

## Poetry Series

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## **Daniel Partlow (1969)**

Forward to the Sunrise On the Mount Series:

When I was a young boy, learning about God, I knew that some day, He would give me an important mission. I didn't know what it was, but I knew in my heart that I had a significant role to play.

I set out, at the age of seven to write a book comparing the theology and doctrines of different faiths. It turned out to be a bigger task than I had imagined. Perhaps my parents wanted me to be a little more grounded first, because when I asked them to buy me the canonical literature of every faith, I ended up with one little paperback with some conversion stories.

I prayed for His guidance, and although I never heard an audible voice, I received in my heart an affirmation that in His time, he would reveal my ministry.

Almost three decades have transpired since then. I have been exposed to many of life's issues. I have made many friends of all faiths (and lack thereof) and cultures. Though I had moments of difficulty as I struggled with different philosophies, temptations, and competing influences, God has always stood beside me and affirmed me as His own.

About five years ago, after the dot com bust, I was "forced" to move from my home town of St. Louis, back to the NY metropolitan area, where I had been 10 years earlier at the beginning of my career. I ended up with a long train & subway commute from Fairfield County, CT to NYC. Soon thereafter it got longer as I accepted a job on Wall Street (4.5 to 5.5 hours per day) .

I was not fond of the commute and before long, my morale had dropped. But God has quite a knack for turning curses into blessings in unexpected ways. Although I had prayed for a new job closer to home, nothing suitable had arisen. That is when He chose to reveal my ministry. In the spring of 2005, I had been assigned to read 1st Cor.13 at my sister's wedding. I goofed and read a different passage, before realizing the mistake, and switching to the right verse. Although it went off fine, I wanted to 'make up for it' and set out to poeticize this verse and give it as a gift to my sister and brother in law.

My commute turned out to be the only time I had to devote to this task, but I found that it was a perfect time to sit quietly, reflect, and puzzle through it, until I had a good working rendition. I was so pleased and amazed at the glorious work God had wrought through my hands, that I decided to do it again, moving on to my favorite verses: the beatitudes. That was the turning

point at which I realized what God had in store for me. He had taken what I thought was a curse, and turned it into the greatest blessing I could imagine. And in fact, this is not a gift only to me, but to everyone.

I pray that this series of books blesses you as much as it has blessed me. Please keep in mind that this work, and His love in general, is not just for people who are already Christians. He is the shepherd sent to all the lost sheep, and encourages us all to share the light and blessings He has bestowed on us. Jesus taught that if we really love our neighbor, we are compelled by that love, to share His truth.

In some of the pieces comparing doctrines and policies of the non-Christian and secular worlds, are meant to evangelize and correct, and for this I cannot apologize, because it is an act of love. Doubtless, not everyone will agree. If you are such, so be it, but I would encourage you to pray to the Lord for revelation and guidance.

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1. Sunrise On the Mount – Poetic rendering of the sermon on the mount – still my best work.
2. The Flocks have left the Fold – Allegorical description of society
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## **.Sunrise On The Mount**

A multitude, yea, all of those with unclean spirits vexed,  
Gather to Him to hear the Word which heals and protects.

Lifting up His eyes and voice, He taught upon the mount,  
Your rewards and your blessings, and how your virtues count.

Blessed are you poor in spirit, the humble hubris-less inherit heaven's realm;  
And blessed are you gentle-meeek for you shall boldly take the earthly helm.

Blessed are you that mourn and weep for human wrong and sin,  
Comfort shall God give you – His arms to hold therein.

Blessed are you that crave for right – enduring dry and parching thirst.  
Like a sponge into cup of truth be plunged, sated, saturated, immersed.

Be happy you who mercy sow, forgiveness you invest.  
At harvest, reap you mercy and know that you've been blessed.

Happy are the pure in spirit and wise are your decisions.  
You clearly see the way to Him, His holy face your visions.

Blessed are the peacemakers – He knows you by your love.  
You indeed are children of the one true God above.

Good cheer to those reviled and persecuted in God's holy name.  
The world will slander and attack you but you should feel no shame

Like the prophets before you, they thank you with the sword.  
Rejoice, Rejoice! and be glad, for so great is your reward.

So all you blessed people, use your blessings well.  
Shine your light upon the world – from rooftop and on hill.

You salt the earth, you brighten, you enlighten, and you savor.  
But carefully guard the holy truth, or lose all of His favor.

For woe shall come to he whose gifts will he not share,  
Like worthless tasteless salt cast out, all blessings shall strip bare.

Oh, you with bellies full, and you whose hearts are filled,  
Do your part or like blades of wheat, wither, and be under tilled.

Woe to you who admonish, laugh, and jeer at His holy plan,  
Weep and mourn will you when you meet the Son of Man.

You populist false prophets, you demagogues in high regard,  
Whose positions gained at cost of truth, will be mocked, de-frocked, disbarred.

Demonstrate the light you have, place it not under bushel.  
For if your neighbor truly love, you'll show him what is crucial.

And if he smites you on the cheek, take not revenge on he.

'Eye for eye' may indeed be just, but mercy from you flee.

But, if the other cheek you offer, you stand your moral ground.  
Yielding not your soul or thought or hope, your action then is sound.

And watch your tongue, He tells us not to call someone a fool.  
Judgment is God's privilege, and He wields many a powerful tool.

If ye judge not with a stone, so ye shall not be judged.  
Be ye so forgiving, and to you mercy shall not be grudged.

Does this mean you must accept the rule of sin and wrong?  
Endure and love and teach Earth's lost souls, yet in His law be strong.

For the law shall never pass away, not even jot or tittle,  
'Til all the prophecy fulfill and our judgment yields to His acquittal.

Whosoever breaks the law and leads others down that path,  
Shall be the least in Heaven and risks almighty wrath.

For unless you exceed the righteousness of Pharisee and scribe,  
You cannot enter into heaven, try ye sneak, or beg, or bribe.

Give, and then recoup great measures of mercy, love, and grain,  
For with the same that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.

And as ye would that men do to you, do ye to them too.  
Beyond your friend, as any sinner, but to your foe, and great rewards accrue.

Yes, love ye your antagonist, do good, lend, & expect not thanks or gain.  
Ye shall be His own, for He is kind, even to unthankful, even unto Cain.

To kill is wrong as we all have known from the time of Abel's slaying  
But angry hatred of your brother risks a sentence never staying.

Since times of old, it has been said, "commit not adultery"  
But already have you done this in lusty gazes, wanton and sultry.

It hath been said divorce is as simple as a giving your wife a writ;  
But in doing so you cause her & future lovers to adultery commit.

Fix your problems and your sources of iniquity and sin.  
Think it through, pluck it out, cast it into the rubbish bin.

Better to lose an eye or limb, rationale, or damned philosophy,  
Than your body, mind, and soul to end in fiery catastrophe.

And in your prayers there is no need to go on heathen-like forever.  
Sibyl-speech mayn't reach His ear, so simplify your endeavor.

Saying humbly, 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on Earth as in Heaven same.'

'Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we do too in turn.  
Lead us not into temptation and deliver us forever from the flames which ever burn.'

Outward piety, in front of men, for self-serving desires, boastful and vain,  
Does not garner His reward so focus your entreaties upward, and in his favor remain.

To trumpet your fasting, or the good you do, the alms you give, is vain hypocrisy.  
So quietly help the poor; for your Father shall give openly for your gifts in secrecy.

Do not store up things on earth where they may be lost to moth, or thief, or rust.  
Deposit rather labors bounty, for heart will follow too, in vaults of Heaven's Trust.

No one can serve two masters, That is to say both God and Greed.  
For in giving your devotion to one you will neglect, yes lose the other, guaranteed.

But one of the two will enslave you, in the other you are freed.  
So trust in Him, like Cherubim, to give you what you need.

Be you free from worry and anxiety about your daily life.  
What you eat, what you drink, don't let these cause you any strife.

Your body's features, how thick or thin, what you wear, and how you're seen.  
It's not what enters but what comes forth that despoils and makes unclean.

For is not life more than planning your next meal?  
Is not life more than maximizing your physical appeal?

Consider you the lilies of the field, which neither toil nor spin.  
Even the robes of rich King Solomon pale when all their blooms come in.

Your Father knows you need these things, so seek his kingdom first  
He shall clothe ye in his vestments, In His fashion be well versed.

Consider little sparrows that neither store nor save a shred.  
Yet God the Father makes sure that they are sufficiently fed.

How much more important and loved than vegetation and lowly beast  
Are His children to Him; He will prepare what you need; Indeed He sets a feast.

So worry not for Tomorrow's bread, Let him seek his own.  
Live in the moment by doing what you ought, and mercies plenty shall be shown.

Don't chase the wind, for how can worry add a moment to your days.  
Do your best, forget the rest, and like a plant of Pentecost, soak up all His rays.

Your eye is the lamp of your body, the window through which outward light may shine;  
But when through it only darkness pass, your heart's fruits wither on the vine.

So just ask the Lord and you will receive; Seek, and the answers you shall perceive;  
Knock, and for you will even heavy bolted portal open-heave.

For imperfect though you are, who would refuse their own child a piece of bread or fish?

Who among you would place stones or snakes upon their supper dish?

How much more will the Father, who is perfect, give you when you place your wish?  
Love complete your God and Neighbor, for His law, His love for you will never vanish.

Can one blind man lead another? Fall into the pit, they might.  
The blind should seek to follow those whom God has blessed with sight.

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above the master.  
But everyone who is fully taught becomes like the teacher, like a pastor.

But how can you, the mote or speck in your brothers eye inspect,  
Whilst a branch is in your own, you hypocrite, how can you correct?

Remove first the mighty log which is blocking your own vision  
Only, then can you help your brother, with much improved precision.

A good man produces good out of the treasure of his heart whether bold or meek.  
An evil man does likewise; for out of the abundance of the heart does man speak.

Be careful not to give the dogs the holy, nor cast your progeny-pearls before the swine  
They will attack you and then trample both great & little treasures which are thine.

Remember that fulfillment was His purpose, He came not to abolish Mosaic Law.  
So revisions are abominations, the great noise, and evil raven's caw.

Enter by the narrow gate you few who can find life's happy entrance.  
Beware the wide track to yawning gate of Dis, It does distract, 'Come & earn your sentence'

Beware the wolves in fleece who lie and publish untrue epistles.  
Know them by their fruit – grapes haven't thorns, and figs haven't thistles.

Every good tree will be tended and bare a healthy crop of fruit.  
Simply barren or choke-fruited trees shall fires stoke and furnace walls be-soot.

Hear His Word all peoples. Listen, heed, and with truth be incentivized.  
Not all who appeal "Lord, Lord" on Judgment day will be recognized.

You who speak and prophecy in His name, but in action you eschew.  
You'll be repulsed, turned-out, exiled, for the evil that you do.

But hearing and heeding is like building your foundation upon the rock.  
Wind & rain & flood repel, and even earthquake cannot shock.

But those who hear and heed not, are a house upon the sand.  
In front of tempest, flood, and tempter, they surely cannot stand.

And when He finished these sayings (paraphrased) all the people were amazed,  
For He speaks with authority never heard before; so now let God be praised.

And He goes on healing many, even on the Sabbath, just as He had started.  
His ministry extends to all, centurion, leper, Samaritan, all of the faithful-hearted.

For God so loved the world, He sent His Son, His Word, His Logos-Corpus.  
That if we repent and believe in Him, He'll admit us to Heaven's life-eternal chorus.

So pray that He restore to you clean heart and joyous faithful Holy Spirit,  
And let the Paraclete descend so that great happiness, shall you inherit.

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## **.The Flocks Have Left the Fold**

The flower of the thorny roses dead, calls, forestalls the loss of their head  
Entering the bed, the deuce covers lost alba hue with paint of red...

The fields of wheat are filled with weeds; some fig trees have stopped fruiting  
The time of beast and serpent nears, they plot the vineyard vines uprooting.

Following the serpents siren song, the flocks have left the fold  
The proud have wandered away from their shepherd of old.

Prowling and coordinating the foretold plan, the beast  
Enlists the ranks of predators into the brotherhood of serpentine false priest

Leviathan lies in wait beneath the marshy fen  
And signals fellow minions to prepare to begin.

Though the fisherman's schools of fish are teaming  
The requin shiver circles, the crafty sharks are scheming.

The sheep are all divided many driven to distraction  
The weak have followed the proud out of simple interest or attraction

In rites of bleating howls, the pack promises the sheep a lupine fleece to try-on  
And some wander off entranced by the gentle purring of the lion

The raven deals with them to sell their pure white wool.  
For the price of initiation into the party of boasting bull.

They receive on their foreheads and bodies the blood-letting leeches  
For the serpent demands their blood: one of the many heresies he teaches.

The shepherd calls each one back to the fold by name  
He sends his helpers out to warn them of their foolish game.

The razorbacks and wild dogs sense opportunities for gluttonous gouts of blood.  
And help the proud sheep to entice their brothers away from meadows into bogs of mud.

The proud ones tell the others that the shepherd was a myth  
Frolicking with the leopards is liberating - run to them forthwith.

The lion invites the sheep to observe the land from his perch in the trees  
In giddy thrill, they ignore the helpers' warnings, calls, and pleas.

Let the condors lift to new heights, and teach flight to our little lambs  
Predation is a fairy tale; the old limitations and doctrines are only shams

Just look at the awesome strength of our new friend tiger.  
Let us emulate the lion dam and give him offspring like the liger.

Our 'shigers' will be big and strong, clearly superior  
Be brave and leave turf-eaters behind to old-fashioned ways inferior

In fact, who needs them any way? They only hold us back.  
Let us instead learn the ways of wolf so we can run freely with the pack.

If the coyote has so many clever wiles  
Let us learn his wisdom and his ways, all his genius guiles.

Oh, the time has come, curious oyster friends to speak of other things  
The walrus begins his smoke screen bluster about cabbages and kings.

The Frog-Eye Patch burns the green grass with its pattern of sixes  
Fungus catches in the proud sheeps throats and eventually asphixes.

Familial hives of bees collapse because of homogeneity, varoa, and mites.  
The unpollinated blossoms dropp and wither from the droughts and blights.

Queer self-mutating crops have been sown in some of the farmer's fields  
Which repel the remaining good pollinators and produce unfruitful yields.

The rows are then attacked by flies, robigus, galls and canker.  
Spreading their lies, hatred, apostacy and rankor.

The blades of wheat are attacked by a sickening black stem rust.  
Converting good nutrients into vomit-toxin, mold, and must.

Fusarium, hessians, long-horned beetles, scorch, and scabby ghosts  
Stage their attack on the figs from the barbarous barberry bushes and other evil hosts.

The biting flies goad the sheep to fight with each other.  
That they may feed upon the carrion of the weaker brother.

The fish in streams and seas though belonging to the fisher  
Are stolen one by one in beastly deed which evil times doth usher.

'Come to me little fishes' calls the crafty bear.  
Fly up from your stream beds taste the freedoms of the air.

Go with the flow little fishes calls the Dead sea of blood and salt.  
Forget the rumors heard of how your heart and gills will halt.

Innocuously swims up the aqueous serpent, preparing his venom rank  
We're in this stream bed together – but I can teach you to crawl upon the eastern  
bank.

The crocs circle round, overhearing the trap the snake has planned,  
And call the sheep for a swimming lesson, 'come down to the banks of sand'

The hyena laughs at the shepherd's doctrine: a call to repent.  
And offers what he says the shepherd really meant.

The coyote shrieks in the piteous pitch of yin.  
With feigned wound and false pride, more sheep are taken-in.

The false prophecy of boa winds itself among its prey.  
Binding them in sin for constriction on the beastly day.

The ostriches, wildcats and owls, prepare for the satyr's fest.  
The desert beast and jackle in palaces howl; the gazelles are hunted without rest.

Proud sheep denigrate the 'stupid' ewes and the 'caveman' rams  
Creating divisions and suffering among families and offending the little lambs.

The zeitgeist of the time causes a brooding robin great despair.  
And in faithless confusion she is caught in the trapper's snare.

Her abandoned hatchlings are flushed and caught by the hounds  
The nest eggs are stolen by the adder – his dislocated jaw surrounds.

Disrespect and apathy are sown into the fields yielding briars and crabby-grass.  
Viruses and killing spores are prepared for the anti-sacramental black mass.

The scorpion brews his lethal narco-stings  
And tells the lambs of the wondrous feelings that it brings

The baboon plies the lambs with his inebriating weed and water  
To numb and stupefy them for the upcoming slaughter

The vulture circles above the desert sands.  
Awaiting the hour when death descends upon the wayward lambs.

Proud sheep, tares and chaff, wilted and painted rose  
The night is waning fast and hear now the cock crows.

Impersonating the shepherd, but blaspheming his Word.  
The predators close in to gorge upon the adepts of the fallen herd.

Though the smoke from Leviathan, the faithful sheep, it cannot smother.  
It attempts, as apiist, containment and apathy, preventing the rescue of their brother.

Cobra too menaces faithful sheep, spewing venom through its headline fangs.  
To deter them all from rescuing the lost from the clutches of the gangs.

Cowed into helpless sedation, so many submit in ignorance or fear  
Until, 'I give you not a spirit of timidity, but that of strength, ' His voice rings in their ear.

Under the protection of shepherd's crook they march out bleating loud.  
Calling all their family home before terrible fate is meted to the proud.

The helpers stand ready to free them from their mess.  
When sheep look up to the shepherd and faithfully confess.

The helpers bleat for reason as the proud vainly bruises udders.  
But with ears so full of lies some ignore the truth as merely mutton mutters.

The good reapers work the fields to gather all the grain into the garner  
Before the tares and chaff are burnt up, the shepherd sends out the final  
gleaning-warner.

All faithful sheep and those repentant, behind the shepherd's gate  
Saved from the ferile eels, all the schools within good fisher's net, the final catch is  
great.

As the fishers stand on every shore from Engedi unto Engelaim;  
Their haul shall is abundant as they spread forth thier nets and bounty claim;

Even some of the predator cubs reject the serpents' deceptive fables.  
They foresware the bullock's blood eating just the scraps from the Shepherd's table.

An axe is laid at the root of the trees and each which brought forth not,  
Yielded not good fruit, shall be hewn down, and cast into the fires hot.

Oh barren trees whose branches stretched out and blocked the light of the sun.  
You drank up the waters of the earth and now thy time is nearly done.

The wind blows the chaff and tumbleweed before the storm and all hear their cries  
The reeds and bulrushes fail when their stream recedes and dries.

In blasts of steam and ash Leviathan begins to swell.  
Withering the unfruited boughs, he opens wide the mouth of hell.

The sheep gathered on his back feel a rumbling thrill fantastic,  
Uncertainty, then terror... then incineration in blasts black and pyroclastic

The noxious fumes choke all in its wide and billowing path.  
Save those protected by the shepherd, they feel their father's wrath.

Profaning the shepherd of the heavens, the volcanic eruption peaks  
Amid Hyena Laughs, Leopard Growls, Gorilla Hoots, Baboon Howls, and Coyote  
Shrieks,

All hell breaks loose, so many proud sheep are lost to the jackal  
The boa cinches tight the noose, the fires rain and crackle.

The skies blackened with soot, the locusts armed to teeth descend  
Upon all the painted roses and corrupted vegetation on which wicked faithless sheep  
depend.

The black panthers under cover of the darkness prowl  
Savaging, ravaging, the victims bemoan their fate and howl.

The tempest rages and many are destroyed by the wave and gale of hurricane.  
Save those who trusted on the shepherd who long ago wailed in the ultimate of pain.

But now these biting axes which held themselves above the lumberjack.  
Are themselves thrown upon the ignited kindling stack.

The saws and smiting rods are all forever broken.  
When the apocalyptic word of fury is finally spoken.

The tyrants are thrown down to nether at the end of their term:  
Their couch is the maggot and their blanket is the worm.

Sound the knell, true peace and the kingdom has finally come  
Ring the bell, Alleluia and Hosanna: Let the angel's harps be strum.

The skies are cleared - free forever from predator's weapon stings.  
Free at last - praise Immanuel - every voice together sings.

The pacific cubs then lie down with the good lambs and flocks  
The new lion, bear, leopard, and wolf all eat the ample grass like the ox.

A river flows forth from the Shepherd and His new city is founded  
In which the trumpets of peace shall be forever sounded.

A new Earth where forever Truth and the Shepherd reigns.  
The deceivers and deceived all cast out: bearing perpetual chains.

And in the end, all the proud are lost to the pride,  
For the pride devours those who can't admit that their serpent master lied.

So listen to this dormouse, and heed what the prophets have said.  
Keep your head. Indeed. Keep fresh your faith and heart and head.

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## **.The Unsavory Salt Pillar Parade - Homosexuality in the Church**

See also: 'The Response To Criticisms of The Unsavory Salt Pillar Parade'

A letter to the UCC, the Presbyterian, and Episcopal Churches sent on Pentecost 2006 based on Leviticus 18,20, Matthew 19,1st Corinthians 6,1st Timothy 1, Romans 1, Genesis 19.

Behold, the confused and sorry people of Sodom,  
Profaning matrimony with heart, and tongue, and bottom,  
Spreading the abomination of those who taught `em.  
Join the repentance of all other sinners in this end-times autumn!

We have all been sinners in some respect,  
So it is not only you who must reflect,  
We all have some tragic pre-disposition to reject  
God's happy law, and from our redemption disconnect.

Both through nature and through nurture some succumb to greed.  
Others bear a curse of violence; some apathetically ignore their neighbor's plead.  
Some have slothful, gluttonous, and promiscuous demons perverting them from normal  
need.  
Let us all discover God's love and plan, and from the bond of sin be freed.

It is not the repentant sinner that God hates.  
It is the spread and promotion of evil the action inflates.  
In pretending that sin is right, the soul degenerates.  
Love demands the warning of our neighbor from entering Beliar's estates.

The freedom to go on sinning is a pit, hypnotic, imaginary, and fake.  
It is a blinding hood, a shackle. Let us help each other make a prison break.  
God calls us to help each other avoid the traps of evil mistake  
There is a better happier way: the Lord calls us to awake.

To be proud of sin is to claim ones sentence, shunning Jesus acquittal.  
For what makes righteousness can never change, not even jot or tittle.  
To demand acceptance of the sin by God and law is like abhorrent spittle  
Who are we to second guess the Lord, and demand from Him admittle?

The experience of sin, in and of itself, can be overcome.  
But, inviting, and causing others to sin is the reckless wrong of some.  
It is the work of subversive evil minions, and let all faithful not be deaf and dumb.  
We cannot let the bride of Christ, the church, be conquered and succumb.

For how will sinners know to repent, and in the blood of savior bath,  
If even the church spreads lies, losing the blessings it had hath.  
For whosoever sins and leads others down a hopeless futile path.  
Will be the least in Heaven at best, and risk Almighty wrath.

For man is not judged and condemned by man, but by his own action and word.  
To think modern man, either strong or meek, could justify the wrong is absurd  
End thy denial, come to the light, profess the truth, let the good news be heard.  
Freedom is there for the taking in the law, the love, the spirit, and the Word.

Guard against the yeasty sin infection – so we do not spread the affliction  
Allowing it to fester – promoting it – it is simply contradiction.  
The church's faith in marketing apostasy to fill pews is a dangerous addiction.  
Let us not allow anyone to betray our savior's crucifixion.

Have we forgotten that something better than sin does await?  
God has the strength to heal, and the reward is happy, perfect, and great.  
Men and Women, do not fear or shun each other. Be patient, trust, respect, and wait.  
For in the beginning.....God made Man and Wife: eternal loving mate.

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## **A Chanuka and Christmas Carol**

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Grace of God Eternal dispels the dark of night.

Daniel had prophesied the Desolation  
False idols in the temple: 'twas the Desecration  
Little lamp oil remained for the altar dedication  
So God provided the light to this and every earthly nation.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Grace of the Father dispels the dark of night.

NesGadolHayahSham – A Great Miracle Happened there  
The star of Bethlehem lit the way to a little manger where  
The miracle of Jesus birth in the creche of a mare.  
Hosanna, Alleluia, the Angel Chorus does declare.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Light of the Messiah dispels the dark of night.

At the time of Chanukah on the porch of Solomon  
The Messiah was revealed, Jesus is the Father's son.  
Sheep follow the shepherd and unto him ye run,  
And recognize the works which show that He and God are one.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Light of the Good Shepherd dispels the dark of night.

The rededication lacked the glory of the Ark  
But when Immanuel came, He dispelled the dark.  
So worship not in a building cold and stark.  
But in Spirit and in Truth – Jesus the eternal bulwark.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Light of the Holy Spirit dispels the dark of night.

The eternal sacrifice, His body: temple stones and bricks.  
Like the shammas which lights all menorah wicks.  
Jesus, the servant-king, lights our spirit-candle sticks  
That we may be His beacons, His light our hearts affix.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Light of the World dispels the dark of night.

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## **A Christ-Chrysalis**

Butterfly,  
Before you fly  
There is a palace  
It's the Christ-Chrysalis

You're born again  
From end to end  
And now you wear His winged dress  
Of faith and hol-i-ness

You're crawling on the ground  
Eating only what you've found.

Predators would like to steal  
Your soul and body for their meal

Caterpillar of the World  
Let His Banner-wings unfurl

Over You

The Turk may call you 'kelebek'  
When you bear his cross upon your back

It's time to bear it up daily  
And Be His Shona Shavi-Shavi

Every Danish 'summerfugl'  
Fly To the tune of His bugel

The little Polish 'motyl'  
Like an alpine echo-yodel:

In Romansch the 'Tgiralla'  
In Rome all 'Farfalla'

Ohh 'Pappillon', and 'Shmetterling''  
How peaceful are your wings

Butterfly,  
Before you fly  
There is a palace  
It's the Christ-Chrysalis

You're born again  
From end to end  
And now you wear His winged dress  
Of faith and hol-i-ness

Come all you Scottish Dealande  
and Korean Nabi-Nabi

All Hungarian pillangó  
and Tagalog paruparó

Indonesian kupu-kupu  
And Cornish Tykky-dew

All Hawaiian pua-pua  
And Welsh Pili-pala

Share His Gospel truth yeah  
You Chinese Hu-dyeh

In Croat you're a stil-u-  
plivanju

In Kongo a Lumpungu  
... mpungu

In Swahili kipepeo  
In Hungary Pillango

In Asturian pumarina  
In Basque tximeleta

Cebuano alibangbang  
Zulu ijubajubane

Greece Petalouda  
Brazilian Borboleta

A Macedonian Peperuga  
A Bemban icipelebesha

Urdu you're a titly  
In Hindi a thithily

Little Russian B&#1072; b&#1086; chk&#1072;  
And Spanish Mariposa

God cares for every butterfly and filfaloo.  
How much more will He care for you?

Butterfly,  
Before you fly  
There is a palace  
It's the Christ-Chrysalis

You're born again  
From end to end  
And now you wear His winged dress  
Of faith and hol-i-ness

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## **A Day is A Thousand Years**

(From 1st/2nd Peter)

God has commanded the present heavens and earth to remain until the day of judgment.

Then they will be set on fire, and ungodly people to destruction sent.

For to God, one day is as a thousand years – a key to what the prophets meant. The Lord is not slow to keep his promises, he wants all to be saved and repent.

The day of the Lord's return will surprise like a thief – immediate and terse. The heavens will disappear with a great noise of heresy, heat melting the whole universe.

Every debt of the earth will be revealed – foreclosed – and debtors taken in the hearse. To be burned as chaff in the fires of the furnace – the earned and un-repented curse.

So you should serve and honor God: live your life not as the dead but in Christ alive. Look forward to the day when God judges everyone, and try to make it arrive.

For the heavens will be destroyed and into the hot depths of Hell all the earth will dive. But God has promised us a new heaven and a new earth where justice will always thrive.

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## **A Fatal Spore for the Fecund Lady (Abortion & Breast Cancer)**

A – B – C – D... or BC – AD  
How many Lilly's of Fecund Lady,  
Have been trodden down to make her path?  
1,2,3,4 ... such an unpleasant math

By stamping out the earliest flowers  
And prancing on for many hours

What has sown this carefree dancer?  
There is a true but chilling answer.

She doesn't know a fatal fungal-spore  
Now spreads upon her garden floor.

In place and among the budding blooms  
Indeed, a toxin bears these little 'shrooms.

Up the rolling hills 'les belle collines'  
It moves around unheard-unseen.

A – B – C – D...or just BC – A/D  
All the Lilly's of the futilely fertile Lady  
Have wilted down along this fatal path:  
Of Abortion, Breast Cancer, and Death

The most recent studies:  
<http://www.jpands.org/vol12no3/carroll.pdf>  
<http://www.aapsonline.org/press/abortioncancer.htm>

In November 1994, a National Cancer Institute (NCI) study showed that if a woman had an abortion before age 18, the risk of Breast Cancer increased by 150 %.

A Howard University study in December 1993 confirms these findings but had a longer follow up. By the time the women who had an abortion reached the age of 50 the chance of breast cancer had increased by 370%.

Although over 70 studies conducted in Europe and North America confirm the link between abortion and breast cancer, pro-abortion forces continue to stifle this information, to the great disservice of women everywhere.

Despite modern insistance by some that there is no link, no one diputes the fact that the longer first childbirth is delayed, the higher the risk of breast cancer.

Here are several studies:

REAL STATISTICS: <http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm#1>

MOST COMPREHENSIVE STUDY TO DATE:  
<http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm#6>

ABORTION - BREAST CANCER:  
<http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm#2>

<http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm#3>  
<http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm#7>  
<http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm#5>

ABORTION - BREAST CANCER FAQ  
<http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm#4>

WHY THE SILENCE ABOUT ABORTION AND BREAST CANCER:  
<http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm#10>

WORLD CONFERENCE ON BREAST CANCER:  
<http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm#8>

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MORE ON THE ABORTION-BREAST CANCER LINK:  
<http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm>

THE KOMEN-PLANNED PARENTHOOD LINK:  
<http://abortionbreastcancer.com/>  
[http://www.pinkmoney.org/komen\\_pp.htm](http://www.pinkmoney.org/komen_pp.htm)  
[www.lifenews.com/state1986.html](http://www.lifenews.com/state1986.html)  
[http://www.onenewsnow.com/2007/03/pro-lifer\\_challenges\\_race\\_for\\_.php](http://www.onenewsnow.com/2007/03/pro-lifer_challenges_race_for_.php)  
<http://www.buy-one-give-one.com/2h.htm>

Support (Honest) Breast Cancer Research:  
<http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/give-hope/>  
<http://abortionbreastcancer.com/>

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES:  
[www.Hidden Choices.com](http://www.HiddenChoices.com)

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## **A Few Verses From Some of My Posted Poems**

This is a little out of date because I recently posted about 40 new poems from my book Sunrise On The Mount. Will update soon.

Excerpts from Hells Bells, Heresy Sells!

Hells Bells. Yes, heresy sells!  
Apostate rants and Media tells

'Lies, Lies! ' the Liar Cries  
Truth is lost and Soul dies.

Pride! Pride! The Bride has died.  
Wide path is trod when Christ is denied.

Free, Free! The bound decree.  
Hear the bells, they toll for thee.

Excerpts from Divorce, A Matter of Course

Why has Divorce  
Become such a matter of course?  
Currents of unyielding force  
Deep is thy chaotic course...  
    Thy plutonian source.

Why would we willingly break  
Our families and sacrament forsake?  
In the waters lies a cavernous intake  
Named Sin, which leads to Vulcan's lake.  
    The waters of iniquity awake.

Unrealistic entitlement and want combine.  
In loss of true respect – now all things decline.  
Under the surface, heat builds in thermocline.  
And causes upwellings of hot unhealthy brine.  
    The failing catch is the next ensign.

...  
Dismemberment of all blessed goodness  
Hateful Satan's Wrath doth get.  
A raging fire, choking and sulphurous;  
For perverted Asmodeus's Lusty internet.  
The boiling Greed of debt and avarice  
Fraudulent Mammon's casino bet.

Excerpts from A Scriptural Valentine

Tell me, O you whom my soul loveth, where you feedest and rest thy flock at noon:  
Why should I be unknown to your companions – as distant as the moon.

Her Friends

If you know not, O you fairest among women, follow the flock,  
And beside the shepherds' tents feed thy young and bearded caprine stock.

The Bride

I have compared you, O my love, to a company of Pharaoh's equine chariot.  
Your cheeks are handsome as with rows of jewels, your neck with golden lariat.

While the king sitteth at his table, my Lavender perfume floats forth from my narded chest.  
A bundle of myrrh is He to me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi.  
Behold, thou art fair, thy dove-eyes can behold our couch is green and ripe and ready...

Oh, that His left hand should be under my head and his right hand doth me embrace.  
O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and hinds, stir not up, nor awaken my love,  
till I see His face.

The voice of my beloved! He cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.  
Like a roe, a young buck He stands behind our wall, peering forth from latticed window sills.

Excerpts from Aholah and Aholibah - Ezekial 23

Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.  
And the former played the harlot  
Even when she was mine she flirted on her lovers,  
With Assyrians she shared the sins of letter scarlet.

Clothed with blue, captains and rulers,  
mounted cavaliers, desirable young men.  
Thus she prostituted herself with Assyria's chosen,  
Their false idols, and defiled herself again.

Excerpts from Defiling Bathsheba

David, There were two neighbors; one was rich  
and idle, the other poor but true, with little in his pot.  
The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds:  
But the poor had nearly naught

Nothing, save a little lamb, which he had bought and nourished;  
he raised it with his daughter;  
It ate from his table, drank from his cup, lay in his bosom,  
indeed, he could never slaughter.

And there came a traveler unto the rich man,  
who spared his own herd and flock,

But to feed this guest he took the poor man's only lamb,  
he took his only stock.

As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this  
shall surely die and be thrown outside the city  
And he shall restore the lamb fourfold,  
because he sinned and had no pity.

You art the man David, Thus saith God,  
I anointed you king over all towns, pastures, and farms Israeli  
I delivered you out of the hand of Saul and gave you  
all his wives into your arms, his house and bailey.

#### Excerpts from Jesus Christ Calls the Hindu

Brothers and sisters of the Indus and Ganges listen to the one True Dharma.  
Love, Hope, and Faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to gain the Kingdom's Karma.

The resurrection of the Atman mayn't be in the form of new caste or beast.  
There mayn't be a cycle of reincarnation from which to be released.

For the many idols and castes are inventions of man used to oppress  
There is just one God, one caste or race, one robe of truth to dress.

So meditate on the Gospel – the Word which is his true and holy Om.  
And share this with your neighbor, and all the members of your home.

There is no more needful sutra, no more truthful mantra, no more harmonic Vedas  
Than the yoga, the practice, the sharing of the Gospel, the Nan that Jesus fed us.

#### Excerpts from Jesus Christ Calls the Muslim/ Harmony Between Brothers

Oh Ishmael, you champion archer, what is the value of all the arms and arrows in your  
quiver?  
When will you seek the true quarry whose blood doth eternal soul deliver?

...  
It's everyone's choice to live with or without the true ihsan, His truth and love and  
peace.  
We were enslaved to iniquity, but in the blood of His Son we have the offer of bond  
release.  
But until we accept the sacrifice of his Son for our sakes, the sacrifice of ours to Him  
will continue without cease.

...  
Oh, peoples of the Book, let us engage in open and constructive battles of the pen.  
For the battles of the sword liberate no one, thus sayth the Lord. Amen.

#### Excerpts from The Peniel Blessing

Leave the uncertain wilderness of war uncharted and unexplored

For all security, all justice, and all vengeance are mine - thus sayeth the Lord.

For a mighty fortress is our God, never failing or deserting  
And all shall be healed in Him of war and pain and hurting.

'Violence shall no more be heard in the land', as we obey His loving orders.  
'Lord, No wasting or destruction shall be within thy peoples borders.'

'But we shall call thy walls, thy gates, thy rod and staff 'salvation'.  
As you defend your people from evil trials and tribulation.'

'Let us beat our sword into a plough and our spear into a hook'  
'Then the nations shall not know war', only Christ's shepherd crook

For the sword he has endowed is one which cleaves only lies.  
Let us wield it skillfully, and willfully join His peaceful battle cries.

So onward Christian soldiers! March out as to war.  
But armed with only truth and love of fellow man, for now and evermore.

Come Ishmael, Come Judah, and Arjuna, Come Gautama now and Lao.  
Call upon your one true Christ, Jesus, to end the fighting and the row.

And as Jacob relented all his proud and self-made ways.  
He saw the face of God revealed in all His glorious rays.

Excerpts from Jesus Kirisuto Haiku

Discover-Disukaba Truth-Makoto  
Pure white reisu of life Christ-Hitonoko  
Awaken to the Holy Spirit koingokoro

...  
Heart of truth - Makoto no kokoro  
Jesus guide our steps from today unto tomorrow  
And frees us from the bond of sorrow

Excerpts from Modern Man: The Corporation

Corporate Externalities  
Are Societal Realities  
Producing abundant 'Goods'  
But also great 'Bads' and Banalities.  
Mounting Virtue Casualties.

...  
Who gives thee exaltation?  
Consider well thy reputation.  
Listen Modern Man  
Thy name is Corporation  
Complete is thy Indoctrination.

### Excerpts from Raising Children of Light

Children are to respect parents, that they may live long.  
Parents are to love them back by teaching right from wrong.

As parents, we all do the best we can... or do we?  
Have we succumbed to the secular Huey-phooey?

Without us, the daily bombardment of human hokum.  
Could eventually blind 'em all and choke 'em.

...  
Limit and monitor television and the internet  
Dark messengers are legion and will catch them in their net.

Children, act with love, respect, and helping hand.  
And parents, do not allow Satan to seal them with his fiery iron-brand.

### Excerpts from Seven Words Seven Echos

And at the ninth hour... My God, my God, Why hast thou forsaken me?  
So far from helping and hearing my words of my roaring, Art ye.

O my God, They cried unto you, they trusted in you, deliverance you have bourn.  
But I am a reproach of men, and despised. All they that see me laugh me to scorn:

They shoot out the lip, shake the head, He trusted on the Lord, let the Lord decide his rest.  
But thou art he that took me from the womb and made me hope upon my mother's breast.

I was cast upon you from the womb: you art my God from my mother's belly.  
Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to apply the soothing Gilead jelly.

Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.  
They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion, as a rabid hound.

I am poured out like water, all my bones are out of joint: my heart like wax melted and sunk to my bowels.  
My strength dried up like a potsherd; I'm brought to the dust of death, my tongue cleaveth to my jowls.

Dogs compass me, the assembly of the wicked have enclosed piercing hands and feet.  
My blood now clots.  
I see all my bones: looking back and staring at me. They part my garments and for my vesture casting lots.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord hasten to my aid. For when the afflicted cried you heard.

The meek shall be satisfied and shall praise the Lord and heart shall live for ever with his Word.

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord. All kindreds of the nations shall bow down  
They shall worship you. For the kingdom is the Lord's. He is the governor of all nation, land, and town.

A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation, this grain of corn.  
They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born.

And, behold, upon his final word the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom in pieces twain,  
And the earth quaked, the rocks rent; open broke the grave, and a reprieve for us did he obtain.

Death and the grave have been conquered, forever vanquished:  
Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit... It is finished.

#### Excerpts from Sunrise On The Mount

Lifting up His eyes and voice, He taught upon the mount,  
Your rewards and your blessings, and how your virtues count.

Blessed are you poor in spirit, the humble hubris-less inherit heaven's realm;  
And blessed are you meek for you shall boldly take the earthly helm.

Blessed are you that mourn and weep for human wrong and sin,  
Comfort shall God give you – His arms to hold therein.

Blessed are you that crave for right – enduring dry and parching thirst.  
Like a sponge into cup of truth be plunged, sated, saturated, immersed.

Be happy you who mercy sow, forgiveness you invest.  
At harvest, reap you mercy and know that you've been blessed.

Happy are the pure in spirit and wise are your decisions.  
You clearly see the way to Him, His holy face your visions.

Blessed are the peacemakers – He knows you by your love.  
You indeed are children of the one true God above.

Good cheer to those reviled and persecuted in God's holy name.  
The world will slander and attack you but you should feel no shame

Like the prophets before you, they thank you with the sword.  
Rejoice, Rejoice! and be glad, for so great is your reward.

So all you blessed people, use your blessings well.  
Shine your light upon the world – from rooftop and on hill.

You salt the earth, you brighten, you enlighten, and you savor.  
But carefully guard the holy truth, or lose all of His favor.

For woe shall come to he whose gifts will he not share,  
Like worthless tasteless salt cast out, all blessings shall strip bare...

#### Excerpts from The Cape of the Matador

In the ring, the Toro spies the crimson cape of Matador  
Like a young sailor just ashore, lustily staring at a whore  
Whether dumb or savvy beast, instinct rises to the fore  
Bearing little reason – remembering only the timeless oath his ancient swore  
To charge that hot and angry hue with horn erect, thinking only gore, gore, gore!

...  
Beauty is a blessing – a wondrous heavenly creation.  
And there is nothing wrong with having a healthy appreciation.  
But refrain from that which tempts the heart away from present or future marital  
station.  
And keep in mind, that patronizing pornography drives the horrible exploitation.  
Which perverts both young and old, and leads to untold, unhappy, unrighteous  
deviation

#### Excerpts from The Flames of Molech

A damnable choice is now thrust upon our expectant mothers.  
But how can society persist when the maternal hearth it smothers.

...  
How great are the flames of Molech, how high have they climbed.  
All the despots and all the war mongers of the last 200 years combined,

Have shed less blood than Roe V. Wade, and her foreign kin in the last forty years.  
Over a billion babies culled by the scalpel – how many billion tears?

Though some seek the courts and governments for a single solitary great fix.  
Without societal change we will remain the generation of vipers, stinging and poisoning  
the matrix.

'But we will do it anyway, with unsafe procedure' is the back-alley creed.  
Alas, society and our hearts must change in many ways, or the womb will forever  
bleed.

#### Excerpts from The Flocks have Left the Fold

The fields of wheat are filled with weeds; some fig trees have stopped fruiting  
The time of beast and serpent nears, they plot the vineyard vines uprooting.

Following the serpents siren song, the flocks have left the fold  
The proud have wandered away from their shepherd of old.

...  
The hyena laughs at the shepherd's doctrine: a call to repent.  
And offers what he says the shepherd really meant.

The coyote shrieks in the piteous pitch of yin.  
With feigned wound and false pride, more sheep are taken-in.

The false prophecy of boa winds itself among its prey.  
Binding them in sin for constriction on the beastly day.

...  
In blast of steam and ash Leviathan begins to swell.  
Withering the unfruited trees, he opens wide the mouth of hell.

Profaning the shepherd of the heavens, the volcanic eruption peaks  
Amid Hyena Laughs, Leopard Growls, Gorilla Hoots, Baboon Howls, and Coyote  
Shrieks,

...  
In the end, all the proud are lost to the pride,  
For the pride devours those who can't admit that their serpent master lied.

Excerpts from The Human gods

Do justice to the afflicted, poor, and needy.  
Deliver them from the hand of perverse and greedy.  
But alas, you do not now nor ever will you.  
You walk blindly, doth the darkness fill you.  
Thy lot be cast, thy pact is made: an unholy treaty.

Ohh, society is knocked off it's foundation  
When His constitution causes such consternation.  
Ye mighty gods are children of the haughty  
But ye shall die like the proud and naughty  
Arise, O God, judge the earth and inherit every nation.

Excerpts from Unsavory Salt Pillar Parade

Behold, the confused and sorry people of Sodom,  
Profaning matrimony with heart, and tongue, and bottom,  
Spreading the abomination of those who taught `em.  
Join the repentance of all other sinners in this end-times autumn!

...  
Have we forgotten that something better than sin does await?  
God has the strength to heal, and the reward is happy, perfect, and great.  
Men and Women, do not fear or shun each other. Be patient, trust, respect, and wait.  
For in the beginning.....God made Man and Wife: eternal loving mate.

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## **A Four Year Old Witnesses...**

By Isabella (age 4) (with just a little help from Papa)

Up Up High  
God is in the Sky

I hear a sound  
God is all around

The Father, Spirit, Son  
God is Three in One

Everyone raise you hands  
The Father made our lands

Jesus is His Son  
On the Cross He Won!

He rose from the grave  
All faithful did He save.

Then came down like a dove  
The Spirit of peace and love

When He enters in our hearts  
His gift and blessing starts

His truth you now have seen  
With heart so pure and clean

God is like the sun.  
Share His light with everyone.

While going for a walk on Sunday, my little Isa the came up with the first verse and rough approximations of some of the other verses.

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## **A Poet & His Wife (Mr. Nouveau Art and Mrs. Abstract Art)**

Husband:

I see the gulls  
The sea gulls  
I see flocks of sea gulls

Three, right on the beach  
On the bright beach  
Three Gulls on Brighton Beach

Three Gulls and Three Girls  
The Waves and the Curls  
In the Sea and the Hair of the Girls

The wind in their hair  
All Feathered and Fair  
The Hair and the Wings fill the air

The waves curl and spill  
The locks and waves fill  
The flocks and locks flutter and fill

White feathers with curls  
The wave curves and curls  
I see the curls of the sea and the gulls and the girls

Waves splash on the sand  
Gulls sit on the sand  
Gulls and Girls sit on the sand.

The waves wash up white  
The gulls take their flight  
The white gulls flap and take flight.

The white waves crash on the sand  
The sand is speckled and tan  
The gulls and girls are white and tan

The light makes the waves seem thin  
Sparkling, translucent, and thin  
The sun sparkles the wet waves and skin.

The gulls soar in the warm breeze.  
The sand is washed by the foam from the seas.  
Warm sand sticks to the skin of wet curves, legs, and knees.

I smell the bright sea and fresh air.  
I feel the warm sun light on my skin and my hair.  
And I wave to my girls, so happy and fair.

Wife:

I have a gun...

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## A Prayer for Laura

Jesus, why was this young man born blind?  
Was it his sin, or the sins of his parent.  
It was neither, but he was so afflicted,  
That through him, the truth might be apparent.

Lord, you have used suffering and healing  
That others might believe.  
Please Lord, heal my sister,  
That I and others too may cease to grieve.

Lord, you answered my prayer for a sister  
And you knew that I would love her dearly  
You foresaw that her faith would be a struggle  
That, like billions of others, she would not see clearly.

In your infinite wisdom,  
You made her my beloved sister  
That I would be driven to apologetics  
That in some way, I might assist her.

And that in ministering to her  
I might also minister to a generation of the lost  
Who like her, have followed the tempest  
And in the secular waves been tossed.

Then God, I pray, I beg you,  
let now be the hour  
When her deliverance is used  
To show the world your power.

When Miriam, Moses sister  
Became doubtful and proud, Your wrath was not withheld  
But when Moses pleaded for mercy  
You allowed yourself to be impelled

When he interceded on her behalf  
To remove her leprous infection  
You allowed that she would be accepted  
Back after seven days of dejection.

Indeed the family would not  
Move on without her restoration.  
So Lord, As her brothers cried  
Out in exasperation...

'Please, my lord, do not hold against us  
The sinful lot we have so foolishly drawn  
Do not let my sister be a stillborn infant  
Emerging from the matrix with flesh half gone'

'O God, please heal her! '  
As you have healed me.

That we may be together as family  
With you, for all eternity.

Dear God,

You gave me a sister, whom I love dearly, but she doesn't know you. I love her, and want her to know the same peace and faith you've given me. Her suffering has been the oyster's grain of sand which has inspired me to apologetics, and yielded a beautiful pearl. Let that pearl now be complete with her redemption. God, Please bless her with faith in your grace and love. In Jesus Name, Amen.

A Prayer for Laura to Pray (How to ask for help)

Dear God,

I may not have been willing to accept you because of those past obstructions. You know what they are, and though they maybe many, let's call them thing one and thing two.

