath them to your children as inherited property and can make them slaves for life, but you must not rule over your fellow Israelites ruthlessly.

47 “If a foreigner residing among you becomes rich and any of your fellow Israelites become poor and sell themselves to the foreigner or to a member of the foreigner’s clan, 48 they retain the right of redemption after they have sold themselves. One of their relatives may redeem them: 49 An uncle or a cousin or any blood relative in their clan may redeem them. Or if they prosper, they may redeem themselves. 50 They and their buyer are to count the time from the year they sold themselves up to the Year of Jubilee. The price for their release is to be based on the rate paid to a hired worker for that number of years. 51 If many years remain, they must pay for their redemption a larger share of the price paid for them. 52 If only a few years remain until the Year of Jubilee, they are to compute that and pay for their redemption accordingly. 53 They are to be treated as workers hired from year to year; you must see to it that those to whom they owe service do not rule over them ruthlessly.

54 “Even if someone is not redeemed in any of these ways, they and their children are to be released in the Year of Jubilee, 55 for the Israelites belong to me as servants. They are my servants, whom I brought out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

Aite God. At least slaves back then had jubilees.

Golden idols bad. Golden ark good. Divine Right. Stone people to death¹³

genocide of 75,000 people is fine but didn’t take their stuff because that’s crossing the line¹⁴

Incest and concubines are cool¹⁵, rainbows signified covenants but gays must be stoned¹⁶, don’t interpret your dreams because that’s God’s job¹⁷.

¹² Bo Burnham, “Rant” *Words, Words, Words*. 2012.

¹³ Numbers something:something NIV. If I remember correctly, stoning was addressed several times.

¹⁴ Esther 9:5-10 “⁵The Jews struck down all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and they did what they pleased to those who hated them. ⁶In the citadel of Susa, the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. ⁷They also killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,⁸ Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, ⁹Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai and Vaizatha,¹⁰ the ten sons of Haman son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. But they did not lay their hands on the plunder.”

¹⁵ This was stated so many times I felt it didn’t need a citation

¹⁶ Leviticus 20:13 NIV “If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death, their blood will be on their own heads.”

¹⁷ Genesis something:something NIV. All I have are imperfect notes from 15-year-old me, and I’m not planning on going back and reading this (literally) bloody tome again.

¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."¹⁸

and then YHWH said, "So long, gay boyyyyss!!!!!!!"¹⁹

Jesus will eventually signify a new covenant, but even the New Testament doesn't care for gayfolk²⁰, despite frequent reports that Jesús was one. That new covenant is quite a plot twist after 1200 pages of wrath and fury, even though we knew it was coming. Sorry, he was coming.

¹⁸ Genesis 9:12-17, NIV

¹⁹ Mista Chow, Leslie Chow, from *The Hangover* (2009) also known for shouting "Ha, GAYYYY" in *Community*

²⁰ Romans 1:26-32. "their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 Likewise, the men abandoned natural relations with women and burned with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error." heh. received in themselves.

"28 Furthermore, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, He gave them up to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and hatred. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant, and boastful. They invent new forms of evil; they disobey their parents. 31 They are senseless, faithless, heartless, merciless."

"32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things are worthy of death, they not only continue to do these things, but also approve of those who practice them." That is so punk rock.

Deuteronomy 20

“10 When you march up to attack a city, make its people an offer of peace. 11 If they accept and open their gates, all the people in it shall be subject to forced labor and shall work for you. 12 If they refuse to make peace and they engage you in battle, lay siege to that city. 13 When the Lord your God delivers it into your hand, put to the sword all the men in it. 14 As for the women, the children, the livestock and everything else in the city, you may take these as plunder for yourselves. And you may use the plunder the Lord your God gives you from your enemies. 15 This is how you are to treat all the cities that are at a distance from you and do not belong to the nations nearby.

“16 However, in the cities of the nations the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes. 17 Completely destroy[a] them—the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—as the Lord your God has commanded you. 18 Otherwise, they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshiping their gods, and you will sin against the Lord your God.”
odd future wolf gang kill them all²¹



“A woman must not wear men’s clothing, nor a man wear women’s clothing, for the Lord your God detests anyone who does this.”²²

rough paraphrase here: “Fuck trannies” -Love, your Omniscient God²³

“Circumcision ≠ emasculation by cutting” -God²⁴

YHWH nonchalantly confesses to sadism²⁵

commands genocide²⁶ which is documented exaltedly²⁷

allows behavior and puts forth questionable statutes²⁸ which shed light on how Trump’s near-explicit backing of rape culture has positioned itself at the head of the USA

David gets away with everything including Jewish-run concentration camps²⁹

²² **Deuteronomy 22:5** “⁵A woman must not wear men’s clothing, nor a man wear women’s clothing, for the Lord your God detests anyone who does this.”