But I do definitely sense the afflictions, perhaps because of them. I may not understand why it is there, and I may not understand why thing one and thing two entered my life, but I ask you now for healing. I trust that in your own time and your own way you will.

Why did you make the blind from birth blind? Well, when his vision was finally given, he rejoiced and that question no longer mattered. Please open my heart and grant me the sight to banish thing one and thing two. Just as that previously blind man became a testimony for others, let my recovery be a testimony to your glory.

It is written that you are the shepherd that comes looking for all his lost sheep. Here, I am Lord, please come and get me. Like the prodigal who wandered off, I now want to come home, please open my eyes to the way, strenghten my resolve, and help me to overcome the difficulties I will face.

In Jesus Name,  
Amen

Daniel Partlow

## **A Question for Caiaphas Pickler (Damian Hirst)**

A Letter to Caiaphas Pickler

Mr. Caiaphas Pickler (also known as Damien Hirst) ,  
Your gem encrusted ephod betrays your office as the First

High Priest of Death, Eighty Six-ing the dry bones of man  
But, you cannot breathe life into them with your formaldehyde can.

Even your vain symbol – the requin predator of the seas  
Could not help but rot. Now you may think you hold the keys,

But God shows His power – even through the works of you the Deceiver  
His Sense of Irony has been shown through you and this Christian Believer.

Caiaphas proudly thought that he had engineered the crucifixion of the Christ.  
But it was only through the work of the unseen Father that he had been enticed

Into fulfilling the purpose of the Son of Man – Yes, he thought he was the Boss  
But in his own mouth, God voiced the prophecy of the power of the Cross.

“Ye know nothing at all, you do not consider. Is it not expedient for us?  
That one man should die for all the people, for to save the whole nation thus.”

Neither he nor you bear the anointing of Levi but of the Procurator Gratus  
Corruption, Deception, and Violence-Gratis

The chief priests and elders assemble in your palace  
To revel at the ossuaries of your Sadduceen malice

Outwardly gleaming white: the clean lines of the post-modern-contemporary  
But inwardly filled with death and unclean doctrine which seeks to soil or burry

The Truth, the Word, the message of the Gospel's good news.  
Pretending that the drugs and toxins which man doth abuse

Hold the key to his eternal salvation  
You play fast and loose with your eternal damnation.

But after all – that's the nature of your game  
That's your mission and your power, the reason for your fame.

Your work mocks and eschews the use of His gift: The Word.  
And in His symbol of the Holy Paraclete, you see only a dead bird.

You worship your beefy angel with his dead and powdered bones.  
Sing praises to your father with the great noise of chaos-static and human groans

“I don't mind, if it falls over and the glass breaks” No loss could make you weep:  
“If the sheep falls out you can always get a new sheep”

But the Good Shepherd goes to search out and save every single lamb.  
He does not abandon them to the seductive secular sham

For, it is only His blood which preserves life, not your saline drips  
These are the confessions which have passed across you lips:

You have said that you think you are 'a hardcore atheist.'  
And your mignon-minions feed upon the head of your fly-apiarist

"I'm trying to be a hardcore atheist, and then I keep making work like this."  
And so you have lied to your disciples: 'suicide is perfect bliss'.

Well Bravo, At least Caiaphas has become aware of the irony of his corrupted blend.  
Now, it was a year before the exhibition of your pedagogy that "The Flocks" was  
penned.

I am asking you directly whether you were aware of this work  
Or whether you were unwittingly bearing witness to who you are with a smug smirk.

Now it is clear from your school house work Mr. Damien Hirst  
That your life (that you both live and espouse) represents an unquenched thirst.

Read 'The Flock's have Left the Fold (2006) ' sir, if you have not already.  
We may be interpreting the same thing, with the same imagery, the parallels are  
heady.

Some observations about society may even be consistent in these messages shrill.  
But they are incompatible if your curator represents you in suggesting eternal salvation  
is found in a pill.

Like you, Caiaphas the High Priest Sadducee rejected true life to infinity  
But God made him an unwilling pawn in the affirmation of the trinity.

But you know where to turn – for He will, if you ask, give you the true living water.  
And even you sir, can be saved from the upcoming slaughter.

Not through the righteous but vain acts of crimson generosity.  
For scarlet sin still coats the Paintbrush of every gross artistic atrocity.

But only through repentance and humble acceptance of Christ's gift.  
Can you ever hope to cross the chasm and heal your heart's rift.

I think perhaps you've had a glimpse of eternity, but your art has taken you only to the  
edge of the abyss.  
Without grabbing the hand of the Lord, your heart and mind will forever be amiss.

If I am wrong about your thirsting, and you are simply full of your formaldehyde, then  
I truly pity you  
Because true satisfaction will ever elude he who proudly pretends atheism true.

In your blackboard I have seen the frog-eye patch, but also a longing for the infinite.  
Here are other poet's descriptions of a better longing which comes with confidence in  
the infinite.

"Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease,  
And my fingers wandered idly over the noisy keys;

I know not what I was playing or what I was dreaming then,  
But I struck one chord of music, like the sound of a great Amen,

It flooded the crimson twilight, like the close of an Angel's Psalm,  
And it lay on my fever'd spirit, with a touch of infinite calm,

It quieted pain and sorrow, like love overcoming strife,  
It seem'd the harmonious echo from our discordant life.

It link'd all perplexed meanings, into one perfect peace,  
And trembled away into silence, as if it were loth to cease;

I have sought but I seek it vainly, that one lost chord divine,  
Which came from the soul of the organ, and enter'd into mine.

It may be that Death's bright Angel, will speak in that chord again;  
It may be that only in Heav'n, I shall hear that grand Amen."

"When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun."

I asterix the passages from The Flocks Have Left the Fold which you have incorporated  
in your School...  
The Flocks Have Left the Fold

The flower of the thorny roses dead, calls, forestalls the \*loss of their head  
Entering the bed, the deuce covers \*lost alba hue with \*paint of red...

The fields of wheat are filled with weeds; some \*fig trees have stopped fruiting  
The time of beast and serpent nears, they plot the vineyard vines \*uprooting.

Following the serpents siren song, the \*flocks have left the fold  
The proud have wandered away from their shepherd of old.

Prowling and coordinating the foretold plan, the beast  
Enlists the ranks of predators into the brotherhood of serpentine false priest

Leviathan lies in wait beneath the marshy fen  
And signals fellow minions to prepare to begin.

Though the fisherman's schools of fish are teaming  
The requin shiver circles, the \*crafty sharks are scheming.

The \*sheep are all \*divided many driven to distraction  
The weak have followed the proud out of simple interest or attraction

In rites of bleating howls, the pack promises the sheep a lupine fleece to try-on  
And some wander off entranced by the gentle purring of the lion

The raven deals with them to sell their \*pure white wool.  
For the price of initiation into the party of \*boasting bull.

They receive on their \*foreheads and bodies the blood-letting leeches  
For the serpent \*demands their blood: one of the many heresies he teaches.

The shepherd calls each one back to the fold by name  
He sends his helpers out to warn them of their foolish game.

The razorbacks and wild dogs sense opportunities for gluttonous gouts of blood.  
And help the proud sheep to entice their brothers away from meadows into bogs of mud.

The proud ones tell the others that the shepherd was a myth  
Frolicking with the leopards is liberating - run to them forthwith.

The lion invites the sheep to observe the land from his perch in the trees  
In giddy thrill, they ignore the helpers' warnings, calls, and pleas.

Let the condors lift to new heights, and teach flight to our little lambs  
Predation is a fairy tale; the old limitations and doctrines are only shams

Just look at the awesome strength of our new friend tiger.  
Let us emulate the lion dam and give him offspring like the liger.

Our 'shigers' will be big and strong, clearly superior  
Be brave and leave turf-eaters behind to old-fashioned ways inferior

In fact, who needs them any way? They only hold us back.  
Let us instead learn the ways of wolf so we can run freely with the pack.

If the coyote has so many clever wiles  
Let us learn his wisdom and his ways, all his genius guiles.

Oh, the time has come, curious oyster friends to speak of other things  
The walrus begins his smoke screen bluster about cabbages and kings.

The Frog-Eye Patch burns the green grass with its \*pattern of sixes  
Fungus catches in the proud sheep's \*throats and eventually asphixes.

Familial hives of bees collapse because of homogeneity, varoa, and mites.  
And the unpollinated blossoms dropp and wither from the \*droughts and blights.

Some queer self-mutating crops have been sown in some of the farmer's fields  
Which repel the remaining good pollinators and produce unfruitful yields.

The rows are then attacked by flies, robigus, galls and canker.  
Spreading their lies, hatred, apostasy and rancor.

The blades of wheat are attacked by a sickening \*black stem rust.  
Converting good nutrients into vomit-toxin, \*mold, and must.

Fusarium, hessians, long-horned beetles, scorch, and scabby ghosts  
Stage their attack on the figs from the barbarous barberry bushes and other evil hosts.

The biting flies goad the sheep to fight with each other.  
That they may feed upon the \*carrion of the weaker brother.

The fish in streams and seas though belonging to the fisher  
Are stolen one by one in beastly deed which evil times doth usher.

'Come to me little fishes' calls the crafty bear.  
Fly up from your stream beds taste the freedoms of the air.

Go with the flow little fishes calls the Dead sea of blood and \*salt.  
Forget the rumors heard of how your heart and gills will halt.

Innocuously swims up the aqueous serpent, preparing his venom rank  
We're in this stream \*bed together – but I can teach you to crawl upon the eastern  
bank.

The crocs circle round, overhearing the trap the snake has planned,  
And call the sheep for a swimming lesson, 'come down to the \*banks of sand'

The hyena laughs at the shepherd's doctrine: a call to repent.  
And offers what he says the shepherd \*really meant.

The coyote shrieks in the piteous pitch of yin.  
With feigned wound and false pride, more sheep are taken-in.

The false prophecy of boa winds itself among its prey.  
Binding them in sin for constriction on the beastly day.

Oh the ostriches, wildcats and owls, prepare for the satyr's fest.  
The desert beast and jackal in \*palaces howl; the gazelles are hunted without rest.

Proud sheep denigrate 'ditzzy' lady ewes and the 'insensitive' male rams  
Creating \*divisions and suffering among families and \*offending the little lambs.

The zeitgeist of the time causes a brooding robin great despair.  
And in faithless confusion she is caught in the \*trapper's snare.

Her abandoned hatchlings are flushed and caught by the hounds  
The nest eggs are stolen by the adder – his dislocated jaw surrounds.

Disrespect and apathy are sown into the fields yielding briars and crabby-grass.  
Viruses and killing spores are prepared for the anti-sacramental \*black mass.

The scorpion brews his lethal \*narco-stings  
And tells the lambs of the wondrous feelings that it brings

The baboon \*plies the lambs with his inebriating weed and \*water  
To numb and stupefy them for the upcoming \*slaughter

The vulture circles above the \*desert sands.  
Awaiting the hour when \*death descends upon the wayward lambs.

Impersonating the shepherd, but blaspheming his Word.  
The predators close in to gorge upon the adepts of the \*fallen herd.

Though \*the smoke from Leviathan, the faithful sheep, it cannot smother.  
It attempts, as apiarist, containment and apathy, preventing the rescue of their brother.

Cobra too \*menaces faithful sheep, spewing venom through its headline fangs.  
To deter them all from rescuing the lost from the clutches of the gangs.

\*Cowed into helpless sedation, so many submit in ignorance or fear  
Until, 'I give you not a spirit of timidity, but that of strength, ' His voice rings in their ear.

Under the protection of \*shepherd's crook they march out bleating loud.  
Calling all their family home before terrible fate is meted to the proud.

The helpers stand ready to free them from their mess.  
When sheep look up to the shepherd and faithfully confess.

The helpers bleat for reason as the proud vainly bruises udders.  
But with ears so full of lies some ignore the truth as merely \*mutton mutters.

The good reapers work the fields to gather all the grain into the garner  
Before the tares and chaff are burnt up, the shepherd sends out the final  
gleaning-warner.

All \*faithful sheep and those repentant, behind the shepherd's gate  
Saved from the ferule eels, all the schools within good fisher's net, the final catch is great.

Even some of the predator cubs reject their parent's deceptive fables.  
They forswear the \*bullock's blood eating just the scraps from the Shepherd's table.

An \*axe is laid at the root of the trees and each which brought forth not,  
Yielded not good fruit, shall be hewn down, and cast into the fires hot.

Oh barren trees whose branches stretched out and blocked the light of the sun.  
You drank up the waters of the earth and now thy time is nearly done.

The wind blows the chaff and tumbleweed before the storm and all hear their cries  
The reeds and bulrushes fail when their stream recedes and dries.

In blasts of steam and \*ash Leviathan begins to swell.  
Withering the \*unfruited boughs, he opens wide the mouth of hell.

The sheep gathered on his back feel a \*rumbling thrill fantastic,  
Uncertainty, then \*terror... then \*incineration in blasts black and pyroclastic

The \*noxious fumes choke all in its wide and billowing path.  
Save those protected by the shepherd, they feel their father's wrath.

Profaning the shepherd of the heavens, the \*volcanic eruption peaks  
Amid Hyena Laughs, Leopard Growls, Gorilla Hoots, Baboon Howls, and Coyote  
Shrieks,

All hell breaks loose, so many proud sheep are lost to the jackal  
The boa cinches tight the noose, the fires rain and crackle.

The skies \*blackened with soot, the locusts armed to teeth descend  
Upon all the painted roses and corrupted vegetation on which wicked faithless sheep  
depend.

The black panthers under cover of the darkness prowl  
Savaging, ravaging, the victims bemoan their fate and howl.

The tempest rages and many are destroyed by the wave and gale of hurricane.  
Save those who trusted on the shepherd who long ago wailed in the ultimate of pain.

But now these \*biting axes which held themselves above the lumberjack.  
Are themselves thrown upon the ignited kindling stack.

The \*saws and smiting rods are all forever broken.  
When the apocalyptic word of fury is finally spoken.

The tyrants are thrown down to nether at the end of their term:  
Their couch is the maggot and their blanket is the worm.

Sound the knell, true peace and the kingdom has finally come  
Ring the bell, Alleluia and Hosanna: Let the angel's harps be strum.

The skies are cleared - free forever from predator's weapon stings.  
Free at last - praise Immanuel - every voice together sings.

The pacific cubs then lie down with the good lambs and flocks  
The new lion, bear, leopard, and wolf all eat the ample grass like the ox.

A river flows forth from the Shepherd and His new city is founded  
In which the trumpets of peace shall be forever sounded.

A new Earth where forever Truth and the Shepherd reigns.  
The deceivers and deceived all cast out: bearing their \*perpetual chains.

So in the end, all the proud are lost to the pride,  
For the pride devours those who can't admit that their serpent master lied.

So listen to this dormouse, and heed what the prophets have said.  
\*Keep your head. Indeed. Keep fresh your faith and heart and head.

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## **A Reminder from Abraham Lincoln**

A Reminder from Abraham Lincoln - From the speech made upon proclaiming a National Fast Day (30 March 1863)

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven.  
These many years, peace and prosperity from the hand of God, given.

We have grown in numbers, wealth and power; our lands are long and broad.  
As no other nation, have we been blessed... but we have forgotten God.

We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace,  
which enriched and strengthened us and made our number's increase.

We have vainly imagined that all these blessings, in the deceitfulness of our heart,  
were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own part

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient  
to feel the necessity of His grace which is redeeming, preserving, and beneficent

Too proud to pray to the God that made us!  
Too proud to pray the words: 'Jesus, Save Us'

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A fitting reminder to people such as Barak Obama who stated 'the federal government is the only entity left with the resources to jolt our economy back to life. It is only government that can break the vicious cycle where lost jobs lead to people spending less money which leads to even more layoffs.'

A fitting reminder to the man behind the bill which would prevent any religious clubs from meeting on campuses that took money from the government - even schools founded by Christians and for Christians.

The 'audacity' of this Obamanation of Desolation is stunning.

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## **A Scriptural Valentine (The Mildly Erotic Song of Solomon)**

The Bride

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; "Lord, your love is better than wine. Because of your good essential essence, like fragrant oil poured forth, all my love is thine."

"Draw me, my king, you hath brought me into the chambers of your bed  
We will be glad and rejoice, we will remember our love as wine or bread."

I am tan, and lovely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, girls of royal kin.  
Look not down upon me, because I am swarthy, darkened by the sun and not by sin.

For my brothers were angry with me; they made me a worker of the field.  
My own vineyards I have not kept, but with fountain it is sealed.

Tell me, O you whom my soul loveth, where you feedest and rest thy flock at noon:  
Why should I be unknown to your companions – as distant as the moon.

Her Friends

If you know not, O you fairest among women, follow the flock,  
And beside the shepherds' tents feed thy young and bearded caprine stock.

The Bride

I have compared you, O my love, to a company of Pharaoh's equine chariot.  
Your cheeks are handsome as with rows of jewels, your neck with golden lariat.

While the king sitteth at his table, my Lavender perfume floats forth from my narded chest.

A bundle of myrrh is He to me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi.  
Behold, thou art fair, thy dove-eyes can behold our couch is green and ripe and ready

I am the lily of the valleys, and the comely rose of Sharon  
As the lily among thorns, to my love – I am compared to other daughters barren.

As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, So is my beloved, to other sons compared.

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and sweet upon my lips was the fruit he shared.

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.  
Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am love-sick for my dove.

Oh, that His left hand should be under my head and his right hand doth me embrace.  
O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and hinds, stir not up, nor awaken my love, till I see His face.

The voice of my beloved! He cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.  
Like a roe, a young buck He stands behind our wall, peering forth from latticed window sills.

### The King

I your beloved spoke, and said unto you, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The blossoms appear on the earth today;

The time of the singing of birds has come to our land, the voice of the turtle dove gives serenade

The fig tree puts forth her green fig buds, and the vines their tender grapes: a fragrance on parade.

### The Bride

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, that art in secret stair and rocky clefts.  
Let me see thy comely countenance, let me tremble to thy vocal base and treble clefs;

My beloved is mine, and I am His: He feedeth among my lilies until the break of day  
Now shadows flee away and turn my beloved as roe or hart upon the mount of Bether, don't delay.

### The Bride

By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I foundeth not.  
I arise and go about the city in the streets and avenues; I will seek him for whom my heart burneth hot.

I asked, "Saw you where my love doth go? " of the watchmen that about the city go to and fro.

It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him: I held him, and would not let him go.

Not until I had brought him into my mother's house, into the room of she who conceived me.

O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and hinds of the field, stir not up my love, till it pleaseth he.

Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of perfumed smoke  
Scent of myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant that cause not one to choke

Behold the palace of the King; threescore valiant men are about it, the gallant of his kin.

All sworded martial artists: all hath the edge upon his thigh because fear pervades the midnight din.

The King made himself a chariot of Lebanese cedar wood, a gilded base, and pillared silver stem,  
Covering of purple, driven on paths of love, love for the daughters of beloved Jerusalem.

Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold King Solomon with the crown where'th  
Bathsheba crowned him on the day of his espousals, and today His heart gladness

beareth.

Behold, thou art fair, my love; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks:  
Appear from balmy mount Gilead: thy hair is as the caprine flocks

Your teeth are like a flock of shorn sheep which came up from a soapy scrub;  
Whereof every one bear twins, and none among them is barren stub.

Your lips are cords of scarlet, and your speech is comely, ruddy pomegranate temples  
in thy locks  
Your neck the armoury tower of David, whereon there hang a thousand buckler shields  
in stocks.

The King

Your two breasts are like two young twin roes, they feed among the lilies pure.  
Until the day break, and fleeing shadows, I repair to the hill of frankincense and  
mountain of myrrh.

Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in you. Come with me from Lebanon, my  
spouse, my hen.  
Look from the top of Amana, from Shenir and Hermon, from mount of the leopard &  
lions' den.

My heart is ravished my love; with glance of eyes thou hast bound it in chains of your  
lovely neck.  
How fair is your love, my spouse! How much better is your love than wine! Your spices  
I detect!

Your lips, O my spouse, dropp as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under your  
tongue.  
A garden enclosed is my kin, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed among.

The Bride

Your plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with  
spikenard,  
Saffron, calamus, cinnamon, frankincense; myrrh and aloes all abound in your  
courtyard.

A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters. Awake, O north wind upon brook of  
Lebanon.  
Come south; blow upon my garden, that my spices may flow out, let loose my rolled  
chignon.

Let my beloved come to me into his own abundant garden,  
And eat your pleasant fruits of love, oh my beloved warden.

The King

I am come into my garden, to my lovely spouse: I have gathered spice with myrrh;  
I have tasted my honeycomb flowing with honey; I've drunk my wine and milk with  
her.

So now eat, O friends; drink, and enjoy and be sated.

Yea, drink abundantly, O beloved for now we are mated.

The Bride

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my love,  
My undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night,  
my dove.

The Bride

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my love,  
My undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night,  
my dove.

I have put off my robe; why should I put it on? I have cleaned my feet; why should I now defile them?  
My beloved put in his hand on the latch of my door, and my bowels were moved for him.

I rose up to open to my beloved; my fingers dripped with myrrh and touched the handles of the lock.  
I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn, and was gone to my surprise and shock.

My soul failed when he spake and Him I sought.  
I called him, but he gave me no answer. I found him not.

The watchmen going about the city found and smote me, they wounded me; and took away my veil.  
Please, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, tell him that with love I have grown pale.

Her Friends

What is your beloved more than another man, O thou fairest woman, so we may know?  
What is your beloved more than any other man, that you dost charge us so?

The Bride

My beloved has ruddy fine complexion, the chiefest among ten thousand men.  
His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as raven.

His eyes are as the eyes of doves by rivers of water washed with milk, and makes my heart stir.  
His cheeks are as beds of spice and sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.  
His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance as strong as cedar spires.

His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is lovely and as strong as a Lion.  
This is my beloved, and my truest friend, O daughters of Holy Zion.

#### Her Friends

Whither is your beloved gone, O you fairest among women?  
Whither is your beloved turned aside? That we may find and place you with him.

My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens,  
my basket lillies laden.  
I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies of his rare and  
radiant maiden.

You art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners  
galebnon.  
Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: your hair is caprine flock  
from Gilead yon.

#### The King

Your teeth are like a flock of shaven sheep which came up from a lathery tub;  
As a piece of a pomegranate are your temples within your locks – my hands do yearn  
to rub.

There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and innumerable virgins other.  
But my dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one – the pick of her mother.

#### Her Friends

The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, she is praised by queens and many  
concubine.  
Who is she that looketh forth at morning, fair as moon, clear as sun, and strong as  
army with ensign?

#### The Bride

I went down into the garden of nuts to see his fruits of the valley and whether his vine  
flourished.  
My pomegranates budded, Oh was I aware, my soul made me like Amminadib's bronze  
chariots burnished.

#### Her Friends

Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee.  
What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two army.

How dainty are your feet with bridal shoes, O daughter of the Prince of many lands.  
Your curved thighs are like pearl jewels wrought by cunning expert workman hands.

Your navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor to make her silly  
Your belly is like a heap of light wheat flour set about with valley-lily.

Your two breasts are like young twin does. Your neck is as an ivory tower;  
Thine eyes like the fishpools at Heshbon, with many a lovely flower.

Your nose is as the great tower of Lebanon which toward Damascus stare.  
Thine head upon you is like Carmel, and purple is your hair;

The king is held in the galleries by holy rights.  
How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!

The King

This thy stature is like a palm, and thy breasts like clusters of grapes – Oh woman of my vows.

I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will embrace thy clusters, and I will take hold of thy boughs.

And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved whose sweet vintage is at peak,  
Causing the lips of those that have fallen into slumber to open and to speak.

The Bride

I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me. Come, my beloved of renown  
Let us go forth into the field; let us go and honeymoon in a little town.

Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if your vine does flourish,  
To where the tender grapes appear and Pomegranates budding forth shall you nourish.

The conceptive mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruit,  
Fruit both new and old, which I have saved for you, O my love nothing could ever pollute.

Oh if you wert like a brother to me, that sucked the breasts of my mother!  
Long ago I should have found you 'round, I would have given you a peck and no-one ever bother.

But, now I lead you, and I bring you into my mother's house, she has helped me plan it.

I cause you to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

The Bride

His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.  
I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he can unlace me.

The Mother

Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her love?  
I raised you up under the apple tree: there your mother brought you forth, my dove.

The Bride

Set me as a seal upon thy heart, for love is as strong as death. Set me on thy hand as sealed agreement.

Jealousy is cruel as the grave, its flashes thereof are coals of fire, which hath a flame most vehement.

Never trade or eschew the love of your beloved woman Shulamite;  
Hot jealousy consumes with fires of Pluto's black mineral anthracite.

For many waters cannot quench my love, neither can floods drown it, so be warned.

If any man tried to buy it with all the substance of his house, he would still be utterly scorned.

Her Friends

We have a little sister, and for now she hath not any breast.

What shall we do for our sister in the day when on her betrothal comes to rest?

If she is a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver, her love will want and need her.

And if she is a door, we will enrobe her with fragrant boards of cedar.

The Bride

I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes - as one that found his favour.

Make haste, my beloved, and be you like a roe or hart upon the mountains of spice and flavor.

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## **A Sinner and Doubter's Prayer**

Dear God, I may not have been willing to accept you  
because of the issues in my life which only you truly understand.

I may not understand why these issues entered my life,  
but I know that I have broken your laws and that my sins  
have separated me from you.

But I ask you now for healing.  
Father, I am truly sorry,  
and now I want to turn away from my sins toward you.

Please forgive me, and help me avoid the sin  
and all that which caused the separation.

Why did you make the blind from birth blind?  
Well, when his vision was finally given,  
he rejoiced and that question no longer mattered.

I know that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins,  
was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer,  
please banish the doubts from my heart.

I trust that in your own time and in your own way you will.  
Just as that previously blind man became a testimony to your glory,  
let my recovery be a testimony to your glory for others.

It is written that you are the shepherd that comes  
looking for all his lost sheep.  
Here, I am Lord, please come and get me.

Like the prodigal who wandered off, I now want to come home,  
please open my eyes to the way, strengthen my resolve,  
and help me to overcome the difficulties I will face.

I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life,  
to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward.

Please send your Holy Spirit to help me obey You,  
and to do Your will and to trust in Your name for the rest of my life.  
In Jesus' name I pray, Amen

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## **All Attacks of Darkness Are Dispelled By True Light**

The thief has come, and is here now, to steal our greatest gift:  
The truth which God endowed. In fact he seeks to cause a rift.

His burglar bag holds many tools with which he plies his craft.  
How many souls has he 'liberated' since the first Skeptic laughed?

Skepticism is one tool, with which many safes were cracked.  
But Truth has protected well the treasures inside many which he attacked.

Now his use of this tool has become so ubiquitous and brazen.  
But our treasures will be kept safe when on our hearts we emblazon.

The apologetic truths which allow us all to refute.  
The many lies the thief uses to dispute.

Let us shed light upon the one who moves so freely in the dark.  
Christ has given us a torch which like repellent turns away the shark.

Now they think that they find cause to attack almost every single verse.  
But there are basically three misguided lines of reasoning which they use to curse:

The Sins of the Saints – There is No Contradiction

There is not a person in history, save our Savior Christ the Lord.  
Which has led a sinless life – but that does not afford

All the complaints heard today about the misdeeds described in the good book.  
But the story of their sin is not an endorsement of the wayward path they took.

The truth and relevance is revealed in the ultimate consequence of each iniquity  
From Cain's violence, Ham's perversion, and Abram's hesitation, to Jacob's trickery

From Moses disobedience at the rock, to Achan's greed, and Samson's wayward deeds.  
From Saul's Pride, David's adultery and warring, to Solomon's abominable 'needs'

The wrongs which were done by these old patriarchs and kings  
Are not condoned, but told of to reveal the consequence that sin brings.

Perception of Value Difference

The second major attack is upon biblical values which differ from their own  
There are some real differences, because there are good values which many skeptics  
disown.

Modesty, meekness, worship, pre-marital chastity, evangelism, and piety  
Are just a few which are under the constant attack of the skeptical society.

They have been led astray by their own seductive philosophies of pluralism  
Which cotton to the longings of their heart, their ingrained hedonisms

Arthur Miller, by his own pen, his atheist values were denuded:  
There are no passions quite as hot and pleasurable as those of the deluded

Compared to the bliss of delusion, its vivid colors and liberating joys to explore,  
It's blazing lights, explosions, and whistles; to this the search for truth is a deadly  
bore.

But there are also perceived differences which the skeptic likes to pretend  
That the little real truth he will confess, is his own, when in truth 'twas the Spirit that  
penned.

He points with derision at the treatment of women – but there's one thing he's ignored.  
For who, in any other faith, upholds a woman's dignity more completely than Jesus  
Christ our Lord?

Some indicate that in the bible, slavery is condoned.  
But the message is not to the slaver, but to the one who finds that his life and labors  
are 'owned.'

What other god lifts up the lowly, and says however you treat these of meager human  
worth.

So you are treating me. And he turns to them and says: You will inherit the earth!

Perception of History and Science vs. the Truth

Can the Earth stand still and the sun stop in the sky?  
Can waters part and heap up? a common skeptic cry.

Did Christ actually exist, and if he did was there any cross?  
Could anyone calm the tempest waters which turn and toss?

How could any be immune to poison, or the venom of the asp?  
How could physical healing occur from a simple faithful clasp?

Was the Earth created in one-hundred and forty four hours?  
Could any be so endowed with such supernatural powers?

These are valid questions and the Christian must respond.  
With valid answers – for the morning of apologetic truth hath dawned.

The types of the responses are broad and all of them legit.  
Faith is one, but there are many others which reason may permit.

A second is that the truth of the account lies primarily in the underlying message.  
Just like the parables of Christ, or as a prophecy – a sign of what shall presage,

Some later event. You see there are many layers of truth the text may immerse.  
Not each of which is on the surface of each and every verse.

That said, there is sufficient logic to prove the existence of a Creator.  
And given that He exists why would we expect him to be nothing more than a debater.

If you confess that He has the power to speak the whole universe into existence.  
Why would you treat the accounts of other miracles with resistance?

Well what is this proof of which I speak.  
The most obvious is in each strand of DNA unique.

A million monkeys, at a million typewriters, would require a million-billion years  
Until a brief Shakespearean quote even once appears.

The hundreds of enzymes which are required for the formation of DNA  
Are billions of times longer, more complex, and random than this unlikely monkey  
play...

The possibility of it coming together randomly is said to be one in ten with forty  
thousand zeros  
Mathematically 'impossible' is anything with a likelihood of less than one in ten with  
fifty zeros

So it is wildly beyond the imagination, that life by itself could ever unfold.  
Whether the universe is six thousand or fifteen billion years old.

Therefore who has the more irrational belief and who follows the straighter path.  
He who accepts that there is a creator, or he who insists on this infinitely remote math.

And a simple question in response to those who says it is impossible to know:  
Just how do they know that this is so?

An atheist once quipped that if one day he meets God his defense would be,  
That he just wasn't given enough evidence to clearly see.

But evidence is sufficient and there is even more upon request.  
For when we knock with a truly open heart, God does the rest.

Another atheist once said that he wanted God to be a lie.  
For then he would be free to pursue every dark perversion of his heart.

So if after you contemplate the evidence in favor of Jesus Christ  
You still have 'doubt, ' then I would suggest that it is sin which has enticed

Your heart into the utopian conviction imagined by John Lennon.  
With no God, no law or religion, and neither Hell nor Heaven.

"Isn't it all just a walk on slippery rocks or a smile on a dog? "  
The Crow sings as it sits upon Camus' dead and fallen log.

"I'm not aware of too many things  
I know what I know, if you know what I mean"

That's why Jesus declared that even if a dead man rose from the grave and went to his  
brothers  
It would not be enough for them, if they had already ignored the prophecy of many  
others.

So though it may be as plain as day, not all will accept the truth with ease.

For it is not through seeing that one believes, but through believing that one sees.

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## **Amen Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali**

In honor of Anglican Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali's recent comments on the welcomeness of everyone in the church (including homosexuals), but the necessity of repentance from the sin (including homosexuality) I am re-publishing The Unsavory Salt Pillar Parade.

For anyone who is unclear, 1st Cor. 6: 9 states that homosexuals will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

A letter to the UCC, the Presbyterian, and Episcopal Churches sent on Pentecost 2006 based on Leviticus 18, 20, Matthew 19, 1st Corinthians 6, 1st Timothy 1, Romans 1, Genesis 19.

Behold, the confused and sorry people of Sodom,  
Profaning matrimony with heart, and tongue, and bottom,  
Spreading the abomination of those who taught 'em.  
Join the repentance of all other sinners in this end-times autumn!

We have all been sinners in some respect,  
So it is not only you who must reflect,  
We all have some tragic pre-disposition to reject  
God's happy law, and from our redemption disconnect.

Both through nature and through nurture some succumb to greed.  
Others bear a curse of violence; some apathetically ignore their neighbor's plead.  
Some have slothful, gluttonous, and promiscuous demons perverting them from normal need.  
Let us all discover God's love and plan, and from the bond of sin be freed.

It is not the repentant sinner that God hates.  
It is the spread and promotion of evil the action inflates.  
In pretending that sin is right, the soul degenerates.  
Love demands the warning of our neighbor from entering Beliar's estates.

The freedom to go on sinning is a pit, hypnotic, imaginary, and fake.  
It is a blinding hood, a shackle. Let us help each other make a prison break.  
God calls us to help each other avoid the traps of evil mistake  
There is a better happier way: the Lord calls us to awake.

To be proud of sin is to claim one's sentence, shunning Jesus' acquittal.  
For what makes righteousness can never change, not even jot or tittle.  
To demand acceptance of the sin by God and law is like abhorrent spittle  
Who are we to second-guess the Lord, and demand from Him admittance?

The experience of sin, in and of itself, can be overcome.  
But, inviting, and causing others to sin is the reckless wrong of some.  
It is the work of subversive evil minions, and let all faithful not be deaf and dumb.  
We cannot let the bride of Christ, the church, be conquered and succumb.

For how will sinners know to repent, and in the blood of savior bath,  
If even the church spreads lies, losing the blessings it had had.  
For whosoever sins and leads others down a hopeless futile path.  
Will be the least in Heaven at best, and risk Almighty wrath.

For man is not judged and condemned by man, but by his own action and word.  
To think modern man, either strong or meek, could justify the wrong is absurd  
End thy denial, come to the light, profess the truth, let the good news be heard.  
Freedom is there for the taking in the law, the love, the spirit, and the Word.

Guard against the yeasty sin infection – so we do not spread the affliction  
Allowing it to fester – promoting it – it is simply contradiction.  
The church's faith in marketing apostasy to fill pews is a dangerous addiction.  
Let us not allow anyone to betray our savior's crucifixion.

Have we forgotten that something better than sin does await?  
God has the strength to heal, and the reward is happy, perfect, and great.  
Men and Women, do not fear or shun each other. Be patient, trust, respect, and wait.  
For in the beginning.....God made Man and Wife: eternal loving mate.

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## **Arc Immanuel Enters Jerusalem (and Reprise)**

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obbededom  
With great gladness and rejoicing into the city of David – capital of His kingdom.

And he sacrificed oxen and fatlings when the ark bearers had gone about a rod.  
And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing just a little linen ephod.

So David brought up the ark of the Lord with all the house of Israel on parade  
They were shouting and with the sound of the trumpets sang a joyful serenade.

And as the ark of the Lord came into the city, Michal his wife looked down from the  
tower,  
Seeing the leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised David, and her heart  
turned sour.

And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in his place, in the midst of the  
tabernacle.  
And David sent great offerings to the Lord in smoke, and flame, and crackle.

And as David finished he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts as a sign.  
And he distributed among all the people - both women and men, flesh, and bread, and  
wine.

So all the people departed and David returned to bless his own, and Michal came out to  
greet.  
How glorious was the king of Israel, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the  
handmaids on the street.

In front of the young girls and the servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly  
streaks and flashes!  
It was before the Lord, who chose me in place of your father, and in front of all Israel,  
that I burn oblation ashes.

Therefore will I play before the Lord, And if this to you is repugnant, yet I will be even  
more vile  
I will be base in mine own sight; but the maidservants shall hold me in honor, in spite  
of your guile.  
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And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage,  
Unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, as to stage.

Go into the village over against you, and ye shall find an ass and colt.  
Loose them, and bring them to me. If any man say ought to you, do not bolt.

Ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.  
All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet

Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh down from the knoll.  
Meek sitting upon an ass with a colt which is the asses foal.

And the disciples went, And brought and set him on the colt and ass  
And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way for the Lord to pass.

Others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way – a parade of palm.

And the multitudes marching before and behind cried, praises and joyous psalm.

Hosanna to the son of David: Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna!  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna!

And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, and gathereth.  
Who is it? This is the prophet of Galilee, Jesus of Nazareth

And Jesus went into the temple and cast out all the vendors. With whips and shoves  
He overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves

It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer;  
But ye have made it a den of thieves, a brigands lair.

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple and they were saved.  
And the children singing Hosanna to the son of David;

And when the chief priests and scribes saw  
The wonderful things that he did they were sore displeased – Hem and haw.

Hearst thou what these say? Stop this childish craze.  
Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected  
praise?

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## **Boycotting Pepsi - the Modern Idol Meat**

Pepsico gives millions to gay political activism. Please don't contribute to their corruption of society by purchasing their products. If you own shares, please participate in the proxy vote item # 6.  
<http://www.afa.net/pepsicoproxy.html>

If the ethical behavior of a company isn't regulated or considered legislatable. If the CEO sees only profit as his job, the role of fiduciary being insurmountable. Then we must hold ourselves as investors and customers, as finally accountable.

Many think of a company as a distinct, impersonal abstract entity. But it is just a collection of people, and it's behavior just an extension of society. So how do we ensure that companies behave with virtue and responsibility?

Indeed many groups already have bent the corporate will to their cause. Punishing companies at the store who fail to support their views and justify their flaws. And every customer, to some extent subsidizes it, let this give every Christian pause.

What can be done? For isn't consumer or investor activism a futile waste of time? Standing up for what is right is never wrong, let no one think of a boycott as a crime. Insist your mutual funds vote their shares for corporate virtue, investing not a dime.

We have a putative choice, and are not compelled to render our resources to the beast. But when we choose to ignore or reward the misdeeds of companies, how can we be released?  
The chains of sin have been cut off, but can we be blind to how our brother's guilt increased?

So buy not the idol meat: products which fund the promotion of deviant iniquity. Nor use the services of companies which fund the beast with proud ubiquity. And finance not their works with either loan or bond or equity.

Only when the loss of sales or cost of capital causes companies to lament Will the shareholder and consumer demands be heard for companies to repent. But until such day, have a clear conscience, and contribute not a single red cent.

Indeed, it is not the product, security, or meat which commends or defiles. It is the indirect support for apostasy, rendered on exchanges and in shopping aisles, Especially for companies which stand in the service of him who beguiles.

For you cannot drink the cup of both the Lord and the Devil. Yea, the proliferation of the unholy communion has reached an unprecedented level. So let what you consume and invest in give God glory and cause to revel.

Jesus Christ, through both of the Great Evangelists Paul and John exhort his followers to avoid consuming product and participating with organizations which promote apostate views.

In the letter to Thyatira, John tells us that the policy of the (false Christian) priestess Jezebel is an abomination. She was telling Christians that it was o.k. to trade, do business with, and interact with the local guilds and businesses which were in turn using their organizations for the glory of sexual immorality and idolatry.

In the second letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us that engaging in commerce with such businesses, is harmful, because it leads to the temptation and fall of our fellow man.

That is exactly the case with companies such as Pepsi who are worshipping the idol of homosexuality in their multimillion dollar sponsorship and promotion of gay-pride events, programming, and political activism. This action has the direct effect of encouraging this lifestyle which is by definition unrepentant, and shunning the grace of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, let Christians not defile themselves with companies such as Pepsi which are indeed the modern day 'Jezebels'.

By the way, Pepsi owns Mountain Dew, KFC, Taco Bell, Aquafina, Tropicana, Lipton, SoBe, Sierra Mist, Dole, Gatorade, Quaker Oats, Doritos, Cheetos, and Frito Lay - please avoid these products.

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## **Brazen Serpent (The Symbol of Our Curse)**

We have murmured against the Lord,  
'Why have you brought us to death in the wilderness?' we cried.  
And the Lord chastens us having sent fiery  
serpents to bite us, and many of us have died.

Moses, pray before the Lord that he take  
these serpents away, remove thy rebuke.  
(God) Make a brazen fiery serpent and set it on a pole  
and raise it up for all to look.

And it shall come to pass that anyone  
to whom a sting the serpent give.  
If he looks upon this symbol of  
rebuke and deliverance, He shall live.

(Christ)  
As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,  
even so must the Son of man be lifted up, even on a cross  
That whosoever believeth in him should have  
eternal life and not perish as the dust and dross.

For God so loved the world, he gave his only  
begotten Son, that all who believe in him should never perish  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn,  
but that through him, He might save and cherish.

He that believeth on the Son is not condemned to death:  
else his soul-corpse is already rotten.  
Because he hath not believed in the  
name of the only Son of God-begotten.

This is the condemnation, that light  
came into the world – for many an upheaval.  
But men loved darkness rather than light,  
because their deeds were evil.

For every one that doeth evil hates the light,  
and seeks that it be removed.  
Neither he cometh to the light,  
lest his deeds should be reprov'd

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## **Butterfly-Psyche Come Forth**

(Try this one on open-mike night!)

You were 'psyche' to the ancient greek  
Like the spirit, transcendant yet meek  
Let His Holy Spirit Speak  
To every humble Butterfly unique

The Aztec-Papalotl  
Slovakian-Motyl  
Swedish-Fjaril  
and Danish-Sommerfugl

Buuja-buuja or gawarli-warli  
Man-man and mali-mali,  
Konkoniyang and karlipilhi  
All banjalahm's of the Aborigini

Bushman-Dhad'hama  
Cherokee-Kamama  
Every Malay-Ramarama  
And the Tiwanese Ya-a

Catalonian-Paloma  
Sinhala-Samanalaya  
Persian-Parvanah  
Mauritanian-Bedelallah

The Tamil-Pattampucci  
Masai-Osampurumpuri  
Dyari-Karlipilhi  
Navaho-K'aalogii

Lesotho-Serurubela  
Welsh-Bilibala  
Lao- Maingkabula  
Yoruban-Labalaba

Cebuano-Alibangbang  
Zulu-Ijubajubane  
Ilocano-Kulibangbang  
WikMungkan-Konkoniyang

Bantu-PhaPharati  
Bangla-Prajapati  
Lithuanian-Petelishke  
And all the Hopi-Masivie

Palauan-Bangikoi  
French - Papillon  
Melanesian-Bataplai  
And Every English-Butterfly

Come Congo-BuluBulu  
Japanese-ChouChou  
Bolivian- Pilpintu  
and Swahili-Kungu Urumu

Angolan-Onanga  
Telegu-Chiluka  
Surinam- Kaperka  
Nigerian-Olookolombooka

Ghanan-Afafranto  
Amharric-Birraborro  
Patois-Zanimo  
Kokani-Pakho

Arabian-Farasha  
Basque a Shimeleta  
Volvoreta in Galicia  
Bemban Icipelebesha

Finnish-Perhonen  
Mandingo-Vrievran  
Jacaltec -Nam and  
The Gaelic- Follican

Nipwisipwis of the Trukese  
Kalidungudungul of Paiwanese  
Woodeep of the Cantonese  
And Kenyan-Eporiporit, Please!

Listen all you Thai-PiSugnya  
Mandarin-HuDyeh  
Brazilian-Barboleta  
and Greek-Petalouda

The Guineen-Pucharlar  
Hebraic-ParPar  
Croatian-Leptir  
and Dutch-Vlinder

Come all you Scottish Dealande  
and Korean Nabi-Nabi  
Armenian-Teeternig  
German-Schmetterling

Inupiak-Taqalukisaq  
Ukranian-Metelek  
Sumatran-Angiak  
Kurdish- Pürpürük

Hungarian-Pillangó  
Tagalog-Paruparó

Swahili-Kipepeo and Frisian-Filfaloo  
And Every Cornish Tykky-dew

Kongo-Lumpungu Mpungu  
Indonesian-Kupu-kupu  
Paiote-Tsoapu  
Croat Stil-u-plivanju

Asturian-Pumarina  
Brazilian-Borboleta  
Macedonian-Peperuga  
And Spanish Mariposa

Russian B&#1072; b&#1086; chk&#1072; and Urdu-Titly  
Each and every Hindi-Thithily  
All Romansch-Tgiralla  
Every Italian-Farfalla

And Little Turkik Kelebek  
Let's bear His cross upon our back  
Christ cares for every butterfly and filfaloo.  
How much more will He care for you?

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## **Caligula, Death is Dead**

O'Neil mused 'When threatened by the pagan armies, Lazarus laughed and said  
Ha Ha! Haven't you heard Caligula, Death is Dead, Death is Dead! '

In the earliest days of the church wrote Justin the Apologist and Martyr  
"We refrain from making war on our enemies" in his Christian charter

"We cannot bear to see a man killed, even if killed justly."  
How can the nature of war be explained more robustly?

Clement of Alexandria wrote less than two centuries from the cross  
"He who holds the sword must cast it away (and not mourn the loss)

"If one of the (Christian) faithful enlists as a soldier.  
He must be rejected, for he has scorned God." (This violence indulger) .

Not long after Tertullian explained that when by Christ, Peter was disarmed  
Every other man-at-arms was prohibited from causing carnal harm.

How can we kill another human being for whom Jesus died?  
'I'm told Jesus loves you, but you are on the other side.'

'You may have been made in the image of God, but I have my orders'  
Who is the drummer who marches you out to defend his beloved borders?

The old covenant proscribed murder, and adultery, yet permitted divorce  
But Christ raised the bar to ban any unfaithful, angry, or lustful course.

The old covenant calls for Judgement, yet Mercy is Christ's transcendent standard.  
So let not our Prince of Peace's "Love Your Enemy" be blasphemed or slandered.

Augustine and Aquinas were wrong to justify war for the laity,  
While only the "holy" were to behave with peaceful amity.

For all true Christians are holy; and we don't just worship at a temple.  
For the true temple is carried within every Christian heart and temple.

Death is Dead Caligula, Death is Dead!

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## **Can a Secular Institution (or Person) Be Entrusted with a Christian Oeuvre?**

Christian architects and artisans of another era,  
Great monuments to Christ, their hearts and souls consigned  
Their soul desire - to convey the Gospel to mankind.  
To pilgrims they were far-away, but are we any nearer?

True the mighty bishops of the day saw fit to display their relics.  
But people came not to see old bones, but to learn and atone.  
And now we go to see the truth depicted in glass and stone.  
We see the Gospel rendered with loving hands, great crafts angelic.

But many curators seem intent on dismissing the message.  
Guides focusing on secular events, technique, or engineering genius.  
Atheists masquerading as experts and misdirecting the pious.  
What foreboding end does this presage?

When we take our children to see a Cathedral or an exhibition.  
We want to focus on God's word as other Christians have conveyed.  
Let not the truth in mosaic or painting be glossed over or betrayed.  
Am I being too harsh by calling attention to this sedition?

When I look at a cathedral or a canvass what do I see?  
Not impressive columns, or that which would make a mason proud.  
Not someone's tomb, but the parables which Christ endowed.  
Honor the creators by using, as they intended, the opportunity:

When standing in the presence of an image of Peter catching fish  
Convey - yes teach - the Evangelical Commission of the Church.  
We are to spread truth to everyone - that they may find who search.  
The harvest is great yet reapers few, don't neglect His parting wish.

To the Tour Guides and Curators at St. Izak's, Spilled Blood,  
the Hermitage Museum, and everywhere a Christian work of art exists.

Daniel Partlow

## **Cato's Liberty, or Christ's?**

Cato, it is always time to profess Truth,  
For therein lies our liberty  
For when we forget our Apology,  
We port the chains of spiritual poverty.

Telling the Christian  
To discard the "Ought",  
Is treasonous to the Good News  
For which so many fought.

Is our war one  
Which is waged with carnal blade?  
Indeed this is the assertion  
Which Augustine made.

But it is also denied  
Point blank, by the tentmaker Paul.  
Who set down his sword,  
To accept Jesus's call.

And James  
Forswears the human blood lust  
In favor of placing  
In our Savior, an all-embracing trust

Indeed, our war is waged  
Not with grenade or gun.  
It is only with the true Word  
That our battle will be won.

So let us never run from the true field  
On which His fight is fought.  
In the hearts and minds of all men  
Where we profess and defend the 'ought'

His conquest does not ride  
On a river of enemy blood  
But on His own – spilled from  
His own side – reddening the mud.

Let us serve our enemies  
Not a bullet or a blade  
But a cupful of salvation  
The Sacrament of the Sacrifice He made.

Yes Lord, You have given me liberty  
So too give my sinful will death  
To preserve my eternal spirit  
With your life giving breath.

And let me carry your message  
To the ends of the earth

That others may die-to-self  
And be born a new birth.

Daniel Partlow

## Caution to the Bear which Craves A Caucasian Honey Flower

Black is the sea, and red is mountain pass  
The flowers bend before the bear of boldness and boasting  
Out of hibernation, he longs to break his fast  
And ambles past the international border posting.

Is Abkhazia the Modern Day Alsace?  
Is Tshinvali the Schleswig-Holstein?  
Georgian Honeysuckle is fragrant but alas  
Her berries are filled with poisonous xylostein.

...Prowling medved (ev) , let this madness pass.  
The mountains are in flames, and Gori is roasting.  
Why create another sticky Caucasian morass?  
While your first minister is off in China toasting.

### Update 1:

Although I wrote this poem based on the interpretation of events in Georgia portrayed in the media, Russia's explanations are not unreasonable (in my mind) . Russia had been in S. Ossetia and Abkhazia at the request and defense of those peoples. Georgia was the initial aggressor (albeit on it's own soil) in the latest conflict. But the fact that over 30,000 refugees have fled North to Russia from S. Ossetia implies that they are fleeing their own government. Russia also claims they will supply ample evidence of Georgia's aggression.

But if that's all, then one would think Russia would not go beyond the Sudetenland - I mean S. Ossetia.

But since there can be no direct military confrontation between Russia and the U.S., it would not seem prudent for Sakashvili to have sparked this conflict. That said, I hope the U.S. and Europe will do all they can diplomatically to restore peace to the Black Sea.

Sakashvili may be the trouble maker Moscow perceives him to be, but he is also the democratically elected president which they can't just remove by force. I also think that if Russia expects the U.S. to play by the rules (of U.N. Resolutions) then they should play by those same rules.

Indeed, perhaps this points to some larger need for a standard international protocol for minority regions to secede from their host countries under certain conditions. Somehow I don't see that as being too popular with any of the security council members.

### Update 2:

With the passage of another week and the Russians still in Georgia proper I begin to wonder if they have any intention of living up to their word.

One interesting side effect of this is that it would make it much more awkward for America to execute some kind of unsanctioned attack or invasion of Iran after condemning the Russians for their unsanctioned offensive in Georgia. I wouldn't be surprised if that was part of Russia's reasoning.

But if Russia was thinking through all the tangential effects, I just wonder if they really

considered the economic ramifications of the increased country risk premium they must now pay in the capital markets.

Daniel Partlow

## **Chinaphas Seeks Hexie Shehui (China)**

Should not a few die to save the whole nation?  
Chinaphas once said in his Tiananmen observations.

Should not one man die rather than an entire tribe?  
Caiaphas once said as he paid Judas Iscariot his bribe.

Well one man has died and it should have been enough.  
No one else in the world ever need meet a fate so rough.

When will the ever mighty land of Lao and Tzu and Mao,  
Accept the Three-in-One redemption of Jesus Christ, the one true Tao?

Open your eyes and ears and hearts to His message of peace and love.  
And meet all his messengers with open arms, not suspicious shove.

For the true follower seeks not to undermine thy soul.  
But to serve as lighthouse, that soul-ships may avoid the wretched shoal.

God has blessed your land with a great multitude of people.  
Look to Him now and let every hand worship Him from wall and roof and steeple.

The Party has now repented of the Marxist desecrations  
But return not to the black dragon or Buddhist abominations

Christ is the only true Tao, the only path to societal harmony.  
So search the Gospel now, and at last you will find eternal hexie shehui.

hexie shehui: societal harmony (China's communist party recently approved of religion  
as a mechanism for obtaining it - ending decades of official atheism) .

Dedicated to the Over One-Hundred Million Chinese Christians.

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## **Christ's Unique Message: Love Your Enemy (no other religion says this)**

Peniel Part 1:

The armies are amassing – but the Lord withholds his breath.  
The prince of peace defends, but will we finally accept the lesson of his suffering and death?

The horsemen are called out - their mounts are ready and freshly shod.  
Jacob, we grab and grapple with each other as you once did with Esau and the 'Face of God'.

'The fate of the soldier caste is to fight Arjuna, for their death is pre-ordained.  
On the battlefield at Kurukshetra, the false god Krishna once explained.

The Sikh Guru instructs his forces that when words do not avail  
'Draw the sword and with flash of steel, thy enemy impale.'

'War is ordained by Allah so kill the unbelievers wherever you may find them.'  
The Ayatollahs marshal their forces and in murderous lies they bind them.

Oh Ishmael, you champion archer, what is the value of all the arms and quarrels in  
your quiver?  
When will you seek the true quarry whose blood doth eternal soul deliver?

And, though some Buddhists eschew violence – neither love will they show.  
'He who loves 50 has just as many a woe.'

But the Baptist commands the soldier differently – 'You shall harm no one.'  
And in many ways this law of peace is confirmed by God's only Son.

For how can an enemy be attacked and killed,  
When we are all to love him with Holy Spirit filled?

How can enemy blood be spilled when Christ doth decree,  
"Whatever you do, even unto the least, you do even unto me? "

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Although many religions have moral codes - no other religion has Christ's unique  
message of peace and love for ALL.

See also War... Parts 2-7

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## **Claim Your Ministry**

I ask myself, what's the point of all that I've learned?  
It's moot if I don't use it to help those whom others have spurned.  
But what can I do? A question repeated and churned.  
What is my mission? I prayed, pondered, and turned  
Why not plant the new seed of true blessings unearned;  
In the scorched earth of the forests that Satan has burned?  
Sharing the gifts God granted to me when He saw my heart yearned.

Start small, one verse or a comment to one person per day.  
One word of the true kindness of Christ, at work or at play.  
For someone as shy and retiring as I – It's not hard to delay.  
But once you get started, He grants momentum, and clears the way.  
And a little more resolve, that you don't go astray.  
A single act becomes many, a clear purpose replaces the grey.  
And His kingdom is come as you make great headway!

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## **Creation Happened - Don't Be Distracted By Symantics**

Creation happened, that's obvious – but how?  
God formed us of the same stuff as a cow?

Both say yes, but there is a difference in the symantics.  
Now how could this cause such Fundamental & Atheist antics?

Is our faith so tenuous that we have some conditional reliance  
Upon every pronouncement of the false god's of science?

On the one hand...

We know God spoke in Euphemism and Parable.  
Christ revealing truths through imagery comparable.

On the other...

Any theist would admit that beyond doubt God could  
Create it all in moments whisper, and then decree it good.

On the one hand...

All the Bible's verses are true in one or more ways.  
But it isn't always on the surface, visible to any passing gaze.

The story of the Sower told to the crowds is one such example.  
To understand it, even the disciples needed explanations ample.

The truth of the Bible comes in many forms  
History, Prophecy, Wisdom, Praise, and Ethical norms.

So, the truth of the bible is not denied,  
Indeed, let no one claim that Moses ever lied,

By considering creation as true ethically, or symbolically.  
Indeed it is true, but maybe speaking to us prophetically.

On the other...

The truth can be multilayered at the same time:  
As history and prophecy and true wisdom so sublime.

Perhaps creation was more nuanced than ancient Hebrew could capture.  
Perhaps it is a coded description of some future type of rapture.

The point is – don't let science become a stumbling block.  
Guard your faith against the deceiver's heretical talk.

Mixing science with lies may make a potent poisoned cocktail.  
And drinking it may cause some to allow their faith to fail.

Such mysteries may be beyond our mental scope.  
So, let not the atheist slay you faith and heart and hope.

So if God spoke the universe into existence  
With a big-bang – a trillion miles in the distance  
Science has no argument and offers no real resistance,  
To my faith in His Truth. So what's the difference?

Daniel Partlow

## CT Supreme Court: On Your Gay Marriage Ruling

Based on Psalm 82:

Oh you proud gods in black  
Now you wage your attack  
On the only True Law  
Now your corrupted maw  
And false-whited locks are back

Legislating from the bench  
Using gavel as a wrench  
To open Hell's Pandora box  
Binding souls in Sodom's locks  
Burning Molech's incense: fleshy stench

You gods in white and baby blue  
Mocking purity with thy hue  
Then defiling mother's matrix  
Wielding scalpel, knife, and latex  
Or a deadly devils brew

You gods in crimson power tie  
Who loveth and maketh many a lie  
Steeped in vanity and graft  
You slyly ploy your stately craft  
But should you deny the Lord on high?

You gods in colors of the alma maters  
Pouring toxins in our waters  
Teaching now that sin is not  
And other lies that you have bought  
Deceiving our good sons and daughters.

You gods in blue-chip Armani suit.  
Adopting so much P.C. policy-fruit.  
All best practices were taught  
But you choose to let them rot.  
You care for nothing but thy loot.

You gods in green and Marxist red.  
The ground you tread is strewn with dead  
Check that thy priority  
Is good for all humanity  
Not just thy vanity instead.

You gods who claim the color purple  
Throw thy stone and watch the ripple.  
When for popularity  
You fan our lust iniquity  
Action and consequence uncouple.

You gods in earthy camouflage  
The peace you seek is a mirage

If the means to it requires  
Violent quagmires.  
Thy priorities need triage.

You gods with Napoleonic crowns of gold  
So ambitious, proud, self-made, and bold.  
Let a little introspection  
And humble reflection  
Return you to the Shepherd of the fold

You gods of yellow journalism  
O'er pages and waves flinging jism  
Your prism distorts truth and light  
When you portray the wrong as right  
How will you spin your coming cataclysm?

You proud and mighty Justices are blind  
To The Law of His Perfect Holy Mind  
And with your darkened view  
Woe is what you imbue  
When Holy Truth is maligned.

But God stands in this congregation of the proud.  
And He judges you gods of rainbow shroud.  
How long will ye subvert true laws,  
Promoting all thy wicked cause?  
Won't you defend our children from Satan's crowd?

Do justice to the afflicted, poor, and needy.  
Deliver them from the hand of perverse and greedy.  
But alas, you do not now nor ever will you.  
You walk blindly, doth the darkness fill you.  
Thy lot be cast, thy pact is made: an unholy treaty.

Ohh, society is knocked off it's foundation  
When His constitution causes such consternation.  
Ye mighty gods are children of the haughty  
But ye shall die like the proud and naughty\*\*  
Arise, O God, judge the earth, and inherit every nation.

\*\*Neither this poem nor psalm 82 advocate violence. This poem paraphrases Ps 82: 7 in observing that unjust people in positions of power (not just the legal profession) will reap their due wage on judgement day. In Deuteronomy 32 & Hebrews 10 the Lord makes it clear that it is His responsibility and not that of man.

Daniel Partlow

## **Defending the Christian World View (The Charger and the Ostrich)**

A coherent and rational world view is unique in Jesus Christ.  
But there are many who have clearly been enticed

Into thinking that other paths offer a better world view.  
This happens when people are in ignorance of what is really True.

God has not made us like the Grasshopper who quickly fears and flies  
He has given us a spirit of strength, that unto challengers we may rise.

Oh the ostrich is hardened against the young as though they were not hers  
Because God has deprived her of wisdom, she despises it with curses and slurs

Her labour is in vain without fear of the Lord and as she lifts up herself on high  
She scorns the horse and rider and with darkened philosophy attempts to deny.

But she did not give the horse his strength, nor did she clothe his neck with thunder  
She cannot make him afraid, she cannot tear his confidence asunder.

For the glory of his nostrils is terrible, He trots through every valley  
He rejoices at his strength of his conviction and meets the enemy in their darkened  
alley

He laughs at fear, and is not afraid nor does he turn back from their sword  
Their quivers and glittering spears rattle against him, but he stands by the Lord.

He swallows the ground with fierceness and rage ignoring the enemy's horns  
Neighing at the trumpets he follows the smells of battle, Truth is the shield he adorns.

So study the Word of God and understand the consistency of the Christian world view.  
And then boldly go out to meet the enemy – and know that God will be with you.

Now, Augustine left Christ for a lack of rational explanations.  
Drawn to Manichees thought for their intellectual preparations.

But Ambrose brought him back into the Christian flock  
By meeting his questions with patience and holy-rational talk.

You see Christ is Truth, but that's much more than dogmatism lead.  
As the Pharisees whose grasp of God's wisdom had gone dead.

God deserves our worship without question, but let's remember why.  
That we may counter the accusations of those who would deny.

Peter said to 'set Christ apart as Lord in your hearts and readily confess  
Be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you possess'

Yet do it with gentle courtesy and respect, keeping a good conscience and name,  
So that those who slander your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

Isaiah says, 'Unless you have believed you will not understand.'  
So since we do, let's be ready with His reason, that His kingdom may expand.

Paul says he wasn't sent to baptize, but to teach the good news  
But not with words of human wisdom that the philosophers might use.

This, he says, would empty the cross of Christ of its power.  
For the cross is foolishness to those who still in darkness cower.

But it is the power of God, that we who are being saved, realize  
For Isaiah writes 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

The intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.  
...Go on, Blind yourselves Be blind and apostate;

You become drunk and stagger, but not with booze.  
For the Lord has poured out a spirit which causes you to snooze.'

He has shut the eyes of you philosophers and seers will not look.  
The entire vision will be to you like the words of a sealed book

When given to the literate, saying, 'Please read God's truth revealed'  
They will respond 'I cannot, for to me it is sealed.'

Then to the illiterate the book will be offered 'Please read this.'  
And he will say, 'I cannot read.' (Meaning ignorance is bliss) "

But it isn't meant to always end with this unhappy ending.  
Let us pray that someday, God will bless them, His holy spirit sending.

For unlike those whose worship was confined to rote script.  
True worship involves calling lost home from their bondage in Egypt.

Let our actions be our worship and the holy-spirit be our shielding word.  
That such condemnation from our Lord will not some day be heard:

"Though this people may draw near with their words learned by rote,  
They may honor Me with lip service, some grumblings from the throat.

But their hearts are far removed. Their reverence for Me consists of their tradition  
So behold, I will deal marvelously with this people so free of inhibition

The wisdom of your wise men will be repealed  
And the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed.

Woe to those who deeply hide their plans Jesus  
And in darkness say 'Who knows us? 'Who sees us? '

Like the ostrich whose head and eggs are in the sand  
Your logic is inverted and deprived of what others understand

Can you put fear into a brave charger that I embolden every day?  
Shall the Potter ever be considered equal to the clay?

"Shall the pot say of its maker 'He did not make me, He has no comprehension'?"

What underlies these blasphemies might be a cry for help or attention."

So Paul encourages: Where is the wise man? The scholar? The philosopher of this age?  
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the existential sage?

With the wisdom of God with you, who could stand against?  
The deceivers have no understanding of the feelings that they've sensed.

For since the world through its wisdom did not know that they were deceived  
He was pleased through the irony of what was preached to save those who believed.

Some may demand miraculous signs and others look for rationalizations  
But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block and foolishness to the nations

But to those God calls, His foolishness is wiser than any human light  
And the weakness of God is stronger than any man's might.

Brothers, think of what you were before you found God's treasure  
Not many were influential or noble, or were wise by human measure;

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise;  
God chose the weaklings of the world to shame the stronger guys.

He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised  
The things that were rejected, to nullify the things that are prized.

So that no one may boast before Him of his own accord.  
It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus: the wisdom from Lord

"But let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me,  
That I am the Lord who exercises loving kindness over thee

My justice and righteousness over all the earth rings  
For I delight in these things'

Based on  
Isaiah 29  
Jerimiah 9  
1st Corinthians 1-2  
1st Peter 3 &  
Job 39

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## Defiling B.Sheba & Murdering her Husband

And in the spring, when kings go forth to battle,  
David sent out his army to destroy and besiege.  
So General Joab took Ammon, and attacked Rabbah.  
But he was not joined by his King and liege.

And it came to pass at evening tide, that David arose from bed,  
and upon the roof he strolled  
And from his vantage saw a woman bathing;  
she was very beautiful - an angel to behold.

Who? !            Is not this Bathsheba,  
the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?  
There is no other on earth with the beauty  
of this rare radiant maiden. Bring me her tonight.

And she came to him clean and pure;  
then he lay with her; and sent her home defiled.  
And the woman conceived, and sent to David,  
Behold, I bear your child.

Go to Joab, saying,  
Send me Uriah the Hittite.  
Go now and send him  
back to me this very night!

Uriah, how prospers the war -  
who have you and Joab beat?  
Go down to your house, wash your feet,  
Take a rest - I shall send you a roasted meat.

But Uriah slept at the king's door  
with all the servants, and went not to his house.  
Camest you not from battle?  
Why not go down to warm thy bed and spouse?

The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents;  
My Lord Joab, and your servants, all at war risking life.  
My men are encamped in the open fields;  
shall I then go into my house, eat and drink, and lie with my wife?

As you livest,  
and as thy soul liveth,  
Such a thing I can not do,  
no matter who shall giveth.

Tarry here today, and tomorrow I will let you depart.  
So he feasted and drank with him; and made Uriah drunk  
But at evening he went not to his house,  
but to the servants of his Lord and made his bunk.

And in the morning, David wrote a letter to Joab,  
and sent it by Uriah's own hand.

Set ye Uriah in the front of hot battle and retire from him,  
that alone at the front shall he stand.

And it came to pass, that Joab assigned Uriah  
a place where he knew the enemy was valiant.  
And there fell some servants of David  
including Uriah, the Hittite, the Gallant.

And when Bathsheeba heard her husband had died,  
greatly for Uriah did she mourn  
Then, David sent and fetched her,  
she became his wife, and a son was born.

But the selfish iniquity  
that David had done,  
Displeased the Lord,  
So he took his son.

David, There were two neighbors; one was rich  
and idle, the other poor but true, with little in his pot.  
The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds:  
But the poor had nearly naught

Nothing, save a little lamb, which he had bought and nourished;  
he raised it with his daughter;  
It ate from his table, drank from his cup, lay in his bosom,  
indeed, he could never slaughter.

And there came a traveler unto the rich man,  
who spared his own herd and flock,  
But to feed this guest he took the poor man's only lamb,  
he took his only stock.

As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this  
shall surely die and be thrown outside the city  
And he shall restore the lamb fourfold,  
because he sinned and had no pity.

You art the man David, Thus saith God,  
I anointed you king over all towns, pastures, and farms Israeli  
I delivered you out of the hand of Saul and gave you  
all his wives into your arms, his house and bailey.

I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah;  
and if that had been too little,  
I would have given unto you great possessions –  
a feast with every taste and victual.

You despised the commandment of the Lord,  
to do evil in his sight by taking life.  
You have killed the Hittite with a sword,  
but have taken his to be your wife,

You have slain Uriah  
using the children of Ammon as a sword.  
Now it shall never depart from your house,  
for you despised me, saith the Lord

Behold, I will raise up evil against you before your eyes,  
from your own house take your wives,  
I'll give them to your neighbor. In the sight of sun  
with them is he, while you remain in fettered gyves.

For you performed your sin in  
dark secrecy and hidden shame.  
But I will do this thing before all  
and in the light of heavenly flame.

I have sinned against the Lord.  
But He also hath put away your sin; indeed, you shall not die.  
Howbeit, by this deed you have given  
great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme and deny

For your sins, the child that is born unto you shall die  
taking ill almost from his birth.  
David therefore besought God for the child;  
fasted, and lay all night upon barren earth...

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## **Divorce - Another Matter of Course (The Storm Brews)**

Why has Divorce  
Become such a matter of course?  
Currents of unyielding force  
Deep is thy chaotic course...  
    Thy plutonian source.

Why would we willingly break  
Our families and sacrament forsake?  
In the waters lies a cavernous intake  
Named Sin, which leads to Vulcan's lake.  
    The waters of iniquity awake.

Desperate acts come bearing woe,  
When the opening to Sin begins to grow.  
The first sign doth this tempest show:  
The generous trades fail to blow  
    Distraction of el Diablo.

Unrealistic entitlement and want combine.  
In loss of true respect – now all things decline.  
Under the surface, heat builds in thermocline.  
And causes upwellings of hot unhealthy brine.  
    The failing catch is the next ensign.

When loving desire turns to unholy craving  
Then communication turns to rant and raving  
Typhoons and droughts: all climes are misbehaving.  
El Nino entrenched: the atmospheres enslaving...  
    But rescuers are still out there saving.

A man sustains the family with arms and back and soul.  
The wife sustains with many a beautiful and natural role.  
But when cloud defrauds the field it is a dry and dusty bowl.  
Like all the fragrant fruit blossoms the hoarfrost stole.  
    And lovely forests all reduced to coal.

For many of us, the selflessness of 'We'  
Has become the selfishness of 'Me'  
But though a boat untethered from the dock is 'free'  
When the waves and gales come, it is lost at sea.  
    Biffed and wrecked unmercifully.

Because:  
A broken cycle is Pride and hubris  
Conceited Lucifer's superbian fret.  
Frigid storms of ice go to the Envious  
Covetous Leviathan's waters fete.  
A raging fire, choking and sulphurous;  
For perverted Asmodeus's Lusty internet.  
The boiling Greed of debt and avarice

Fraudulent Mammon's casino bet.  
A pit of snakes unto Sloth, apathetic and venomous  
Deceptive Belphegor's television set.  
A meal of rats and toads for the Gluttonous,  
Pushing Beelzebub's addictive cravings whet.  
Dismemberment of all blessed goodness  
Hateful Satan's Wrath doth get.

So take wisdom with thy spouse and mutual charity  
And let thy matrimonial bond be a strong chord of three  
Thou, thy spouse, and God, with vigilant constancy,  
Compassion, duty, humility, love, and sobriety,  
And enjoy thy blissful harmony

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## **Each Generation Is Responsible for the Next**

Each generation is responsible for the next  
To instill respect for the Word which heals and protects

Train, yes, bring up a child in the way that he should go  
Then as older, he will not be blown wherever the storm doth blow

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children unto wrath  
But bring them up in the nurture and admonition of His holy path

For the wrath of man worketh not God's true righteousness.  
So let everyone be swift to hear-slow to speak and slow to wrath-swift to bless.

Lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of that which is naughty and drôle.  
Receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your soul.

Be ye doers of the word, not just hearers and thus deceive yourself  
For if any who is not a doer of the word and puts his faith upon a shelf

He is like a man who sees his natural face in a mirror  
But straight away forgets how he looks – So be a doer not just a hearer.

But whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty, and does what there he reads  
He being not a forgetful hearer, this man shall be blessed in his deeds.

If any man among you seems to be religious, but bridles not his tongue,  
He deceives his own heart, his religion is in vain, a ladder with only broken rung.

Pure religion and to be undefiled before God and the Father is this:  
To care for the fatherless and widows whom others may dismiss.  
To remain unblemished by the world – and lead others to His bliss.

See also: Raising Children of Light

(Prv.22: 6, Eph 6: 4, Jms 1: 27)

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## **Ebonyza Biznis**

Big Biznis, Big Ebonyza Biznis. What an unfaithful mistress.  
Cavorting with Media, Lavishing on Lobby, so inconstant and listless.  
Are you a cold hearted madame or just a good Mam of business?  
Squeezing and wrenching every possible dime, even out of Christmas.

You are hard and sharp as flint - but no steel can strike a generous fire.  
Yet so soft and foul you fit right in with the swine in all their mire.  
Such transient properties suit you well in building your empire.  
How successfully you entice new Johns with your unwholesome attire.

And when another master offers you more, will not your affections change?  
Your services rendered on the floor and in the backrooms of the financial exchange.  
Are you even conscious of the poor? When did your cheating heart estrange?  
Heed the call to 'go and sin no more', for He can still cure your filthy mange.

Big Blue-Chip Ebonyza Biznis, hear the spirits and beware all the damning litmus.  
You old sinner, the chain you forged in the abyss bears against you witness  
Grasping and covetous, your Statements are vague: a mockery of glibness.  
Mankind! Truth, Charity, and Love: Those should have been your business.

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## **Enemies Crushed or Enemies Embraced?**

Many enemies died at their hands  
And Judah bore the standard.  
They took their lands at His commands  
Yet unto idols prayed and pandered.

Exiled to foreign sands these broken bands  
Through wilderness marched and meandered.  
Now His new covenant stands and His tribe expands  
But He has set for us a higher standard.

But more foreign lands, our new king demands  
And His law of peace is slandered.  
Where our enemy now stands on broken lands...  
Let us march out bearing Christ's peaceful loving standard.

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## **Enough! We Don't Need Handguns**

Enough! Is what He said. Have we no trust in His might?  
Did we really think bearing arms was a God given right?  
Turn the other cheek for vengeance is God's right.  
Only then can we celebrate a truly special Saturday Night.

It may be lawful, and it may indeed be just,  
But we can live in confidence, when in God we truly trust.  
Only the weak and fearful, or those with thieving hearts of lust.  
The power to kill your brother – Is this such a must?

No! For God gives us a spirit confident and strong  
Which proceeds not from a metal barrel short or long  
But from the God Eternal to whom we all belong.  
So let us not continue to idolize that which is wrong.

If it can keep a Colt or Beretta out of a killers hands.  
Why not limit access to these deadly brands.  
Let us despise the gun all across our lands.  
Waiting? Tracking? Forsake them altogether as Jesus Christ commands!

No one is an island, separate and insolated from the main  
So send not to know who was the victim, Let me explain:  
When a killer shoots our neighbor we all feel the pain  
Listen to all the gunshots - they toll for thee again.

Hand guns are made for killing, they aren't good for anything else  
And if you like your whiskey you might even shoot yourself.  
So why don't we dump them all in the sea – off the continental shelf  
Before some fool comes and finds us, and shoots both of us and himself.\*

\*Last Verse Modified from Ronnie VanZant's and Ed King's 'Saturday Night Special  
"Its a saturday night special - Got a barrel that's blue and cold  
Ain't no good for nothin' - But put a man six feet in a hole"

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## **False Priests Condoning, Even Blessing Sin: Remember Ephraim**

To the Apostate Churches Now Consenting to the Promotion of Sin (Based on Hosea 6&9)

As troops of brigands lie in wait  
for a man, so is your false-priest brood.  
Murdering on the highway by consent for sin;  
they themselves committing that which is lewd.  
The watchman of Ephraim was with God,  
but now he lies a trap so shrewd  
He is the snare of a fowler,  
and the hatred of God hath he accrued.  
Ephraim's glory and children are gobbled up,  
'twas the teeth of the murderer that chewed.

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## **Feast of the Pteradon (Supererogation Allocation - Indulgences Atrocious)**

I write this not out of disdain for the Catholic church – for I love all fellow Christians and members of the bride of Christ – but about the specific acts of Tetzel which were the Selling of Indulgences.

From the depths and lofty heights  
He catches a quarry in his sights.  
Now descends the veritable Pterodactyl  
His clutch – a greedy reflex tactile  
His catch's belly then he bites

In truth he's less a beaked Pteradon  
Than jeweler to the Tiara'd Don  
But No matter to his peaked prey  
On the morrow they would pay  
He sat down at the table where upon...

Engorged with pils-and-pretzle-bloatus  
Out the Indulgences, Tetzel wrote us.  
Engaged by Albrecht and Pope Leo  
Were we shaken-down by this Trio  
Of This Dominican Quetzelcoat'us?

But did paying this Gigantoraptor  
Make a supererogation allocation any apter?  
"As soon as the coin in coffer rings  
The soul at once to Heaven springs.'  
Or was this trio taken-down by their Captor?

The most famous of Martin Luther's 95 Theses

'Those who believe that they can be certain of their salvation because they have indulgence letters will be eternally damned, together with their teachers.' (32) 'It is vain to trust in salvation by indulgence letters, even though the indulgence commissary, or even the Pope, were to offer his soul as security.' (52)

Based in part on 1 Peter: 18-19

'You know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.'

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## **From the Womb: Called or Culled?**

'In the womb I knew you' – from conception our souls are known.  
'In the belly I formed you' – Creator of our flesh and bone.  
But what do we do with the souls that He has sown?

What God has created – let no one put asunder.  
His command is as clear the crashing of thunder:  
He calls us all to honor His creative wonder.

For the souls, callings, and even personalities are formed prenatally:  
Like the twin fetuses Jacob and Esau who grappled incessantly  
He bestowed their souls at conception, as body formed physically

Isaac was formed in Sarah's body and from conception was ordained  
To father a great nation as Gabriel to Abraham explained.  
In that one single embryo – a great eternal nation was contained.

Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Ephraim: the time of their physical birth  
Had no meaning for the eternal Lord of Heaven and all the Earth.  
No relevance upon their blessing... and yet we place the entire worth...

Samuel and Jeremiah the Prophets and yes even Sampson strong and tall.  
Were called to serve the Lord from their mother's womb... as are we all.  
Given up for adoption: Samuel grew-up and answered the Father's call.

The unborn babies of Elizabeth and Mary which God had created,  
At the approach of the tiny embryo of Jesus, the Baptist fetus was elated.  
The Eucharistic flesh and soul - eternal life itself had been initiated

Abortion is perhaps the greatest judgement on modern society.  
For the loss of a foetus is described as the just curse for infidelity.  
When we break our covenants – we condemn our posterity.

Fetuses are clearly our children and God calls the killing of our progeny  
An abomination - which devalues motherhood - the ultimate misogyny.  
Both Men and Women trading in God given roles for prideful androgyny.

The promise of God's blessings, on a mother's womb does rest.  
But when we reject His gifts – we deny that we've been blessed.  
So both father and mother celebrate, unite, and let true thanks be confessed.

Fear of the unknown and the future is not what God bestows.  
Have faith that He will provide for your needs as the little one grows.  
He cares for you much more than you may suppose.

Let us not abort our souls in the pursuit of worldly pride and sin.  
But let us birth our spirits to the Lord and invite the Holy Spirit in.  
That all fruits of the womb and faith may be upon us and our next of kin.

For if you agree that life and soul proceed from God and are a benediction  
Then their destruction is an act of disrespect and irresponsible dereliction  
So welcome the bond of parenthood and treat it not as an affliction.

Become not a wretched disciple of Molech - sacrificing your infants  
The land shall eject in violent vomiting fits all such inhabitants  
And great will be the wailing and sound of their laments.

The hearts of some have clearly turned away from the Lord.  
The Creator is forgotten and abhorred - who instead should be adored.  
The reaper's bloody scalpel stands as a sign of the revocation of reward.

This culture of death is an infection which continues to fester  
Heal us oh Lord with love for your gifts from the first to last trimester.  
And let not thy people-in-embryo be subjected to Lucifer's molester

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## God's Riddle

(From Job 40)

Hearken to the voice of thunder.  
Rumbling spreads across a sky which has lost its cobalt hue.  
Lightning covers the whole earth.  
His breath brings forth ice and oceans freeze right through.

He charges the hurricane with its power,  
spiraling at his guidance - leveling reproof upon creation.  
Out of the whirlwind proceeds the voice:  
'Who is darkening counsel without knowledge or revelation? '

Shall a critic contend with the Almighty?  
Gird up your loins like a man and answer the demand of my song.  
Will you profane me and my law to justify you and yours?  
Will you ever judge that I am wrong?

Hast thou an arm like God?  
Can you thunder with a voice of almighty power?  
Can you project the rage of thy wrath:  
debasing every one that is proud, and make them cower?

Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency;  
and array thyself with beauty and glory.  
Look on every one that is proud and dethrone them  
from their penthouse and highest story.

Hide them in the dust together;  
and bind their faces in secret sheol.  
Then will I also confess unto thee that thine  
own right hand doth play a role.

But, behold now behemoth, which I made with thee;  
he eateth grass as an ox.  
Behold his mighty loins, his powerful belly muscles down low -  
as strong and hard as rocks.

He moveth his tail and sweeps the cedar:  
mightly the sinews of his stones, his bones, together knit.  
His bones are strong brass and iron -  
his entire constitution is tough as nails and grit.

He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him  
will use him as a sword.  
Surely the mountains of the beasts bring him forth food,  
and sustaining reward.

He lieth brewing under the shady trees,  
in the covert of the marshy fen and reeds  
The shady willows of the brook compass round  
and on the waters of the Earth he feeds.

He trusteth that he can draw up Jordan,  
the gateway to the promised land, in his mouth.  
He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.  
Keep watch for the Queen of the south.

Can you catch leviathan with an hook?  
Or harness his tongue with a cord to power thy mill?  
Can you put an hook into his nose?  
or bore his jaw through with a thorny drill?

Will he show such useful promise  
speaking soft supplications?  
Will he make a covenant with thee?  
Will you take him for a servant for useful application?

Wilt you play with him as with a bird?  
or wilt thou bind him for all thy maiden?  
Shall the companions fete him at the exchanges?  
Shall they divide and trade this beast so power laden?

But can you control it filling his skin with barbed irons?  
or his head with harpoon?  
Challenge him once, and remembering the battle,  
you will not try again so soon.

Behold, the hope of him is in vain:  
shall you not be cast down even as you see?  
None is so fierce that dare stir him up:  
who then is able to stand before me?

To who do I owe? Whatsoever is under  
the whole heaven is mine - No one is my creditor.  
So, I will not conceal his parts, nor his power,  
nor his comely proportion - this beastly predator.

Who can disarm him?  
Who can come to him with double bridle?  
Who can open the doors of his face?  
He sits awaiting his time so deceptively idle.

His teeth are terrible round about.  
His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.  
One is so near to another, that no air can come between them -  
his form I shall reveal.

They are joined one to another, they stick together,  
that they cannot be put asunder.  
His eyes are the lids of dawn, from his nose comes  
lightning when he sneezes and deafening thunder.

Out of his mouth spew streams of  
sparks and burning torches.

Out of his nostrils goeth smoke,  
as out of a seething pot or caldron - the Earth it scorches.

His breath kindleth coals,  
His vast neck contains potential energy and power.  
The flames blast forth from his mouth  
drying lakes and wilting flower.

The flakes of his flesh are joined together:  
they are firm, impregnable to human force.  
His heart is as firm as a stone; and molten  
nether millstone through his veins does course.

When he raiseth up, the mighty fear and purify,  
earthquakes and eruptions urging-on.  
The sword cannot hold him:  
the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

To him iron is as straw, and brass as rotten wood,  
a ruined farmhouse rubble.  
The arrow cannot make him flee,  
missiles are turned with him into stubble.

Bullets and darts are naught,  
he muses at the shaking of a spear with laughs of fire.  
Sharp stones are under him:  
and he speweth sharp pointed things upon the mire.

He maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.  
The deep boils like a pot, fiery red and gory.  
He leaves a shining path after him;  
one would think the deep to be hoary.

Upon earth there is not his like,  
who is made without fear - the heavens he doth deride.  
This leviathan beholdeth all high things:  
he is a king over all the children of pride.

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## Hanukah-Hagadah

### The Partlow Family Hanukah Haggadah

I know some of you use the holidays as an opportunity to discuss scripture. My family has been blessed for the last few years with our observance of a Seder haggadah which gives us an opportunity to discuss the meaning of the Passover and its fulfillment on the cross from a Christian perspective. I wrote a reflection on the Passover called "Hagadahurrah! "

Sunday evening December 21,2008 is the start of the Festival of Light and the Dedication (Hanukah) which is mentioned in John 10: 23. The event itself is described in 1st Maccabees 4: 52-59 (Apocrypha): it is prophesied in Daniel 8: 11 9: 27 11: 31 12: 11 and re-prophesied in Mark 13: 14-18; Matt.24: 15.

My family will be celebrating it this year and focusing on the God's gift of light, paralleling one of his first acts in Genesis 1: 4. Isaiah prophesied the giving of light and the 'Nes Gadol Haya Shem' (a great miracle happened there) was a foreshadowing of the truly miraculous light which resulted in the expulsion of darkness, not just from the temple, but from the whole world.

### History of Hanukah (from plim.org)

Father: Daniel prophesied the rise and death of the Greek king Alexander the Great and stated that his kingdom would be divided into four parts among his four generals (Dan.8th Chapter) . One of these four generals headed the Syrian Kingdom and would desecrate the temple. 'Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down (Dan.8: 11) .' Judas Maccabaeus instituted Hanukkah in 164 B.C. after defeating Syrian forces led by King Antiochus Epiphanes. The Syrian king had taken all the vessels of the temple including the veils, and emptied the secret treasures of the temple. He forbade Israel to offer their daily sacrifices according to the Law of Moses, which fulfilled Daniel's prophecies about the daily sacrifices being taken away (Dan.8: 11-13) .

King Antiochus Epiphanes offered a swine up in the temple to show his utter contempt for the Jewish faith (© 1960,1978,1981, Krugel Pub.) . 'And when the king had built an idol altar upon God's altar, he slew swine upon it, and so offered a sacrifice neither according to the law, He also compelled them to forsake the worship which they paid their own God, and adore those whom he took to be gods; made them to build temples He also commanded them not to circumcise their sons, ....' According to the Antiquities of the Jews (Book XII, chp. V) , this terror lasted for three years. Now this is all in fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy. 'And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate (Dan 11: 31) .'

After Judas Maccabees defeated Antiochus, he removed the Gentile altar and brought in new vessels and veils. The rededication of Zerubbabel's temple, the lighting of the candlestick, and the burning of incense began on the 25th of Kislev (Which is tonight) .

Youngest Child: What miracle occurred during Hanukkah?

Father: The Jewish Talmud speaks of the oil that lit the candlestick during Hanukkah lasting for eight days when there was only enough oil for one day. This increase of oil was considered a miracle and now an eight branched candle stick may be lit during Hanukkah. The number eight represents a new beginning as the rededication meant the Jews could begin anew to worship Yahweh according to their laws and not after the abomination of Antiochus.

Eldest Child: What is the spiritual reality of Hanukkah?

Father: The abomination at the time of the Maccabees was the sacrifice of a pig on the altar in the temple. In this Present Age of Grace under the New Covenant, the temple is the tabernacle of men (I Cor.6: 19-20) . The 'abomination of desolation' is perhaps the world's idolizing of sin and the influence this has in the hearts of Christians, some being misled and falling away. Mark tells of Jesus prophecy that when this happens, first there will be wars, false prophets, and lawlessness, and then the return of the Son of Man like a flash of lightning.

Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place let the reader understand, then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ, ' or 'There He is, ' do not believe him. For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance. So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness, ' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms, ' do not believe them. For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the

four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

## Hanukah and Light in Scripture

Mother: Here are a few more of the words of light, so everytime we say the word "Light", let the children say "Yeshua Owrah" meaning "Savior of Light".

Eldest Child: Genesis begins, In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth... and God said "Let there be light, " and there was light. He saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness.

Mother: And on the fourth day of creation, God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth'; and it was so. God made the two great lights, the greater light (the sun) to govern the day, and the lesser light (the moon) to govern the night; He made the stars also. God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

The Gospel of John begins, In the beginning was the Word (meaning Jesus) , and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In him, (In Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not (understand or overcome) it. Then there came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens everyone.

John the Baptist said, Repent, and Make straight the way of the Lord. So too let us testify to the Light that it may enlighten everyone.

Eldest Child: It is fitting that on this occasion of light Jesus revealed to the Jews at the temple on Solomon's Porch that He is the Father's Son (John 10) and as Paul says 'God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.' (2nd Corinthians 4)

Father: Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesied, 'nevertheless, there will be no more darkness for those who were in distress. In the past God humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan. The people walking in darkness will see a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light dawns.' The book of Judges tells us that Zebulun was a people that

jeopardized their lives, as did Naphtali upon the high places of the battlefield. These two tribes were known for their militaristic prowess. It also prophesies that the Gospel or Good Word would proceed from Naphtali, a freed deer.

Nothing on earth would grow without the light of the heavens God gave us, neither can our hearts grow without the light of truth. Therefore Matthew writes about the very first sermon of Jesus being the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. (chapter 4)

Mother: "Repent! For the Kingdom of God is at Hand"  
Was the first sermon He gave, that we might understand.  
Light had arisen, where before death overshadowed land.  
The kingdom of God is God's presence, understand.

He went to the lands of Zebulon and Naphtali  
To Capernaum on the coasts of the sea of Galilee  
To fulfill the words of Isaiah's prophecy  
That those there in darkness would be given light to see.

For darkness and light cannot co-exist in the same space:  
When the light arrives, the darkness then has lost its place.  
But it is still up to each of us to embrace,  
To catch His pouring rays and bask in His lighted grace.

Father: John then (in chapter 3) tells us that although light has come to the world. It is not something that everyone automatically embraces.

And this is the condemnation, that light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Because since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, our hearts have rebelled against our creator. It is only in our recognition of this – by seeing how far we fall short of the law, that we realize the need for a Messiah, a savior, who can deliver – not just from physical persecution, but from the slavery to sin, from our own imperfections and the consequence of the law.

Light One Candle

Mother: Let us sing as (eldest child) lights the first four candles of the menorah with a shamus:

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining.

#### The Chanukah and Christmas Carol

Father: Here are the lyrics to a carol which illuminates the true meaning of the two winter festivals of light. We will recite this as (second oldest child) lights the rest of the menorah/advent wreath.

All: Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Grace of God Eternal dispels the dark of night.

Daniel had prophesied the Desolation  
False idols in the temple: 'twas the Desecration  
Little lamp oil remained for the altar dedication  
So God provided the light to this and every earthly nation.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Grace of the Father dispels the dark of night.

Nes Gadol Hayah Shem – A Great Miracle Happened there  
The star of Bethlehem lit the way to a little manger where  
The miracle of Jesus birth in the crèche of a mare.  
Hosanna, Alleluia, the Angel Chorus does declare.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Light of the Messiah dispels the dark of night.

At the time of Chanukah on the porch of Solomon  
The Messiah was revealed, Jesus is the Father's son.  
Sheep follow the shepherd and unto him ye run,  
And recognize the works which show that He and God are one.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Light of the Good Shepherd dispels the dark of night.

The rededication lacked the glory of the Ark  
But when Immanuel came, He dispelled the dark.

So worship not in a building cold and stark.  
But in Spirit and in Truth – Jesus the eternal bulwark.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Light of the Holy Spirit dispels the dark of night.

The eternal sacrifice, His body: temple stones and bricks.  
Like the shamus which lights all menorah wicks.  
Jesus, the servant-king, lights our spirit-candle sticks  
That we may be His beacons, His light our hearts affix.

Chanukah and Christmas – Let's celebrate the light  
The Light of the World dispels the dark of night.

Maoz Tzur

Mother: Jews pray the Maoz Tzur at this time asking for the restoration of the temple.  
Let us remember it with them and also the light of the true temple which was  
destroyed and restored in three days: the body of our good shepherd, Jesus Christ. In  
the first line of this prayer, we hear the name of our savior transliterated Yeshua(ti) .  
Because He lives, so we too shall live.

Hebrew Transliteration Literal Translation

O mighty stronghold of my salvation, to praise You is a delight.  
Restore my House of Prayer and there we will bring a thanksgiving offering.  
When You will have prepared the slaughter for the blaspheming foe,  
Then I shall complete with a song of hymn the dedication of the Altar.

...And it Concludes

Greeks gathered against me then in Hasmonean days.  
They breached the walls of my towers and they defiled all the oils;  
And from the one remnant of the flasks a miracle was wrought for the roses.  
Men of insight - eight days established for song and jubilation

Bare Your holy arm and hasten the End for salvation -  
Avenge the vengeance of Your servants' blood from the wicked nation.  
For the triumph is too long delayed for us, and there is no end to days of evil,  
Repel the Red One in the nethermost shadow and establish for us the seven shepherds.

Father: With this Christian Addendum: Just as Antiochus Epiphanes profaned your  
temple in Hasmonean days with statues of false idols and profane sacrifice, so now  
does the world's love of darkness profane your great gifts and blessings with its own  
idols. We thank you Jesus for coming into the world to shine the light of the  
knowledge of the glory of God in you. Strengthen us in our resolve to be your shamus,

lighting the candlesticks of faith in the hearts of all our neighbors. As you commanded us, we no longer worship you in the temple in Jerusalem, but in spirit and in truth. Make us the beacon on a hill, a light and a trumpet, for your gifts and blessings that you pour out on all who call on your holy name: Jesus. As we await your return which will be like a flash of lightning on the sky, we pray in your holy name, Amen.

Dinner

Mother: Now thank you Lord for this traditional meal of Latka/Potato Pancakes and Suffangiot/Donuts which are cooked in oil, to remind us of the miraculous lamp oil and the gift of light. Amen.

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## **Hells Bells, Heresy Sells!**

Hells Bells. Yes, heresy sells!  
Apostate rants and Media tells

Caw and claw, the Raven's law.  
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A Reminder from Abraham Lincoln - From the speech made upon proclaiming a National Fast Day (30 March 1863)

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See the high judge draws near – imminent is the arbiter supremus

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Your angel-headed hipsters of darkness marshalling  
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Two hundred million saxes wail false laments  
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And if America is to be a great nation, this hope must never stop.  
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>From Chennai to China, From Uganda to Uruguay  
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>And do not return to them tomorrow, or in a few days.

Know that somehow He will deliver us from situation  
It will be changed: Let us not wallow in the valley of despair and deprivation.

I say to you today, even though we face the difficulties and human queme  
Today and tomorrow, my friends, I still have a dream.

It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.  
One day this nation will rise up and live out its creed, the true meaning of its theme.

>I have a dream of truth that springs from Jesse's Root.  
>That the fig will soon blossom, and the world will bear it's fruit.

'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.'  
I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia I will see a better sequel.

>The Holy Truth is self-evident, so how can so many still be blind?  
>Because we love the ropes which bind our hands and cloak our mind.

The sons of formerly enslaved and the sons of the former slaver who tied their tether  
Will sit down, at the table of brotherhood and break bread together.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi,  
A state sweltering with the heat of injustice to Negro and the hippy,

Sweltering with the heat of oppression and the ferocity of Antietam  
Will be transformed into an oasis of justice and freedom.

>The fires of the furnace are being stoked as we speak.  
>So be the luscious fruit, and not the barren tree of the dried up creek.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation without  
detractor.  
They will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

>I have a dream that our children will grow up in a world without war and lies.  
>And they will not receive the wrath of judgement but the blessings of opened eyes.

I have a dream today that one day in Alabama with its vicious racist at every station.  
The governors lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification,

That one day right down in Alabama little black boys and girls, fathers and mothers  
Will be able to join hands with little white boys and girls and families as sisters and  
brothers.

>That one day in every place around the earth.  
>We will all be siblings in Christ – A spiritual second birth.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted,  
Every high hill and mountain shall be assaulted

The rough places will be made plain as with a grate,  
And the confused and crooked and bent will all be made straight,

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
And all flesh shall see it together – race and class and caste repealed.