²³ This is reality in the Bible Belt. Don’t shoot the messenger.

²⁴ **Genesis 17:10-14.** Cut off your foreskin or be cut off from your people. “¹⁰This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹²For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. ¹³Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people;”

Deuteronomy 23:1 “No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the Lord”

²⁵ **Deuteronomy 28:63** “Just as it pleased the LORD to make you prosper and to multiply you, so also it will please Him to exterminate you and destroy you. And you will be uprooted from the land you are entering to possess.”

²⁶ **Deuteronomy 29:18** “Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the Lord our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison.”

²⁷ **Joshua 6:21** “They devoted the city to the Lord and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.”

²⁸ **Deuteronomy 22:23-24, 28-29** “²³If a man happens to meet in a town a virgin pledged to be married and he sleeps with her, ²⁴you shall take both of them to the gate of that town and stone them to death—the *young woman because she was in a town and did not scream for help*, and the man because he violated another man’s wife. You must purge the evil from among you.” “²⁸*If a man happens to meet a virgin who is not pledged to be married and rapes her and they are discovered, ²⁹he shall pay her father fifty shekels of silver.* He must marry the young woman, for he has violated her. He can never divorce her as long as he lives.” fifty shekels might be around \$500 based on US prices for silver today, but its impossible to know the value of a shekel in Biblical times. Unless you know. Then tell me so I can write down YHWH’s fine for rape in Biblical times.

Here’s a shot of how women were property from Joshua 15:17 “¹⁶And Caleb said, “I will give my daughter Aksah in marriage to the man who attacks and captures Kiriath Sepher.” ¹⁷Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb’s brother, took it; so Caleb gave his daughter Aksah to him in marriage.” This is repeated, basically verbatim depending on your translation, in Judges 1:12

Little bit of no-escape escape room action in 2 Samuel 20:3 “When David returned to his palace in Jerusalem, he took the ten concubines he had left to take care of the palace and put them in a house under guard. He provided for them but had no sexual relations with them. *They were kept in confinement till the day of their death, living as widows.*” *emphasis added.*

²⁹ **2 Samuel 12** “²⁹So David mustered the entire army and went to Rabbah, and attacked and captured it. ³⁰David took the crown from their king’s head, and it was placed on his own head. It weighed a talent of gold, and it was set with precious stones. David took a great quantity of plunder from the city ³¹and brought out the people who were there, consigning them to labor with saws and with iron picks and axes, and he made them work at brickmaking. David did this to all the Ammonite towns. Then he and his entire army returned to Jerusalem. (Jewish-run concentration camps)” NIV

Paradox within the books of Samuel³⁰ songs of exultance that describe killing an enemy in their sleep³¹

mass sacrifice of 1,000 animals gives Solomon a wish³²

dudes becoming kings at age 7ish³³

Sidebar and common complaint, why is this Iranian dude white? Black Jesus for the win. Forgive me for my blasphemy Black Jesus³⁴

³⁰ 1 Samuel 15:22 “But Samuel replied:

“Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
as much as in obeying the Lord?

To obey is better than sacrifice,
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

2 Samuel 24:25 “David built an altar to the Lord there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the Lord answered his prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.”

³¹ **Judges 5:24** Sounds like some North Korean children singing about America

“24 “Most blessed of women be Jael,
the wife of Heber the Kenite,
most blessed of tent-dwelling women.

25 He asked for water, and she gave him milk;
in a bowl fit for nobles she brought him curdled milk.

26 Her hand reached for the tent peg,
her right hand for the workman’s hammer.

She struck Sisera, she crushed his head,
she shattered and pierced his temple.

27 At her feet he sank,
he fell; there he lay.

At her feet he sank, he fell;
where he sank, there he fell—dead.

28 “Through the window peered Sisera’s mother;
behind the lattice she cried out,

‘Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why is the clatter of his chariots delayed?’

29 The wisest of her ladies answer her;
indeed, she keeps saying to herself,

30 ‘Are they not finding and dividing the spoils:
a woman or two for each man,

colorful garments as plunder for Sisera,
colorful garments embroidered,
highly embroidered garments for my neck—
all this as plunder?’

31 “So may all your enemies perish, Lord!
But may all who love you be like the sun

when it rises in its strength.”

³² **2 Chronicles 1:6-7** “6 Solomon went up to the bronze altar before the Lord in the tent of meeting and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

⁷ That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, ‘Ask for whatever you want me to give you.’”