This is the faith which I take back to the South. This is our hope.  
With this faith we will hew out of the mountain of despair into stone of hope.

This is the faith we proclaim to the world. It is our joy complete.  
We shall reap the souls of men, gathering all the good wheat.

With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling lies and discords  
Of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood, blessings and rewards.

With this faith we will be able to work and pray together,  
To struggle and go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together,

Knowing that we will be free one day.  
This will be the day when all of God's children  
Will be able to sing with new meaning,

My country 'tis of Thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,

Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died,  
land of the Pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside  
Let freedom ring.

And if America is to be a great nation, this hope must never stop.  
So let freedom ring from New Hampshire's prodigious hilltop

>If the world is to claim the promise of peace and prosperity for all  
>Let His Good news be proclaimed in every home and hall.

Let freedom ring from New York's the mighty mountains  
Let freedom ring from Pennsylvania's heightening Allegheny fountains.

>Let the light be seen in every darkened corner of the earth.  
>Let the despair of disbelief be replaced by Christ's joyful mirth.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.  
Let freedom ring from California's curvaceous slopes with bravado.

>From Chennai to China, From Uganda to Uruguay  
>Let the truth of the Gospel be heard from every mouth and followed in every way.

But not only that; from the Stone Mountain of Georgia let freedom ring.  
And from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee, Lady Liberty's praises sing.

>From the hedonistic havens of every 'false liberty'crazed city.  
>From the authoritarian enclaves sandy, oily, and gritty.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.  
From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

>From the gutters to suburbia, From jungles, deserts, and isles.  
>Let the good bells be rung by our joyful hearts and hands and smiles.

>And when this happens, when we accept His truth, and let His freedom ring,  
>When we in every village and country, every state and city, make Jesus Christ our

King,

We will see that day when all God's children, blacks and whites across the lands,  
Every Jew and gentile, Protestant and Catholic will all join hands,

And sing the words of the old Negro spiritual of day's bygone and past,  
'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are all... free at last! '

'>' Denotes Modern Echo

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## **Idol Meat (Avoiding Products & Investments in Bad Companies)**

If the ethical behavior of a company isn't regulated or considered legislatable.  
If the CEO sees only profit as his job, the role of fiduciary being insurmountable.  
Then we must hold ourselves as investors and customers, as finally accountable.

A company or corporation in legalese is a "legal person" and behaves as an entity.  
But it is just a collection of people, and it's behavior is not abstract, but an extension of society.

So how do we ensure that companies behave with virtue and responsibility?

Indeed many groups already have bent the corporate will to their cause.  
Punishing companies at the store who fail to support their views and justify their flaws.  
And every customer, to some extent subsidizes it, let this give every Christian pause.

What can be done? For isn't consumer or investor activism a futile waste of time?  
Standing up for what is right is never wrong, let no one think of a boycott as a crime.  
Insist your mutual funds vote their shares for corporate virtue, investing not a dime.

We have a putative choice, and are not compelled to render our resources to the beast.  
But when we choose to ignore or reward the misdeeds of companies, how can we be released?

The chains of sin have been cut off, but can we be blind to how our brother's guilt increased?

So buy not the idol meat: products which fund the promotion of deviant iniquity.  
Nor use the services of companies which fund the beast with proud ubiquity.  
And finance not their works with either loan or bond or equity.

Only when the loss of sales or cost of capital causes companies to lament  
Will the shareholder and consumer demands be heard for companies to repent.  
But until such day, have a clear conscience, and contribute not a single red cent.

Indeed, it is not the product, security, or meat which commends or defiles.  
It is the indirect support for apostasy, rendered on exchanges and in shopping aisles,  
Especially for companies which stand in the service of him who beguiles.

For you cannot drink the cup of both the Lord and the Devil.  
Yea, the proliferation of the unholy communion has reached an unprecedented level.  
So let what you consume and invest in give God glory and cause to revel.

\*\*\* Please Observe the McDonalds Boycott \*\*\*

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## **Is the Cross a Comma or an Exclamation?**

To the churches which boldly proclaim  
'Do not place a period where God put a comma',  
I humbly suggest  
'Do not place question marks where God has made an exclamation! '

The Sunrise On The Mount Exclamation Cross logo:  
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## Isaiah's Prophecy - The Day of The Lord & The Coming of Christ

Hear, O heavens, and earth: for the Lord hath spoke, I have nourished and raised children, but they have rebelled.

The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel knoweth not, their hearts are not compelled.

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children of corruption  
You have forsaken the Lord, you have provoked Him unto anger to volcanic eruption

Why should ye be chastened any more? The whole head is sick to the core

The whole heart faint. Ye will just revolt even all-the-more!

From the sole of the foot to the head is nothing but unmollified wounds, bruises, and putrefying open sore.

Your country is desolate, cities are burned, in your presence strangers overthrow and devour it down.

The daughter of Zion is left a cottage in a vineyard, a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged town.

Except the Lord of hosts has left unto us a very small remnant, not utterly wiped out as Sodom, and Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the Lord, ye modern Sodomite; give ear unto the law of our God ye fruitless flora.

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? I am full of the burnt offerings of rams,

The lard of fed fat beasts; I delight not in the blood of bullocks, he goats or lambs, just indulgence shams.

When ye come and tread my courts, who hath required this at your hand?

Incense is an abomination; the new moons and Sabbaths, consider these vain oblations banned.

The calling of assemblies, I cannot abide it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; my patience is depleting.

And when ye spread forth your hands and make many prayers I will hide my eyes, I will not hear:

For your hands are full of blood. Wash, and clean; quit the evil of your doings, I am being clear.

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, teach the fatherless and plead for the widow.

Come now, let us reason together, though your sins are scarlet, they could be as white as snow;

Though your actions are red like crimson, they could be as white as wool.

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land and be full.

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword:

For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, it is his holy Word.

And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly – as if giving birth

In that day each man shall cast his idol of silver, And idols of gold will be made

Each one for himself to worship them with the moles and to the bats - they go into the

clefts of the rocks and stayed.

The honored mighty captain, the judge and counselor, the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.

They will all be laid low, I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule o'er

And the people shall be oppressed, every One by another, and every one by his neighbor.

The child shall behave proudly against the ancient, and the vulgar sloth against the honorable labor.

Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with them: for the reward of his hands shall be given

As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. Why art you so err driven?

The Lord standeth up to plead, and to judge the wicked, dried up like the petal and the sepal.

The Lord will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people

And the princes, for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your possession.

Why do you beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor, is it your obsession? .

Because the children of Zion are haughty, and walk with snooty stretched forth necks and chin

Wanton eyes, mincing as they go, making a tinkling with their feet, and a condescending grin.

The Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the daughters of Zion, their secrets into open halls

In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls

Their round tires like the moon, The chains, bracelets, mufflers, bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and bows,

The headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, the rings, and nose jewels, The changeable suits of clothes,

The mantles, wimples, cringing pins, glass, fine linen, hoods, and veils, all of it shall pass,

Baldness instead of curls, ugliness spiting pretty lass, In place of fragrance: burning smoke acrid and crass.

In that day shall the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious,  
The fruit of the earth shall be excellent for those which escaped Israel and times uproarious

He that is left in Zion, who is written among the living the name of Holy earns  
He shall have washed away Zion's filth with judgment, and the spirit which ever burns.

He will create upon every dwelling of mount Zion, her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by days,

and the shining of a flaming fire by night: there shall be a defense, upon all glories rays.

And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly

– as if giving birth

And there shall be a tabernacle-tent for refuge, for shade in the day time from the heat  
And for a covert from storm and from rain. Now for a song for when my beloved's  
touch and vineyard meet.

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My well beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:  
And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof and the weeds under till  
He planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower vines growing up the nape.  
He built a winepress, and expected it to bring forth abundant good grape,

But alas, it brought forth wild sour grapes. And now, O Jerusalem inhabitants,  
and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyards plants.  
What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done to give the  
vines an edge.  
Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will strip away the hedge

It shall be eaten up; and break down the wall,  
and it shall be trodden down and all the vines shall fall:  
I will not weed nor prune nor fertilize;  
Among the plants briers and thorns shall rise.

I will command the clouds that provide the vineyard rain, they shant.  
For this vineyard is the house of Israel, the men of Judah: this unpleasant plant  
Woe unto them that crowd house to house, Lay field to field, til they crowd, you shall  
be alone.  
Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant,  
silent as a stone

Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield just a bath,  
And a whole homer of seed shall yield only a single ephah.  
Woe unto them that rise up early, that they may follow strong drink;  
And continue drinking until night, until wine inflame and they cannot think!

And great music and drink: year, harp, viol, tabret, pipe, and wine aplenty, are at their  
feast:  
But they regard not the work of the Lord, They remember his commands not even in  
the least.  
Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have behaved worst:  
and their honorable men are famished, and their rows of vines dried up with thirst.

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth all the way  
And in their glory, multitude, their pomp, and rejoicing, shall march down hell's  
highway.  
And the mean man shall be brought down, the mighty man shall be humbled,  
and the eyes of the lofty shall lower and know that he hast stumbled:

Woe to them that call evil good and good evil, dark light and light dark, sweet bitter  
and bitter sweet!  
Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, Prudent in their own sight! From your  
foolishness retreat.

Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:  
Which justify the wicked for reward, and take from the righteous ability to think.

Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble & chaff, and rotten is their root,  
Their blossom as dust: for they have cast away the law of the Lord, and his word refute.

The Lord's anger is kindled against his people, Stretched forth, he smote them and trembled the hill  
Their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets, His anger is not gone, but his hand is stretched out still.

And he will lift up a sign to the nations from far, Hiss at them from the end of the earth; they shall come quick:  
None shall tire nor stumble, nor slumber nor sleep; neither shall their loin girdle be loosed, nor shoe latchet unclick  
Whose arrows are sharp, bows bent, their horses' hoofs like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:  
Their roaring shall be like a lion, they roar and lay hold of the prey, then carry away as if it sinned.

And in that day they shall sound like the roaring of the sea: and behold darkness and sorrow.  
All across the land, and the light is darkened in the heavens but not by nightfall or morrow.  
Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but weary my God too – will ye dare?  
Therefore the Lord shall give you a sign; A virgin shall conceive, Immanuel – 'God with us' shall she bear.

Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.  
For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, choosing good, your land shall be forsaken by the kings who stood.  
And it shall come to pass in that day, a young cow, and two sheep shall be nourished by a man;  
For the abundance of milk, he shall have butter and honey indeed every one that is left in the land.

And it shall come to pass, all the land that a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings adorned  
With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; all the land shall become briered and thorned.  
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government upon his shoulder shall never cease.  
He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of his people.  
Shall no more again rely upon him that smote them; but shall return to the Lord, and

see his steeple.

For yet a little while, and then indignation shall cease, and my anger in their destruction shoots

And there shall come forth a rod out of the Stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding and word.

The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; He shall not reprove after the hearing of his ears, neither judge after the sight of his eyes peek.

But with righteousness girding his loins shall he judge the poor, and faithfully reprove with equity for the meek:

He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips Shall he slay the wicked and reins of faithfulness the girdle of his hips.

The wolf then shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them from amid.

The cow and bear shall feed; their young lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the oxen.

Sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

And he shall set a sign for the nations, and assemble the outcasts, the dispersed from the earth's four corners.

The tumultuous noise of a multitude of the kingdoms of nations gathered with noise of mourners.

The Lord of hosts mustereth the host of the battle from a far country, from the end of heaven, together they stand.

Even the Lord, the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand;

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There are over 300 explicit prophecies regarding the Messiah in the old testament All of these were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

There are untold numbers of examples of human and in cases imperfect commitment to God;

in every way Christ fulfills these commitments and brings historic epics to perfection.

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## **Israeli Starvation, Cannibalism, and Deliverance**

There once was a great famine from Israel's hills to Bashan's altiplano  
Eighty silver shekels for an ass head and five for just a quarter kab of guano

Ben-Hadad, king of Syria had gathered all his army and had invaded  
And King Ahab was besieged in Samaria, but atop his wall paraded

And a starving woman cried out to him, "Help, my lord, O king! "  
"If the LORD does not help you, what help could I, Ahab bring?"

Shall I bring it to you from the threshing floor or from the winepress?  
For what cause do you cry out, and your king address? "

"A woman said, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we shall eat mine next'  
So we boiled my son and ate him, but when I came back hers was gone, and still she protects."

For it had been prophesied that they would eat their children's flesh.  
Taking their sustenance from the fruit of the babe's crèche.

Now this vexed the King that he tore his clothes, and people saw that he was wearing sack;  
"God do so to me and more, if tonight the head of Elisha remains atop his back"

Though the drought was a physical manifestation of Ahab and Israel's apostasy  
He blamed the prophet Elisha for his unyielding-incompliant prophesy.

But Elisha was sitting in his house, and with him were the elders.  
A group which had not been corrupted: like a grove of rot resistant alders

Now the king was on his way and before him a messenger led,  
"Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent someone to take away my head?"

'Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast.  
Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him just a few paces past? '

And while he was still talking with them, there was the messenger at the door.  
And the king said, "Surely this calamity is from the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any more? "

Then Elisha said, Hear the word of the LORD. Tomorrow at about this time and area.  
A seah of fine flour and two seahs of barley shall be sold for a shekel at the gate of Samaria.

So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the prophet of the Lord.  
Even if God would make windows of heaven open, the crops wouldn't be restored.

'In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it', said Elisha.

Now there were four leprous men talking at the entrance of the gate;  
Why are we just sitting here? Upon our death we wait.

We could enter the city, but the famine is also in the city,  
And we would die there. If we sit here, we die also and none shall take pity.

Therefore let us take a third option and surrender to the Syrian Army  
They may kill us, but they may also keep us alive (if we go meek and smarmy?)

So they rose at twilight to go to the Syrians camp  
And at the outskirts where they expected guards or even the Syrian camp

To their surprise no one was there, for the Lord had caused the entire host  
To hear the noise of chariots and horses, a great army of the Holy Ghost.

They thought the king of Israel had hired the kings of the Egyptian and Hittite.  
Therefore they arose at twilight, and leaving the camp intact, took a hasty flight

Their tents, their horses, and their donkeys left behind as they fled for their lives.  
And so the lepers went in and ate and drank carrying out from it silver forks and  
golden knives. \*

They took the metal and the clothing, and went and hid them and went from tent to  
tent  
But then they said to one another 'We are not doing right, ' they began to repent

This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent.  
If we wait until the morning light, we can expect some punishment wrathful and  
violent.\*

Now therefore, come, let us go and share the good news with the king's household.  
So they went and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and unto them they told

We went to the Syrian camp, and surprisingly no one was there, not a human sound  
The horses and donkeys were tied up and hundreds of empty tents is all we found

And the gatekeepers called out, and they told it to the king's household.  
So the king arose in the night and said to his servants with a vehement scold.

Let me now tell you what the Syrians have done to us if I can contain my anger.  
It is a trap, for they know there is a famine in our land and that we hunger.

So they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying,  
When they come out, we shall catch them alive and take the city (and then commence  
the slaying)

"Please my king, let several men take five of the remaining horses which are left.  
Look, they may either become like the multitude of Israel in the city: perished and  
cleft.

Or indeed, I say, they may become like all the multitude of Israel which survives  
So let us send them and see (that we may possibly spare a few lives)

"Go and see."

And they went to the Jordan and indeed all the road down which the Syrians had been chased  
Was full of weapons and garments which they had thrown away in their haste.

So the messengers returned and told the king as the people went and plundered  
So a seah of fine flour was sold for a shekel (which hitherto had cost several hundred)

According to the word of the LORD, and two seahs of barley for a shekel sold  
Now the king told his officer that the gate and his position he must hold.

But the people stormed the gate and trampled the officer in their path  
Just as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came in to him in wrath.

Two seahs of barley and a seah of fine flour shall cost just a shekel tomorrow at this  
time at the Samarian gate  
When the officer had argued saying, Even if the LORD would open the windows in  
heaven, what you say is still too great.

And the prophesy, 'In fact, you shall not eat of it though you shall see it with your eyes  
open wide.'  
Was fulfilled, for the trampling wounds were mortal, and as he saw, he died.

Epitaph... Jesus Christ is The Gate, The Deliverer, The Human Sacrifice and through His  
flesh (eucharist) we are eternally sustained.

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## Jesus Christ Calls the Buddhist & Taoist

### A Call to the Buddhist & Taoist

Siddhartha was a man who saw the evil of a religion made in the absence of the true God.

He understood that the high would be brought low, and that the caste system was flawed.

Rejecting the caste system which grants privileges and servitude based on birth. He taught that both rich and poor, dark and light, man and woman, all have equal worth.

Lao Tzu had some similar thoughts and described them as the Tao, the path, the way of what to do.

But to him, wisdom was not meant to be shared, but guarded by a privileged few.

The core seed of the Buddhist and Taoist fruit, any guru will admit is void and nothingness

Yet in the fruit of Christ one finds fulfillment, light, and life, for all castes forever nothing less.

### Buddhist Sayings, 'Converted' or Paired with Christian Truths:

To control your qi, be pure and supple as a child -  
The child who was born of a Hebrew virgin meek and mild.

Yield and become whole, bend to become straight -  
Turning cheek when smote for the last will eventually become the great.

The heavy is the foundation of the light, the still is the master of agility -  
The weak are given his strength, the humble are given awesome capability.

Developing excessive strength hastens decay -  
All earthly riches will disappear on your final day.

One who overcomes others has power, one who overcomes himself has inner strength  
Submitting our will to His may seem sour, but yields contentment of infinite breadth and length.

### Taoist Sayings Converted to Christian Truths

1. The truth cannot be trodden down but is the enduring and unchanging Word.  
The nameless great 'I am' is the maker of all things and sent His Son to be heard.

Desire and passion for the Lord is it's own Heavenly treasure.  
But submitting to his will does not mean a rejection of all his gifts or pleasures.

His gifts to us include redemption in Christ, the law, and Holy Spirit.  
There are still many mysteries, but the truth has been declared to those who will hear it.

2. In the tongues of humanity, beauty is known relative to ugliness and skill to ineptitude.

But to imply a co-dependence is vanity, and spiritual truth is misconstrued.

Long to short, high to low, good to evil, harmony to discordance,  
Linguistic polemic does not prove a symbiotic dependence.

3. Why should superior ability be undermined if it is a reflection of inspiration?  
Rewarding the marginal to avoid rivalry misses the point of the ten servant's  
revelation.

But indeed, prizing earthly riches which may be lost to moth or thief or rust  
Is less clever than keeping labor's bounty in the vaults of Heaven's trust.

But the point is not to douse the flames of men's excited desires.  
But rather share the truth of God's kingdom by fanning their Holy Spirit fires.

Satan may wish to empty peoples minds or weakens their wills.  
But the truth of Jesus Christ is the only true bread which forever fills.

Satan seeks to ban the light, and where it exists to contain it.  
Abstaining from acting in the Spirit is impossible, no one can restrain it.

4. In the emptiness of a vessel, the ability to hold good fruit, it's potential value is  
prized.  
But only if it can be filled with the truth and blood of Jesus Christ is that value realized.

We should not attemper our brightness, or agree with obscure profanity.  
In fact we should shine and share our light to reveal the true path for all humanity.

5. Our father in Heaven is not benign; He is the epitome of benevolence.  
While the world may treat you as a 'dog of grass' – His blessings are offered upon  
repentance.

6. We offered sacrifice to God for the first fruits of the matrix, the feminine gate.  
The Son of God, Root of David, perfect sacrifice has offered us a peaceful fate.

7. Heaven and earth do not live of, or for, themselves and so continue long and vast.  
The Lord says that the last shall be first and the first shall be last.

8. The excellence of water appears in its benefiting all things – quenching their thirst.  
But in the living water of Christ, one never thirsts a second, after receiving him first.

Water occupies without striving the low places which men disdain.  
The living water bore the punishment of all men and id not complain.

The excellence of a residence is in the suitability of its location and firm foundation.  
The value of both a tree and man, is the yield of fruit – not the social station.

9. When gold and jade fill the hall, their possessor cannot keep them safe.  
When wealth and honors lead to arrogance, this evil collar begins to chafe.

Withdraw when the work is done and one's name is becoming distinguished?  
Withdrawing into obscurity leads not to the joy of Heaven – but to a light extinguished.

10. When the intelligent and animal souls are held in one embrace, they unite.  
The proud intellectual and predatory beast are both creatures of the night.

To become a tender babe, one gives undivided attention to the breath.  
Christ has breathed on the dry bones of humanity and overcome death.

11-81 The One true Word is not unseen, unheard, ungrasped by man.  
Only those blinded, deafened, and numbed by pride receive this ban.

Who can the turbulent muddy water still, and make then them clear?  
Christ who calms the tempest of our hearts and distills out any fear.

Benevolence and righteousness is not the opposite of Christ's True Great Tao,  
But the hardened hearts of man ensued great hypocrisy and row.

To renounce learning of the truth is the beginning not the end of man's troubles.  
But cautiously reject the levin of the Pharisees, the yeasty hypocritical bubbles.

A multitude of men look satisfied as if banqueting or mounted on a tower in spring.  
This multitude which has turned to Christ, Holy Spirit doth peace and contentment  
bring.

The proud seem listless and still, an infant which has not yet ever smiled.  
The lost are dejected and forlorn, but the shepherd searches for them across the wild.

The multitude of men all have enough and more to spare - filled with the bread of  
Christ.  
The lost have the mind of an idiot, and live in a state of chaos, where Satan hath  
enticed.

Ordinary men look bright and intelligent, full of discrimination, and capability.  
While the proud seem to be benighted, dull, and confused, drifting on the sea.

The lost shall be found and all those beyond the border.  
If they answer the call of the wisdom nursing-mother, and cured of all disorder.

The grandest forms of active force  
From True Tao of Christ, their only source.

Who can the true Tao the nature tell?  
In the Word of Christ, but also in sight and touch as well.

It eludeth neither sight nor touch,  
Save those who in the darkness crouch;

Though they may have a glimpse in the night.  
Their semblances and perceptions are slight.

Profound it is, but only dark and obscure,  
To those who invite or permit iniquity to endure.

The essence the truth did already enfold  
Of what, then seen, and now is told.

Now it is so and 'twas so too of old.  
His kingdom that shall never fold.

So, in the kingdom's beautiful array,  
Things shall form and never know decay.

He who stands on his tiptoes does not stand firm of his own accord.  
So stretch out to seek his outreached hand and be held from above by the Lord

Lao Tse admits "I do not know its name, and I give it the designation of the Tao"  
The name is Jesus Christ who brought the truth complete, and even showed us how.

He invites us to follow him, and we see the shepherd's back.  
And when we meet him on the street, the least of men, kindness should never lack.

The eternal God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son  
Together with the true Holy Spirit, the True Tao Kingdom's Three-In-One.

If a speaker says nothing that can be found at fault by the corrupted world  
Then what use is his PC drivell? His useless spin leaves only a tangle to be un-twirled.

If any one should wish to get the kingdom for himself, and to effect this on his own,  
Failure will be his prize, for the kingdom is of the spirit, and only in Christ can it be known.

Now armaments, however beautiful, are instruments of evil omen, hateful, to all.  
He who lives by the sword dies by the sword, and answers Beliar's call.

Heaven and Earth unite and send down the sweet dew evenly across the ground.  
The Lord's offer of redemption is also made evenly to everyone, His love doth abound.

He who knows other men is discerning; he who knows himself is wise.  
He who loves and obeys the Lord, know no bounds when the Spirit he applies.

He who overcomes others is strong; he who overcomes himself has greater might.  
He who submits his will to the Lord's in every way, earns blessings and Heaven's right.

Lao Tse says 'Those of high benevolence, have no need to be.'  
But Christ says 'Whosoever ye help, even the least, it is as if it were done to me.'

Lao Tse proclaims that the true Tao was lost in ancient times.  
Hear then now, the Word and Path of God, in these humble Christian rhymes.

If the understanding of the Tao in the East is admittedly imperfect and vague.  
Hear the call of the One who teaches, heals, and saves all who pray, beseech, and beg.

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## Jesus Christ Calls the Hindu

BRAHM-A – A-BRAHM, Sarai – Sarai-svati,  
Whether speaking English, Hebrew, Hindi, Tamil, Urdu, or Marathi

We all share a common ancestry  
From Adam unto Noah – all roots of a common family tree.

And though the tree began to branch with Japheth, Shem, and Ham  
There is only one Lord, one God, the eternal great 'I AM'.

One line, It happened to be Shem - Abrahm - Jacob - Judah - Jesse - David  
Did the Father choose to bear the one and only Christ, through whom we all are saved.

He needn't send the world a plethora of lesser god's or Avatars  
For Jesus Christ redeems us all, though we exceed the heavenly stars.

For this redemption is shared with the progeny of Shem's brother's clans.  
But for all, it requires that we accept His gift and follow His perfect plans.

It is a gift indeed, as all who have accepted it can vouch.  
One that love and respect compels us to share, not hide or hoard in pouch.

So what is in a name? Bhramin, Krishna, Vishnu, Shakthi, Ala, Bhudda? No - It's  
Yahweh.  
It's not about a name, but the origin and doctrine, One God, One Truth, One Light, One  
Way.

He withheld his name to Moses, only granting His existence "I am", all else is human  
term.  
But it is the truth and redemption He grants to all, that we should seek, accept, obey,  
confirm.

Some truth exists already in many faiths and denomination, such as the Loving Golden  
Rule.  
With migrations, accounts have blended, so this truth may be a familiar gem and  
jewel.

Even some of those who in ancient times were apostate of his rays.  
He granted some protections, blessings - for the Holy Spirit can be heard in many  
ways.

But there are also corruptions which, like a creeping fog of night hangs in the morn of  
men.  
His Gospel is the pure sun light, where it reaches – burns off the dark clouds born of  
men.

The Pharisees had corrupted the meaning of the Sabbath to preclude even holy works.  
Christ showed that the laws of men had replaced love, deception ever lurks.

They insisted that Moses had given Divorce the green light  
Christ showed that it is only sinful hardend hearts which seek to claim this 'right.'

These were examples of the corruption which affected one of Noah's roots.

Yea, no society is exempt from loosing the original truth to whatever desire suits.

In the west even, when we collectively lose our diligence,  
When for popularity sake, ignore the law, approving sinful indulgence.

Or pursue the false gods of pride and hedonistic greed.  
The words of Christ remind that there is only one thing we truly need.

Brothers and sisters of the Indus and Ganges listen to the one True Dharma.  
Love, Hope, and Faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to gain the Kingdom's Karma.

The resurrection of the Atman mayn't be in the form of new caste or beast.  
There mayn't be a cycle of reincarnation from which to be released.

For the many idols and castes are inventions of man used to oppress  
There is just one God, one caste or race, one robe of truth to dress.

So meditate on the Gospel – the Word which is his true and holy Om.  
And share this with your neighbor, and all the members of your home.

There is no more needful sutra, no more truthful mantra, no more harmonic Vedas  
Than the yoga, the practice, the sharing of the Gospel, the Nan that Jesus fed us.

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## **Jesus Christ Calls the Jews (Not All that are Called Come, Or Come Prepared)**

The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,  
He sent forth his servants to call the invited to the wedding, but could entice no one.

Again, he sent forth other servants, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have  
prepared my feast:  
My oxen and my fatlings are killed, come to the marriage, enjoy and partake of roasted  
beast.

But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his store, another to his farm,  
And the remnant took his servants, slew some, and others showed them only spite and  
harm.

When the king heard of it he sent forth his armies, destroyed them, and burned up  
their city.  
He called his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but the invited were not worthy, 'tis a  
pity.'

Go ye therefore into the highways, and bid all ye shall find, send them in clean robes  
dressed.  
So they gathered all they found, bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with  
many a guest.

The king came in and saw a man with no wedding garment, having neglected  
preparation  
The king asked, 'Friend why did you not prepare? ' And he had no explanation.

Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, take him and into outer  
darkness cast,  
There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Many are called, but few are chosen -  
few are passed.

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Mercy and blessings are His to give to whomever He may choose.  
He once bestowed a special blessing on the Fathers of the Jews.

But over and over, from Aaron to Saul and Solomon to Ahaz  
They went unto Baal, Molech, and Asheroth, forsaking temple psalm for foreign jazz.

God sent his prophets to rebuke: Moses, Samuel, Ezekiel, and Nathaniel  
Warned also by Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, Amos, Jona, Elijah and Daniel

So he sent his Son, Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ as our Savior  
But even then many Jews did not repent, or change their behavior:

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Teacher, we know that you are true.  
And you teach the way to God, and what we all should do.

You care not for pride or title or earthly human throne  
Then is it just to pay tax to Caesar – do you condone?

You Hypocrites! How dare you put me to the test!  
Show me the money used for tax, and I'll put your riddle to rest.

This coin bears whose inscription and whose image?  
Caesar? Then render to Caesar his cold metal homage.

And render with holy fiat to your God above  
The things that are of your God of love.

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By what authority do you do these works, these things?  
Who has given it to you? Where is the seal of signet ring?

First I will pose you a question and await your answer.  
Then will I tell you by whom I take my stance here.

Now, the baptism of John, from whence does it proceed?  
Does it come from Heaven, or is it a manly creed?

If we say from Heaven, He will say "Why have you not believed? "  
But if we say from Man, His multitude will be greatly grieved.

For they all hold John a prophet, their anger at us will grow.  
Jesus, alas, we cannot give you answer for we simply do not know.

Then neither will I consent to tell you.  
From where my authority to act and teach issue.

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The Pharisees brought him a woman; and set her in his midst, tempting, trying to  
make a row.  
This woman was taken in the act of adultery. The law commands that she be stoned -  
what sayest thou?

They were testing, to find a cause to accuse. But He stooped down, and pretended to  
ignore.  
With his finger wrote on the ground. But they persisted, so he raised up off the dusty  
floor.

He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first round.  
And again he stooped down, and resumed writing on the ground.

When they heard, convicted by their own conscience, they left, for their gambit had  
missed.  
Even unto the last: until Jesus was left alone and the woman was still standing in his  
midst.

Woman, where are your accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?  
No man, Lord.                      Neither do I. Now go, and from your sins be free.

The law is for the people, it is his gift of happy life – not the other way around.  
Yea, the law is not nullified, but in repentance, we are freed from the ropes of sin  
which bound.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are  
sent to thee,  
How often would I have gathered your children under wings, as a hen to her chicks,  
but not would ye!

Then Jesus went on the Sabbath to the fields; His disciples were hungry, so they began  
to pluck and eat.  
Behold, your disciples do that which is not lawful on the Sabbath. Why performeth this  
unlawful feat?

Have ye not read what David did, when he and his company was hungry, He entered  
into the temple,  
He unlawfully ate the shewbread, which was only for the priests. Or need you another  
example.

Have ye not read in the law, the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, yet are  
held blameless?  
But I say unto you, here now is one greater than the temple. Oh but your ignorance is  
shameless.

If you knew you would not make the guiltless pay (to pray) .  
For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.

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Behold, a woman of Canaan came from the coasts of Sidon and Tyre,  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, son of David; my daughter is vexed with devil dire.

But he answered her not a word.  
Shall we send her away? for after us she crieth loudly and absurd.

I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.  
Then came she and worshipped him, "Lord, help me" begging with cry and yell.

It is not right to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs or beasts of the stable.  
Truth, Lord: yet even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

O woman, be it unto thee even as thou wilt for thy faith is great in power.  
And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

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A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to tenants, and went into a far country for  
great while.  
And at the season he sent a servant to collect the fruit of the vineyard and compile.

But the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away without his due

And again he sent another servant: and they beat him and turned him out too.

And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out.  
Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? All my servants do they rout.

I will send my beloved son: it may be they will give him more respect  
But when the tenants saw him made a vile and villainous pact.

This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.  
So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him, flexing their powers.

What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto these unfaithful servants.  
He shall come and destroy them, and shall give the vineyard to others more deservant.

And when they heard it, they said, God forbid. But Jesus was a solemn as a mourner.  
For the stone which the builders rejected, becomes the head of the corner.

Whosoever shall fall upon that stone, will it crush.  
But on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to mush.

And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him;  
And they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

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## **Jesus Christ Calls the Muslim / Harmony Between Brothers**

Jesus Christ Calls the Muslim  
(The Da `wah of Christ to the devout and committed people of Ishmael)

Father Ibrahim sired both Isaac and Ishmael  
Forefathers of the people of both Arabia and Israel

His God sent many prophets to the people to proclaim his covenant, law, and truth,  
But they were rejected, for the hearts of men are perverse and at times uncouth.

Finally, God himself became incarnate through a virgin as written in the Qur'an.  
Bringing truth and salvation to all peoples became the Son of God and Son of Man.

When his followers asked if they, as Elijah unto unbelievers, should bring down fire  
from above.  
He rebuked them, 'Know ye not who you are of? ' He came to save us all with  
forgiveness and love.

When the people picked up stones to cast at the devil that had an adulteress  
possessed.  
He commanded that only the sinless proceed. As no one could, repentance was his  
behest.

We are all to love our enemy, encouraging their freedom and salvation.  
Turning the other cheek when smote, for vengence is a cycle inherited by the next  
generation.

In death on the cross He made the ultimate atonement sacrifice. Gabriel's prophecy  
fulfilled in Him.  
To wash away our sins with His blood, the fulfillment of the sacrifice of the son of God  
and Ibrahim.

The name of Ibrahim's son Ishmael means God hears  
So too should we listen and respect His word, His son with all our hearts and ears

How can you say you have and respect the testimony of the son of Maria,  
When His truth is denied in the code of Sharia?

Oh Ishmael, you champion archer, what is the value of all the arms and arrows in your  
quiver?  
When will you seek the true quarry whose blood doth eternal soul deliver?

The path to Jannah is narrow, and there is only One Way, One Truth, One Light.  
Jesus won the Jihad – Death defeated on the cross, He already won the fight.

Though we still are imperfect sinners, obedience not blood does He require  
One sacrifice was made for all, be not deceived by false prophet or Beliar.

It's everyone's choice to live with or without the true ihsan, His truth and love and  
peace.  
We were enslaved to iniquity, but in the blood of His Son we have the offer of bond  
release.  
But until we accept the sacrifice of his Son for our sakes, the sacrifice of ours to Him

will continue without cease.

### Harmony Between Brothers

The Christian is to share the light of Christ not by sword but by love.  
Can the Muslim too engage in discussions rather than sacrificing dove?

If the love be rejected, the Christian is to wipe the dust from their feet.  
But Christ does not endorse a violent response as a way to entreat.

When an aggressor smites a Christian on the cheek,  
He turns and offers him the other, so that of forgiveness they both may speak.

Now, can a "Christian" country forget Christ's messages of peace?  
Yes, and can a "Muslim" country hear His word, and forgiveness release?

Neither East nor West are devil's at whom to cast a stone.  
We are all brothers in humanity, all made of flesh and bone.

The true Christian seeks not your oil or blood or land.  
But that as beloved brothers, truth and understanding may expand.

It is clear that all of us can suffer fear, pride, and blindness.  
So let us all start over with gentle acts of kindness.

Let no one call for the abandonment of devotion to God.  
Let us all study, compare, pray, and let the Spirit direct the paths we trod.

For deception wages a war on the truth and Holy Spirit in our soul  
And before rejecting Jesus Christ out of hand, hear the Gospel truth in whole.

Oh, peoples of the Book, let us engage in open and constructive battles of the pen.  
For the battles of the sword liberate no one, thus sayth the Lord. Amen.

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## **Jesus Christ Calls the Secular, Agnostic, Atheist, & Relativists**

The fields of wheat are filled with weeds; some fig trees have stopped fruiting  
The time of beast and serpent nears, they plot the vineyard vines uprooting.

Following the serpents siren song, the flocks have left the fold  
The proud have wandered away from their shepherd of old.

Prowling and coordinating the foretold plan, the beast  
Enlists the ranks of predators into the brotherhood of serpentine false priest

Leviathan lies in wait beneath the marshy fen  
And signals fellow minions to prepare to begin.

Though the fisherman's schools of fish are teaming  
The requin shiver circles, the crafty sharks are scheming.

The sheep are all divided many driven to distraction  
The weak have followed the proud out of simple interest or attraction

In rites of bleating howls, the pack promises the sheep a lupine fleece to try-on  
And some wander off entranced by the gentle purring of the lion

The raven deals with them to sell their pure white wool.  
For the price of initiation into the party of boasting bull.

The shepherd calls each one back to the fold by name  
He sends his helpers out to warn them of their foolish game.

The razorbacks and wild dogs sense an opportunity for gluttonous gouts of blood.  
Help the proud sheep to entice their brothers away from meadow into bogs of mud.

The proud ones tell the others that the shepherd was a myth  
Frolicking with the leopards is liberating - run to them forthwith.

The lion invites the sheep to observe the land from his perch in the trees  
In giddy thrill, they ignore the helpers' warnings, calls, and pleas.

Let the condors lift to new heights, and teach flight to our little lambs  
Predation is a fairy tale; the old limitations and doctrines are only shams

Just look at the awesome strength of our new friend tiger.  
Let us emulate the lion dam and give him offspring like the liger.

Our 'shigers' will be big and strong, clearly superior  
Be brave and leave turf-eaters behind to old-fashioned ways inferior

In fact, who needs them any way? They only hold us back.  
Let us instead learn the ways of wolf so we can run freely with the pack.

If the coyote has so many clever wiles  
Let us learn his wisdom and his ways, all his genius guiles.

The flower of the thorny roses dead, calls, forestalls the loss of their head.

Entering the bed, the deuce covers lost alba hue with paint of red.

Oh, the time has come, curious oyster friends to speak of other things  
The walrus begins his smoke screen bluster about cabbages and kings.

The fish in streams and seas though belonging to the fisher  
Are stolen one by one in beastly deed which evil times doth usher.

Come to me little fishes calls the crafty bear.  
Fly up from your stream beds taste the freedoms of the air.

Go with the flow little fishes calls the Dead sea of blood and salt.  
Forget the rumors heard of how your heart and gills will halt.

Innocuously swims up the aqueous serpent preparing his venom rank  
We're in this stream bed together – but I can teach you to crawl upon the eastern  
bank.

The crocs circle round overhearing the trap the snake has planned.  
And call the sheep for a swimming lesson, if they will just come down to the banks of  
sand.

The hyena laughs at the shepherd's doctrine: a call to repent.  
And offers what he says the shepherd really meant.

The coyote shrieks in the piteous pitch of yin.  
With feigned wound and false pride, more sheep are taken-in.

The false prophecy of boa winds itself among its prey.  
Binding them in sin for constriction on the beastly day.

Impersonating the shepherd, but blaspheming his Word.  
The predators close in to gorge upon the adepts of the fallen herd.

Though the smoke from Leviathan, the faithful sheep, it cannot smother.  
It attempts, as apiist, containment and apathy, preventing the rescue of their brother.

Cobra too menaces faithful sheep, spewing venom through its headline fangs.  
To deter them all from rescuing the lost from the clutches of the gangs.

Cowed into helpless sedation so many submit in ignorance or fear  
Until, "I give you not a spirit of timidity, but that of strength, " the shepherd calls unto  
their ear.

Under the protection of shepherd's crook they march out bleating loud.  
Calling all their family home before terrible fate is meted to the proud.

The helpers stand ready to free them from their mess.  
When sheep look up to the shepherd and faithfully confess.

The helpers bleat for reason as the proud vainly bruises udders.

But with ears so full of lies they ignore the truth as merely mutton mutters.

The good reapers work the fields to gather all the grain into the garner  
Before the weeds and chaff are burnt up, the shepherd sends out the final  
gleaning-warner.

All faithful sheep and those repentant, behind the shepherd's gate  
Saved from the ferile eels, all the schools within good fisher's net, the final catch is  
great.

In blast of steam and ash Leviathan begins to swell.  
Withering the unfruited trees, he opens wide the mouth of hell.

Profaning the shepherd of the heavens, the volcanic eruption peaks  
Amid Hyena Laughs, Leopard Growls, Gorilla Hoots, Baboon Howls, and Coyote  
Shrieks,

All hell breaks loose, so many sheep are lost to the jackal  
The boa cinches tight the noose, the fires rain and crackle.

The skies blackened with soot, the locusts armed to teeth descend  
Upon all the painted roses and corrupted vegetation on which wicked faithless sheep  
depend.

The black panthers under cover of the darkness prow!l  
Savaging, ravaging, the victims bemoan their fate and howl.

The tempest rages and many are destroyed by the wave and gale of hurricane.  
Save those who trusted on the shepherd who long ago wailed in the ultimate of pain.

In the end, all the proud are lost to the pride,  
For the pride devours those who can't admit that their serpent master lied.

So listen to this doormouse, and heed what I have said.  
Keep your head. Indeed. Keep fresh your faith and heart and head.

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## Jesus Christ Calls the Shinto - Kirisuto - A Haiku & Poem

My friends in Japan  
Seeking Truth, Love, and Wisdom  
Heed Kirisuto! ...

Rising Son the only true Kami  
Rising Sun breaks through clouds of cleansing ame  
Risen Jesus-san truth revelation sami

Hirohito Showa's defeat  
Ningen-Sengen repeal's the dark veil deceit  
Kirisuto on cross doth death delete

Discover-Disukaba Truth-Makoto  
Pure white reisu of life Christ-Hitonoko  
Awaken to the Holy Spirit koingokoro

Bright faith brings Ho-pu, Shinkyou  
Christ calls his Shinto Shinpu  
His truth as true food Toyuke - Koumyou

Heart of truth - Makoto no kokoro  
Jesus guide our steps from today unto tomorrow  
And frees us from the bond of sorrow

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Kami - God  
Ame - Rain  
Sami - Complete  
Hirohito Showa - Last emperor of Japan who claimed divinity  
Ningen-Sengen - his speech renouncing this claim  
Kirisuto - Jesus Christ  
Disukaba - Discover  
Makato - Truth  
Reisu - Rice (as bread elsewhere)  
Hitonoko - Son of Man, Christ  
Koingokoro - Awakening Love  
Ho-pu - Hope  
Shinkyou - Faith  
Shinto - "Way of God"  
Shinpu - Bride  
Toyuke - Holy provider of food.  
Koumyou - glory, right future, great accomplishment  
Makato no kokoro - Heart of truth

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## Lazarus

There was a rich man  
clothed in purple linen.  
Who fared sumptuously daily  
and had many women.

And there was a certain beggar named  
Lazarus which laid at his gate full of sores.  
But the rich man was deaf to his  
beseeches and implores.

It came to pass that the beggar died  
and was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom.  
When the rich man died too,  
he was dragged to Satan's chasm.

And in hell he lifted up his eyes  
and saw Abraham and Lazarus  
"Send Lazarus with a drink to cool  
my lips from fires hot and hazardous."

Son, remember his torturous  
life while you had pleasure.  
Now you shall feel his plight,  
while his reward is leisure.

And beside all this, between us and you  
there is a great gulf fixed:  
One cannot pass between the two realms  
there is no bridge betwixt.

I pray therefore that he be sent to my  
Father's house to explain my torment.  
For I have five brethren; that he may testify  
unto them that they might repent.

They have Moses and the  
prophets from which to learn.  
But if one went unto them from  
the dead, then they would turn.

If they hear not Moses nor the prophets,  
neither will they be persuaded  
Though one should rise from the dead.  
Their ignorant pride is so elevated.

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There was a certain rich man,  
which had an accounting steward;  
Who embezzling from his Master  
and acting generally untoward.

His Master called him,  
Do you not think I would discover.  
Give me now a full account,  
for I intend to recover.

The cunning steward thought I cannot  
dig or beg – I'm a man of letters.  
So he altered all the accounts  
in favor of the Master's debtors.

Writing off receivables  
by twenty to fifty percent.  
To earn their later favors  
and general consent.

And in the end though his master  
found and respected this fraud  
He applauded the steward's cunning,  
for the children of this world know not God.

Therefore, do honestly with the mammon  
of the unrighteous in powerful stations.  
That, even if ye fail you will be received  
into everlasting habitations.

He that is good and faithful in that which  
is least is faithful also in much  
And he that is unjust in  
the least is unjust also in much.

If therefore ye have not been faithful with  
the mammon of those big britches,  
Who will commit to your trust  
the true and holy riches?

And if ye have not been  
a good and trusty fiduciary.  
Who will give you that  
which is your own to carry?

No servant can serve two masters  
that is to say both God and Greed  
For you will lose one and  
love the other guaranteed.

It is impossible but that  
offences will come hence.  
But woe unto him who  
leads others into offence.

It would be better for him if a  
millstone around his neck was tied,

Than to offend a little child; and be cast  
into the sea so deep and wide.

Take heed, If thy brother trespasses  
against thee, rebuke him;  
If he repents, forgive him, even  
seven times a day (though you may want to nuke him.)

But which of you, having a servant  
working in the field, will offer on occasion  
When he is come from the field,  
"Come and sit down and eat – Let's have a conversation."

Or will you rather say unto him, Make ready  
dinner and serve me mine.  
Gird thyself, and serve me, till I have  
eaten and only then you can dine.

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Lord, Lazarus of  
Bethany is very sick.  
Mary and Martha have sent  
me to fetch you quick.

He is so ill, on his  
death bed he is stricken  
I shall abide here two days  
and then I shall quicken.

And he stayed and worked  
there two more days:  
Let us go again to  
Judea upon the morrow's rays.

Master, the Jews wish to stone you,  
and you return there again?  
Are there not 12 hours before  
the light and day doth wane?

He stumbleth not if  
any man walk in the day,  
Because he seeth the light of this  
world as a warm golden sunray.

If a man walks in the day,  
he doesn't trip, for he has the light.  
But he does trip, for he has no  
inner light, when the day turns to night.

Our friend Lazarus is  
sleeping now – I go to awaken him.

Then he'll be fine on his own, Lord.  
No, Listen, Death hath taken him.

I am glad I wasn't there,  
for now you shall know what is true.  
Come let us all go, said Thomas,  
that we may die with him too.

And when they arrived they  
found a great mourning wake.  
And Martha came out to meet them  
with the sad news to break.

He has been dead now these four days.  
My brother whom you so cherished.  
Jesus, if you had only been here  
he never would have perished.

But even now, I know that  
whatever you ask, you obtain...  
Martha, believe me when  
I say your brother will rise again.

I know that I will see him on  
the final day, we shall have divine protection.  
Martha, hear me now...  
...I Am the resurrection.

He that believeth in me,  
though dead, yet he will live.  
Whoever liveth and believeth  
in me, eternal life I give.

Martha, Do you believe?  
Yea, Lord: I believe the Christ art thou.  
The Son of God which should  
come into the world, blessed are we now.

The Master is come,  
and calleth now for thee, Mary  
As soon as Mary heard that,  
she arose quickly, and didn't tarry.

Now Jesus had not yet come into the town,  
but was in the place where Martha had come.  
The Jews which were comforting her  
in the house making a somber and piteous hum.

When they saw Mary going out hastily,  
they followed her saying, she goes to the grave to weep  
When she found Jesus she fell down  
at his feet, as to a Shepherd by his sheep.

Lord, if thou hadst been here,  
well would ye have made him.  
Ohhh, Mary, Mary...  
Where have ye laid him?

Lord, come and see  
where his body is kept.

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And then Jesus wept.

Behold how he loved him! But this  
man opened the eyes of the blind,  
Could he not also the  
shrouds of death unwind?

Jesus therefore again groaning  
in himself cometh to the grave.  
Jesus said, Take ye away  
the stone from the front of the cave.

Lord, by this time he stinketh:  
for he hath been dead four whole days.  
Martha, Said I not unto ye, that  
you'd believe, you will see God's glorious rays.

Father, I thank you, for you hear me  
from the South and East to West and North.  
That they may believe that thou hast sent me  
....Lazarus, come forth! ! !

And he that was dead walked  
from the grave, with grave cloths wound.  
Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, let him go.  
For he had freed him whom death had bound.

Then many of the Jews  
believed which came to Mary.  
But some of them went to the  
Pharisees for they were still wary.

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## **Love Is...**

What if I spoke all the many man and angel tongues?  
Without love or charity, I'd just be noisy cymbals and crashing gongs.

Understanding mystery and giving prophesy to the waters and to river;  
Moving mighty mountains, does my faith endeavor.

Yet without Love, my soul is naught and I have nothing earned.  
Love suffers long and seeks that truth be learned.  
Love seeketh not her own gain or delight in angers burned.

Love beareth & believeth, hopeth & endureth, seeketh not iniquity or works of  
evil-clever.  
Love is loyal, wise, supportive, hopeful; and love faileth never.

Based on 1st Cor.13 - My First Poem - Written in Honor of My Sister Laura's Wedding  
(also her Confirmation Reading)

I Tried Using the Rythm of The Raven, didn't quite fit, but the result was good enough  
to inspire me to move on to my second (and still my best work: SUNRISE ON THE  
MOUNT) .

Two other good love poems are: Wife of Valor, and Shulamite... One tragic love poem  
is Defiling B.Sheeba...

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## Mary's Song

(And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. Zacharias comes up with the incense, And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.)

Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth will bear a son Though barren until now, she will and thou shalt call his name John.

You shall have joy and gladness; In the sight of the Lord he shall be great, and many shall rejoice at his treatise.  
He shall have no strong drink; and he will be filled with the Holy Ghost, even as an unborn fetus.

Many children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah (as foretold by Malachi)  
He shall turn the disobedient hearts to wisdom, and prepare the people for the Lord, as his prophet and alibi.

Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. Is it not a ruse?  
I am Gabriel, that stands in the presence of God; sent to speak to thee, and reveal the good news.

Behold, until the day has happened, thou shalt not be able to speak - stricken dumb Because thou believest not my words, which shall in their season shall surely come.

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city, of Galilee named Nazareth,  
To a virgin, named Mary espoused to a man named Joseph, of the house of David: of David's his root and beth.

Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.  
Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God (and in the spirit of Simeon's En-Rimmon)

Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bring forth a son, and Jesus shalt be his name. The Lord shall give him the David's throne. The Son of the Highest, great shall be his fame.

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and his kingdom shall have no end.  
How shall this be, seeing I have yet no husband - I do not mean to offend.

The power of Holy Ghost, shall overshadow, though not shading but in brilliance like the sun  
Therefore that holy one which shall be born of thee shall be called God's Son

My soul doth greatly magnify the Lord,  
And in God my Savior, my spirit hath found reward

For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden

Henceforth all generations shall recognize my womb art blessed hearth & aiden.

For he that is mighty hath done great things to me; and holy is his name to every nation.

His mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with his arm – He scatters to distant parts.  
Disbursing those proud who are great in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent away empty - hungry

He helps his servant Israel, in remembrance of his merciful endeavor.  
As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

Mary abode with her three months, and returned home as she started to increase in girth.  
Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and a son she gave birth.

And her neighbors and her cousins heard of the Lord's mercy and they rejoiced with her.  
On the eighth day, they called him Zacharias, when circumcision was to occur.

Not so; but he shall be called John, my son!  
Among the names of his relatives, John there is none

But Zacharias took a writing table, and wrote, His name is John. And all marveled.  
And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake clearly and ungarbled.

What manner of child shall this be! Thank thee oh God, hear the mute now talk.  
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his flock.

In the house of his servant David He hath raised up an horn of salvation  
As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets and redeeming novation.

That we should be saved from those who hate us, and from the hand of enemies;  
To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy mise;

The oath he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us our inheritance, draws near.  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear.

In holiness and righteousness we serve before him, for all our days.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, walking in his ways.

For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his path  
To give knowledge that by remission of their sins, his people, salvation hath.

Through God's tender mercy, the daysprings from on high, and from our bondage release.  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, guide our feet in

the way of peace.

And the child grew, and waxed strong in mind and faith and spirit,  
In the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel – for all with ears to hear it.

And it came to pass a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world pay tax.  
And all went to his home town including Joseph with Mary and (donkey and packs) .

Leaving Nazareth, for Judaea, the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (the house  
of bread):  
Because Joseph was of the lineage of David, brining Mary with whom he was wed.

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## **Miracle that Thrilled? No, 'Twas the Loaves that Filled!**

Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these people may eat?  
And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew how he would treat.

Even two hundred shekels worth of bread would be not sufficient  
Even if we cut it in very small pieces, we'd still be deficient.

(Andrew) There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves,  
He hath also two small fishes: but what are they among all the droves.

Make the men sit down. Now the place was very grassy.  
So the host sat down, numbering about five thousand plus all the little lads and lassie.

Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.  
Truthfully a prophet should come into the world and the divide be crossed.

When Jesus perceived they would come and take him by force to be crown't.  
He departed from them again, alone into the mount.

So his disciples went down unto the sea and entered into a ship,  
And set off over the waters toward Capernaum rowing at a decent clip.

Jesus had not come to them, And it was now dark a storm was growing.  
And the sea arose with great waves for a great wind was blowing.

So when they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty furlong,  
They saw Jesus walking on the sea, to the port side coming along.

They were shocked and anxious at what did appear.  
I am here, said the Lord, have no fear.

Then they received him into the ship by unanimous consent:  
And immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

The day following, the people which stood on the opposite sea shore  
Saw that there was no boat, save one that his disciples had taken from its moor.

And that Jesus went not with his disciples in the boat,  
His disciples had gone away alone, and were now adrift, afloat.

Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place.  
To where they ate the bread and after that the Lord had returned grace.

When the people therefore saw that neither Jesus nor disciple was there.  
They also took to sailing to Capernaum, Jesus place of repair.

Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

Truly, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles and were thrilled.  
You come because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Labor not for the meat which perisheth and rot,  
but for that meat which endureth forever and dieth not,

This flesh the Son of man shall give you, it shall be revealed  
For him hath God the Father sealed.

What shall we do, to work the works of God? How shall we repent?  
This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

What sign do you show, that we may see, and believe wholly and complete?  
Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

Verily, It was not Moses who gave that manna bread from heaven;  
But it is now my Father who has true bread given.

Lord, give us this bread. I am the bread of life and giveth unto those otherwise  
cursed.  
He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never  
thirst.

But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, but still you don't have faith.  
All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will not  
betrayeth.

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent.  
That all He has given I shouldn't lose, but raise up again at the last and final event.

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son,  
And believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will lift him at the last rising of  
the Sun.

Murmuring to each other: Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and  
mother we know?  
How is it then that he says, I came down from heaven, as if an astral body with beam  
and glow?

No man can come to me, so murmur not among yourselves or even pause  
For I will only raise him up at the last day, whence the Father which hath sent me  
draws.

It is written in the prophets, And they shall be taught of God, all and one.  
Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto the  
Son

Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the  
Father.  
Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread  
of life.

Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and yet still there is death in them  
This is the bread of eternal life from heaven, born in the house of bread, even  
Bethlehem.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if anyone partakes, they shall

live forever:

The bread that I give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world – sin forever severed.

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

Truly, unless ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, your life and spirit is deplete

Whoso eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, has eternal life – for this covenant shall I bleed.

I will raise them up at the last day, For my flesh is meat and my blood is drink indeed.

If ye eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, and dwelleth in me, so will I in ye. The living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so ye that eat shall live by me.

This is that bread which came down from heaven, not as your fathers which ate manna.

They are dead. You that eat this bread shall live for ever - avoiding your fathers fata morgana.

This is an hard saying; who can hear it? Doth this offend?

What if ye shall see the Son of man ascend?

The flesh profiteth nothing, It is the spirit that quicken;

The words that I speak unto you, They are spirit, They are the life ... of the un-stricken.

But there are some of you whose belief in me is just pretend and play.

For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and would betray.

Therefore, no man can come to me, unless it were given to him by my Father.

And many of his disciples left, and walked no more with him. For His words did bother.

Will ye also go away (Peter) ? Lord, to whom would we possibly go?

You have the words of eternal life and we are sure, indeed we know...

...That you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

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## **Modern Man: The Corporation**

Corporate Externalities  
Are Societal Realities  
Producing abundant 'Goods'  
But great 'Bads' and Banalities.  
Mounting Virtue Casualties.

Toxic Effluent Spewing  
Affluent Greed Brewing.  
Marketing Secular Iniquity  
And Holy Truth Eschewing.  
Dark Indebtedness Accruing.

Serpentine and clever  
Pressing advantages with lever  
Thy trusts mal-entrusted  
When good intent did sever  
By thy lobbyists endeavor

Who gives thee exaltation?  
Consider well thy reputation.  
Listen Modern Man  
Thy name is Corporation  
Complete is thy Indoctrination.

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## **'Monger' of Hope, Purveyor of 'Change', What is thy Nature?**

The talk of change  
isn't strange.  
It isn't new or witty.  
Yes Vigorous  
But Ambiguous  
It fits the unchanging mood of this city.

A 'monger of hope'  
A dangling rope  
For the anxious host.  
For what will differ,  
From the stiffer,  
Candidate for the post?

Haven't we caught  
That Change is not  
A virtue all alone.  
When it's for vice  
there's a price  
That we someday must atone.

Now I am too  
Forever true  
To the call of optimism  
But I hope n' pray  
We don't stray  
From heavenly true altruism

I can't abide  
human pride  
forsaking the truth  
in passion hot  
for a diff'rent lot  
from the lotto vendor's booth.

Please speak clear  
To my ear  
Your ideas 'vernal'  
Before I make  
Another mistake  
For my hope too springs eternal...

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## **My Creed**

I believe In God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth,  
I believe In Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, only Begotten of the Father, Born a Human Birth.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Communion of Saints, The Forgiveness of Sins' sentence.  
The Life Everlasting, and The Holy Christian Church (that which teaches repentance) .

Indeed, I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Indivisible  
Maker of all Heaven and Earth, of all both seen and invisible...

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only son of God,  
Begotten eternally: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God

Of one being with the Father, begotten not made  
But through Him all things were made...

He came down from Heaven for us and for our salvation,  
By the power of the Holy Spirit, through a Virgin, became a human incarnation...

For my sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
Suffered, died, and was buried (tearing the curtain of scarlet-violet) ....

On the third day He rose again as the Scriptures say God had planned.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the fathers' right hand...

He will come again (from on high where he once did ascend) .  
To Judge the Living and the Dead And his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of Life – the Lord,  
From the Father and Son proceeding, and with them is glorified and adored

He has spoken through the prophets (both warm and vitriolic)  
I believe in one Church, Holy, Christian, and apostolic.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins (to which we all succumb)  
I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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## **No King is Saved by an Army (based on Ps 33)**

No king is saved by an army of great breadth and length.  
No one is delivered by mighty martial strength.\*

It is vain to hope the cavalry and airforce can make you safe  
What deliverence can be born of machine gun strafe?

Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear only Him  
On those who ask Him for merciful protection from all that is grim

He delivers their soul from death and keeps them alive in famine.  
Return to the pure source from your briney sea as does the salmon.

Our soul waits for the Lord: He is our help and our shield.  
We shall rejoice in Him: let's trust Him to save us from the battle field.

We trust in your holy name O Lord, let your mercy flow,  
O Lord, be upon us that our trust and faith might grow.

\*Psalm 33

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## No Sympathy For The Devil

Triumph over the Will and Deception; or  
No Sympathy for the Devil!

A question: Could Satan ever repent?  
Could he ever forsake sin and lament?  
I expect not, for he is the epitome of proud evil,  
Against his nature – he is beyond retrieval.

But why? Was he created evil for a reason?  
Or was it a choice he will regret in some future season.  
If he were to; what for humanity would be the meaning?  
Nothing I expect, for evil is a choice for all imperfect being.

Now, if he were evil out of his ignorance inherent.  
One would question why he was made so errant.  
If he was aware of the truth then his ways are his choice.  
But if not then he is incapable of hearing Wisdom's voice.

The prophets have told us of his eternal fate in Gahenna  
Anguish and anger not some endless fete of sin and caiperania.  
To languish in agony in a lake of fire and forever fry  
Rejoice redeemed, that you won't meet him when you die.

Idle questions, but it's about free will and predestination.  
Or is that irony reserved for man from his (God's image) creation?  
Satan is the personification - embodiment of our evil nature.  
But we can choose to reject the seeking of his stature.

His power was conquered by the sacrifice of Christ.  
But man still has a choice and the proud may still be enticed.  
Sin may be foolishness – but a fool still decides his path.  
But why would anyone walk in ways that kindle holy wrath?

When we choose to trust and follow the light of Lord,  
We render old Eric powerless and alone in his discord.  
God gave us a right and will to choose His way or not.  
Imperfect nature yes, but not so deaf if we listen to what He taught.

In the beginning God separated the light from the dark.  
Man lost this blessing when Adam boarded Satan's bark.  
But Christ retook the world from the hold of Darkness' power.  
When He died upon the Cross in the Paschal Ninth Hour.

Have no sympathy for the Devil, for man and demon aren't the same  
Love everyone on earth, but not their sins, or share their blame.  
Work for thy neighbor's salvation, even the meanest Sadam, Scrooge, or Patch.  
But do not let him convert you to his worship of the evil stooge Scratch.

Hell may have it's fury, but in repentance, it can have no power over you.  
Pray for holy guidance and deliverance, and show love in all you do.  
When we all choose the light we will realize that the deceiver bluffed.  
And the darkness of the devil and those who chose his path will be forever snuffed.

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## **Obama is Wrong about the Sermon On The Mount**

Barak Obama asserted tonight that Jesus blessed homosexuality in His Sermon On The Mount.

On the contrary, he warns us about the wolves in fleece such as Mr. Obama. (Matthew 5&6, Luke 6)

Obama also placed himself ahead of Paul, whom God Himself chose, by dismissing Paul's letter to the Romans, which makes it very clear that homosexuality is Un-Christian.

Here is a poetic rendering of the Sermon on the Mount I wrote a few years ago:

A multitude, yea, all of those with unclean spirits vexed,  
Gather to Him to hear the Word which heals and protects.

Lifting up His eyes and voice, He taught upon the mount,  
Your rewards and your blessings, and how your virtues count.

Blessed are you poor in spirit, the humble hubris-less inherit heaven's realm;  
And blessed are you meek for you shall gently take the earthly helm.

Blessed are you that mourn and weep for human wrong and sin,  
Comfort shall God give you – His arms to hold therein.

Blessed are you that crave for right – enduring dry and parching thirst.  
Like a sponge into cup of truth be plunged, sated, saturated, immersed.

Be happy you who mercy sow, forgiveness you invest.  
At harvest, reap you mercy and know that you've been blessed.

Happy are the pure in spirit and wise are your decisions.  
You clearly see the way to Him, His holy face your visions.

Blessed are the peacemakers – He knows you by your love.  
You indeed are children of the one true God above.

Good cheer to those reviled and persecuted in God's holy name.  
The world will slander and attack you but you should feel no shame

Like the prophets before you, they thank you with the sword.  
Rejoice, Rejoice! and be glad, for so great is your reward.

So all you blessed people, use your blessings well.  
Shine your light upon the world – from rooftop and on hill.

You salt the earth, you brighten, you enlighten, and you savor.  
But carefully guard the holy truth, or lose all of His favor.

For woe shall come to he whose gifts will he not share,  
Like worthless tasteless salt cast out, all blessings shall strip bare.

Oh, you with bellies full, and you whose hearts are filled,  
Do your part or like blades of wheat, wither, and be under tilled.

Woe to you who admonish, laugh, and jeer at His holy plan,  
Weep and mourn will you when you meet the Son of Man.

You populist false prophets, you demagogues in high regard,  
Whose positions gained at cost of truth, will be mocked, de-frocked, disbarred.

Demonstrate the light you have, place it not under bushel.  
For if your neighbor truly love, you'll show him what is crucial.

And if he smites you on the cheek, take not revenge on he.  
'Eye for eye' may indeed be just, but mercy from you flee.

But, if the other cheek you offer, you stand your moral ground.  
Yielding not your soul or thought or hope, your action then is sound.

And watch your tongue, He tells us not to call someone a fool.  
Judgment is God's privilege, and He wields many a powerful tool.

If ye judge not with a stone, so ye shall not be judged.  
Be ye so forgiving, and to you mercy shall not begrudged.

Does this mean you must accept the rule of sin and wrong?  
Endure and love and teach Earth's lost souls, yet in His law be strong.

For the law shall never pass away, not even jot or tittle,  
'Til all the prophecy fulfill and our judgment yields to His acquittal.

Whosoever breaks the law and leads others down that path,  
Shall be the least in Heaven and risks almighty wrath.

For unless you exceed the righteousness of Pharisee and scribe,  
You cannot enter into heaven, try ye sneak, or beg, or bribe.

Give, and then recoup great measures of mercy, love, and grain,  
For with the same that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.

And as ye would that men do to you, do ye to them too.  
Beyond your friend, as any sinner, but to your foe, and great rewards accrue.

Yes, love ye your antagonist, do good, lend, & expect not thanks or gain.  
Ye shall be His own, for He is kind, even to unthankful, even unto Cain.

To kill is wrong as we all have known from the time of Abel's slaying  
But angry hatred of your brother risks a sentence never staying.

Since times of old, it has been said, "commit not adultery"  
But already have you done this in lusty gazes, wanton and sultry.

It hath been said divorce is as simple as a giving your wife a writ;  
But in doing so you cause her & future lovers to adultery commit.

Fix your problems and your sources of iniquity and sin.  
Think it through, pluck it out, cast it into the rubbish bin.

Better to lose an eye or limb, rationale, or damned philosophy,  
Than your body, mind, and soul to end in fiery catastrophe.

And in your prayers there is no need to go on heathen-like forever.  
Sibyl-speech mayn't reach His ear, so simplify your endeavor.

Saying humbly, 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on Earth as in Heaven same.'

'Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we do too in turn.  
Lead us not into temptation and deliver us forever from the flames which ever burn.'

Outward piety, in front of men, for self-serving desires, boastful and vain,  
Does not garner His reward so focus your entreaties upward, and in his favor remain.

To trumpet your fasting, or the good you do, the alms you give, is vain hypocrisy.  
So quietly help the poor; for your Father shall give openly for your gifts in secrecy.

Do not store up things on earth where they may be lost to moth, or thief, or rust.  
Deposit rather labors bounty, for heart will follow too, in vaults of Heaven's Trust.

No one can serve two masters, That is to say both God and Greed.  
For in giving your devotion to one you will neglect, yes lose the other, guaranteed.

But one of the two will enslave you, in the other you are freed.  
So trust in Him, like Cherubim, to give you what you need.

Be you free from worry and anxiety about your daily life.  
What you eat, what you drink, don't let these cause you any strife.

Your body's features, how thick or thin, what you wear, and how you're seen.  
It's not what enters but what comes forth that despoils and makes unclean.

For is not life more than planning your next meal?  
Is not life more than maximizing your physical appeal?

Consider you the lilies of the field, which neither toil nor spin.  
Even the robes of rich King Solomon pale when all their blooms come in.

Your Father knows you need these things, so seek his kingdom first  
He shall clothe ye in his vestments, In His fashion be well versed.

Consider little sparrows that neither store nor save a shred.  
Yet God the Father makes sure that they are sufficiently fed.

How much more important and loved than vegetation and lowly beast  
Are His children to Him; He will prepare what you need; Indeed He sets a feast.

So worry not for Tomorrow's bread, Let him seek his own.

Live in the moment by doing what you ought, and mercies plenty shall be shown.

Don't chase the wind, for how can worry add a moment to your days.  
Do your best, forget the rest, and like a plant of Pentecost, soak up all His rays.

Your eye is the lamp of your body, the window through which outward light may shine;  
But when through it only darkness pass, your heart's fruits wither on the vine.

So just ask the Lord and you will receive; Seek, and the answers you shall perceive;  
Knock, and for you will even heavy bolted portal open-heave.

For imperfect though you are, who would refuse their own child a piece of bread or fish?

Who among you would place stones or snakes upon their supper dish?

How much more will the Father, who is perfect, give you when you place your wish?  
Love complete your God and Neighbor, for His law, His love for you will never vanish.

Can one blind man lead another? Fall into the pit, they might.  
The blind should seek to follow those whom God has blessed with sight.

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above the master.  
But everyone who is fully taught becomes like the teacher, like a pastor.

But how can you, the mote or speck in your brothers eye inspect,  
Whilst a branch is in your own, you hypocrite, how can you correct?

Remove first the mighty log which is blocking your own vision  
Only, then can you help your brother, with much improved precision.

A good man produces good out of the treasure of his heart whether bold or meek.  
An evil man does likewise; for out of the abundance of the heart does man speak.

Be careful not to give the dogs the holy, nor cast your progeny-pearls before the swine  
They will attack you and then trample both great & little treasures which are thine.

Remember that fulfillment was His purpose, He came not to abolish Mosaic Law.  
So revisions are abominations, the great noise, and evil raven's caw.

Enter by the narrow gate you few who can find life's happy entrance.  
Beware the wide track to yawning gate of Dis, It does distract, 'Come & earn your sentence'

Beware the wolves in fleece who lie and publish untrue epistles.  
Know them by their fruit – grapes haven't thorns, and figs haven't thistles.

Every good tree will be tended and bare a healthy crop of fruit.  
Simply barren or choke-fruited trees shall fires stoke and furnace walls be-soot.

Hear His Word all peoples. Listen, heed, and with truth be incentivized.  
Not all who appeal "Lord, Lord" on Judgment day will be recognized.

You who speak and prophecy in His name, but in action you eschew.  
You'll be repulsed, turned-out, exiled, for the evil that you do.

But hearing and heeding is like building your foundation upon the rock.  
Wind & rain & flood repel, and even earthquake cannot shock.

But those who hear and heed not, are a house upon the sand.  
In front of tempest, flood, and tempter, they surely cannot stand.

And when He finished these sayings (paraphrased) all the people were amazed,  
For He speaks with authority never heard before; so now let God be praised.

And He goes on healing many, even on the Sabbath, just as He had started.  
His ministry extends to all, centurion, leper, Samaritan, all of the faithful-hearted.

For God so loved the world, He sent His Son, His Word, His Logos-Corpus.  
That if we repent and believe in Him, He'll admit us to Heaven's life-eternal chorus.

So pray that He restore to you clean heart and joyous faithful Holy Spirit,  
And let the Paraclete descend so that great happiness, shall you inherit.

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## **On Route from the Capital to Fengxian... to Damascus**

There are many lessons of Christ holy and true  
Which are hinted at in the words written by Du Pu

zhu men jiu  
rou chou  
lu you  
dong si gu

Behind the wide red gates of the rich, food lies rotting from waste  
Outside the poor lie frozen to death (neglected and emace'd)

You can learn the rest of that truth if you listen now  
If you follow the narrow path: the Jesus Christ tao...

That those who horde the things of the earth  
Will find those things ruined and replaced by dearth.

It is indeed an irony, that the humble poor-in-spirit  
Recieve the gift of Truth by God when they listen and they hear it.

They have a greater treasure than the rich man could ever dream.  
The first became the last, and the last shall reign supreme.

And here is the transcendent: That those who gather this Holy Truth  
Do not deprive anyone else of the bread and elixir of heavenly youth

Yes, those rich-in-truth unlike the earthly wealthy,  
Whose positions and perks are guarded by their strong and stealthy

Yes, those who have followed the straight path to His gate,  
Unlike those who lock out the masses with their red iron gate

They call out to everyone to join them in their joyous eucharistic feast  
Which celebrates the conquest over eternal death, which the blood of Christ released.

Irony! Red irony indeed, that Christ's bounty rots not  
Inside His narrow gates, for the poor who His salvation sought.

But the proud rich man, who ignores the love that Jesus showed,  
Lies starved of truth and blessings; frozen on his own winding red road.

Du Pu (Tu Fu) was a poet from eight century China who wrote about the plight of the poor. He is revered as one of the greatest poets of China.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 1 - Intro**

"The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and kill and destroy;  
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Jesus Christ  
John 10: 10

As Miltonian-Noun and as Freudian-Adjective  
Our proverbial 'undoing' is their soul objective

If you are Miltonian, it is still somewhat helpful to remind  
You of traits and goals and symptoms these demons seek to bind

If you are Freudian, it is indeed helpful to think of these conditions  
As disrupting our lives as they move through their pos progressions...

Lucky old Scrooge was visited by a ghost and three spirits of truth  
But we are haunted, by many more corrupted and uncouth.

We may, with help and trial, learn to overcome  
But without the Solar Shield of Truth, we may eventually succumb...

So let's name these little wretches. Show them for what they are  
And not let them mire us in Malacoda's pit of tar...

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 2 - Disappointment vs. Thankfulness**

The Spirits of Disappointment and Take-it-for-Granted  
Would like to see thanksgiving forced-out and supplanted

These twin emissaries of the enemy may seem benign  
But when they arrive, your life becomes a whine

Like the old step-mother Lilith, impossible to please.  
She sends out her first progeny to afflict and to seize.

It's a sad day indeed for these demons are so hateful  
All happiness is lost when we forget to be grateful

When we forget to thank God for our Family and our Home,  
Our Food, Friendships, and Education – our hearts start to roam

Our jobs and relationships, it all turns crappy  
But a thankful heart is truly contented and happy

So let us instead appreciate all the blessings He has given  
Looking upon the bright side and let the darker be out-driven

For these twins of inflicted pessimism have a darker plan  
They call to a Legion of their brothers, to join them inside of man...

We thank you Lord for the many blessings we receive.  
And greatest of all is the happiness of those who believe.

So let's repent our disappointment and our sense of entitlement.  
Taking God's robe of joy in exchange for our dreary habiliment.

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### **Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 3 - Idolatry & Lust vs. Constancy**

Now the twin demons have a younger sister, Queen Jezebel  
She is the seductive hand-maiden of the Baal of hell.

In the shadow of her brothers first subtle works  
She enters the hearts of men and quietly there she lurks.

She corrupts appreciation for what God does deliver.  
Encouraging focus on the gift, rather than the Giver.

Implanting a notion that one cannot do without.  
That life owes everything: a form of spiritual pout.

Gradually corrupting the gifts as well as the receiver,  
Until she holds a person's passion – pitched to a fever.

But once her power is confirmed, she loses her inhibition,  
Demanding open rebellion and works of dark sedition.

And whoever she cannot gain through her simple plan.  
She uses her power to silence – employing her adoring clan.

This screech-owl tempter wants nothing less than to steal every field.  
And to control its cultivation, and to claim it's rancid yield.

Rendering them all into modern Akeldama's  
As on Judas' field of blood, she inflicts severe traumas.

Conceited, jealous, and spiteful she will go to any length  
Over the un-thankful she wields her greatest strength.

Holy marriage and intimacy sends her into a rage.  
So she sends her minions out to battle and engage.

Fornication, Adultery, and Homosexuality are the intended effects  
When her addiction-to-pleasure idolatry successfully infects

The fields produce great bounty to feed every soul on Earth  
But it is only in their corruption that she finds any worth:

Binge-alcoholism and narcotic drug addictions  
Bring her greater glory, and man greater afflictions.

The gifts of God are not for covetous gluttonous gorging  
Following her, corrupts His feast into nothing but an orgy.

Since times of old, it has been said, "commit not adultery"  
But already have you done this in lusty gazes, wanton and sultry.

It hath been said divorce is as simple as a giving your wife a writ;  
But in doing so you cause her & future lovers to adultery commit.

Even the products of man's great God-given ingenuity

Jezebel uses to create a 'must-have' 'Consumerist' incongruity.

How we treasure the latest from the Versace's, Sony's, and Ikea's  
Our desire for the newest-best replaces many charitable ideas

Even Man's curious willingness to think-outside-the-box,  
Is used to lead him into the service of this cunning fox.

How addicted are we to her seductive philosophies,  
Proud libertarian ideals instead of true philanthropies.

So remember the lesson of Martha, the rich youth, and of Phillipi.  
There is only One Thing you truly need: salvation. On God alone rely.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 4 - Sloth vs. Industry/Fitness**

The Spirit of Sloth, 'Belphagor' if you will,  
Drains us of our motivation until we're left with nil

Those truly in his clutches must climb the highest hill  
Just to get off the couch – indeed they sit there still.

For if you succumb to the crushing weight of Belphagor  
You will end up as a weakling, a liar, and a beggar.

Weak, incapable, and helpless are not just descriptions of physique.  
But also the faith and intellect of those who do not actively seek.

And when you are too lazy to do what you know you ought.  
You hide your shame in lies, but eventually you get caught.

Finally when this conditions progresses beyond what is sustainable  
Have you gone so far that redemption is unattainable?

Well, though your arms and waists – even your IQ may be wasted  
Salvation is still on offer from God and redemption can still be tasted.

So turn off the tube – stand up, repent, and simply do.  
Every moment counts and the Holy Spirit will empower you.

You may be surprised to find a growing energy and vibrancy  
A passion for life and truth will replace your degenerating complacency.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 5 - Greed vs. Charity**

Spirit of Greed and Avarice: Mammon is his name.  
Drives his host unmercifully to play his greedy game.

With cupidity comes the burden of this wolf of hell  
Sent to inflame your heart and take back what might you sell

To gamble or to ladder-climb, it's really all the same  
Let not the pursuit of only money, bring you to this shame

For the love of money is said to be the root of all evil  
And one cannot serve both God and this devil.

It blocks one's good sense of true charity.  
So be not thrown into spiritual-austerity.

Don't sell your soul and make yourself a slave.  
It will cause you to lose all that which Heaven gave.

'For all the modern comforts for which we toil in vain  
Will break and rot and rust... our body and our brain

Oh Lord, let me be neither rich nor desperately poor.  
For riches turn their possessor into a proud conceited boar.

But as a beggar I might be tempted to thievery and fraud.  
Therefore provide me just my daily bread, oh my Lord my God.'\*  
\*Paraphrase of Proverbs 30

So as a token of thanks, make of your first fruits a donation.  
By sharing with less fortunate, you share with Him your elation

But being charitable is much more than paying alms or even tax.  
We are to share all the goodness of our hearts and head and hands and backs.

So repent, teach, and model righteousness for all, or what is even better  
Share your faith, breaking loose both yours and your neighbor's fetter.

Be active in your charity, but not for pride or show.  
What you do quietly the Father will surely know.

And you will receive your heavenly treasure back again a million manifold.  
It does your soul, not an ounce of good, to pocket that extra ounce of gold.

Do not store up things on earth where they may be lost to moth, or thief, or rust.  
Deposit rather labors bounty, for heart will follow too, in vaults of Heaven's Trust.

Remember, No one can serve two masters, That is to say both God and Greed.  
For in giving your devotion to one you will neglect, yes lose the other, guaranteed.

But one of the two will enslave you, in the other you are freed.  
So trust in Him, like Cherubim, to give you what you need.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 6 - Gluttony vs. Self Control**

Gluttony's spirit, Bacchus, follows Mammon's affluenza.  
Spreading a buffet of delicacies out upon the rich man's credenza  
'Indulge yourself' he calls – 'you've earned it, it's your right.'  
'What consequence?' he laughs, 'just quaff, and binge all night.'

Calling the poor man too, who wishes to forget what he's lost  
To drown his misery in a bottle – but at what final cost?

Eat, drink, and make 'merry', for tomorrow you will die  
Is the logic of his seductively atheist and existential lie.

His unqualified success at present is a fairly safe assumption  
As he watches millions squelch their pain not with Christ but with consumption.

Every day (or weekend) becoming a fest of Liberalia  
A false manhood pretended by singing 'Yo Saturnalia'

Pile on the Fries, Ice Cream, the sodas, pops, and cokes.  
Baccus extolls the rich and kingly portions on which our society chokes.

Now Jesus said it is not the food or wine which despoils and makes unclean.  
But drunken or culinary orgies are not the substance to which He weens.

So when you do drink and eat, let the temperance of the Spirit give you pause.  
And as often as you lift the cup, glass, fork, or mug, let His blessings be the cause.

And when your possession of this spirit has made your waistline bloated,  
When over your pre-occupations and depression Baccus has gloated,

Do not think that Jenny, Atkins, or even self control is the answer to your despair.  
All blessings are gifts from God, so let your spirit taste His fare.

So just be free from worry and anxiety about your daily life.  
What you eat, what you drink, just don't let these cause you any strife.

Your body's features, how thick or thin, what you eat, and how you're seen.  
It's not what enters but what comes forth that despoils and makes unclean.

The kingdom is so much more than consuming your next meal.  
Is it not distraction to worry about your physical appeal.

So repent, and ask Jesus to help you with your drink and diet.  
The Holy Spirit is powerful, and it hasn't gone quiet.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 7 - Corruption vs. Integrity**

Does God really want you to be rich? ? ?  
Or is Mammon concocting another enticing pitch.

He pays special attention; he pretends the role of benefactor  
To our leaders – the businessman, the judge, journalist, doctor, and actor.

Even teachers, ministers, administrators, bankers, and politicians  
Are all eventually drawn to his ways: the model lifestyle of patricians.

What fraud will not be pursued, what lie not advanced?  
Til the proletariat has been shaken-down, fleeced, and pants'd?

Do not muzzle the ox while threshing, the worker deserves his wage!  
What is given should be born of love, not deception or fear of the grave.

Take no money for this journey, no spare coat or shoes or staff...  
Such an austere command... I can just here the rich man laugh.

But we don't neeeeed riches – what are they for?  
So that we can have a life more luxurious than before?

So that we can feel secure and taken care of?  
God says He will do this out of His unconditional love.

Work as hard as you can – Receive back what you need.\*  
This may not be true of the state – but it is a Godly creed.

How can one be a servant-leader, how can one bear one's cross daily?  
When bound-up in a serpent skin belt so slick and black and scaly?

We are to avoid not just graft and malfeasance, but also vain ambition.  
Lest we fall into a trap: the unsolomonic... Leo and Baker tradition.

The great riches we are promised are of the Spirit: confidence and peace  
Faith, hope, and love are His fruits, He wants this crop to be increased.

\*This is the communist motto. False when reliant on the state, but true of God.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 8 - Deception and Despair vs. Truth and Joy**

Baal Zebub (or Beelzebub) is mocked as the Lord of the Flies  
But he is the scheming purveyor of all of Satan's lies

This demon of deception is advised by the devious Mulcibel  
The intricate and patient planner, the architect of hell

From the moment of his exile, our destruction he has planned  
By causing Men's foundations to be built upon the sand

Fascination with all things corrupt, wiccan, magical, and pagan,  
Morgan, Ashtoreth, Sagan, Moloch, and the Merman Dagon

The Potter has power over the wet clay of your heart and mind...  
Who is yours? Craftsman of the universe or the harry parsel\* speaking kind?

Like Wormwood's advisor Screwtape, a professor at Dis U.  
Placing many-a detour sign, and spinning every unholy issue.

Or like Tammuz the spirit of despair and drought  
Which causes men to grieve when blessings aren't about.

So lift up your eyes and voice, and recount what He taught us on the mount,  
How you rewards and your blessings, and all your virtues count.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, the humble hubris-less inherit heaven's realm;  
And blessed are the gentle-meek for you shall boldly take the earthly helm.

Blessed are you that mourn and weep for human wrong and sin,  
Comfort shall God give you – His arms to hold therein.

Blessed are you that crave for right – enduring dry and parching thirst.  
Like a sponge into cup of truth be plunged, sated, saturated, immersed.

Be happy you who mercy sow, forgiveness you invest.  
At harvest, reap you mercy and know that you've been blessed.

Happy are the pure in spirit and wise are your decisions.  
You clearly see the way to Him, His holy face your visions.

Blessed are the peacemakers – He knows you by your love.  
You indeed are children of the one true God above.

Good cheer to those reviled and persecuted in God's holy name.  
The world will slander and attack you but you should feel no shame

Like the prophets before you, they thank you with the sword.  
Rejoice, Rejoice! and be glad, for so great is your reward."

So all you blessed people, use your blessings well.  
Shine your light upon the world – from rooftop and on hill.

You salt the earth, you brighten, you enlighten, and you savor.

Carefully guard His holy Truth, and rejoice forever in the glory His favor.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 9 - Anger & Violence vs. Forgiveness & Caring**

The Spirit of Anger, like that legendary descendant of Cain:  
Grendle, feeds upon a great emotion of displeasure and pain.

A feeling of injustice, maybe real but more likely just perceived  
It is the fruit of unholy work which caused man to be deceived.

For when the 'Entitlement' and false 'Expectation' lies are believed.  
Disappointment extinguishes all joy and Anger's presence is greatly grieved

By the one in his grip, but even more by those around.  
That is unless patience, friendship, and forgiveness abound.

For when angers flare it signals the existence of some incongruency.  
Return then to God's perfect law and communicate with greater frequency.

And ask God to help you take control of your Temper  
That you may be free from all the evil of this ancient "Anger" Tempter.

And as ye would that men do to you, do ye to them too.  
Beyond your friend, as any sinner, but to your foe, and great rewards accrue.

Yes, love ye your antagonist, do good, lend, & expect not thanks or gain.  
Ye shall be His own, for He is kind, even to unthankful, even unto Cain.

Fury is wrong as we all have known from the time of Abel's slaying  
But angry hatred of your brother risks a sentence never staying.

Violence directed toward thy family, friends, and neighbors,  
Whether hurling curses, stones, or cabers, are the fruit of Satan's labors

When dealing with life's issue's with one's furies and one's fists.  
Into the battalion of the hellion Furor one descends and enlists.

Marching with his forces to destroy God's gift of familial love  
When parents, offspring, siblings, and spouse, you handle with a shove.

Listening, respecting, compromising, and forgiving,  
Are the ways to make sure your heart and soul will be long-living.

True friendship and societal harmony are quickly lost.  
When a town embraces violence and forgets to count the cost.

There are also the sins of vehemence against God and your enemy.  
"Whatever you do, even to the least, you do also to me."

When we forget to love our enemies: Jesus Christ's command.  
We invite the true enemy into our life, our home, our land.

The intimidation of the bully may taunt ' I'm going to kick your ass! '  
But if fear or hatred is our response, we've been caught in Gendles Morass.

For how can an enemy be attacked and killed,

When we are all to love him with Holy Spirit filled?

How can enemy blood be spilled when Christ doth decree,  
"Whatever you do, even unto the least, you do even unto me? "

Demonstrate the light you have, place it not under bushel.  
For if your neighbor truly love, you'll show him what is crucial.

And if he smites you on the cheek, take not revenge on he.  
'Eye for eye' may indeed be just, but mercy from you flee.

But, if the other cheek you offer, you stand your moral ground.  
Yielding not your soul or thought or hope, your action then is sound.

No do not judge your neighbor with a stone, and you shall not be judged.  
Be so forgiving, and to you His mercy shall not begrudged.

Leave the uncertain wilderness of violence uncharted and unexplored  
For all security, all justice, and all vengeance are mine - thus sayeth the Lord.

For even in victory the blessings can be lost, as David found.  
When planning the Lord's temple, his bloody hands were bound.

'Oh David you gave the enemies of God great cause to blaspheme'  
Let all people learn from this peace, love, and lawful esteem.

'Oh Cain, the reddened Earth cries out, soaked in your brothers blood.'  
How many of them have you left in desert sands and war-trench mud?

For a mighty fortress is our God, never failing or deserting  
And all shall be healed in Him of war and pain and hurting.

'Violence shall no more be heard in the land', as we obey His loving orders.  
'Lord, No wasting or destruction shall be within thy peoples borders.'

'But we shall call thy walls, thy gates, thy rod and staff 'salvation'.  
As you defend your people from evil trials and tribulation.'

'You are a shield for those who call, You alone are God, a mighty rock.  
You rescued me from stubborn people, all enemy violence did you block.'

'Let us beat our sword into a plough and our spear into a hook'  
'Then the nations shall not know war', only Christ's shepherd crook

For the sword he has endowed is one which cleaves only lies.  
Let us wield it skillfully, and willfully join His peaceful battle cries.

So onward Christian soldiers! March out as to war.  
But armed with only faith, truth, and love of fellow man, for now and evermore.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses -part 10 - Atheism and Secularization**

### Atheism and Atheist Existential

The spirit of Atheism put's on quite an elaborate masquerade.  
Adorning the the mask of science this demon sets up his charade.

"Is Truth eternal necessity or is it not plain obscenity  
Isn't Truth indeterminate, inauthentic versus dependable reality"

The intellectually arrogant, open to everything – Quel Provocateur.  
Fall for this relativity and his lectures on the logic of the non-sequiter

It's a form of pride in which familiarity with the new or avant garde  
Makes them better than the common knowledge of some old Christian bard.

"There is no need to have a coherent world view or consistent positions."  
But look, there is no foundational legitimacy to the demons presuppositions.

For if it is true, then there is no need for the Christian to provide  
coherent counter-argumenation in favour of that which sceptic doth deride.

But as this demon is forestalled from making a full frontal attack on the pious  
By sending his sons around the flanks of society he hopes salvation to deny us.

Corrupting the tendencies of Secularism, Pluralism, and Professionalism  
These demons have created a vast public life – private life schism.

Passed off as sons of the virtue of Liberty, they're held in great eroica.  
In truth they are the children of Atheism: this unholy troika.

Secularist takes home it's prey like some infernal falcon or carrier pigeon.  
Convincing Society that it is neither predatory nor religion.

It has deceived Society into believing that in order to be fair to all.  
It must banish God from every public school, square, court, heart, and hall.

That it must protect Liberties of Falsity, and therefore must drive out the Truth.  
That it must reject good morals, to protect the 'Rights' of the uncouth.

A peculiar way of thinking like existential or some of the Londonisms  
Not unlike Nietze, Marx, or Locke, but his true nature revels in his Hedonisms

When it has fully bound our hearts and jettisoned all shame,  
Why bother with morals, ethics, and values when all action is the same?

Pluralist assumes all ideas are equal - a mantra of both media and faithless skeptic.  
But all reason is lost when the deceiver intermingles true blood with the septic.

The logical law of non-contradiction says that contradicting statements  
Cannot both be true without some qualifications or abatements.

Pluralist hisses that this is only 'western thought', a myopic Either-Or  
That the Dialectical Both-And allows us to stand simultaneously on many-a shore.

The diabolical deception is that both the True Logos-Thesis and every false Antithesis  
Can be brought together into some harmonious much improved Synthesis

But all major world religions and philosophies have an absolute core or nimbus.  
Rejecting aspects of each other which offend or contradict their litmus.

And this boil is finally pricked with a simple observation and its fallacy submerges.  
That in the act of insisting on a Both-And path, a true Either-Or emerges.

You will find on our campuses at nearly every skeptical university  
The uniform embracing of pluralist's corrupt diversity.

How ironic that only one faith embraces the True Unity in Diversity  
As inherent in the first-cause Creator - it is Christianity.

Yes, Media too has championed the notion that there is no one Truth to extol.  
That all is opinion, and in so doing, it reveals the true author of this unholy goal.

When going by the name Relativist he says "I know that you cannot 'know'"  
"Yes", I say, "well but then how do you know that this is so? "

No one comes to the Father, except through the Son.  
There are not a multitude of paths, Christ confirms that there is only one.

Professionalist creates separation in our lives, taking most waking moments  
As it draws us into an a-theistic world of work where a-moral heresies can foment.

He encourages the marketer to be all things to all people.  
Lynching the value to society with the bell rope of the secular steeple.

But God is not something which lives in a closet and is let out just on Sunday.  
Banished on Monday as one drives to work in his Mercedes, Ford, or Hyundai.

A hibernating cloistered Christianity may just be easier. Hear the choir's affirmations.  
Who wants to be attacked and exert the energy to confront the societal negations?

To be continued...

This piece is dedicated to Ravi Zacharias and Stuart McAllister who have provided or  
retold many of the thoughts used in these passages.  
It is a work in progress for now.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses -part 11 - Vanity/Pride vs. Modesty**

The Spirit of Pride would you have guessed, Lucifer's his name  
But what puzzles us so often is the nature of this game.\*

For some speak of pride as a virtue, "I'm so proud of you my child"  
Meaning "I'm thankful for you and your goodness" -This is not to be reviled.

But when we are proud of our own prowess and our deeds,  
When we boastfully assert that we ourselves meet all our needs.

We put on the airs of the arrogant hubristic demon Hybris  
Like climbing the giants of Lebanon, the cedar or the cypress

All the sticky resin embalms your hands and face and shirt  
Which then permanently adheres all her impious filth and dirt

But the axe is laid at the root of the trees and if it brings forth not,  
It will be cast into the fires of hell, tortuous and hot.

Like Nebuchandezzar who for a time gave all glory to Yaweh  
But when he claimed the glory, God sent animal-insanity that very day.

When we congratulate ourselves for how hot or glamorous we are.  
We have chosen to follow this vain and shifting star.

So instead, let's recognize the source of all benevolence  
And accept His blessings on your life with great prevalence

Consider you the lilies of the field, which neither toil nor spin.  
Even the robes of rich King Solomon pale when all their blooms come in.

Your Father knows you need these things, so seek his kingdom first  
He shall clothe ye in his vestments, In His fashion be well versed.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses -part 12 - Envy and Apathy vs. Empathy and Care**

Spirit of Envy, Leviathan, is aptly named for his immense potential size.  
Feeding in the waters of our hearts on the krill of 'future happiness' lies.

When we see what another has and think that we should have it too,  
We cast ourselves in the mold of impoverished pauper, wanton feelings brew.

We lose sight of what we have to offer the unloved, ignorant, and needy  
Love, charity, and empathy squeezed out by a growth of envy-greedy.

Born of scalding currants out of a growing volcanic cone  
This monster feeds on us rapidly and his presence dwarfs our own.

Getting or taking may give a pleasure which subdues for a day  
All the emotional wounds and injuries which accumulate dismay.

But we cannot and should not have everything, objects are not a salve.  
We needn't keep up with the Joneses by purchasing everything they have.

This affliction is not just temporary, but clings with the persistence of perpetuity.  
Growing in our hearts and with his demands great and ingratuitous.

Jesus Christ, Told us 'There is only one thing we truly need.'  
It is the bounteous love and salvation born of Christ's selfless deed.

So celebrate this gift, by giving thanks and helping the indigent.  
Sharing the fruits of your faith, labor, and wisdom with the ignorant.

So be vicariously happy for those who have, and sad for those who don't.  
Let Empathy conquer Envy and be patient with those who won't.

The Malls and catalogues, E-Bay, QVC and such feed on our weakness.  
But there is One who can free us of Envy's future of bleakness.

Now Affluence can bring a subtler more conniving demon named Apathy.  
Which cultivates a mild alienation into a stronger antipathy.

An attitude of 'me', whether for luxury or just for simple 'needs'.  
Off the path of empathy, care, and caution this diversion leads.

Perhaps you once really cared about the truth and relationship with Christ.  
But there are parties to attend and your favorite e-bay item is about to be re-priced.

There are so many things to do and entertain and distract  
But this is not how Jesus Christ taught us to act.

Loving our neighbor and helping out the poor.  
Visiting the scripture and the church, instead of just the store.

Reaching out to our personal enemies, burying the hatchet.  
Instead of tearing up a relationship, Jesus wants us to patch it.

Strive for something better for you spirit and your neighbors  
Find a way to spend your spare time in truly fruitful labors.

For if we choose to ignore, we choose ignorance:  
A callous and cavalier bliss in place of real benevolence.

Disempowerment is the final gift of this successful demon.  
So know that shunning one's cares does not make a freeman.