³³ **2 Chronicles 24:1** “Joash was seven years old when he became king,”

³⁴ “Quit smokin all the weed Jesus!!!” *Black Jesus*

With all this negativity, here's the tale of Samson, who was a fucking gangster

Judges 15 “1 Later on, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson took a young goat and went to visit his wife. He said, “I’m going to my wife’s room.” But her father would not let him go in.

2 “I was so sure you hated her,” he said, “that I gave her to your companion. Isn’t her younger sister more attractive? Take her instead.”

3 Samson said to them, “This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines; I will really harm them.” 4 So he went out and caught three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail in pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of tails, 5 lit the torches and let the foxes loose in the standing grain of the Philistines. He burned up the shocks and standing grain, together with the vineyards and olive groves.

6 When the Philistines asked, “Who did this?” they were told, “Samson, the Timnite’s son-in-law, because his wife was given to his companion.”

So the Philistines went up and burned her and her father to death. 7 Samson said to them, “Since you’ve acted like this, I swear that I won’t stop until I get my revenge on you.” 8 He attacked them viciously and slaughtered many of them. Then he went down and stayed in a cave in the rock of Etam.

9 The Philistines went up and camped in Judah, spreading out near Lehi. 10 The people of Judah asked, “Why have you come to fight us?”

“We have come to take Samson prisoner,” they answered, “to do to him as he did to us.”

11 Then three thousand men from Judah went down to the cave in the rock of Etam and said to Samson, “Don’t you realize that the Philistines are rulers over us? What have you done to us?”

He answered, “I merely did to them what they did to me.”

12 They said to him, “We’ve come to tie you up and hand you over to the Philistines.”

Samson said, “Swear to me that you won’t kill me yourselves.”

13 “Agreed,” they answered. “We will only tie you up and hand you over to them. We will not kill you.” So they bound him with two new ropes and led him up from the rock. 14 As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands. 15 Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men.

16 Then Samson said,

“With a donkey’s jawbone

I have made donkeys of them.[a]

With a donkey’s jawbone

I have killed a thousand men.”

17 When he finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone; and the place was called Ramath Lehi.[b]

18 Because he was very thirsty, he cried out to the Lord, “You have given your servant this great victory. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?” 19 Then God opened up the hollow place in Lehi, and water came out of it. When Samson drank, his strength returned and he revived. So the spring was called En Hakkore,[c] and it is still there in Lehi.

20 Samson led[d] Israel for twenty years in the days of the Philistines

The tale of Samson, the fucking gangster, cont.

Judges 16 “1 One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her. 2 The people of Gaza were told, “Samson is here!” So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the city gate. They made no move during the night, saying, “At dawn we’ll kill him.”

3 But Samson lay there only until the middle of the night. Then he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate, together with the two posts, and tore them loose, bar and all. He lifted them to his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

4 Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah³⁵. 5 The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, “See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels[a] of silver.”

6 So Delilah said to Samson, “Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued.”

7 Samson answered her, “If anyone ties me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, I’ll become as weak as any other man.”

8 Then the rulers of the Philistines brought her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she tied him with them. 9 With men hidden in the room, she called to him, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” But he snapped the bowstrings as easily as a piece of string snaps when it comes close to a flame. So the secret of his strength was not discovered.

10 Then Delilah said to Samson, “You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied.”

11 He said, “If anyone ties me securely with new ropes that have never been used, I’ll become as weak as any other man.”

12 So Delilah took new ropes and tied him with them. Then, with men hidden in the room, she called to him, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” But he snapped the ropes off his arms as if they were threads.

13 Delilah then said to Samson, “All this time you have been making a fool of me and lying to me. Tell me how you can be tied.”

He replied, “If you weave the seven braids of my head into the fabric on the loom and tighten it with the pin, I’ll become as weak as any other man.” So while he was sleeping, Delilah took the seven braids of his head, wove them into the fabric 14 and[b] tightened it with the pin.

Again she called to him, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” He awoke from his sleep and pulled up the pin and the loom, with the fabric.

15 Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when you won’t confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven’t told me the secret of your great strength.” 16 With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was sick to death of it.

17 So he told her everything. “No razor has ever been used on my head,” he said, “because I have been a Nazirite dedicated to God from my mother’s womb. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man.” Note to self: Samson may have been an inspiration for Dragon Ball Z or Yu-Gi-Oh characters.

³⁵ obligatory “Hey There Delilah” reference

The Conclusion of the Tale of Samson the Fucking Gangster and Super Saiyan

18 When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, “Come back once more; he has told me everything.” So the rulers of the Philistines returned with the silver in their hands. 19 After putting him to sleep on her lap, she called for someone to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him.[c] And his strength left him.