Weakness and timidity are not what the Holy Spirit bestows  
A spirit of bountiful strength is the crop that this good spirit grows.

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## **Our Demons/Our Psychoses -part 13 - Perversion vs. Piety and Submission**

When we receive Perversion's corrupting leaven  
The treasury of our hearts loses the gifts of Heaven

Love and passion, tinged with Disrespect, yields treachery and lust  
Bonds like friendship, then Betrayal, creates disbelieving loss of trust

Bravery without faith, then Injury, begets vengeance and violence  
Rationalization flourishes when Envy makes reason silence

Intelligence plus Pride results in unfounded intellectualism  
Community plus Greed and Deception results in political populism

'Fairness' and 'Diversity' becomes deception when used for the promotion of sin  
Fraternity-brotherhood loses its meaning when man neglects even his own blood next  
of kin

Good Sustenance corrupted by Obsession is the meat of the glutton  
Charity yields to Resentment when unto Entitlement we cotton

Leadership is turned by Greed into graft and with Slothful might it brings slavery  
Appreciation for the curious or lovely becomes Jealousy so green and unsavoury.

Family and charity can be turned by Injustice into nepotistic preference  
Respect becomes deceptive pluralism when we show Heresy undue deference.

Law and boundaries can turn to dead dogmatism without love and understanding  
Awe for God's mysteries becomes Confusion when Sophistry starts commanding

Forgiveness becomes ownership when mixed with Prideful Magnanimity  
Boldness of Spirit without Obedience to God turns to pusillanimity

Modest confidence turns to boasting when Superbia comes to tempt  
Calm reserve when seeded with Doubt grows into paralyzed self-contempt

Industry turns to fatigue and Sloth when we do not show each other appreciation  
Maturity and wisdom without patience can turn to Condescension

Beauty can be used for temptation when comes the spirit of Vanity  
Creativity when vexed by Derision or Addiction can lead to insanity

Responsibility in one area of life plus Apathy can in another area bring dereliction  
Communication when colored by deception undermines strong God-given conviction

Kindness mixed with a lack of scruples can lead to Cheating and frauds  
Patience or respect for others can be tortured into apathy or worship false gods

Global unity infused with pride, like the strength of ancient Babel  
Can be catastrophic; when as 'gods' we 'create', combine, and dabble.

Evil is as much a dearth or hindering of good and righteousness  
As it is the conniving hatred of spirits dark and abominous

There is no good reason to corrupt the uncountable blessings He has given.  
Great joy and happiness is on offer, why let these good things be riven?

Indeed the Enemy has a legion of methods, many more avenues of attack.  
But Jesus has promised us a helper to push this deceiver back.

So act with pious submission and humble thankfulness for all God's gifts.  
And let the Holy Spirit and the blood of Christ heal your heart's rifts.

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## Poemhunter Poem Scores (Trite)

A Poemhunter score of five point five  
Is the rating that says - THIS POEM IS ALIVE.

This poem is beloved and disdained at the same time.  
Regardless of the skill or perfection of the rhyme.

While poetic skill may cause some to vote a ten.  
A tendency to be overly generous cheapens the 'ten'.

But when people agree with a poem enthusiastically  
Or if they are offended by truths portrayed somewhat sarcastically

They will assign the scores which reflect the strength of their emotion  
Either one or ten - Now lets add these up and then take the quotient

And we can see that a poemhunter score of five point five,  
Is the score that such strong emotions implicitly derive.

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## **Poemhunter Poem Titles (Trite)**

On Poemhunter you will see that many-a poem title  
Has been perverted because of a lack of something quite vital

The poets demand that there works be listed in a certain order.  
But the default is Alpha-Numeric, and there is no other way to re-order.

So poets will add bizzare punctuation and letters as a work-around  
That their favorites may rise to the top and may be more easily found.

And that the lesser works may to the bottom sink.  
But there is a much better solution, I would think.

Why can't the option to number each work be provided?  
And then the titles needn't be distorted and derided.

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## **Pretense to War - Cassus Belli**

What war was waged without a 'cassus belli'?  
What war was started without its Machiavelli?

How often do we take offense  
And get taken in by some false pretense?

But the Christian is not a worldly imperialist  
Yet so many have been compelled to enlist

Into the ranks of the armed forces  
Based on the witnesses of dubious sources

Why can't we turn the other cheek  
And let the witness of the Holy Spirit speak?

Why can't we recall Jesus' call to love  
When we're smote by some supposed glove.

Again and again a virus spreads more deadly than Lysteria  
When the natural defensive reflex provokes an outraged war hysteria

It has been alledged, and though I do not know  
Sufficiently convincing evidence seems to show...

...That President Polk, stuck his finger in the Mexican's eye  
'They invaded first', was his justifying lie.

...That Teddy Roosevelt wrought his future glory  
When an explosion on the Maine made a convenient story

No matter that it was an engine room fire  
America had its cause to go dance with Beliar

...That Wilson was drawn in by that clever Bulldog Brit  
When Lusitania went down from an effective hit.

Churchill had withdrawn all her Naval escorts  
Full knowing that she would never make England's ports

And with six million rounds of ammo below her deck  
Her explosion was sure to cause the greatest wreck

Is that why he said that the truth is such a sacred precious prize  
That it is often protected by a bodyguard of lies.

I ask that Worldy Wiseman, do good ends justify foul means?  
How can truth and peace flourish, when on the sword it leans?

...That for o'er a year FDR sought an excuse to war  
McCollum, Turner and Ickes gave him the pearl he searched for

...That Polk's trick worked for Truman on a much later occasion

When he pretended North Korea had begun an invasion

...That LBJ made a blatant lie about an attack on the Maddox  
And opened again the door of the pale horseman's paddocks

Whether these allegations are valid is entirely moot.  
A Christian fears no enemy when Jesus is his soul pursuit.

That is why we are called to His super-natural standard.  
To drop the sword - even when the offense is real - and daily lift up Christ's peace  
loving standard.

To lay down your life for another is a love beyond compare.  
Christ gave his bravely but not in carnal warfare.

Paul made it clear, the Christian's battle is never carnal  
It is to win hearts and souls for the Almighty God Eternal.

It is not for the cowardly or the faint of heart  
But such a spirit, God does not impart.

He calls his people to be faithful even to the grave  
A crown of glory will they be given whether king or serf or slave

The gnostic false believers jeered the saints for this belief  
Yet the strength of the martyrs is what convicted others to belief.

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## Prodigal

You cannot be my disciple if you do not follow me and bear your cross,  
For he who intends to build a tower, sits down first, and counts the cost,

He calculates to see whether he has sufficient funds to finish  
Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation his means diminish

He must abandon and all that behold it begin to mock  
Saying, This man began to build, but his work is just unfinished schlock.

Or what king, going to make war against another consulteth not before.  
Whether he can, with ten thousand, meet the twenty thousand who march against in war.

Or send an ambassador to find the conditions of peace, while the other is yet a great way away.  
So likewise, whosoever of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, cannot follow me I say.

Salt is good: but if the salt has lost its savor,  
How can you endow it with more flavor?

It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for a pile of dung.  
He that hath ears to hear, let him hear – such salt shall be out-flung.

Who of you with a hundred sheep, losing one of them, doth not leave the ninety-nine  
Even in the wilderness, and then go after that which is lost, until ye find what is thine?

And when he hath found it, he rejoiced and on his shoulders tossed.  
My Friends, rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repent  
More than over ninety and nine just persons, which already enjoy divine nepenthe.

What woman having ten pieces of silver, if she loses one,  
Will not light a candle, and sweep diligently until her search is done?

And when she hath found it, she calls her all her neighbors  
Rejoice with me; for I have found that which I had lost - the value of my labors.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repent.  
And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them to his father went.

Father, give me my share of the inheritance. And he divided unto them the assets of his estate.  
And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and journeyed into a far foreign state.

There he wasted his substance with parties, wine, and riotous life.  
And when he had spent all, a mighty famine arose and caused him great strife.

And he went and took employment with a citizen of that land;

And he was sent into his fields to feed the swine by hand.

He hungered and would have filled his belly with the swine husks for no man helped him – not a crumb would share.  
And when he came to his senses, he said, My father's hired servants bowls are filled to the brim – with bread to spare.

Yet, I perish with hunger!  
I will arise and go to my father as I did when I was younger.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you, I am undeservant.  
Yea, I am not worthy to be called thy son: but make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and traveling back to his country, came to his father, whom he had missed.  
But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him, had compassion, and ran, and hugged and kissed.

Father, I have sinned against you and heaven and am no more worthy to be called thy son.  
Bring forth the best robe, a ring, and shoes, all for him to don.

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:  
For this my son was lost, and is found. He is alive again my sorrow now I bury.

Now his elder son was in the field and he heard music and dancing.  
And he called one of the servants, Why such celebration and prancing?

Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf,  
Because he hath received him safe and sound he does rejoice and laugh.

And the brother was angry, and would not go in: therefore his father came out and entreated.  
And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, I've never cheated.

Neither did I transgress thy commandments nor attempt to debate.  
And yet you never gave me so much as a kid, that I might celebrate

But as soon as this thy son was come who left you mindless of his gaffe.  
He hath devoured thy living with harlots, yet thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is thine. So, it is right for us to make a joyous sound.  
For this, thy brother was dead, but he is alive again; He was lost, and now is found!

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## **Protection for Those Who Follow (Ps138)**

I will give you praise Lord - my whole heart-and-soul's worth.  
I sing praises unto you Lord, while others pursue the idols of the earth.

I will worship You, pointing all toward the holy temple (who is your Son) .  
And praise your name for your loving kindness toward me and everyone.

And for your truth, for you have magnified your Word in glory.  
When I cried you answered and strengthened my soul - Yes I shall never worry.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, when they listen to your Word.  
They too shall sing praises, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord is above, yet He has is with the lowly, poor and meek.  
But the proud alas are far away, His blessings they do not seek.

And though I walk in the midst of trouble (battles threatening our land)  
I know You will protect us, stretching forth your al-mighty hand.

To block the wrath of my enemies (deflecting all their blows) ,  
With your right hand you shall save us - thy mercy ever grows.

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## **Raising Children Of Light (Not Razing Children)**

The Fifth Command...

Children are to respect parents, that they may live long.  
Parents are to love them back by teaching right from wrong.

As parents, we all do the best we can... or do we?  
Have we succumbed to the secular Huey-phooey?

Without us, the daily bombardment of human hokum.  
Could eventually blind 'em all and choke 'em.

Provide them love, security, wisdom, and healthy dinner plate,  
And respectful empathy for neighbor, Lord, self, and mate.

Teaching not through words alone as the Pharisees,  
But in every daily act of thy hand, and heart, and knees.

For who can do what is only told.  
We are cast from our parent's action-mold.

So abuse them not with rant, or smack, or disrespect  
Let not thy golf and gossip cause you to neglect.

The sins of the parent are carried unto the fourth generation  
Because they are modeled in daily indoctrination.

And there is a down hill trend that we can trace.  
What sins we tolerate, our children then embrace.

So let us demonstrate Caring, Benevolence, and Charity,  
Gumption, Honesty, Faithfulness, and Pre-marital Chastity.

Commitment, Duty, Honor, Bravery, and Mirth,  
Cleanliness, Sobriety, and Respect for the Earth

Talk frequently of Challenge, Priority, Organization, and Skill,  
With a healthy routine, that all good things their cup may fill.

Dereliction is to fail to teach them what is right and wrong.  
Before the Sirens of Sin enchant them with their song.

Limit and monitor television and the internet  
Dark messengers are legion and will catch them in their net.

Children, act with love, respect, and helping hand.  
And parents, do not allow Satan to seal them with his fiery iron-brand.

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## Rich Fool

There was a rich man whose land produced a bounteous haul.  
He asked, what shall I do to store my grain for my barn is too small?

I will tear down my barn, and build vast silos for my wealth:  
All my grain and goods will be stored and insure my lasting health.

I shall say to myself, you have stored up so very much,  
Now rest, party, eat, drink, be merry, and such.

But God said to this proud contented man, You fool!  
This night your life will be revoked. Think not me cruel,

For all the things you have prepared, to whom will they go?  
Thus will it be for he who stores up things below.

Great treasures may be amassed and hoarded,  
Without being rich in the truth that God afforded.

Therefore, do not worry about your life or your future savings  
What will you eat or drink, your body any physical cravings.

Neither your wardrobe, No seek none of those  
Life is much more than food, and the body more than cloths.

Consider even the ravens which neither sow the seed nor reap.  
They have no store house or barn in which to keep.

Yet God feeds them, it is true.  
How much more important than ravens are you?

Are not two sparrows sold for a little penny round  
And He does not allow them to fall to the ground.

Think how much more valuable to Him are you  
Than either of these birds, the black and the true.

Can any of you by worrying, add a moment to your span,  
If even the smallest things in life are beyond your command.

So why be anxious about the rest –  
Notice too how the flowers are blessed.

They do not toil or spin. But not even Solomon with his riches  
When all their blooms come in, hath no finer robe, shirt or britches

If God so clothes the plants today and burns it up tomorrow  
Will He not do much more for you? Oh you of little faith and sorrow.

Seek not your earthly provisions and live worry free.  
All the nations of the world seek such endlessly.

But your Father knows everything that you need.

So seek his kingdom where you will be truly freed.

Let your heart journey to the place where He resides.  
And all your necessities will be given you besides.

Be not afraid little flock, for your Father will with joy  
Give the kingdom to every girl and boy.

Sell your worldly investments and treat as God has treated.  
Establish a portfolio with Him which will never be depleted

Put your treasure somewhere truly smart.  
For where it goes, so too will go your heart.

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'I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free.  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and He watches over me.'

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## **Sending the 70**

After these things the Lord appointed another seventy,  
and sent them two by two  
Before his face into every city and place,  
whither he himself would come onto.

The harvest truly is great,  
but the laborers are few:  
Pray that the Lord of the harvest  
sends forth more to reap with you.

Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as  
lambs among ravenous lupine packs.  
Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes:  
and salute no man along the tracks.

And into whatsoever house ye enter,  
first say, Peace be to this household.  
And if the son of peace be there,  
your peace shall rest upon the members of the fold.

If not, it shall turn to you again.  
And in the same house remain.

Eat and drink only whatever  
mercies the people give:  
For laborers deserves their  
wage and means to live.

Go not from house to house,  
door to door, nor every household canvass.  
Wherever ye are received, take what is  
set before you: (for gifts do not harass)

Heal the sick that are therein,  
and unto them profess,  
The kingdom of God is come  
nigh unto you, pray the Lord doth bless.

But whatever city receives you not,  
go your ways out into the streets and declare,  
Even the very dust of your city, which clings to us,  
we wipe off against you, let all beware.

Notwithstanding be ye sure of this,  
that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.  
But it shall be more tolerable in that  
day for Sodom, than for whosoever doth eschew.

Woe unto thee, Chorazin and Bethsaida!  
For if the mighty works had been done in Sidon or Tyre.  
They a long time ago would have repented,  
sitting in sackcloth and ashen mire.

But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon  
than for you upon the tolling of the judgment bell.  
Than for thou Capernaum, which art exalted to  
heaven, but shalt be thrust down into the depths of hell.

He that heareth you heareth me; and he that  
despiseth you despiseth me;  
And he that despiseth me  
despiseth him that sent me.

And the seventy returned again with joy, and acclaim  
Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.  
Behold, I give unto you power  
to tread on serpents and scorpions,  
and over all of the enemy from now until the final hour.

Nothing shall harm you. And though the spirits  
are subject unto you - do not rejoice,  
Rather rejoice, because your names are  
written in heaven, for you hear the call of Holy voice.

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, I thank thee,  
O Father, Lord of the universe.  
From the wise and prudent thou hast hidden,  
but with soul of babes openly converse.

For so it seemed good in thy sight Father.  
All things are delivered to me of my Father:

No man but the Father; knoweth  
who is the Son. Neither knew  
Who the Father is, but the Son,  
and whoever he reveals it to.

And he turned him unto his  
disciples, and said privately,  
Blessed are the eyes which  
see the things that ye see

Many prophets and kings have desired  
to see what ye see, and have not;  
To hear those things which  
ye hear, and, yea, have not.

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## Seven Words Seven Echos (The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ)

Father forgive them, they know not what they do...

He that is without sin among you, Let him cast the first round.  
And again he stooped down, And wrote upon the ground.

And they which heard it, convicted by conscience, Went out one by one, beginning at the eldest,  
Even unto the last: until Jesus was left alone, And the woman was still standing in his midst.

Woman, where are your accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?  
No man, Lord.... Neither do I condemn you, Go, and from your sins be free.

A gift of happy life: His law is for the people, Not the other way around.  
Yea, the law is not nullified, but in repentance He cuts us free from the ropes of sin which bound.

Truly, Today You will be with me in paradise...

Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? What is written in the law? What there do you find?  
You shall love the Lord your God With all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.

And also, Love your neighbor as yourself.... You have answered right, do this and you shall live.  
And your neighbors are everywhere, whatever you give even unto the least of them, to me you also give.

The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny grain of mustard seed,  
A man took it, and sowed it in his field. The mustard seed is the least of all indeed.

But when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becomes a mighty tree, the biggest and the best  
So that the birds of the air may rest and lodge in the Branches thereof, make their home, their eternal nest

Mother behold thy son. Son, behold thy mother...

Blessed are your ears, for they hear and blessed are your eyes, for they see.  
Truly, Many prophets and righteous men have desired to hear and see as do thee.

But many have not yet seen nor heard. Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.  
That you may find fertile soil in the hearts of men as the grower, reaper, and mower.

He that despises you, despises me and in despising me and the Father, earns reflexive shun.  
For, I am the way, the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father except by the Son.

For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son that all who believe in him should never perish  
For God sent him into the world not to condemn, but to love and save and cherish.

I thirst...

They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he rejected.

They crucified him, parted his garments, and cast lots: fulfilled as the prophets had projected.

'They part my garments among them, and upon my vesture they cast lots'  
And from the sixth until the ninth hour a darkness covers the whole land and out the sunlight blots

And at the ninth hour... My God, my God, Why hast thou forsaken me?  
So far from helping and hearing the words of my roaring, Art ye.

O my God, They cried unto you, and were delivered: they trusted in you, deliverance you have bourn.  
But I am a reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn:

They shoot out the lip, shake the head, He trusted on the Lord to be delivered: let the Lord decide his rest.  
But thou art he that took me from the womb and did make me hope when I was upon my mother's breast.

I was cast upon you from the womb: you art my God from my mother's belly.  
Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to apply the soothing Gilead jelly.

Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.  
They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion, as a rabid hound.

I am poured out like water, all my bones are out of joint: my heart like wax melted and sunk to my bowels.  
My strength dried up like a potsherd; I'm brought to the dust of death, my tongue cleaveth to my jowls.

Dogs compass me, the assembly of the wicked have enclosed piercing hands and feet.  
My blood now clots.  
I see all my bones: looking back and staring at me. They part my garments and for my vesture casting lots.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord my strength, hasten to my aid. For when the afflicted cried you heard.  
The meek shall be satisfied: they that seek shall praise the Lord and heart shall live for ever with his Word.

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord. All kindreds of the nations shall bow down  
They shall worship you. For the kingdom is the Lord's. He is the governor of all nation, land, and town.

A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation, this grain of corn.

They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born.

And, behold, upon his final word the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom in pieces twain,  
And the earth quaked, the rocks rent; open broke the grave, and a reprieve for us did he obtain.

Death and the grave have been conquered, forever vanquished:  
Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit... It is finished.

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## Shepherd's Isle

There once was an island with cliffs and a mountain at one end.  
On the peak was a source from which a mighty river did descend.  
It flowed across the island dividing it in half.  
On one side worked many-a cow and their calf.  
And on the other sheep ranged freely o'er the vale and glen.

And with the sheep lived the families of the shepherd.  
And with the cows lived a whole village of cowherd.  
One day a typhoon was seen headed for their shore.  
The shepherds went out to bring all sheep indoor.  
But the other side cared not if their beasts got showered.

Instead they closed the gates and huddled inside.  
They ate, drank, and really just ignored the rising tide.  
In distress the calves ran down toward the shore  
The shepherds saw how the cowherds forsook their chore.  
They forded the waters and gathered the cattle on the other side.

Some of the cattle saw and understood the shepherds' aid.  
But some saw them as predators and were afraid.  
Inside the village the cowards were numbed with drink.  
No one checked to see that the cows were at the brink.  
The shepherd's worked with zeal as they prepared and prayed.

They gathered all their sheep and many cows as well  
To the safety of the higher ground and dell.  
They knocked on the doors of the village.  
But the cowards thought they were only there to pillage.  
And so they threw stones and damned them all to hell.

Their eyes were blinded by pride: all glazed, and glossy.  
Through their stupor they decided to form a posse  
'How dare they come and tell us what to do'  
'Those cows are ours, and they are so few'  
'Let's throw them to the waves for they act so bossy.'

But as they rose to prepare their attack  
The tempest hit the island and blew them all back.  
A black funnel cloud dropped down  
And it destroyed the little town.  
Every manor, tavern, school, and shack.

The shepherds called again to join them on higher ground.  
But confused and angry they all ran down.  
At the very moment that the storm surge hit.  
It washed them all into Poseidon's deep pit.  
There was only blackness and a grinding and wailing sound.

But on the mountain top the storm clouds broke.  
The good Shepherd appeared, and all bowed as he spoke:  
'All you who went to the fields and searched and scoured  
And all those who followed: your faith has flowered

You shall never again wear the coward's yoke.'

And a river of living water flowed forth from the Lamb  
The isle grew great and there were many ewes and rams  
From North to South, and West to East  
In this kingdom, all lived in eternal peace  
An in the radiance and glory of the Lord whose name is 'I am'

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## Society of Slavery

There are at least 27 million in the bonds of absolute slavery  
Every country around the world plays host to this industry unsavory  
Though everywhere it is supposedly outlawed  
In many places, the enforcement is terribly flawed.  
Despite all the legislative good intentions and putative bravery.

Many more though not strictly slave, if you dare define this disaster.  
Live at the whim of despot, warlord, pimp, and harem master  
Slowly or quickly bent to accept as right their lowly fate.  
When today the world accepts as inevitable, realistic, and innate.  
The sadness and evil multiplies fast like yeast, and tomorrow ever faster.

Armies of families faced with abject destitution  
Selling or stealing armies of our children into forced prostitution.  
Pressed by gun, and threat, and drug,  
Kept there by a global shrug.  
'tis a pity we have so many U.N. in-humanitarian institution.

But you cannot just blame the Sicilian and the Saud,  
Nor the African, the Indian, or even God,  
Many 'secular' and appeasing policy  
Supports this regime of human larceny  
When in the name of libertarian immorality we applaud.

Hundreds of millions live in some servile bond unending.  
Though free on paper, constant new debts their chains appending.  
Everywhere we see the creation of this vile caste.  
Despite the mountains of blessings we have amassed.  
Both rich and poor freely adorn irons in the proud parades of the law-offending.

There is yet another chain-gang six billion shackles long.  
Where the prisoners act as each others wardens: the chain links are strong.  
Though all hold a universal skeleton key.  
So many shun the idea of becoming truly free.  
Refusing to leave the jail-house cell are so many of the Earthly throng

Our families in abject slavery need our assistance and our prayers.  
Our families blindly marching against the law: the worldly ignorance impairs.  
Ourselves, we must be freed through repentance.  
Lord help us to help each other end iniquitous sentence.  
And in your law, your perfect kingdom take release, retreat, repair.

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## Sunrise On The Mount - A Guide

1 A multitude, yea, all of those with unclean spirits vexed, □governor of all □□□□□□□□

Gather to Him to hear the Word which heals and protects.

Mt5: 1, Lk6: 18 We are all imperfect and vexed, or troubled with many cares and worries of life, usually brought upon ourselves or others by a disregard for the Lord. Jn1: 4 His words are the truth, in fact Jesus is called the Word of God and his words are powerful - God spoke the world into being Gn1: 3. Lk6: 19 The same has the power to protect and heal us - if we listen, learn, and place our trust in the Word.

2 Lifting up His eyes and voice, He taught upon the mount,  
Your rewards and your blessings, and how your virtues count.

Mt5: 1-2 Having sought Him out, He opens up and teaches. Lk6: 19 He passes or imparts his virtue onto us - all who listen and accept Him.

3 Blessed are you poor in spirit, the humble hubris-less inherit heaven's realm;  
And blessed are you meek for you shall boldly take the earthly helm.

Mt5: 3, Lk6: 20 Being poor, or with the poor - in spirit: humble, being not obsessed with earthly gain are rewarded in Heaven. Hubris is an outward expression of a misguided obsession with earthly power, position, or riches. Mt5: 5 Likewise, the meek, who are not the pushy sort, are thankful for what they have, and are content with what He provides. They are promised a great inheritance - and indeed already have it in the form of their contentment.

4 Blessed are you that mourn and weep for human wrong and sin,  
Comfort shall God give you - His arms to hold therein.

Mt5: 4, Lk6: 21 Those who mourn are saddened by the sins of the world, evidenced in so many ways through our disregard for Him and each other. Their reward is contentment in Hims. The knowledge that we are saved and all wrongs have been and will be righted gives us this contentment - a cause for elated rejoicing and even laughter.

5 Blessed you that crave for right - enduring dry and parching thirst.  
Like a sponge into cup of truth be plunged, sated, saturated, immersed.

Mt5: 6, Lk6: 21 We thirst and hunger for righteousness.... This craving is satisfied by the fact that righteousness has been given to us. In fact we are plunged, immersed, and saturated in his truth. Our hunger is sated, and our thirst is slaked, quenched in the cup of our salvation. Like the good brother of the runaway prodigal son, we have many rewards for all of our virtues.

6 Be happy you who mercy sow, forgiveness you invest.  
At harvest, reap you mercy and know that you've been blessed.

Mt5: 7 Sowing, or planting the seeds of mercy by forgiving and helping each other is an investment. God in turn shows us mercy forgiving us and granting us our blessings.

7 Happy are the pure in spirit and wise are your decisions.  
You clearly see the way to Him, His holy face your visions.

Mt5: 8 Being pure, like showing mercy and all other virtues - is not just a trait you are born with, it is a conscious decision, and those who act purely and out of love for God and others have made wise decisions. In doing so, we are made happy and the face of God is revealed to us for we are living in Him.

8 Blessed are the peacemakers - He knows you by your love.

You indeed are children of the one true God above.

Mt5: 9 Making peace by sharing God's love and truth, the peace which passes understanding, is an act of piety, evangelism, and love. In so doing we become children of God.

9 Good cheer to those reviled and persecuted in God's holy name.

The world will slander and attack you but you should feel no shame

Mt5: 10 How could those being persecuted, slandered, or attacked be happy? Easier said than done? Perhaps, but knowing that you are in the right, if indeed, you are in the Holy Spirit, is satisfaction in itself, and inner peace is yours. Indeed you never be ashamed of acting in His name.

10 Like the prophets before you, they thank you with the sword.

Rejoice, Rejoice! and be glad, for so great is your reward.

Mt5: 11, Lk6: 22-23 The world does not necessarily recognize righteousness, in fact his prophets have always been treated poorly from Jeremiah, to the early apostles, even to modern day followers, even the kid trying to split up a fight in the schoolyard. But inside, you may rejoice in the knowledge that your reward will be great.

11 So all you blessed people, use your blessings well.

Shine your light upon the world – from rooftop and on hill.

Mt5: 14 Our blessings come from living in His ways, we live in the light, and in turn become the light, the beacon for others. It is not a gift to be hidden – just like a candle that is placed under a bell becomes oxygen starved and goes out. But if we hold it high, leading others through love His light shall remain with us.

12 You salt the earth, you brighten, you enlighten, and you savor.

But be cautioned to guard the holy truth, or lose all of His favor.

Mt5: 13 Salt is so useful, acting as a seasoning, an antiseptic, and a preservative –that when we act in Him, we become like salt making the world a more savory, flavory place for others. But if we fall out of His truth, what good are we?

13 For woe shall come to he whose gifts will he not share,

Like worthless tasteless salt cast out, all blessings shall strip bare.

Mt5: 13-16 Woe, Unhappiness will come to us if we live in an isolation and are not willing to share the goodness he bestows on us. In fact, we will not keep those blessings if we choose not to share them. This refers as much to our spiritual gifts, as to our material gifts.

14 Oh, you with bellies full, and you whose hearts are filled,

Do your part or like blades of wheat, wither, and be under tilled.

Lk6: 24-25 If He has blessed us with riches, spiritual or material, we are charged with sharing them. The beautiful paradox is that the more love you give, by sharing His word, the more love you have to give. But if you do not share it, it disappears.

15 Woe to you who admonish, laugh, and jeer at His holy plan,

Weep and mourn will you when you meet the Son of Man.

Lk6: 25 Do not mock, laugh at, or contradict His holy guidance. God's plan is clear and complete in the Bible, and in seeking to alter or change it to fit the imperfections of the world, or our own preconceived notions is an abomination.

16 You populist false prophets, you demagogues in high regard,

Whose positions gained at cost of truth, will be mocked, de-frocked, disbarred.  
Lk6: 26 Do not seek the praise of the world. The world gives it's praise to flatterers, false prophets, and populists, but they will, in the end, be cast down.

17 Demonstrate the light you have, place it not under bushel.  
For if your neighbor truly love, you'll show him what is crucial.  
Mt5: 4, Lk6: 21 God commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to show our love for Him by helping others. If we truly love our neighbor, then we should share God's love and light. In today's society we are taught to respect one another, which is true. But that does not mean we need to respect iniquity and false teachings. Engaging our neighbors, when they are willing, and not accepting falsehoods is important, but it should always be done out of love.

18 And if he smites you on the cheek, take not revenge on he.  
'Eye for eye' may indeed be just, but mercy from you flee.

19 But, if the other cheek you offer, you stand your moral ground.  
Yielding not your soul or thought or hope, your action then is sound.  
Mt5: 6, Lk6: 21 Turn the other cheek. God tells us not to be drawn into futile confrontations and to act maliciously. Showing mercy instead of revenge, however just it may be, can often turn the tables and lead our antagonist toward Him. That is not to say we need to remain in the presence of an abuser or succumb to their thought or abusive ways, it just means we should not to be drawn out of the state of mercy. Let you who are without sin cast the first stone... what ever mercies or revenge we mete out, even to the least, worst sinner, they will be returned to us.

20 And watch your tongue, He tells us not to call someone a fool.  
Judgment is God's privilege, and He wields many a powerful tool.  
Judgment is a term which means much more than "opinion" or decision. It infers a punishment, which is God's domain. It is his to punish or condemn. Instead we should forgive.

21 If ye judge not with a stone, so ye shall not be judged.  
Be ye so forgiving, and to you mercy shall not begrudged.  
Mt7: 2 If we mete judgment (stone, condemn, severely punish) to others, how can we escape His judgment? If instead we distribute love and mercy, we shall receive love and mercy back. 22 Does this mean you must accept the rule of sin and wrong?

22 Endure and love and teach Earth's lost souls, yet in His law be strong.  
How do we reconcile living in a secular society with questionable morals with following His law? This is not a new concern. Christians have been dealing with this since the beginning, patient endurance - helping even our adversaries, but remaining true to His Word in all our activities. 2Tm1: 7 Timothy reminds us that He does not bestow on us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power, love, and discipline.

23 For the law shall never pass away, not even jot or tittle,  
'Til all the prophecy fulfill and our judgment yields to His acquittal.  
Did the law pass away when Jesus died on the cross? Are things different now than they were in ancient times? No and No. Mt5: 18 He is very clear, the law shall never pass away until the day of Judgment. And why would it? It is a gift that makes our lives better. His burden is light.

24 Whosoever breaks the law and leads others down that path,  
Shall be the least in Heaven and risks almighty wrath.

Mt18: 6 Whoever leads His children into sin, it would be better for them to have a millstone tied to their neck and drown in the sea. In other words, sinning alone is bad enough, but woe to those who lead others astray. Yet the door is left open for some sort of redemption – though having made such a mistake, they will always be the “least in Heaven.” Playing with the law and rationalizing unlawful behavior bears serious consequences.

25 For unless you exceed the righteousness of Pharisee and scribe,  
You cannot enter into heaven, try ye sneak, or beg, or bribe.

Mt5: 20 Although the bar is set fairly low in this passage, Pharisees and scribes were not seen by Christ as being particularly righteous, it is a bar none the less. A bar he helps us hurdle through his death on the cross, but a bar we should aspire to in any case, out of love and respect. If we do not, how can we expect to enter Heaven? Mercy is offered, but we must be willing to accept it.

26 Give, and then recoup great measures of mercy, love, and grain,  
For with the same that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.

27 And as ye would that men do to you, do ye to them too.  
Beyond your friend, as any sinner, but to your foe, and great rewards accrue.

28 Yes, love ye your antagonist, do good, lend, & expect not thanks or gain.  
Ye shall be His own, for He is kind, even to unthankful, even unto Cain.  
Mt5: 43-44 Love not just your friend – everyone does that much – but also your enemy – even the least of all human beings. Easier said than done? God sets the example.  
Lk6: 26 God makes the sun rise for both the good and evil. He sends rain to both the just and the unjust. In so doing he leads the way. Gen4: 8 Cain was one such, who was exiled after murdering his innocent brother Abel out of jealousy. When the thought of this was too much to bear, God promised to protect him. Mt5: 48 “Be perfect as is your Father in Heaven” seems like a tall order, but if it were not possible, it wouldn’t be commanded.

29 To kill is wrong as we all have known from the time of Abel’s slaying  
But angry hatred of your brother risks a sentence never staying.  
Mt5: 8 Swearing at our brother is offensive and may be against local ordinances, but condemning him as a fool is unconstructive. This may not seem terrible, but He tells us that it risks Hell fire. Perhaps it is because by condemning with vehemence, we are pushing that person further away. God has many tools for the redemption of our souls, and if we cannot be constructive in redeeming others, we should at least not make the job more difficult. Also, people are judged by their own words and actions – which may be foolish, but it is important to distinguish between the individual and their action, between the sinner and the sin. We should reject the sin, but lead the sinner into the light wherever possible.

30 Since times of old, it has been said, “commit not adultery”  
But already have you done this in lusty gazes, wanton and sultry.  
Mt5: 22 Following the spirit of the law is just as important as following the letter of the law. Angry hatred of one another is put on a par with murder. Mt5: 27-28 Likewise, adultery is more than just a physical act. The spirit of adultery can exist in wanton desires of what cannot be ours. This is not the same as a healthy appreciation for the

beauty of God's creation, but covetousness and disrespect. 2Sm13: 13-14 Whether David's son Amnon, had been successful in raping his half sister Tamar or not, the iniquity of the desire lived in his heart.

31 It hath been said divorce is as simple as a giving your wife a writ;  
But in doing so you cause her & future lovers to adultery commit.

Mt5: 31-32 Divorce. Moses permitted it, but it is a byproduct of sin. Without sin, without our hardened hearts – it would not exist. In fact, He says, that in the beginning, it was not that way. Let that be a warning to us, once a sin creeps into the fabric of our society, it is downright impossible to purge. But purge sin we must...

32 Fix your problems and your sources of iniquity and sin.  
Think it through, pluck it out, cast it into the rubbish bin.

33 Better to lose an eye or limb, rationale, or damned philosophy,  
Than your body, mind, and soul to end in fiery catastrophe.

Mt5: 29-30 Whatever is our cause (or more accurately: excuse) for sin, get rid of it. We all have challenges of one form or another, whether it is genetic hotheadedness (or other predispositions), repressed issues from our youth, or simply too much stress, these challenges are not "free passes" to sin. It is our duty, indeed it is in our best interests in every way to reflect on our flaws and to root them out. Plucking out an eye or limb, our cause for sin, is for most of us, allegorical. Allegorical for measuring our philosophies, rationalizations, and excuses against His law and striking out any inconsistencies. The consequences are catastrophic.

34 And in your prayers do not babble on heathen-like forever.  
Sibyl-speech mayn't reach His ear, so simplify your endeavor.

Mt6: 6-8 The vain hypocrites and heathen prattle on forever, repetitiously. Their prayers and speeches are more for others to hear than for God. Sybil was the eponymous Greek orator that could hold forth for hours, belaboring one topic (pointlessly). Apparently this was common among the Jews as well. But He tells us, 'what's the point?' Speak simply and humbly, get to the point, and let your requests focus on your core needs. In fact, God in Heaven, knows your needs even before you speak them.

35 Saying humbly, 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on Earth as in Heaven same.'

36 'Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we do too in turn. □s  
Lead us not into temptation and deliver us forever from the flames which  
ever burn.'

Mt 6: 9-13 In prayer we should recognize His authority and honor Him. Be grateful, show faithfulness and thanks and patience for his redemption. Ask of Him your basic necessities. Ask of Him forgiveness – and help us to do likewise. Ask Him for protection from the sins of the world, and deliverance from sin and evil. Re-honor Him.

37 Outward piety, in front of men, for self-serving desires, boastful and vain,  
Does not garner His reward so focus your entreaties upward, and in his favor remain.

38 To trumpet your fasting, or the good you do, the alms you give, is vain  
hypocrisy. So quietly help the poor; for your Father shall give openly

for your gifts in secrecy.

Mt6: 5-6 Demonstrations of piety with the intent of winning respect or attention is vanity. That is not to say we cannot show people how to pray, or lead others in group prayer, but the motivation should be love, and empathy, and communion, not on showing off. Mt6: 1-4 The same holds true for alms giving, tithing, or donations. This is a private matter, God will see and reward us freely. In short, a boast redeems your reward for the fleeting and fickle respect of other men, while a good deed in secret is deposited and collects the interest of God.

39 Do not store up things on earth where they may be lost to moth, or thief, or rust. Deposit rather labors bounty, for heart will follow too, in vaults of Heaven's Trust.

Mt6: 18-21 Amassing unusable wealth is pointless, indeed it is wasteful because in going unused it decays and profits no one. That is not to say we should laze away the days in a slothful poverty. Quite the opposite, as servants of our fellow man, we bear a responsibility – which entails real effort and the application of the real wisdom He has given us. This is how we deposit the fruits of our labors in Heaven. Our hearts may lead our actions, but it is also true that our actions lead our hearts. Though we may have good intentions, if we fail to follow through in actions, our hearts will stray and become lost.

40 No one can serve two masters, That is to say both God and Greed.  
For in giving your devotion to one you will neglect, yes lose the other, guaranteed.

41 But one of the two will enslave you, in the other you are freed.  
So trust in Him, like Cherubim, to give you what you need.

Mt6: 24 Again the theme is intent and the spirit of our actions. We can and should put in great effort, but our motivation should be love and a desire to provide for and assist others. If our motivation is greed we will lose God and enslave ourselves to the almighty dollar and nervous worry; if our motivation is God we will overcome selfish weaknesses – freeing us from our bondage. If we ask, He will provide, therefore we can live free of worry – not necessarily free of work or responsibility – but free of worry. This is huge, because aren't worry and obsession the things that can cause even good people to do ridiculous things?

42 Be you free from worry and anxiety about your daily life.  
What you eat, what you drink, don't let these cause you any strife.

Mt6: 25 Prioritize. Sure we need to eat (right) , we need clothes and basic necessities, but we put a lot more worry into these things than need be – which can cause undue grief. In fact, it can be a distraction. Both individually, and at a societal level, we become obsessed to the point that we neglect the truly important things in life. There is a reference to specific dietary rules, but the point is broadly valid, focus on what will truly ruin us and not trifles.

43 Your body's features, how thick or thin, what you wear, and how you're seen. □  
It's not what enters but what comes forth that despoils and makes unclean.

44 For is not life more than planning your next meal?  
Is not life more than maximizing your physical appeal?

Mt6: 24-34 How much effort do we spend on preparing indulgent gourmet meals –

what was once a special treat has become a daily requirement. Then to compensate we require special dietary programs and medications to restore our lost health and fitness. Living in God is to have self control. Following styles and trends, plastic surgery, tattoos, piercing... If this is how we consider ourselves beautiful, then we have lost the meaning of beauty. I am not suggesting however, that anyone should forego any prescribed medical treatments.

45 Consider you the lilies of the field, which neither toil nor spin.  
Even the robes of rich King Solomon pale when all their blooms come in.  
"God helps those who help themselves" When we live in God according to His plan, we are helping ourselves, and in so doing He provides for us and others through our own hands. Now in times of need, He still comes to our rescue through the hands of others living in Him. If it ever seems that He does not, then perhaps it is our own perception of what we need that is off base.

46 Your Father knows you need these things, so seek his kingdom first  
He shall clothe ye in his vestments, In his fashion be well versed.

47 Consider little sparrows that neither store nor save a shred.  
Yet God the Father makes sure that they are sufficiently fed.

48 How much more important and loved than vegetation and lowly beast  
Are His children to Him; He will prepare what you need; Indeed he sets a feast.

Mt4: 4 We do not live by bread alone but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God. Lk10: 38: 42 The story of Mary listening to Jesus while her sister Martha frets away in the kitchen reminds us that it is our choice to accept Him, and if we do, it will not be taken from us. Mt6: 33 Living in Him, He will see to our basic necessities for He loves us, but even more so, He sets a feast before us in the form of His words and wisdom. Give a man a fish and you feed him once, give a man a fishing pole, and you feed him forever.

49 So worry not for Tomorrow's bread, Let him seek his own.  
Live in the moment by doing what you ought, and mercies plenty shall be shown.

Mt6: 34 Living in the moment does not mean we forget the past and ignore completely the future, but indicates that we should focus on what is going on right now: our families and neighbor's current needs, our current work and responsibility. There are a couple sayings I've taken from my wife's Russian family: If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans. This does seem a bit harsh, but the point is valid, the only thing you can control, is your own current action – in whatever environment you are in at the moment. The other is "Do all you can, receive whatever you need." The fact that this was a misguided trust when, as the communist party motto, it was applied to trust in man; it is a beautiful sentiment when applied to our trust in God.

50 Don't chase the wind, for how can worry add a moment to your days.  
Do your best, forget the rest, and like a plant of Pentecost, soak up all His rays.

Mt6: 27 Chasing the wind is an expression of pointless exertion, used frequently in Ecclesiastes Ec11: 4, sort of like a wild goose chase. What good is it, it makes you neither taller nor helps you live longer. Live in the moment, and do the best you can at whatever responsibilities you have at hand, and don't worry about things beyond your

control. Pentecost is the season of spiritual growth often associated with green plants, so soak up whatever light and blessings He provides.

51 Your eye is the lamp of your body, the window through which outward light may shine; But when through it only darkness pass, your heart's fruits wither on the vine.

Mt6: 22-23 The eye represents our focus and attention, not merely passive sight. Are we focusing on His light, or darkness? If we are not focusing on the light, then the vine of our heart becomes starved. I love gardening, but I live between two hills, and can tell you with certainty, that getting less light means less flowers, and less flowers means less fruit.

52 So just ask the Lord and you will receive; Seek, and the answers you shall perceive; Knock, and for you will even heavy bolted portal open-heave.

Jm4: 2 James reminds us that "you do not have, because you do not ask God."

53 For imperfect though you are, who would refuse their own child a piece of bread or fish? Who among you would place stones or snakes upon their supper dish?

54 How much more will the Father, who is perfect, give you when you place your wish? Love complete your God and Neighbor, for His law, His love for you will never vanish.

Mt7: 9-11 We are all God's children when we live in Him. What good parent would refuse their child a basic need, and maliciously or tauntingly replace it with a stone or snake? He who is better than any earthly parent, and loves us completely wouldn't. The key is asking, being a child of God, and the content of the request or "need".

55 Can one blind man lead another? Fall into the pit, they might.

The blind should seek to follow those whom God has blessed with sight.

Lk6: 39 Select carefully who you choose to follow. There are many blind "leaders" in this world, that would lead us, probably not purposely, but out of ignorance or blindness, into a pit. This reminds me of the passage – the road to Hell is paved with good intentions. Almost everyone wants to do "good", but with all the wrong ideas that pervade our society, inconsistent with His will, our best efforts become counterproductive. But if we seek and study his teaching, we become capable of teaching and leading others.

56 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above the master. But everyone who is fully taught becomes like the teacher, like a pastor.

57 But how can you, the mote or speck in your brothers eye inspect, Whilst a branch is in your own, you hypocrite, how can you correct?

58 Remove first the mighty log which is blocking your own vision.

Only, then can you help your brother, with much improved precision.

Mt 7: 3-5 Reflect on your own errors. It is often difficult to see the error of our own ways, but if we don't we run the risk of being hypocritical, or worse – leading others astray. Only after we have cleared our vision, can we help our neighbor. Pride... Rationalizing...

59 A good man produces good out of the treasure of his heart whether bold or meek. An evil man does likewise; for out of the abundance of the heart does man speak.

A heart of Gold, or a heart of cold? Our heart is the source of our action and our words. If it is filled with love and empathy, then our actions and words will be loving. If we harbor cold feelings like anger, resentment, or jealousy we will speak frigidly and act selfishly.

60 Be careful not to give the dogs the holy, nor cast your progeny-pearls before the swine. They will attack you and then trample both great & little treasures which are thine.

Mt7: 6 Do not cast your pearls before the swine... How does this reconcile with "love your neighbor"? I suppose it is more an issue of trust. We can certainly help and teach our neighbor, but if they are not worthy – do not entrust them with whatever you hold dear like your soul or your children. There are certainly many would be leaders and false prophets in the world, and giving them a piece of our 'mindshare' could be a mistake. At least "Trust but verify" – as went the rationale for the disarmament treaties. For they are ravaging wolves in sheep's clothing.

61 Remember that fulfillment was His purpose, He came not to abolish Mosaic Law. So revisions are abominations, the great noise, and evil raven's caw.

Mt5: 17 Jesus came not to destroy the Law or the prophets (prophecies) but to fulfill them. Modern day attempts at changing or revising the Law are therefore destroying or perverting the great gifts God has given us. 2Pt. Peter warns of the great noise – a cacophony of apostasies to be heard near the time of the second coming.

62 Enter by the narrow gate you few who can find life's happy entrance. Beware the wide track to yawning gate of Dis, It does distract, 'Come & earn your sentence'

Mt7: 13-14 Highway to Hell, Hells Bells, I have to admit, these classic AC/DC tunes rock – a fitting allegory for the seductive way the gates of Dis (hell) entice us out of the light. How ironic is it that only when we enter by the narrow gates can we "forget the hearse, cause I'll never die." It reminds me of the eastern proverb 'The church is near but the road is all ice, the tavern is far, but I'll walk very carefully.'

63 Beware the wolves in fleece who lie and publish untrue epistles. Know them by their fruit – grapes haven't thorns, and figs haven't thistles.

'They shall know we you by your love' and 'Though she sinned greatly she shall be saved for she has loved greatly'; these two sayings have often paused and tempered my personal desire to lash out at today's false prophets. Because right or wrong, many seem to be acting out of love and concern. Mt7: 15 However this passage cautions and reminds us that the wolves do circle, and that they can be identified by the thorns and thistles of their actions and their ideologies.

64 Every good tree will be tended and bare a healthy crop of fruit. Simply barren or choke-fruited trees shall fires stoke and furnace walls be-soot.

Mt7: 16 And the good may be identified by the fruit they produce, if there is no good fruit, if we do not become the good seed, multiplying his blessings, then we are chaff suited only for the furnace.

65 Hear His Word all peoples. Listen, heed, and with truth be incentivized.  
Not all who appeal "Lord, Lord" on Judgment day will be recognized.  
Why should we bother being in the light now? Doesn't a deathbed conversion cut it?  
Truth itself is a good enough reason. But also because the wait and see approach  
doesn't cut it. Mercy is God's to give, but we are warned that calling out to him at the  
end 'Lord, Lord' isn't good enough.

66 You who speak and prophecy in His name, but in action you eschew.  
You'll be repulsed, turned-out, exiled, for the evil that you do.  
Words are not enough. 1stCr13 'What if I spoke all the many man and angel tongues,  
Without love I am just noisy cymbals and gongs...' Love means helping your fellow  
man.

67 But hearing and heeding is like building with your foundation upon the rock. □  
Wind & rain & flood repel, and even earthquake cannot shock.

68 But those who hear and heed not, are a house upon the sand.  
In front of tempest, flood, and tempter, they surely cannot stand.  
Build a strong foundation in His words and truth – you will need it. The world is filled  
with enticing but imperfect ideologies. If we pay only light attention to the Word, we  
are the seed fallen on thin dry soil, we are the castles in the sand, doomed to blow  
away.

69 And when He finished these sayings (paraphrased) all the people were amazed,  
For He speaks with authority never heard before; so now let God  
be praised.  
His words are amazing! They are so filled with love and wisdom. Now in some respects,  
his ideas have been so woven into the fabric of society, that He is denied credit for  
them. Many non-Christians do not recognize that so many of today's good ethics came  
about because of Christianity, so though they deny Him, they accept some of His  
teachings, and in their ignorance are unamazed. But we should keep the grateful fire  
of amazement burning in our hearts, thankfully.

70 And He goes on healing many, even on the Sabbath, just as He had started. □  
His ministry extends to all, centurion, leper, and Samaritan, all of the  
faithful-hearted.  
Healing on the Sabbath, or work of any kind was forbidden by the Pharisees. But Jesus  
demonstrates that healing or feeding the hungry is not inconsistent with "keeping the  
Sabbath holy". Indeed the law is for the people, not the other way around. The healing  
is always described as a function of the faith or love of the one who is healed.

71 For God so loved the world, He sent His Son, His Word, His Logos-Corpus.  
That if we accept and believe in Him, He'll admit us to Heaven's life-eternal chorus.  
Why was Christ sent to us? Who was He really? John tells us that He is the word of  
God. The embodiment of His perfect knowledge. And in that knowledge is power. Here  
are two allegories of the strength of His speech. In Genesis God spoke the universe  
into existence. In the Psalms, David describes even His whisper creating powerful  
storms that shake the desert and strip clean the forests of Lebanon. Accepting this  
Word into our life brings us power and the promise of a future with Him in paradise.

72 So pray that he restore to you clean heart and joyous faithful Holy Spirit,

And let the Paraclete descend so that great happiness, shall you inherit.  
The paraclete, or holy spirit, the light of God, is His gift to us. He gives us the power to accept or reject it, but if we accept it, it will bring joy and happiness complete.

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## **The Akeldama of Obama**

Judas took his silver bounty and bought with it a field  
The betrayal of our Lord, deep in his heart concealed.  
This 'field of blood'  
of reddened mud  
The Crucifixion of Christ it's yield

Now a modern Akeldama\*,  
Has been bought by Barak Obama.  
What's on the range  
Of his silvery 'change'?  
How many crosses of unholy trauma?

Who will hang on the crosses of Obama?  
Whose blood will run red in the new field of Akeldama\*?

What Desolation will come from this Abomination\*\*?  
How much Desecration will be wrought by this Obama-Nation?

\* Akeldama, the field of blood, was purchased by Judas with the silver he took from Caiaphus, the Jewish High Priest, in order to betray Jesus.

\*\* Jesus foretold His return when the Abomination of Desolation is sitting where it oughtn't.

I have no doubt that some of the 'change' Obama has in store for this country will be a 'betrayal' in many ways.

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## **The Beatitudes of Satan (Adama Confronts Satan)**

X - A character representing Satan

A - Adama

E - Eva

A short dialogue and a poem:

X: Adama, Eva, what in the hell are you doing?  
Don't you know, that you are mine now...  
Why would he want you? After what you did!  
You opened the door for me and invited me in.

A: We may have sinned, but we've repented of that now...

X: Repentance ha! It's just a mundane life time prison sentence.

E: And we will share this truth with the world, and warn others of  
your deception...

Poem begins:

X: Give me a break! You must be joking.  
What wacky weed have you both been smoking...

People love their sin, let's take a look  
At how firmly in their cheeks I've set my hook.

The lesbian kisses a girl and she likes it a lot  
The passion of their kiss makes my hell fires hot

An adulterer on the prowl succeeds in his hunt.  
As he takes down his prey, and then repeats my stunt.

Boys browbeat their chick to give up their child  
That they may pursue my lifestyle so carefree and wild.

How happy is the old fag who turns a young man to a twink  
A joy so pink, purple, and fraternal at my eternal clink

Chorus: Oh, there is nothing so sweet to the sinner as his one little sin  
Idolatry of me is this, to make the love of anything come before Him.

A celebration in the heart of every liar, when he pulls off his line.  
As I wrap him in his own make believe world, I know that he's mine.

Sweet greedy pleasure has the thief when he makes a great heist.  
He's my sweet son indeed for that is the passion of this old anti-christ.

The cold black metal imparts such feelings of powers.  
To they who carry my weapons of death. My tall and mighty towers!

And there is nothing so inspiring and self deceiving to the heretics  
As to sings the anthems I've given them in all the pop lyrics

My storefront burgeons with idols, and they are flying off the shelf.  
People have forgotten God because I have given them 'self'

A. You liar! There is only one thing, man truly needs.

X. Maybe so, but you make him diet, while at my table he feeds!

Chorus: Oh, there is nothing so sweet to the sinner as his one little sin  
Idolatry of me is this, to make the love of anything come before Him.

A. Again you lie, for God provides every good and norm

X. But by my powers, I have turned man's heart to a corrupted form

And when they taste and covet my corrupted apostasies  
I count another win, and they gorge upon their beloved delicacies.

A: You forget they can be redeemed when they accept Christ and repent.

X: When I'm done, they'll never have a clue, that that was His intent.

I have all my men and women evangelizing my 'skeptics'  
In the schools and offices, malls, high towers and clinics.

A: Some will repent! and with God's Help, I'll tell them all!

X: Their ears are deaf, their hearts are fat, they'll never take your call.

A: Some may not but that won't stop Him, from claiming what is His.

X: If you only knew, how few! That escape my abyss.

Chorus: Oh, there is nothing so sweet to the sinner as his one little sin  
Idolatry of me is this, to make the love of anything come before Him.

A: Again You Lie! For every knee will bend, every heart will confess  
that He is Lord.

X: Maybe yes, and maybe not, but who is winning now? Who has the greater score?

A: Have you not heard, that to save one soul, is to save all of humanity.  
Therefore I will go out, and one at a time, call them out of their vanity.

And they then too, will share the grace that they have gotten.  
And in the end, you will be left with out, and be, eternally forgotten.

X: Come now Adama... Eva, let me make you my heirs.  
You'll rule my kingdom and mind all my affairs.

A: Get thee away from us Satan, you fiend!

E: Our way has been straightened and hearts have been cleaned.

This is the climactic scene/song from a screenplay I'm writing.

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## **The Bravest '300'**

A mighty enemy was amassing all its murderous hands.  
Filled with the covetous – its ranks were vast and swelled.  
The tyrants seeking foreign wives and slaves and lands  
Focused now on what message the animal entrails spelled.

But from an impressive army, innumerable and bold.  
Came tens of thousands of willing volunteers.  
They then who passed the test: only three hundred tolled,  
Were selected to face the enemy's thirty thousand spears.

How would their King and Captain lead 'em?  
Outnumbered by nearly one hundred to one.  
They knew they stood for truth and freedom.  
But did they fear the coming setting of the sun?

As the enemy made its preparations, confident and proud;  
These bravest men with great trust in their God,  
Received the armaments which had been endowed,  
And listened to the battle plan, humbly and awed.

A night attack would catch the enemy by surprise.  
The enemy's encampment – a midnight raid.  
All would be victorious before the sun would rise.  
...And without a single spear or arrow or even blade.

Faith was the only siege engine that they built.  
The victory would be God's beyond any doubt.  
Pottery, torch, and horn alone – no blood would be spilt.  
Only the hand of God could be credited for the rout.

In a burst of 300 horns: a thunderous craze.  
The bravest led by Gideon descended and engaged  
Amid crashes of the jars and torches all ablaze.  
Ammon woke, confused and stunned by Gideon's enraged.

In terror they retreated, fighting themselves as they ran.  
Killing each other for they lived by the sword.  
The enemy defeated by God's incredible plan.  
... Therefore... confidently ... trust the peace and protection offered by the Lord.

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## **The Cape of the Matador (Pornography & Lust)**

In the ring, the Toro spies the crimson cape of Matador  
Like a young sailor just ashore, lustily staring at a whore  
Whether dumb or savvy beast, instinct rises to the fore  
Bearing little reason – remembering only the timeless oath his ancient swore  
To charge that hot and angry hue with horn erect, thinking only gore, gore, gore!

In side of man lies another, less violent but no less focused, primal urge.  
A feeling queued by lovely visions, with hope of procreative merge.  
Through the heart and limbs a harder, quicker, scarlet surge  
But is it for his pretty wife, or a photographic image from the media dirge?  
Stealing tender moments from his spouse, Pornography tempts him over the verge.

Sexuality is a great gift from God, for the blessing of a man and wife.  
Accompanying the most important responsibility: to create another life.  
It is not for the pages of a magazine, though the newsstands are already rife,  
With the exploitation of our sons and daughters in obscene acts – Society is rife  
With selfish disrespect, and perverted expectations. Remove this infection with a knife!

Beauty is a blessing – a wondrous heavenly creation.  
And there is nothing wrong with having a healthy appreciation.  
But refrain from that which tempts the heart away from present or future marital  
station.  
And keep in mind, that patronizing pornography drives the horrible exploitation.  
Which perverts both young and old, and leads to untold, unhappy, unrighteous  
deviation

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## **The children of Euri and Sam**

Once upon a time there were two villages, led by two brothers  
They had the same father but were born of two mothers.

Euri was the first and Sam was younger.  
Wars and famine had cause the land a great hunger.

Euri's mother had died in this time of strife.  
And so his father went and found a second wife.

Euri and Sam got along pretty well with each other  
There were fights to be sure, but they both loved their father.

Their father had divided his lands and given them each a share.  
He taught them the moral law and made them both swear.

To be peaceful and to share their love with all humanity.  
To avoid the trappings of power, greed, and vanity.

To rely on the Lord for every daily need.  
And to send people out to teach the true creed.

Now as Euri aged his family grew to twenty seven.  
And many lived in the spirit of the kingdom of heaven.

And others were good too, but with a touch of pride.  
Still others, well, let's just say Euri's mother would have cried.

Meanwhile, Sam's family grew great and numbered fifty.  
Like Euri's, there were all types of meek, wise, valiant, and shifty.

Now in the same province as the two neighboring brothers,  
Were the nations and towns of many, many others.

The brothers sent their people out to teach and to trade.  
The people became wealthy, and so in defense, they began to carry a blade.

Their expansion was marked by a general peace.  
But this began to change as the populations increased.

The towns became cities and there was much migration.  
As the people changed, it created many political situations.

The brothers thought they had taught well many of their kin.  
But as time passed they found it didn't all sink in.

The people were blind to their own creeping flaws.  
And the young and alien did not all understand the father's laws.

Many fights and arguments did eventually arise.  
And the brothers did not always delegate to the meek and wise.

As these brothers grew old and frail they found many proud had come to power.  
On false promises to the people to build armies and mighty towers.

They sent all the valiant, wise, and even convinced the meek.  
To wages battles of 'defense' that they would not appear weak.

Over time and through attrition, when many fathers never returned.  
Society forgot the peaceful virtues that Sam and Euri once learned.

The new rulers found ways to repeal or ignore the rules of morality.  
To satisfy the waxing egos of their changing society.

They began to throw their weight around the nations.  
And damaged the two cities good reputations.

Now the father had made sure his teachings were written down.  
And that there would always be some in each town.

Some who would read and remember the past.  
That it would never be forgotten until the very last.

One day a little boy found an old copy of the book.  
And therein he read three things that his people had forsook.

One was that when man lacks what he wants, he picks up the sword.  
And that man lacks what he wants when he doesn't trust the Lord.

Two, that when he repents his sins and changes his behavior,  
And he calls out in faith on the name of Christ the savior.

That he will be saved and that he will most surely receive.  
Blessings from the Holy Spirit, that others too might believe.

And three, that he should be fruitful and spread the good news.  
Unto everyone, that they might know the peace of all these truths.

The boy was struck with fervor and conviction  
To save his city from its wayward afflictions.

First he went and shared this gift with his friends.  
Some thought him a little crazy, but others joined him in his ends.

They talked to all their neighbors, and everyone on the block,  
Was buzzing about the book of which the little boy did talk.

Then the children went to see the leaders of the city  
They witnessed what they knew, and here's the tragic pity...

The proud leaders, were so aghast at the implications of moral laws  
That they tried to convince the children, that it was filled with flaws.

Because they stood against the truth, they had to quiet down these kids.

So they sent their own corrupted youth into their midst.

To use the ancient methods which some children like to use.  
To mock them and then entice them with soft words like the 'right to choose'

The boy wouldn't fall for this old deceptive trick.  
And he called to the other children not to join the proud clique.

He was hurt and confused that anyone would reject the truth that he had found.  
But he was emboldened too, with a zealous heart and Godly wisdom sound.

He decided to go see old Euri and Sam, and to lay it on the line.  
He went first to great grandpa Euri and told him his fruit had withered on the vine.

Then to old great Uncle Sam to ask why had he forsaken  
The oath that with his brother, he once had taken.

You are our future, you and your friends.  
Our cities lost their way, but now you can make amends.

Go preach the good news on every corner and at every door.  
And then go out into the world, to every town on every shore.

Don't be surprised if the new leaders attack you,  
They may do everything they can to try to distract you.

But you have already shown that you can stand against their corruption  
So go now, and fill the earth with Holy Spirit fire, like a volcanic eruption.

The boy and his friends are now carrying out this quest.  
Will you join them too, or will you join the proud rest?

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## **The Crossing of Arc Immanuel**

In times twenty-something hence, we shall recall Joshua's prescient vision.  
His foresight twenty-twenty inspects the impending crossing with precision.

In the fortieth year of exodus, the throng had wandered long.  
Moses Jordan-sunset reflects the passing of disobedient wrong.

For thirty days Israel mourns his loss, the million wandering Jews.  
Anticipating the promised cross, awaiting two Shittim spies good news.

"In three days, you will take the land of milk & honey as possession  
So on the third following Levite and the Ark, We'll make the foretold procession.

Three families will stay back on dawning Side of Jordan, their holy gifted right.  
But in armor helping brothers take The land of Canaan and Hittite."

So on the eve, the officers conveyed, To the host the command and order  
When you see the Ark of the living Word of God, follow it unto the border.

But for two thousand steps shall you await, after Ark Immanuel.  
So sanctify, The Lord will do wonders, Everyone prepare and sound the knell!

And on that day, as Levite toe touched waters swollen they heaped and stood there  
still.

And not til Ark had crossed on dry land and Host had passed did the banks re-fill

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## **The Day the Show-Battles Ended**

The most savage love of Rome, how did it end?  
The show-battles of the coliseum - weren't just pretend.

How were the mortal fights between soldiers finally ceased?  
Between foreigners, innocent slaves, and fierce beasts?

A country boy one day, heard a command that God made.  
'Telemicus, Get up and go to Rome' and he piously obeyed.

As he wandered through the streets, a crowd went by  
And he was swept to where the host did cry.

He saw the preparations for what would be an orgy of blood.  
With disbelief, he ran to the ring as fast as he could.

"Are we not all men created in God's image?  
This bloodshed is just like giving false idols homage"

His 'Stop! Stop! ' became a comic side show for the crowd.  
And finally, 'Run him through! ' some one shouted loud.

A soldier willingly obliged with his crimson blade  
Invoking the name of his saviour, the boy's final plea was made.

And Telemicus cried his last, at the great Gladiator ring.  
'Stop this thing! In the Name of Jesus Christ, Stop This Thing! '

...Convicted by conscience and the God to whom Telemicus did cling.  
That was the final combat ever fought in Rome's beloved bloody ring.

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## **The Deadly Speckled Birches (Smoking/Cigarettes)**

Vika and I walked in a thick forest of birches white and spotted.  
And many boulders of white lime with black lichens dotted.  
A thick fog rolled slowly toward like a pudding, creamy and clotted.

Something moved behind a fallen speckled log that fog and time have rotted.  
A wild pack of Dalmatians ahead of the fog then trotted.  
Stalking us through the birches, what evil had these dogs plotted.

We retreated down a hill toward our cabin – our stomachs were knotted.  
I grabbed a fallen branch and at the nearest one I swatted  
But we can't shake the pack – was this all the time the Lord allotted?

Now, the leader jumps upon a rock and there he perches.  
And I remember the lesson we had been taught at our churches.  
God will grant strength and deliverance to he who asks and searches.

And so I ask "God please deliver us from this deadly glade, this pack of birches."  
And the leader howled the order and we ran for the cabin porches.  
Charcoal from a smoldering campfire my white shoe besmirches.

And the fog tried to envelop us as we ran in sprints and lurches.  
And I wake from my nightmare and all my soul researches.  
What warning could this be - the deadly glade of pack, fog, rock, and birches?

I walk outside and light a smoke – and understand what I dreamed  
The vicious foggy white and spotted birches are realer than they seemed.  
Oh God, grant us the power over addiction, that we may be redeemed.

Note: It has been about a year and half since I had this dream, and I was able to quit shortly thereafter.

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## **The Decaying Days of Rome (The Modern Man's Creed)**

As in the decaying days of Rome, Stoicism is called 'Right'.  
Playing to the pride, a memory of a national emphasis on Might.

And Epicureanism called 'Left' encourages the indulgence of every vulgar passion  
Hedonisms flaming arrows have left the walls of modesty charred and ashen.

Absolute right is replaced by Might as is the Sanctity of Marriage  
Abortion is embraced because of the bother of the baby carriage.

Unnatural vices - practiced and prophesied by the leading thinkers.  
Profoundly advocating the life of adulterers, pedophiles, and drinkers.

Now hear the creed for the new Rome's great defrauding hustles:  
We believe in many Hegels, Neitzes, Marxs, Freuds, Rands and Russells,

We believe all is good, as long as you don't hurt anyone... to your awareness  
Whatever your definition of hurt or aware - that's our idea of fairness.

We believe in sex before, during, and after marriage and the therapy of sin.  
We believe that adultery is fun, and that promoting sodomy is a big political win.

We believe that all taboos are taboo.  
And that there is nothing we need to eschew.

We believe that everything is getting better despite evidence to the contrary.  
But all 'evidence' is subject to our spin and therefore any whim can carry.

We believe there is something in horoscopes, UFO's, and bent spoons.  
Jesus was a good man like Buddha, Mohammad, you, and countless more bafoons.

Yes, he's good moral teacher, but we really think his good morals stink.  
All religions are basically alike, at least the one we read was.. we think.

They all believe in love and goodness to make us a bit more convivial  
The differences on Sin, Heaven, Hell, God and Salvation, are all just trivial.

We believe that after death comes nothing  
For when you ask the dead what happens? they say nothing.

If death isn't the end, and the dead have lied, then heaven must be guaranteed.  
For all except perhaps Hitler, Stalin, George Bush, or those of Fundie-Creed.

We believe that man is essentially good - except in his behavior.  
This is the fault of society and therefore only society can be his saviour.

Each man must find the truth that is right for him and write his own psalter.  
Reality will adapt, the universe will adjust, and history will alter.

There is no absolute truth, except the truth  
That there is no pure and absolute truth (or so we teach our youth) .

We believe in the rejection of any holy creeds

And the flowering of individual thought and resultant deeds

If Chaos be the father of all flesh, disaster is his rainbow in heaven.  
And when you hear: "State of Emergency, " or "Sniper kills seven"

"Troops Rampage, " "Bomb Blasts School, " or "Church-Arson Claims Another"  
It is but the sound of the world worshipping its false and fallen father.\*

\*Much of this piece is based on the work of Ravi Zacharias and Steve Turner's Modern Man's Creed

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## **The Fields of Bones - The Draughts of Fishes**

The hand of the Lord carried me out in the spirit, to a valley which was full of bones,  
And I walked - Behold, there were very many and they were drier than the dust of  
stones.

And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? O Lord GOD, only you know.  
Prophesy, and say, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord - and flesh will grow.

Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter and ye  
shall live:

I will lay sinews upon you, and flesh and skin and breath. Know that I am the Lord  
whose hand doth give.

So I prophesied as He commanded: there was a noise, a shaking, and the bones came  
together, bone by bone.

And lo, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and skin covered them, but there  
was neither breath nor groan

Prophesy unto the wind son of man, and say, The Lord GOD this commandment give;  
Come forth from four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may  
live.

So I prophesied, and the breath came into them, they lived, and stood an exceedingly  
great army host

Son of man, these bones are all of my people: behold, they say, Our bones are dry,  
our hope is an unseen ghost.

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my  
people, I will open your graves,  
And cause you to come up out of dirt, and bring you into the land of Israel, on the  
highway way my servant paves.

And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people,  
and given resurrection.

I shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, I shall place you in your own land: then  
shall ye know my affection.

That I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it.. Let it suffice you, O Israeli Royal.  
Execute just judgment, remove tax exactions on my people. Remove violence and  
spoil.

And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, the paschal oblation  
The peace offerings, to make for the house of Israel reconciliation.

And it shall come to pass, that every living moving thing, whithersoever the rivers shall  
come shall live

A great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: the waters shall  
healing give

And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto  
Engelaim;

Their fish shall be of exceedingly many, as fish of the great sea - they shall spread  
forth nets and bounty claim.

\*

I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities too: for therefore I am sent.  
And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee, calling all to repent.

And as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of  
Gennesaret,  
And saw a pair of ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen weren't near it.

They were off washing their nets, so He entered into one of the ships, which was  
Simon's,  
'Simon, thrust out a little.' And He gave the crowd lessons worth more than many  
diamonds.

Then he said unto Simon, launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a  
draught.  
Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing, and though to me it may  
seem daft,

Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net once again for thy sake.  
And when they had, they enclosed a great multitude that their nets began to brake.

And they beckoned unto their partners, in the other ship, that they should come and  
help.  
And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink into the kelp.

Falling down at Jesus' knees, Simon said, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O  
Lord.  
For he and everyone was astonished at the draught of the fishes that they scored.

And so were the partners of Simon, James, and John, the sons of Zebedee,  
Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt be fishers of men with me.

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## **The Flames of Molech (Abortion)**

Leviticus 18,20:

Who fans the fires of Molech  
Could it be we who only wish to protect?

While the fires of Molech consume our neighbor's seed.  
Perhaps we should reflect on why our neighbor feels the need.

Why would anyone throw their children to the flames?  
All of society that allows – no encourages – this it shames.

There are many forms, direct and subtle that this encouragement takes place.  
For example, our worship of escapism or idolatrous servitude of the rat-race.

A damnable choice is now thrust upon our expectant mothers.  
But how can society persist when the maternal hearth it smothers.

The sirens sing "Live your life, there is so much to do and discover.  
Don't worry it won't take long until your bodies recover."

Is a young life of hedonism or single solitude so great?  
That we recommend it to each other instead of having a family with a mate.

Wouldn't a better lesson be respect, love, responsibility, and planning within the  
sanctity of marriage  
Than selfish, dangerous and abominable sexual methods, and paranoia of the baby  
carriage?

This desperate act is brought on too by a regrettable or disrespectful childhood home.  
No wonder that we shun the family when we see parents that would rather fight or  
roam.

"Ohhh. Don't get married or have a child, it's a betrayal of your future, youth, and  
friends.  
Wouldn't you rather spend each night partying and discovering the latest trends? "

As friends and partners we need to applaud and respect parental happiness and  
responsibility  
Encourage and help our confidants and spouses to the best of our ability.

For how hypocritical, snobbish, and selfish is the thought that a child's life must be  
forfeit,  
To sate the craving for attention and control. Narcissism and love make a very poor fit.

"How can you, How can I, How can we afford to have this child? " we ask.  
Backward priorities, sloth, greed, and lust for sin: the values this passive-aggressive  
question mask.

As individuals and as a society we have chosen to prefer and kindle our luxury-urges.  
What a poor bargain for every little face and hand is worth a thousand e-bay splurges.

Clever marketers cause us to throw away our time and our monies.

When both are better spent at home in happy peaceful moments with our little  
'honeys.'

'Tis a pity we're deaf to their call, for no ad-man on this Earth has a catchier turn of  
phase.

Than a chuckling little two year old giving mama and papa loving praise.

There is not an activist or actor, not a singer or poet who can truly capture.  
The happiness brought while holding and teaching a child: it is the gift of parental  
rapture.

What perverted torture: "But you're too young to get married"  
Encouraging sex and damning marriage – the sacrament is in the ground with baby  
buried.

Still, it can be an ominous, uncertain chasm; a wake-up to reality for our pampered  
teens.

If we can't demonstrate an attractive and viable path of earning life's basic means.

We must remove the illusion of hopelessness of parenthood and marriage for those  
who choose to mate.

If we hope to make rare the desire to abort and, our progeny, in Molech's fires  
immolate.

Is a finished degree always so pressing? For many - just wasted escapist years, in  
dorm, frat house, and sorority.

Bootstrapped learners, yes, hard working earners, beat many of the rootless green  
twigs grown at university.

Employers, there is real value in young apprentice-parents: honest and earnest  
employees.

Let us give them a chance encouraging and enabling them to, over time, earn practical  
degrees.

Why do we persist the falsehood of 'Entrapment, ' a vain and derelict concept?  
With love and intimacy come responsibility, if we cannot impart this, we are indeed  
inept.

How great are the flames of Molech, how high have they climbed.  
All the despots and all the war mongers of the last 200 years combined,

Have shed less blood than Roe V. Wade, and her foreign kin in the last forty years.  
Over a billion babies culled by the scalpel – how many billion tears?

Though some seek the courts and governments for a single solitary great fix.  
Without societal change we will remain the generation of vipers, stinging and poisoning  
the matrix.

'But we will do it anyway, with unsafe procedure' is the back-alley creed.  
Alas, society and our hearts must change in many ways, or the womb will forever  
bleed.

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## **The Human gods (Based on Psalm 82)**

Oh you proud gods in black  
How you wage your attack  
On the only True Law  
Now your corrupted maw  
And false-whited locks are back

Legislating from the bench  
Using gavel as a wrench  
To open Hell's Pandora box  
Binding souls in Sodom's locks  
Burning Molech's incense: fleshy stench

You gods in white and baby blue  
Mocking purity with thy hue  
Then defiling mother's matrix  
Wielding scalpel, knife, and latex  
Or a deadly devils brew

You gods in crimson power tie  
Who loveth and maketh many a lie  
Steeped in vanity and graft  
You slyly ploy your stately craft  
As your acts deny the Lord on high

You gods in colors of the alma maters  
Pouring toxins in our waters  
Teaching now that sin is not  
And other lies that you have bought  
Deceiving our good sons and daughters

You gods in blue-chip Armani suit  
Adopting so much P.C. policy-fruit  
All best practices were taught  
But you choose to let them rot  
You care for nothing but thy loot

You gods in green and Marxist red  
The ground you tread is strewn with dead  
Check that thy priority  
Is good for all humanity  
Not just thy vanity instead

You gods who claim the color purple  
Throw thy stone and watch the ripple  
When for popularity  
You fan our lust of iniquity  
Action and consequence uncouple

You gods in earthy camouflage  
The peace you seek is a mirage  
If the means to it requires  
Violent quagmires

Thy priorities need triage

You gods with Napoleonic crowns of gold  
So ambitious, proud, self-made, and bold  
Let a little introspection  
And humble reflection  
Return you to the Shepherd of the fold

You gods of yellow journalism  
O'er pages and waves flinging jism  
Your cracked prism distorts truth and light  
When you portray the wrong as right  
How will you spin your coming cataclysm?

You proud and mighty Justices are blind  
To The Law of His Perfect Holy Mind  
And with your darkened view  
Woe is what you imbue  
When Holy Truth is maligned

But God stands in this congregation of the proud  
And He judges you gods of rainbow shroud  
How long will ye subvert true laws,  
Promoting all thy wicked cause?  
Won't you defend our children from Satan's crowd?

Do justice to the afflicted, poor, and needy  
Deliver them from the hand of perverse and greedy  
But alas, you do not now nor ever will you  
You walk blindly, doth the darkness fill you  
Thy lot be cast, thy pact is made: an unholy treaty

Ohh, society is knocked off it's foundation!  
When His constitution causes such consternation.  
Ye mighty gods are bullies, mean and naughty  
And you will die like the proud and haughty\*\*  
Arise, O God, judge the earth, and inherit every nation

\*\*Neither this poem nor psalm 82 advocate violence. This poem paraphrases Ps 82: 7 in observing that unjust people in positions of power (not just the legal profession) will reap their due wage on judgement day. In Deuteronomy 32 & Hebrews 10 the Lord makes it clear that it is His responsibility and not that of man.

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## **The McDonalds Boycott and 'Idol Meat'**

Update: McDonald's Boycott has ended due to the internal mitigation of the issues raised by the AFA and McDonald's commitment to remain neutral in the 'culture wars'....

If the ethical behavior of a company isn't regulated or considered legislatable.  
If the CEO sees only profit as his job, the role of fiduciary being insurmountable.  
Then we must hold ourselves as investors and customers, as finally accountable.

A company or corporation in legalese is a "legal person" and behaves as an entity.  
But it is just a collection of people, and it's behavior is not abstract, but an extension of society.

So how do we ensure that companies behave with virtue and responsibility?

Indeed many groups already have bent the corporate will to their cause.  
Punishing companies at the store who fail to support their views and justify their flaws.  
And every customer, to some extent subsidizes it, let this give every Christian pause.

What can be done? For isn't consumer or investor activism a futile waste of time?  
Standing up for what is right is never wrong, let no one think of a boycott as a crime.  
Insist your mutual funds vote their shares for corporate virtue, investing not a dime.

We have a putative choice, and are not compelled to render our resources to the beast.  
But when we choose to ignore or reward the misdeeds of companies, how can we be released?

The chains of sin have been cut off, but can we be blind to how our brother's guilt increased?

So buy not the idol meat: products which fund the promotion of deviant iniquity.  
Nor use the services of companies which fund the beast with proud ubiquity.  
And finance not their works with either loan or bond or equity.

Only when the loss of sales or cost of capital causes companies to lament  
Will the shareholder and consumer demands be heard for companies to repent.  
But until such day, have a clear conscience, and contribute not a single red cent.

Indeed, it is not the product, security, or meat which commends or defiles.  
It is the indirect support for apostasy, rendered on exchanges and in shopping aisles,  
Especially for companies which stand in the service of him who beguiles.

For you cannot drink the cup of both the Lord and the Devil.  
Yea, the proliferation of the unholy communion has reached an unprecedented level.  
So let what you consume and invest in give God glory and cause to revel.

Jesus Christ, through both of the Great Evangelists Paul and John exhort his followers  
to avoid consuming product and participating with organizations which promote  
apostate views.

In the letter to Thyatira, John tells us that the policy of the (false Christian) priestess  
Jezebel is an abomination. She was telling Christians that it was o.k. to trade, do  
business with, and interact with the local guilds and businesses which were in turn  
using their organizations for the glory of sexual immorality and idolatry.

In the second letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us that engaging in commerce with such businesses, is harmful, because it leads to the temptation and fall of our fellow man.

That is exactly the case with companies such as McDonalds who are worshiping the idol of homosexuality in their sponsorship and promotion of gay-pride events. This action has the direct effect of encouraging this lifestyle which is by definition unrepentant, and shunning the grace of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, let Christians not defile themselves with companies such as McDonalds which are indeed the modern day 'Jezebels'.

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## **The Response To Criticisms of The Unsavory Salt Pillar Parade (Homosexuality in the Church)**

Dear M.L. (and others who have made similar remarks) ,

I appreciate you eloquent, if misguided response to The Unsavory Salt Pillar Parade (USPP) . Here is why I say it is misguided:

- 1) People are not judged by other people but by their own actions. So I do not condemn anyone.
- 2) Of those who have loved much - indeed, much will be forgiven. And it is completely up to Him. In fact, we know that He will forgive anyone who repents of their sin and accepts Jesus Christ.
- 3) But neither of these points change the fact that God tells us that homosexuality is a sin - see USPP for references.
- 4) The real danger is not so much the act itself - because everyone has sinned, but in pretending that it is not, and leading others to join and participate in sin. By the way, the act of sin is not an act of love despite the common misuse of the term.
- 5) God has commanded that the Christian share truth (including this truth) with the world - because we care for the well being of everyone. We are trying to prevent the great heresy of homosexual organizations from leading our progeny into sin and away from the salvation of Christ.
- 6) Lastly, while presenting many of the above arguments, the primary point of the USPP poem is that the Church (UCC, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist) should not 'look the other way' just to fill church pews on Sunday - or for that matter be lobbying politicians in favor of Gay rights as does the UCC.
- 7) By the way, there is nothing in the bible against same sex friendships - or the sharing of empathy, friendship, and non-romantic love of any other human being. It is simply the sinful act of homosexuality (which is not love) , and the intentional avoidance of God's plan.
- 8) Even if we are generally good people, we can never be justified to God simply by our actions. It is only through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, that we are redeemed. 'If you want to hear God say well-done, you have to do what He asks\*'.

Praying for you,  
Daniel Partlow

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\*\* ORIGINAL MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*  
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From: M. L. (abbreviated for the privacy of this individual)  
To: Daniel Partlow  
Date-Time: 2/13/2007 2: 49: 00 PM (GMT -6: 00)  
Subject: homosexuality

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From your poem I take it you believe that homosexuality is a sin? ?  
I wonder how I will be judged on said judgement day, for loving, protecting, cherishing the most wonderful and beautiful soul I have ever met. For living an honest life,

working hard, doing my best to get through without making too many mistakes!  
I'm a woman who is in love with a woman I dont think I am doing any harm in the big wide world.

Is it a sin to love and protect,  
To care for a person,  
No matter what sex.  
Will I be judged and sent straight to hell.  
Is the world a worse place  
Cause I'm in love with a girl.  
Would god turn away  
From a heart full of love,  
Devoted, commited, never to stray.  
I Don't turn my back,  
I'm not sure about God.  
Perhaps we are followed,  
Perhaps we are not.  
I live and I love,  
Do good where I can.  
Repent my mistakes  
Not to him up above.  
My conscience tells me  
What is good what is bad  
I don't need your forgiveness,  
I'll be what I'll be.

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end of messages from M.L.

\*Last sentence was a quotation from Big Idea Productions.

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## **The Return of Elijah**

(Malachi)

Behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and the proud and wicked shall be stubble:  
And that day shall burn them up, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch only rubble.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing for one and all.  
Ye shall go forth, tread down the wicked and grow up as calves of the stall.

For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day of laments  
Remember the law of Moses, which I commanded in Horeb with statutes and judgments.

I will send you Elijah before the coming of the great and dreadful day when my anger is riled.  
He shall turn the hearts of the child to their father and the father to the child

Smitten with a curse: every valley shall be filled, and every hill shall be brought low;  
And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall smoothly flow.

(Isaiah)

Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; help us o scion.  
The snakes will not hearken to the voice of charmers, break their teeth, O God, in their mouth of viper and lion.

(John The Baptist)

These are the men whom the voice in the night saw and named Generation of the Vipers.  
Who hath warned you to flee His wrath? Who has warned you must pay the coming pipers?

The Prophet eating locust and wild honey, girding his loins in camel thong;  
Named the Sadducees and Pharisees as they came to see the repentant Judean throng.

Bring forth therefore fruits of repentance: And do not think Abraham is your father  
For God can make of these stones children unto Abraham – and with you he will not bother.

So now the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: and each which bringeth not,  
Yieldeth not good fruit shall be hewn down, and cast into the fires hot.

What shall we do then? He that hath love, wisdom, or two coats,  
Impart to him that hath none; and likewise those with knowledge or meat or oats.

Then came also tax collectors to be baptized, Master, what shall we do?  
Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

And how shall we, the soldiers and police of the land behave and engage?  
Do violence to no man, nor accuse any falsely; and resisting graft be content with your wage.

Are you Christ? I baptize you with water, but he that cometh after me is the mightier  
Paschal pyre  
I am not worthy to bear His shoes; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Sprit, and  
with fire:

A fan is in his hand, and he will purge his floor, gather into the garner all his wheat;  
But he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire, and immeasurable heat.

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## **The Shepherd Calls to One and All**

The gift of physical life – a blessing of the Lord all six plus billion of us share.  
The invitation to eternal life is offered to everyone – there isn't one He wouldn't spare.

Happiness, Wisdom, and Peace are for the whole world – they're for everyone's taking,  
Right here, right now, the doors to the kingdom of Heaven are open wide, your bond to sin is breaking.

In your heart and mind and soul, accept this gift which He has seen fit to bestow.  
By making Him, and His Word, Jesus Christ your Lord and leader, let His Holy Spirit grow.

There is nothing to lose, and everything to gain.  
If you believe in his truth and light, and on his narrow path remain.

As you read or hear his Word, like music to your soul, it shall resonate.  
For his law and truth is made known to us in our conscience, deep down and innate.

Whether you have been brought up as Shinto, Jew, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, or Sieke.  
The seed of truth has been planted. Now hear Christ, who to your soul doth speak.

To the atheist, existentialist, pagan, and those who have fallen away from the truth;  
Consider the despair of your plight, then turn to He as unto Father by his youth.

For the world is by nature filled with lies, greed, false prophecy, and hate.  
Without him we adopt these evil traits, but if we choose His way, he will give us blessed fate.

For those with vested earthly interests in keeping the sheep from Jesus fold.  
A poor and wretched bargain have you made for the eternal souls you've sold.

But even now will God forgive you and exchange your bankrupt stock.  
If you release and return, or even lead all back to the Almighty Savior's blessed flock.

It is time to reflect on the perpetual, ironic tragedy of Judah.  
And then upon the great humanity but not divinity, of a man called Buddah.

Let us compare the consistency and goodness of all the different world views.  
Considering the Hindu castes, and Shinto shrines, the Muslim hijab, and the diet of the Jews.

We shall not spare the desperation of the blind mindset of atheist-existential.  
Our selfish will and desires never lead to the truth, submitting to God is always essential.

As any parent knows, it is out of love that we correct and reprimand.  
For this was the Word of God in Christ given – his message is not timid or bland.

And lest I forget my fellow Christians, how can you say 'I believe, now go away.'  
If you have accepted his redemption, rejoice, and share this gift to you with your neighbor today!

Hear and read and learn what his love, his law involves.

For he takes away what is not used, and the lost soul fades – wilts – devolves.

Friends we are never alone, in this righteous holy pursuit.  
His Holy Spirit will lead us if we are willing to follow and eat the fruit.

And though the dissenters and enemies of the truth are legion.  
Let the Word of God be heard in every country, state, and region.

- See also:

Jesus Christ Calls the Muslim  
Jesus Christ Calls the Hindu  
Jesus Kirisuto Haiku  
The Flocks have left the Fold and  
Sunrise On the Mount

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## The Shrug of Ayn Rand

What is at the core of the sandy randy rind?  
Is there good flesh in the apple of Ayn's state-of-mind?

She voices well the laws of non-contradiction  
And the Either-Or proves the dialectic to be fiction.

But under the crimson skin of liberty and logic what does one find?  
A juicy pulp of self-centeredness on which a worm of apathy hath dined.

Atlas's fetter may now be loose, but there is another bind.  
The maggot writhes in a fetid morality of an unloving-Buddhist kind.

On the outside gleams an attractive hue of the inalienable rights of man.  
'Morality ends where the gun begins' is not unlike Christ's enemy-loving plan.

And that the fruit of wisdom is life, not death or torture by some bully.  
But Ayn, it is only through His suffering that we have life, and have it fully.

Christ said, whatever you do, even for the least, so you do for me.  
But the worm promotes a more inward philosophy of "Me"

Christ sends us out to harvest every blade of wheat.  
But the worm says that finding your own happiness is what makes life complete.

Christ says the good shepherd leads his flock back into the fold  
But the worm argues that it is like being towed to the dump, to do what you are told.

Christ says "Love your neighbor and even your enemy" – To the worm anachronism:  
"Civilization's survival requires the rejection of the moral of altruism"

"I swear by my life and love it, I'll never live for another" sayeth the worm.  
But Jesus says 'Everyone who loves his life will lose it (at the end of his term) .'

The worm attributes every tool and modern comfort to the reason of man  
But everything is a blessing from God, according to the true Son of Man

The worm says that accepting unearned guilt, is itself the worst guilt of all.  
Yet Christ died on the cross to bear everyone's guilt, to the rapture from the fall.

And He encourages us all to take up our own crosses every single day.  
Yes to be a servant of our fellow man, unlike the worm who thinks only those who betray.

No doubt, Ayn, there are some leaches who lick the blood of another's sacrifice  
But the only true freedom is in the cross we bear, His altruism does suffice.

"Sacrifice" is not the leper's bell of an approaching looting crook.  
While the worker deserves his wage, let no one overlook,

His was a model for us all, so why would we not follow Christ's lead.  
Neither 'Success', nor selfish 'Actualization', There is only one thing we truly need.

A building does have integrity, just like, and about as often as a man.  
But it is more likely to have it when it is built on Jesus' Rock and not on Ayn's sand.

Saying 'I love you' will indeed always start with saying 'I'  
But let it be an outward commitment to another, not just an inwardly wanton cry.

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## **The Sower and the Reaper-Mower**

Parables By The Sea: The Kingdom of Heaven

The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

And certain women, healed of evil spirits and infirmities,  
Mary Magdalene such, purged of seven devils grim  
And Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward,  
and Susanna, and many others, ministered unto him.

And when many people gathered,  
and came to him from every city, by parable he taught:  
A sower went out to sow his seed: and some fell  
by the way side trodden down, and the birds besot.

And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it  
was sprung up, it withered away, had no water.  
And some fell among thorns; which sprang up,  
and choked it out – it's good fruit did slaughter

But some fell on good earth, germinated,  
and bare fruit an hundredfold.  
He that hath ears to hear, let him hear  
understand what he has been told.

What might this parable be?  
Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the God's land.  
But to others in parables; that seeing they might not see,  
and hearing they might not understand.

(Isaiah) I will speak in parables; Utter things which  
have been kept secret from the terrestrial foundation  
Master, declare unto us the parable of the tares  
sown in the field, of enemy infiltration.

He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;  
The field is the world – wide and whole.  
The good seed are the children of the kingdom;  
but the tares are those whose souls the devil stole.

The enemy is the devil that  
sowed tares in the furrow.  
At the end of the world the angels  
will reap and glean a harvest thorough.

As the tares are gathered and burned in the fire;  
So shall it be in the end of this world for the lost – only funeral pyre.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, to sort out all things that offend,  
And shall cast them into a furnace of fire, then wailing and gnashing of teeth without  
end.

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God – His true grain, the kernel.

Those on the road side are they that hear the word, the grain of God Eternal

The devil comes and takes the word from their hearts with apathy, lies, and fear.  
Tempting and diverting, lest they should believe and to God endear.

They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy and pray.  
But these have no root, which for a while believe, but in time of temptation fall away.

And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they all his words have heard,  
Go forth, but are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to  
the Word.

But that on the good earth are they, which with an honest and goodly heart,  
Having heard the word, keep it, bearing fruit with patience: for with them the Spirit  
art.

In the Jews is fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy 'By hearing ye shall hear, But not understand  
And seeing ye shall see, and but ye shall not perceive his command'

For these people's ears are dull, eyes are closed, and heart is waxed gross;  
They haven't seen, hear or understood, lest they be converted and healed of their  
woes.

But blessed are your ears, for they hear and your eyes, for they see.  
Truly, Many prophets and righteous men have desired to hear and see as do thee.

But they have not seen nor heard them. Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.  
That you may find fertile soil in the hearts of men as the grower, reaper, and mower.

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, but misunderstands, to him comes  
the devil,  
Who steals away the seed, for He received it only on the road side of his heart - bare  
upon the gravel.

He that received the seed into stony place does hear the word, and with joy receives it;  
Yet hath he not root in himself, for when persecution arises, he succumbs to the pit.

He that received seed among the tares, is he that hears but with all his worldly cares,  
And the deceitfulness of riches, chokes the word, and little fruit he ever bears.

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that understands the word he is  
told.  
He bears great fruit, and brings it forth, thirty, sixty, or even an hundredfold.

The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field  
But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat - hoping to  
ruin the yield.

And when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then too appeared the  
tares.  
So the servants came to the master, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? We  
are caught unawares.

An enemy hath done this. Should we go and weed them out by the stem.  
Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers,  
Gather ye first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but save in my barn the good wheat keepers.

The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed,  
A man took it, and sowed it in his field: The mustard is the least of all indeed:

But when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh big and best  
So that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof and make their nest.

The kingdom of heaven is like a yeast, a certain woman chose, adding it to three big measures till the dough rose  
For a little of that which multiplies in good medium, like leaven or faith, surely grows and grows.

Then shall the righteous shine forth in the kingdom of their Father as the sun so clear.  
You who have ears to hear, Open them and listen so that you may truly hear.

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hid in a field; and when an honest man hath found,  
He re-buries it, and joyfully goes and sells all that he has, and buyeth up that ground.

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant man, seeking the oyster's radiant orb:  
When finding one of great value, sells all he has to buy it. Let all hearts this wisdom pearl absorb.

The kingdom of heaven is like a fishers net,  
That was cast into the sea, fish of every species did they get.

When it was full, they drew it back to shore,  
Gathered the good into vessels, and the bad did they abhor

So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall sever the wicked from the just,  
Cast them into the furnace, wailing and gnashing teeth – judgment for their lust.

Have ye understood all these things? Yea, Lord.

Every scribe instructed by the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household.  
He brings forth - out of the treasure of his heart - things both new and old.

Then were there brought unto him many little nippers  
That he should pray for them, to bless and atone them, as on Yom Kippurs.

But the disciples rebuked them, Bother not the Master.  
Do not slow them, of such is the kingdom, let them come running fast and ever faster.

And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.  
But, one young man came and asked Jesus what made sense.

Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I might eternal life earn?  
Why call me good? Only one is good, even God. Now if it's life you yearn,

Keep the law and commandments. Which ones shall I keep?  
Thou shall not murder, commit adultery, lie, or steal if thou art good shepherd's sheep.

And Honor thy father and thy mother  
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, yes, love one another.

From my youth on up, In all these, have I stayed on track.  
Is there anything else which still I lack?

If you will be perfect, go and sell all you have, and give it to the poor,  
Come and follow me, and you're treasure in heaven will be secure.

But when the young man heard, he went away sorrowful: for he was very wealthy.  
Truly, a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom, no matter how stealthy.

Again, it is easier for a camel to go through the small gate called the eye of a needle,  
Than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God, though his size be that of a beetle.

His disciples were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be received?  
With men this is impossible; but with God all things can be achieved.

Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore as reparation.  
Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the end regeneration,

When the Son of man sits in the throne of his glory, upon the twelve thrones you shall  
position-take  
And judge the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one forsaking property or family for  
my name's sake,

You shall receive a hundredfold, and with everlasting life be reimbursed  
Because many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

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## **The Summary of the Message of Christ (Synopsis of Synoptics)**

A multitude, yea, all of those with unclean spirits vexed,  
Gather to Him to hear the Word which heals and protects.

Lifting up His eyes and voice, He taught upon the mount,  
Your rewards and your blessings, and how your virtues count.

Blessed are you poor in spirit, the humble hubris-less inherit heaven's realm;  
And blessed are you meek for you shall boldly take the earthly helm.