20 Then she called, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!”

He awoke from his sleep and thought, “I’ll go out as before and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the Lord had left him.

21 Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison. 22 But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

23 Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, “Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands.”

24 When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying,

“Our god has delivered our enemy

into our hands,

the one who laid waste our land

and multiplied our slain.”

25 While they were in high spirits, they shouted, “Bring out Samson to entertain us.” So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them.

When they stood him among the pillars, 26 Samson said to the servant who held his hand, “Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them.” 27 Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. 28 Then Samson prayed to the Lord, “Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.” 29 Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, 30 Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.”

Allahu Akbar.

The New Testament is better but Christians are told to be wary of other faiths³⁶.

³⁶ **Psalms 1**

“Blessed is the one
 who does not walk in step with the wicked
 or stand in the way that sinners take
 or sit in the company of mockers,
²but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and who meditates on his law day and night.
³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
 which yields its fruit in season
 and whose leaf does not wither—
 whatever they do prospers.
⁴Not so the wicked!
 They are like chaff
 that the wind blows away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.”

Psalms 26

“Vindicate me, Lord,
 for I have led a blameless life;
 I have trusted in the Lord
 and have not faltered.
²Test me, Lord, and try me,
 examine my heart and my mind;
³for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love
 and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.
⁴I do not sit with the deceitful,
 nor do I associate with hypocrites.
⁵I abhor the assembly of evildoers
 and refuse to sit with the wicked.
⁶I wash my hands in innocence,
 and go about your altar, Lord,
⁷proclaiming aloud your praise
 and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
⁸Lord, I love the house where you live,
 the place where your glory dwells.
⁹Do not take away my soul along with sinners,
 my life with those who are bloodthirsty,
¹⁰in whose hands are wicked schemes,
 whose right hands are full of bribes.
¹¹I lead a blameless life;
 deliver me and be merciful to me.
¹²My feet stand on level ground;
 in the great congregation I will praise the Lord.”

It reminds me of an anthropological visit to a service at the Church of Christ where the preacher taught the congregation that other religions, other interpretations of the same holy text, deep thought and philosophy, and obviously homosexuality were crimes worthy of eternal suffering in Hell.

All non-Christians are vile³⁷

there's an endorsement of a slave-master stuff³⁸, homophobia is endorsed³⁹, in hindsight my favorite Bible verse is probably "Give beer to those who are perishing, wine to those who are in anguish"⁴⁰. It's pretty funny when it advises you to bang your spouse too⁴¹. According to my notes Corinthians says something like God before broads somewhere. Put that on a coffee mug. room for interpreting justifications for misogyny⁴². Slaves are still chill according to ~~YHWH~~ God⁴³.

This tome is the foundation of Western Civilization. Hundreds of millions today base morality on it. I was going to read all the major religious texts of the world. Reading the Bible changed my mind. Jesus is pretty cool on the whole though. Everyone should accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, at least once.

³⁷ **Psalms 14**

The fool^[a] says in his heart,
"There is no God."

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.

³⁸ **Psalms 123**

As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he shows us his mercy.

³⁹ *ibid.*, 20

⁴⁰ **Proverbs 31:6**

⁴¹ 1 Corinthians 7:5 "⁴⁵ Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control." momma says abstinence is the debil.

⁴² Ephesians 5:22 "²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so *also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.*" *emphasis added* which is sort of balanced by "²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."^[c] ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."

⁴³ **Colossians 3:22** "Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters..." but don't worry, Christians will assure these aren't *really* slaves.

PHEW!!

**END
TRIGGER
WARNINGS**



That being said, “Science without religion is lame.”
That being said, “Religion without science is blind.”⁴⁴

Love is a choice, not a feeling

Humility

I was born in the wrong time, place, species, dimension. Somebody put me back in the ‘90’s for starters.

Sometimes you need to be grateful for a warm bed. Or the ground and a blanket. You Can’t Always Get What You Want⁴⁵

Looking back on it, I think those middle-aged men landscaping all weekend were usually chasing the closest thing they could come to masturbatory pleasure. What a lawn. Full-blown Brazilian on those hedges.

For Lent I gave up Jesus
and I started “my” medication

High School. Triggering Christians, acing class with minimal effort for 2 years, then maximum effort for 2, playing Call of Duty and Hackey sack. Fertilizer⁴⁶ was laid. Also i carved numbers into a potato and got my math teacher to confiscate it without realizing it was a potato.

⁴⁴ Albert Einstein

⁴⁵ Rolling Stones track

⁴⁶ Read: manure