Blessed are you that mourn and weep for human wrong and sin,  
Comfort shall God give you – His arms to hold therein.

Blessed are you that crave for right – enduring dry and parching thirst.  
Like a sponge into cup of truth be plunged, sated, saturated, immersed.

Be happy you who mercy sow, forgiveness you invest.  
At harvest, reap you mercy and know that you've been blessed.

Happy are the pure in spirit and wise are your decisions.  
You clearly see the way to Him, His holy face your visions.

Blessed are the peacemakers – He knows you by your love.  
You indeed are children of the one true God above.

Good cheer to those reviled and persecuted in God's holy name.  
The world will slander and attack you but you should feel no shame

Like the prophets before you, they thank you with the sword.  
Rejoice, Rejoice! and be glad, for so great is your reward.

So all you blessed people, use your blessings well.  
Shine your light upon the world – from rooftop and on hill.

You salt the earth, you brighten, you enlighten, and you savor.  
But carefully guard the holy truth, or lose all of His favor.

For woe shall come to he whose gifts will he not share,  
Like worthless tasteless salt cast out, all blessings shall strip bare.

Oh, you with bellies full, and you whose hearts are filled,  
Do your part or like blades of wheat, wither, and be under tilled.

Woe to you who admonish, laugh, and jeer at His holy plan,  
Weep and mourn will you when you meet the Son of Man.

You populist false prophets, you demagogues in high regard,  
Whose positions gained at cost of truth, will be mocked, de-frocked, disbarred.

Demonstrate the light you have, place it not under bushel.  
For if your neighbor truly love, you'll show him what is crucial.

And if he smites you on the cheek, take not revenge on he.

'Eye for eye' may indeed be just, but mercy from you flee.

But, if the other cheek you offer, you stand your moral ground.  
Yielding not your soul or thought or hope, your action then is sound.

And watch your tongue, He tells us not to call someone a fool.  
Judgment is God's privilege, and He wields many a powerful tool.

If ye judge not with a stone, so ye shall not be judged.  
Be ye so forgiving, and to you mercy shall not be grudged.

Does this mean you must accept the rule of sin and wrong?  
Endure and love and teach Earth's lost souls, yet in His law be strong.

For the law shall never pass away, not even jot or tittle,  
'Til all the prophecy fulfill and our judgment yields to His acquittal.

Whosoever breaks the law and leads others down that path,  
Shall be the least in Heaven and risks almighty wrath.

For unless you exceed the righteousness of Pharisee and scribe,  
You cannot enter into heaven, try ye sneak, or beg, or bribe.

Give, and then recoup great measures of mercy, love, and grain,  
For with the same that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.

And as ye would that men do to you, do ye to them too.  
Beyond your friend, as any sinner, but to your foe, and great rewards accrue.

Yes, love ye your antagonist, do good, lend, & expect not thanks or gain.  
Ye shall be His own, for He is kind, even to unthankful, even unto Cain.

To kill is wrong as we all have known from the time of Abel's slaying  
But angry hatred of your brother risks a sentence never staying.

Since times of old, it has been said, "commit not adultery"  
But already have you done this in lusty gazes, wanton and sultry.

It hath been said divorce is as simple as a giving your wife a writ;  
But in doing so you cause her & future lovers to adultery commit.

Fix your problems and your sources of iniquity and sin.  
Think it through, pluck it out, cast it into the rubbish bin.

Better to lose an eye or limb, rationale, or damned philosophy,  
Than your body, mind, and soul to end in fiery catastrophe.

And in your prayers there is no need to go on heathen-like forever.  
Sibyl-speech mayn't reach His ear, so simplify your endeavor.

Saying humbly, 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on Earth as in Heaven same.'

'Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we do too in turn.  
Lead us not into temptation and deliver us forever from the flames which ever burn.'

Outward piety, in front of men, for self-serving desires, boastful and vain,  
Does not garner His reward so focus your entreaties upward, and in his favor remain.

To trumpet your fasting, or the good you do, the alms you give, is vain hypocrisy.  
So quietly help the poor; for your Father shall give openly for your gifts in secrecy.

Do not store up things on earth where they may be lost to moth, or thief, or rust.  
Deposit rather labors bounty, for heart will follow too, in vaults of Heaven's Trust.

No one can serve two masters, That is to say both God and Greed.  
For in giving your devotion to one you will neglect, yes lose the other, guaranteed.

But one of the two will enslave you, in the other you are freed.  
So trust in Him, like Cherubim, to give you what you need.

Be you free from worry and anxiety about your daily life.  
What you eat, what you drink, don't let these cause you any strife.

Your body's features, the size of your chin, what you wear, and how you're seen.  
It's not what enters but what comes forth that despoils and makes unclean.

For is not life more than planning your next meal?  
Is not life more than maximizing your physical appeal?

Consider you the lilies of the field, which neither toil nor spin.  
Even the robes of rich King Solomon pale when all their blooms come in.

Your Father knows you need these things, so seek his kingdom first  
He shall clothe ye in his vestments, In his fashion be well versed.

Consider little sparrows that neither store nor save a shred.  
Yet God the Father makes sure that they are sufficiently fed.

How much more important and loved than vegetation and lowly beast  
Are His children to Him; He will prepare what you need; Indeed he sets a feast.

So worry not for Tomorrow's bread, Let him seek his own.  
Live in the moment by doing what you ought, and mercies plenty shall be shown.

Don't chase the wind, for how can worry add a moment to your days.  
Do your best, forget the rest, and like a plant of Pentecost, soak up all His rays.

Your eye is the lamp of your body, the window through which outward light may shine;  
But when through it only darkness pass, your heart's fruits wither on the vine.

So just ask the Lord and you will receive; Seek, and the answers you shall perceive;  
Knock, and for you will even heavy bolted portal open-heave.

For imperfect though you are, who would refuse their own child a piece of bread or fish?

Who among you would place stones or snakes upon their supper dish?

How much more will the Father, who is perfect, give you when you place your wish?  
Love complete your God and Neighbor, for His law, His love for you will never vanish.

Can one blind man lead another? Fall into the pit, they might.  
The blind should seek to follow those whom God has blessed with sight.

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above the master.  
But everyone who is fully taught becomes like the teacher, like a pastor.

But how can you, the mote or speck in your brothers eye inspect,  
Whilst a branch is in your own, you hypocrite, how can you correct?

Remove first the mighty log which is blocking your own vision  
Only, then can you help your brother, with much improved precision.

A good man produces good out of the treasure of his heart whether bold or meek.  
An evil man does likewise; for out of the abundance of the heart does man speak.

Be careful not to give the dogs the holy, nor cast your progeny-pearls before the swine  
They will attack you and then trample both great & little treasures which are thine.

Remember that fulfillment was His purpose, He came not to abolish Mosaic Law.  
So revisions are abominations, the great noise, and evil raven's caw.

Enter by the narrow gate you few who can find life's happy entrance.  
Beware the wide track to yawning gate of Dis, It does distract, 'Come & earn your sentence'

Beware the wolves in fleece who lie and publish untrue epistles.  
Know them by their fruit – grapes haven't thorns, and figs haven't thistles.

Every good tree will be tended and bare a healthy crop of fruit.  
Simply barren or choke-fruited trees shall fires stoke and furnace walls be-soot.

Hear His Word all peoples. Listen, heed, and with truth be incentivized.  
Not all who appeal "Lord, Lord" on Judgment day will be recognized.

You who speak and prophecy in His name, but in action you eschew.  
You'll be repulsed, turned-out, exiled, for the evil that you do.

But hearing and heeding is like building with your foundation upon the rock.  
Wind & rain & flood repel, and even earthquake cannot shock.

But those who hear and heed not, are a house upon the sand.  
In front of tempest, flood, and tempter, they surely cannot stand.

And when He finished these sayings (paraphrased) all the people were amazed,  
For He speaks with authority never heard before; so now let God be praised.

And He goes on healing many, even on the Sabbath, just as He had started.  
His ministry extends to all, centurion, leper, Samaritan, all of the faithful-hearted.

For God so loved the world, He sent His Son, His Word, His Logos-Corpus.  
That if we accept and believe in Him, He'll admit us to Heaven's life-eternal chorus.

So pray that He restore to you clean heart and joyous faithful Holy Spirit,  
And let the Paraclete descend so that great happiness, shall you inherit.

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## The Very First Lesson

"Repent! For the Kingdom of God is at Hand"  
Was the first message He gave, that we may understand.  
Light had arisen, where before death overshadowed land.  
The kingdom of God is God's presence, understand.

He went to the lands of Zebulon and Naphtali  
To Capernaum on the coasts of the sea of Galilee  
To fulfill the words of Isaiah's prophecy  
That those there in darkness would be given light to see.

For darkness and light cannot co-exist in the same space:  
When the light arrives, the darkness then has lost its place.  
But that doesn't mean that all therein will embrace.  
It doesn't mean that everyone will bask in the lighted-grace.

But just how does one Repent?  
What is this first exhortation that he sent?  
Change! Stop doing and loving sin – this is what he meant.  
Replace your glee for sin with regret and lament.

But dwell not forever in this saddened state.  
Lust and grief shall both be checked at the Kingdom's gate.  
Follow his lead now – why would you wait?  
Why would you roll the bones of your eternal fate?

For greater happiness is here now, permanent and pure.  
He's placed your fingers on the latch of the Kingdom's door.  
So cross the threshold to his firmament and take a guided tour.  
See what bounty and contentment the Lord has in store.

But again I ask what does this mean?  
Renounce and reverse all thy sins - be not 'in between'  
Submit thy will and worldly wisdom, of which you were so keen.  
Let the bible and the Holy Spirit by thy teaching dean.

Let the Lord mould you and whip you into shape.  
Pride and will and perceptions of self – all you can escape.  
A new more pious you will come to light, as he draws back the drape.  
And you shall bear and enjoy the fruit of the true fig and grape.

Look to the Church for guidance to help you find the path.  
The Lord exhorts us all to share the wisdom that we hath.  
Let all of us help each other escape the final judgement wrath.  
The work is long from done: six minus two billion, you do the math.

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## The Wedding Night of the Shulamite

The Bride

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; "Lord, your love is better than wine. Because of your good essential essence, like fragrant oil poured forth, all my love is thine."

"Draw me, my king, you hath brought me into the chambers of your bed  
We will be glad and rejoice, we will remember our love as wine or bread."

I am tan, and lovely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, girls of royal kin.  
Look not down upon me, because I am swarthy, darkened by the sun and not by sin.

For my brothers were angry with me; they made me a worker of the field.  
My own vineyards I have not kept, but with fountain it is sealed.

Tell me, O you whom my soul loveth, where you feedest and rest thy flock at noon:  
Why should I be unknown to your companions – as distant as the moon.

Her Friends

If you know not, O you fairest among women, follow the flock,  
And beside the shepherds' tents feed thy young and bearded caprine stock.

The Bride

I have compared you, O my love, to a company of Pharaoh's equine chariot.  
Your cheeks are handsome as with rows of jewels, your neck with golden lariat.

While the king sitteth at his table, my Lavender perfume floats forth from my narded chest.

A bundle of myrrh is He to me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi.  
Behold, thou art fair, thy dove-eyes can behold our couch is green and ripe and ready

I am the lily of the valleys, and the comely rose of Sharon  
As the lily among thorns, to my love – I am compared to other daughters barren.

As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, So is my beloved, to other sons compared.

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and sweet upon my lips was the fruit he shared.

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.  
Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am love-sick for my dove.

Oh, that His left hand should be under my head and his right hand doth me embrace.  
O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and hinds, stir not up, nor awaken my love,  
till I see His face.

The voice of my beloved! He cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.  
Like a roe, a young buck He stands behind our wall, peering forth from latticed window sills.

### The King

I your beloved spoke, and said unto you, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The blossoms appear on the earth today;

The time of the singing of birds has come to our land, the voice of the turtle dove gives serenade

The fig tree puts forth her green fig buds, and the vines their tender grapes: a fragrance on parade.

### The Bride

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, that art in secret stair and rocky clefts.  
Let me see thy comely countenance, let me tremble to thy vocal base and treble clefs;

My beloved is mine, and I am His: He feedeth among my lilies until the break of day  
Now shadows flee away and turn my beloved as roe or hart upon the mount of Bether, don't delay.

### The Bride

By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I foundeth not.  
I arise and go about the city in the streets and avenues; I will seek him for whom my heart burneth hot.

I asked, "Saw you where my love doth go? " of the watchmen that about the city go to and fro.

It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him: I held him, and would not let him go.

Not until I had brought him into my mother's house, into the room of she who conceived me.

O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and hinds of the field, stir not up my love, till it pleaseth he.

Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of perfumed smoke  
Scent of myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant that cause not one to choke

Behold the palace of the King; threescore valiant men are about it, the gallant of his kin.

All sworded martial artists: all hath the edge upon his thigh because fear pervades the midnight din.

The King made himself a chariot of Lebanese cedar wood, a gilded base, and pillared silver stem,  
Covering of purple, driven on paths of love, love for the daughters of beloved Jerusalem.

Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold King Solomon with the crown where'th  
Bathsheba crowned him on the day of his espousals, and today His heart gladness

beareth.

Behold, thou art fair, my love; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks:  
Appear from balmy mount Gilead: thy hair is as the caprine flocks

Your teeth are like a flock of shorn sheep which came up from a soapy scrub;  
Whereof every one bear twins, and none among them is barren stub.

Your lips are cords of scarlet, and your speech is comely, ruddy pomegranate temples  
in thy locks  
Your neck the armoury tower of David, whereon there hang a thousand buckler shields  
in stocks.

The King

Your two breasts are like two young twin roes, they feed among the lilies pure.  
Until the day break, and fleeing shadows, I repair to the hill of frankincense and  
mountain of myrrh.

Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in you. Come with me from Lebanon, my  
spouse, my hen.  
Look from the top of Amana, from Shenir and Hermon, from mount of the leopard &  
lions' den.

My heart is ravished my love; with glance of eyes thou hast bound it in chains of your  
lovely neck.  
How fair is your love, my spouse! How much better is your love than wine! Your spices  
I detect!

Your lips, O my spouse, dropp as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under your  
tongue.  
A garden enclosed is my kin, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed among.

The Bride

Your plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with  
spikenard,  
Saffron, calamus, cinnamon, frankincense; myrrh and aloes all abound in your  
courtyard.

A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters. Awake, O north wind upon brook of  
Lebanon.  
Come south; blow upon my garden, that my spices may flow out, let loose my rolled  
chignon.

Let my beloved come to me into his own abundant garden,  
And eat your pleasant fruits of love, oh my beloved warden.

The King

I am come into my garden, to my lovely spouse: I have gathered spice with myrrh;  
I have tasted my honeycomb flowing with honey; I've drunk my wine and milk with  
her.

So now eat, O friends; drink, and enjoy and be sated.

Yea, drink abundantly, O beloved for now we are mated.

The Bride

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my love,  
My undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night,  
my dove.

The Bride

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my love,  
My undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night,  
my dove.

I have put off my robe; why should I put it on? I have cleaned my feet; why should I now defile them?  
My beloved put in his hand on the latch of my door, and my bowels were moved for him.

I rose up to open to my beloved; my fingers dripped with myrrh and touched the handles of the lock.  
I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn, and was gone to my surprise and shock.

My soul failed when he spake and Him I sought.  
I called him, but he gave me no answer. I found him not.

The watchmen going about the city found and smote me, they wounded me; and took away my veil.  
Please, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, tell him that with love I have grown pale.

Her Friends

What is your beloved more than another man, O thou fairest woman, so we may know?  
What is your beloved more than any other man, that you dost charge us so?

The Bride

My beloved has ruddy fine complexion, the chiefest among ten thousand men.  
His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as raven.

His eyes are as the eyes of doves by rivers of water washed with milk, and makes my heart stir.  
His cheeks are as beds of spice and sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.  
His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance as strong as cedar spires.

His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is lovely and as strong as a Lion.  
This is my beloved, and my truest friend, O daughters of Holy Zion.

#### Her Friends

Whither is your beloved gone, O you fairest among women?  
Whither is your beloved turned aside? That we may find and place you with him.

My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens,  
my basket lillies laden.  
I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies of his rare and  
radiant maiden.

You art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners  
galebnon.  
Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: your hair is caprine flock  
from Gilead yon.

#### The King

Your teeth are like a flock of shaven sheep which came up from a lathery tub;  
As a piece of a pomegranate are your temples within your locks – my hands do yearn  
to rub.

There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and innumerable virgins other.  
But my dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one – the pick of her mother.

#### Her Friends

The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, she is praised by queens and many  
concubine.  
Who is she that looketh forth at morning, fair as moon, clear as sun, and strong as  
army with ensign?

#### The Bride

I went down into the garden of nuts to see his fruits of the valley and whether his vine  
flourished.  
My pomegranates budded, Oh was I aware, my soul made me like Amminadib's bronze  
chariots burnished.

#### Her Friends

Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee.  
What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two army.

How dainty are your feet with bridal shoes, O daughter of the Prince of many lands.  
Your curved thighs are like pearl jewels wrought by cunning expert workman hands.

Your navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor to make her silly  
Your belly is like a heap of light wheat flour set about with valley-lily.

Your two breasts are like young twin does. Your neck is as an ivory tower;  
Thine eyes like the fishpools at Heshbon, with many a lovely flower.

Your nose is as the great tower of Lebanon which toward Damascus stare.  
Thine head upon you is like Carmel, and purple is your hair;

The king is held in the galleries by holy rights.  
How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!

The King

This thy stature is like a palm, and thy breasts like clusters of grapes – Oh woman of my vows.

I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will embrace thy clusters, and I will take hold of thy boughs.

And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved whose sweet vintage is at peak,  
Causing the lips of those that have fallen into slumber to open and to speak.

The Bride

I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me. Come, my beloved of renown  
Let us go forth into the field; let us go and honeymoon in a little town.

Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if your vine does flourish,  
To where the tender grapes appear and Pomegranates budding forth shall you nourish.

The conceptive mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruit,  
Fruit both new and old, which I have saved for you, O my love nothing could ever pollute.

Oh if you wert like a brother to me, that sucked the breasts of my mother!  
Long ago I should have found you 'round, I would have given you a peck and no-one ever bother.

But, now I lead you, and I bring you into my mother's house, she has helped me plan it.

I cause you to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

The Bride

His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.  
I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he can unlace me.

The Mother

Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her love?  
I raised you up under the apple tree: there your mother brought you forth, my dove.

The Bride

Set me as a seal upon thy heart, for love is as strong as death. Set me on thy hand as sealed agreement.

Jealousy is cruel as the grave, its flashes thereof are coals of fire, which hath a flame most vehement.

Never trade or eschew the love of your beloved woman Shulamite;  
Hot jealousy consumes with fires of Pluto's black mineral anthracite.

For many waters cannot quench my love, neither can floods drown it, so be warned.

If any man tried to buy it with all the substance of his house, he would still be utterly scorned.

Her Friends

We have a little sister, and for now she hath not any breast.

What shall we do for our sister in the day when on her betrothal comes to rest?

If she is a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver, her love will want and need her.

And if she is a door, we will enrobe her with fragrant boards of cedar.

The Bride

I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes - as one that found his favour.

Make haste, my beloved, and be you like a roe or hart upon the mountains of spice and flavor.

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## **The Wild and the Mild Kingdoms**

Through the wild kingdom  
Runs a way  
Paved in wisdom  
Straight as heaven's ray

Can you see, Oh can you be?

And down the wild kingdom  
There's a windy road  
Wide and random  
Wolf and lion abode

Watch them growl, Watch them howl.

Straight to His Kingdom  
Shepherd leads the flock  
While the Sirens Ring-On  
And hyena's mock

They may laugh, at Heaven's path, But don't you worry.

Now in the wild kingdom  
Their idols are cast  
At the Ashteroth-lingam  
The animals amassed

Pride and Greed and Vanity – They take what they want.

They prowl the wild kingdom  
To find their prey  
It's all just a symptom  
Of the coming da-a-ay

They want you, they call you,

On the road to His Kingdom  
We follow His Cross  
While the remnant of Edom  
Turn and Toss

His blood was spilt, to clean our guilt.

Yea the fare to His kingdom  
Was already paid  
From the garden of Adam  
'Til the trumpets are played

He brought us life, an end to the strife.

Now at the gate to His Kingdom  
The passage is small  
But the Bride with her Ring-On

Is brought to His Hall

We are the bride, when in faith we abide.

Open is His kingdom  
All you have to do  
Is have faith in His kingdom  
Have a heart so true

He died and rose, Now we wear His clothes.

To the Mild Kingdom  
Runs a way  
As strong as His wisdom  
Bright as heaven's ray.

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## The Withering and Flourishing Fig Trees

And when he saw a fig tree (representing religious practice) in the way,  
He came to it, and found nothing thereon, But leaves only, Then did Jesus say:

Let no fruit grow on thee henceforth from today.  
And presently the fig tree withered away.

And when the disciples saw it, they marveled and gave awe.  
How soon is the fig tree withered away when its blessing doth withdraw.

Verily I say unto you, if ye have faith, and not doubt  
Ye shall do much more than this simple fig tree rout.

But if ye say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea  
It shall be done. And all things, whatever ye ask in prayer, believing, shall come to be.

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I suppose ye think that the Galileans persecuted by Pilate were sinners above all others  
in this parish

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, Did God less cherish?  
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A certain man had in his vineyard, a fig tree  
He came and found no fruit though it was a big tree

Then said he unto the gardener, these three years I come seeking fruit  
and I find none, so cut it down too the root.

Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall aerate and scatter dung.  
If it bears fruit, well: and if not, then after that the axe shall be swung.

And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the day of rest  
There was a woman who for 18 years was severely contorted from her leg to her chest

And when Jesus saw her, he called her, and said, Woman, thou art loosed from thine  
infirmity.

He laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified the  
God of all eternity.

And the synagogue ruler answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the  
Sabbath

There are six days to work; come then to be healed, and not on the Sabbath.

Hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ass from the stall, and  
lead him to water.

And ought not this woman whom Satan bound, be loosed on the Sabbath, yea this  
Abraham's daughter?

And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed:  
And all the people rejoiced for all the things that were done by him, glorious and  
acclaimed.

Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved?

Strive to enter in at the strait and narrow gate: for many,  
I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door,  
You will begin to stand without, and knock, "Lord Lord, Open we implore"

But he shall answer and deny you, I know you not: Then shall ye cry, Nay,  
We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our byway.

But he shall say, I tell you, I know not whence you are; depart ye evil workers.  
There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth amongst you and the demons and  
shadow lurkers.

When ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets  
There In the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out on your doffets.

And they shall come from the east, and west, and from the north, and south amassed.  
They shall sit down in the kingdom of God, the last shall be first, and the first, last.

The same day there came a certain Pharisee,  
Get thee out, and depart: for Herod will kill thee.

And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox,  
Behold, I cast out devils, and I cure – the lame man walks

Today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected, as the Father orders.  
Nevertheless it cannot be that a prophet perishes out of Jerusalem's borders.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent  
unto thee;  
How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen under her wings, and  
ye would not ye!

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: Your eyes shall not afford  
That ye look on me until ye say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Now When thou makest a dinner party, call not thy friends or brethren to savor.  
Not thy kinsmen, nor rich neighbors, for they will just return the favor.

But when you make a feast, call the poor, maimed, lame, and blind: And thou shall be  
blessed;  
For they cannot recompense thee, but you shall be recompensed at the resurrection of  
the just.

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## **They Call it the Great Satan**

Dictatorial Tyranny and Liberal Iniquity: both are binding fetter.  
Can't we remember that once, America stood for something better.

They call it the Great Satan, and in a way, they aren't wrong,  
When our ambassadors strut down their streets, dressed in purple thong.\*

A conquering power came and promised them liberation,  
But is now parading profanely and purveying rancid libations.

What other rights and means does it wish to install?  
Abortion on demand! Molech's American followers call.

The new 'freedom' won with the blood of the people of the books  
Was not for the sodomites, the infant-killers, or the socialist rooks!

America sent her sons to overthrow the Saddam-tyrant  
To give the promise of justice to the meek, hopeful, and aspirant.

The freedom to speak the truth all across the nation without expulsion,  
The freedom to worship the Lord of all creation without compulsion,

The freedom to choose ones work and honest wages earn  
And the freedom to study for those who wish to learn

The freedom to walk the street without fear of the gun  
The freedom to build a family: man, wife, daughter, and son.

These are the freedoms which made America Great!  
Not the perverted whims of Obama's new global nanny state.

So what will America be on the future global stage?  
Will it take Obama's low road which will continue to enrage?

Will it proclaim its motto "In God We Trust?" as it tolls the liberty bell?  
Or will Great Satan lead the world down its wide highway to hell?

Obama has made clear which path he intends:  
"America is no longer a Christian Country" or so he pretends.

But America will get fed up with the left wings' apostate deeds.  
For many still hold dear the teaching of the Savior of their creeds.

It is up to the remnant to represent America's better side.  
By showing love and respect for our Iraqi friends while in Christ we still abide.

\* 'American decadence' invades Baghdad:  
<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Culture/Default.aspx?id=547546>

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## Thomas Didymus

Thomas Didymus didn't believe.  
The death of his friend – he continued to grieve.  
Logical arguments and speech so flowery,  
Will not sway me, and though I live in the Bowery,

I'm just like those from Missouri – indeed, I must see  
To convince me of anything – you must show me.  
Until I can put a finger into the wound in his side  
I will not believe, because I know that He died.

Here I am Thomas come and feel.  
These are the wounds. Oh Lord, you are real!  
Thomas, you now see, and thy doubts are relieved.  
Blessed are those who haven't, and still have believed.

So all doubting Thomases who have been blinded.  
Pray for revelation and you will be reminded.  
Like Gideon who left a fleece outside.  
Asking the Lord to confirm himself by sending dew on the hide.

And then just to be quite sure it wasn't a lie  
He asked again but to wet the ground, and keep the fleece dry.  
Ask, and you will receive.  
Seek, and you shall perceive.

Like my good friend Rivers whom the specter of doubt haunted.  
While praying for revelation, saw a sign: "RIVERS WANTED"  
The Lord had caused the first D to be concealed.  
And so to this doubter, Himself He revealed.

It mayen't always be so quick or so blatant.  
But the knowledge of Christ lies within –though you may keep it latent.  
So ask for a sign, search your heart, and His Word, and be patient.

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## **To Abstain - Or Get Married (The Case for Both)**

For the Single...

When there isn't real love or commitment why get serious?  
Don't be blinded by the hot haze of passion so delirious.  
The consequences are serious and extremely grave.  
Let not AIDS, HPV, or other STDs send you to your grave.

Let not 'safe' but uncommitted or abominable acts thy soul enslave.  
And send not your unexpected offspring to an untimely grave.  
Don't get so inebriated you can't control your actions.  
Dulled senses are the Trojan horses for fateful attractions.

Be passionate about a whole person, with thorough love and respect.  
Only then allow thy hearts and souls and flesh to connect.  
Let every guy find and love purely and uniquely his good wife.  
And let every gal be committed to her man for all her life.

And when you do love, don't then turn to anger and deject.  
Spurn not thy lover, unless unfaithfulness you detect.  
A cycle (or a lifetime) of broken relationships begins with the first.  
Therefore open your hearts to make it work, and God will quench your thirst.

For those in Relationships...

And when you have, why forestall Holy Marriage?  
There is no good reason that society should so disparage.  
Can we forestall 'responsibility' by avoiding the golden ring?  
Responsibility comes with every part life and it really doesn't sting.

Do you desire the freedom to sow more wild oats in other fields  
You are likely sowing tares as well – and your own bears fruitless yields.  
Or do you just have a proud urge for conquest and power?  
Slow down and savour the nectar of a single fragrant flower.

Do you despise your partner, thinking that 'They're not the one'  
Love the one you're with that you may both grow in the glory of His sun.  
Love is a choice, not some uncontrollable specter coming and leaving as it pleases  
And the more you give your mate, the more it then increases.

'I'm holding off because I'm trying to motivate partner some how'.  
'When the milk comes for free, what is the point of buying the cow? '  
Change will come as God sees fit – love your lover without condition.  
It is not fair to hold your mate indefinitely in some compromised position.

Be the first to say 'I'm sorry, ' when your actions strife has wrought.  
And repent of your wrongs – though you may think them naught.  
Do you feel wrongly treated or misunderstood by your mate?  
Count it to the Lord, for it's redemptive, and be rewarded at a later date.  
'Why would we marry? No one else we know even cares to bother.'  
There are many blessings in this sacrament bestowed by the father.  
'I would like to wed, but my partner refuses.'

Never drop the issue, and discuss all the excuses.

But if their heart is hardened against a holy pact.  
Let not that change your commitment – keep it all intact.  
Know that in truth you have already been wed.  
From the moment you were 'together' in the backseat or bed.

'We are still in school, and must finish our degree.'  
There is no reason you cannot do so married, let no one disagree.  
'We would, but marriage is such an expensive endeavor.'  
Any minister will do it for you gratis, let not the party be a lever.

'We would, but we haven't resolved in which church.'  
There is only one king in all the forests, be they pine, oak, palm, or birch.  
Follow Christ completely, and invite the Holy Spirit in.  
Trusting God together and He will lead you out of sin.

'My parents weren't married, or they got a divorce.'  
If you have suffered these pains, you may be blown off course.  
But Jesus said divorce exists only because of man's hardened heart.  
We were not meant to let our wills tear our blessed union apart.

Or, were your parents married – and yet they had their troubles?  
Anger comes from hardened hearts – the popping of selfish bubbles.  
A better way to inoculate yourselves from this disease.  
Is to submit to the will of the Father, and others try to please.

Patience, forgiveness, and a healthy dose of love.  
Will prevent the gentle nudge from becoming angry push or shove.  
Be committed to the other, for you two have become one.  
Man and Woman – a strong cord wound together by God's only Son.

'We will marry, but we don't want children yet – we want to go and dance.'  
Children are a blessing – don't wait too long or you may lose the chance.  
A little family planning isn't really a bad thing  
But do not blindly assume you won't be just as happy with little offspring.

They aren't a shackle, but a crown – no even more!  
Because they love you wholly – great happiness they store.  
The loss of romance is not related to parental or marital status.  
Unless you count the thrill of falling off a lattice.

My partner wants me to do that which I know is wrong.  
Then simply refuse, and persuade them too with God's wisdom strong.  
Don't become each other's lowest common denominator.  
Be each other's 'better half' and loving motivator.

I found out my lover is already married and now I'm torn apart...  
My mate now has left me, with broken promises off the chart...  
I found out they're abusive, addicted, and that's just the start...  
...These are the reasons we wait on passion, until we know each other's heart.

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## To the California Supreme Court gods on Today's Ruling

Oh you proud gods in black  
How you wage your attack  
On the only True Law  
Now your corrupted maw  
And false-whited locks are back

Legislating from the bench  
Using gavel as a wrench  
To open Hell's Pandora box  
Binding souls in Sodom's locks  
Burning Molech's incense: fleshy stench

You gods in white and baby blue  
Mocking purity with thy hue  
Then defiling human matrix  
Wielding scalpel, knife, and latex  
Or a deadly devils brew

You gods in crimson power tie  
Who loveth and maketh many a lie  
Steeped in vanity and graft  
You slyly ploy your stately craft  
But should you deny the Lord on high?

You gods in colors of the alma maters  
Pouring toxins in our waters  
Teaching now that sin is not  
And other lies that you have bought  
Deceiving our good sons and daughters.

You gods in blue-chip Armani suit.  
Adopting so much P.C. policy-fruit.  
All best practices were taught  
But you choose to let them rot.  
You care for nothing but thy loot.

You gods in green and Marxist red.  
The ground you tread is strewn with dead  
Check that thy priority  
Is good for all humanity  
Not just thy vanity instead.

You gods who claim the color purple  
Throw thy stone and watch the ripple.  
When for popularity  
You fan our lust iniquity  
Action and consequence uncouple.

You gods in earthy camouflage  
The peace you seek is a mirage  
If the means to it requires  
Violent quagmires.

Thy priorities need triage.

You gods with Napoleonic crowns of gold  
So ambitious, proud, self-made, and bold.  
Let a little introspection  
And humble reflection  
Return you to the Shepherd of the fold

You proud and mighty Justices are blind  
To The Law of His Perfect Holy Mind  
And with your darkened view  
Woe is what you imbue  
When Holy Truth is maligned.

But God stands in this congregation of the proud.  
And He judges you gods of rainbow shroud.  
How long will ye subvert true laws,  
Promoting all thy wicked cause?  
Won't you defend our children from Satan's crowd?

Do justice to the afflicted, poor, and needy.  
Deliver them from the hand of perverse and greedy.  
But alas, you do not now nor ever will you.  
You walk blindly, doth the darkness fill you.  
Thy lot be cast, thy pact is made: an unholy treaty.

Ohh, society is knocked off it's foundation  
When His constitution causes such consternation.  
Ye mighty gods are children of the haughty  
But ye shall die like the proud and naughty  
Arise, O God, judge the earth, and inherit every nation.

Based on Psalm 82

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## War & Peace: Peniel - Parts 1 - 7

(Based on Judges 7, Genesis 4,32, Isaiah 26,37,60, Exodus 15, Psalms 23, Isaiah 2, Joel 3, Micah 4, Daniel 3, Matthew 5,24,26, Hosea 1)

### 1. The Unique Message of Christian Love for the Enemy

The armies are amassing – but the Lord withholds his breath.  
The prince of peace defends, but will we finally accept the lesson of his suffering and death?

The horsemen are called out - their mounts are ready and freshly shod.  
Jacob, we grab and grapple with each other as you once did with Esau and the 'Face of God'.

'The fate of the soldier caste is to fight Arjuna, for their death is pre-ordained.  
On the battlefield at Kurukshetra, the false god Krishna once explained.

The Sikh Guru instructs his forces that when words do not avail  
'Draw the sword and with flash of steel, thy enemy impale.'

'War is ordained by Allah so kill the unbelievers wherever you may find them.'  
The Ayatollahs marshal their forces and in murderous lies they bind them.

Oh Ishmael, you champion archer, what is the value of all the arms and quarrels in  
your quiver?  
When will you seek the true quarry whose blood doth eternal soul deliver?

And, though some Buddhists eschew violence – neither love will they show.  
'He who loves 50 has just as many a woe.'

But the Baptist commands the soldier differently – 'You shall harm no one.'  
And in many ways this law of peace is confirmed by God's only Son.

For how can an enemy be attacked and killed,  
When we are all to love him with Holy Spirit filled?

How can enemy blood be spilled when Christ doth decree,  
"Whatever you do, even unto the least, you do even unto me? "

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Can the means be justified by the end, when the end precludes the means?  
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Let our hearts be our diplomats, our envoy's, and our Marshall corps.  
And turn our vast capabilities to helping those whom others may ignore.

So with all the might and means we have to create brilliant 'shock and awe'  
Let us be a role model with charity and truth, and unfailing adherence to God's holy law.

### 4. Mercy, Trust, and What is Just

In bygone days the soldier met his pressed fate gallantly and bravely.  
But in a democracy each voter must weigh his solemn charge more gravely.

Now the soldier is a public servant, acting as the governments direct,  
Which in turn serves "of, by, and for" the people - as the populous elect.

So wherever the people's will is to any extent policy shaping,  
This is an issue, an onus, none of us should be forsaking.

Whether we write a blog, cast a vote, manifest, or idly shoot the breeze,  
Our words and deeds have an impact of some varying degrees.

But, whether it's love, politics, fear, or realism which guides our decrees,  
We often overlook Christ and choose whatever we please.

It all comes down to simple faith in God and trust.  
And meting mercy instead of only what is just.

For isn't that his message to the adulteress' prosecutors.  
We are to be forgiving and merciful, not judgment executors.

Or to the indebted servant whose creditor forgave,  
But then refused like mercy, showed himself to be the knave.

'For he who lives by (rocket, gun, hand grenade, or) sword  
Shall likewise die by it, ' thus sayeth the Lord.

What might we find hidden behind the old 'justice' façade.  
Should we not plant our own rationalized walls with holy truth petard?

For seventeen hundred years we have succumbed to fear and pride.  
And rationalized away a lesson for which our savior died.

Yes, Augustine and Aquinas described correctly when the act of war is just.  
But Jesus and James taught we needn't any sword when in God we truly trust.

"You have war because you lack what you want."  
The cravings of a lost soul invite the war-craven haunt.

"You lack what you want because you don't ask God."  
Calling instead the inglorious names of Waring, Brom Bones, and Icabod.

#### 5. God Defends His People (Reprise)

"Fear not and stand your ground" all followers of the God of Moses.  
"You will see the victory of the Lord today" – His wrath shall carry it.  
His angel shall go before you – a pillar as red as a crown of roses.  
Though Pharaohs may come out with innumerable war chariot,

The enemy has not the strength of the Lord and is weaker than he supposes.  
For the Lord will consume him in the depths and entangle him in reedy lariat.  
When God is for you, whoever stands against – his own sarcophagus he closes.  
Let us not presume that we need to fight ourselves, as did both Peter and Judas  
Iscariot.

#### 6. The Triumph of God Even in Human 'Defeat'

Though there will be many wars and terrible rumors thereof.  
We should show our neighbor, even the enemy, only brotherly love.

And even if the societies in which we live are someday over run  
Let that not cause us to forsake all our blessings for the gun.

He says 'If you refuse to be chastened by me and defy me even more,  
Then I too will smite you, seven times harder than before.'

'You are not to prepare a defense, for I myself shall guide you by the wrist.  
I will give you wisdom that all your adversaries will be powerless to refute or resist.'

For He will have mercy and will save us not by bow nor by battle,  
Neither by horses, nor by cavalry, Let not thy sabers rattle.

Let us engage the world for Christ forsaking even armed guard.  
And remember that for every strike upon our cheek, we reap a great reward.

When the men of Sodom planned their unclean assault,  
God saved the house of Lot and turned the attackers into salt.

The truth of God conquers even in military defeat.  
Though in exile, Daniel won Nebuchadnezzar's head councilor's seat.

Though enslaved, and taken away to serve a foreign nation  
Joseph saved his people, and his captors too from mass starvation.

There are many examples of war by the old patriarchs and kings  
But only when explicitly endorsed by Him, the bell of victory rings.

And even in victory the blessing can be lost, as David found.  
When planning the Lord's temple, his bloody hands were bound.

'Oh David you gave the enemies of God great cause to blaspheme'  
Let all people learn from this peace, love, and lawful esteem.

## 7. Conclusion – A Call to Christ and Peace

'Oh Cain, the reddened Earth cries out, soaked in your brothers blood.'  
How many of them have you left in desert sands and war-trench mud?

Oh Jacob, learn the lesson from your battles - for your thigh is still aching.  
Receive the Peniel blessing now, for the dawn of peace is breaking.

'Tend well the vines of peace.' Let its good fruit and tendrils  
Reach the hearts and lips of all, even presidents and generals

And learn 'the beginning of strife is the dripping of a crack in the dam.'  
So desist before it ruptures – and seal your hearts with the blood of paschal lamb.

Leave the uncertain wilderness of war uncharted and unexplored  
For all security, all justice, and all vengeance are mine - thus sayeth the Lord.

For a mighty fortress is our God, never failing or deserting  
And all shall be healed in Him of war and pain and hurting.

'Violence shall no more be heard in the land', as we obey His loving orders.  
'Lord, No wasting or destruction shall be within thy peoples borders.'

'But we shall call thy walls, thy gates, thy rod and staff 'salvation'.  
As you defend your people from evil trials and tribulation.'

'You are a shield for those who call, You alone are God, a mighty rock.  
You rescued me from stubborn people, all enemy violence did you block.'

'Let us beat our sword into a plough and our spear into a hook'  
'Then the nations shall not know war', only Christ's shepherd crook

For the sword he has endowed is one which cleaves only lies.  
Let us wield it skillfully, and willfully join His peaceful battle cries.

So onward Christian soldiers! March out as to war.  
But armed with only truth and love of fellow man, for now and evermore.

Come Ishmael, Come Judah, and Arjuna, Come Gautama now and Lao.  
Call upon your one true Christ, Jesus, to end the fighting and the row.

And as Jacob relented all his proud and self-made ways.  
He saw the 'Face of God' revealed in all His glorious rays.

See also,  
'The Bravest 300',  
'Who won the Battle of Jehoshaphat',  
'No King is Saved by an Army', and  
'We Do Not War'

Also Lord Byron's 'The Destruction of Sennacherib' and Frank Foxcroft's Jericho  
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And turn our vast capabilities to helping those whom others may ignore.

So with all the might and means we have to create brilliant 'shock and awe'  
Let us be a role model with charity and truth, and unfailing adherence to God's holy  
law.

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## **We Do Not War (based on 2nd Corinthians 10)**

Though we walk in the natural world of flesh  
We do not make physical war, for we are not called to thresh.  
We are His reapers but our implements are not carnal.  
It is He who shall sort the good seed from the chaff and toxic darnel  
The weapons of our warfare are the truth and the Spirit.  
They are powerful and will work goodness in all who hear it.  
    Now trade the grave for the crèche.

The stronghold of the enemy who sits behind his comfortable walls  
In the hearts of men, shall be razed by truth as his battlement falls.  
Pride, unbelief, the sprit of weakness and fear  
Shall all retreat from our heart when in faith we draw near  
To the message of freedom, peace, and faith He gave.  
And break the bond of he who wants to make man his slave.  
    Now unlock the gate of your cozy little stalls

For all (including war) may be permissible, forgivable, but not all edifies.  
So beware of the warden – the one who holy truth denies.  
Let us not succumb to any of his hateful, deceptive lies  
The sword was not given for blood, He did never authorize  
The building of martial strongholds, a proud and fearful exercise,  
A comfortable, carnal, and limiting exercise.  
    Now go forth in truth and claim your Holy Spirit prize.

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## What is Justice?

What is Justice? It's the preservation of ones rights and gifts from God.  
Is it also the meting of retribution? Or is this aspect flawed?

When one person's property is taken wrongly, a judge should restore it.  
When the crafty deceiver attacks, the righteous should abhor it.

But is it the place of society to carry out capital executions?  
Is it the place of man to exact Hammurabi's retributions?

God claims all vengeance as His to impose.  
And we are to redirect the sinner from the path he chose.

That's all good and well, one could argue and respond.  
But what of deterrence? Ahh, the gallows: aren't we fond.

The wages of sin are death – its obvious to the pious.  
But aren't there so many who would like to deny us

Our freedoms, our property, even our way of life?  
I trust that God will defend us from such strife.

When God has commanded us to enforce justice how is it done?  
When Christ taught on the subject, what were the words of this Holy Son?

The 'gods' of the world are not to abuse their privilege and position.  
Favoring the rich or subverting truth as the astrologer or magician.

In some very rare cases – but only when speaking through a prophet anointed  
Was the sword's edge commissioned and appointed.

Are the wars and executions of the world today so ordained?  
This is what the authors of the 'just war' theory explained.

We should teach and forgive the unrighteous that they will not offend.  
But for final protection, it is the arm of God – not that of man, we should depend.

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## **What Name Holds the Greatest Promise**

Believe yes, call on the Name of my Lord  
And you shall not be ignored.

For the Great 'I am' Yaweh is life-Chavah  
Like the Tetragrammaton name Jehovah

The name El (Elah) , witnesses that God is mighty  
Elohim (Echad) shows the diversity in His unity.

Almighty and Sufficient is The El Shaddai  
Kuriós, My master, my Lord, He is My Adoni

Take not the name of the Lord in Vain  
He will not hold you guiltless – this sin doth remain.

Jehovah-Rohi, the shepherd who guides us and defends  
El Olam – His is Eternal and His Kingdom never ends.

God of the Covenant: He is the El Berith  
He gives us a promise and a heart to see Him with

El Roi – He is the God of Sight  
Abhir and Pantokrator – He is Strength and Might

Life and Light, Tsaddiq, the Sun of Righteous Rays  
Attiq Yomin He is the Ancient of Days

The Lord of Lords-Kouriou Despotes  
Theos-God and Godhead-Theotes,

The Rock of ages: my solid Zur  
My Palet-Deliverer, Gaol-Redeemer sure.

Jehovah-Nissi, His Banner lifts and His bell peels  
Jehovah-Rophe, our spirit and flesh He heals

Alleluia and Hosanna every angel sings  
To the one Melekh- the King of Kings

The Most High of all El Elyon Hupsistos  
Jehovah-Shaphat judging with mercy and justice

Jehovah-Kannah: He is Jealous and zealous  
Spirit of Truth, Grace, Mercy, and Holiness

A pillar of Fire, Smoke, in the peoples midst.  
A burning bush, and spirit in the Eucharist.

Ab, the Father, the Creator, Majestic and Mysterious  
Glory, Light, Truth, and, Life is the Divine Logos

Jehovah-Jireh, He forsees and provides

Jesus is the bridegroom and His church is the bride.

He is my fortress, defender, my Magen-Sheild  
He is the sower who plants seeds of faith in the fertile field.

Jesus is Yeshua, My Savior - My Soter,  
The Messiah, and source of Living Water

Kadosh – He is the Holy One  
Verily, Verily, Jesus is the Father's Only Son

Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man  
The Alpha and Omega, in whom life began.

In the beginning was this Word of God  
He was with God, and He is God.

He is called Immanuel – God with us  
Like Jehovah-Shammah, God is always there for us

Arrested, Tried and put in Prison  
Crucified, Died, and Eternally Risen

The Lamb of God, the Paschal Sacrifice  
Jesus is the Messianic Christ

'If you ask Me in My name  
Anything, I will do the same.'

Jehovah-Saboath, The God of all Heavenly Host  
Our Helper and Counselor is the Holy Ghost

The Advocate, the Comforter and M'Kaddesh the Sanctifier  
The Baptizer, the Flame of Cleansing Fire

The Holy Spirit is sent to us - The Pentacostal Paraclete  
Proceeding from 'Jehovah-Shalom', perfect peace complete.

Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father, and Counselor,  
Wonderful, Mighty God, is my El Gibhor

God the Father, Son, and Spirit – the holy Trinity  
Inherrant Diversity in Complete Unity

Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord  
Shall be delivered unto a blessed reward

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I have also chosen not to delet the comments left by Jeannie, who correctly pointed out, there is only one name for God the Father - it is Yaweh, 'I am' which is sometimes transliterated as Jehovah. All other names are either titles, or names/titles for the Son and Holy Spirit) .

But I will point out that her view on the falacy of the Trinity is NOT Christian and denies the Gospel of John 'and the Word (Jesus) is God', 'My Father and I (Jesus) are one', 'Before Abraham was, I am', and many, many other such references. Her views reflect the teaching of Jehovah's Witness, and not the teaching of Jesus Christ Himself.

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## Who Safeguard's the Common Weal? Just War Arguments

(Five excellent and challenging issues for this doctrine of peace)

1) What about the Tyrants?

What about the wars Hitler, Genghis, and the Sultans of Islam were waging?  
Are we not to protect our children from the tyrant's raging?

Pantheist Rome became Christian not by the sword.  
What reason exists that this mightn't have happened to the Golden Horde?

Evil Hitler rose to power in a putatively Christian land.  
But he would have been emasculated without the use of the Christian soldiers' hand.

Why is it so hard to believe that God would show up and be our shield?  
If we demonstrate our trust in Him, our covenant then is sealed.

Why does having faith on this magnitude seem almost absurd?  
Are we so grounded in the violent ways of the world that we still haven't heard?

Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, Chesterton once replied  
But it has been found difficult and still goes untried.

Even if the Gentile enemies carried the battle on the field, it cannot be shown  
That the Christian's witness to the Seljuk or Moor, would not have caused them to atone.

What if Evangelists were sent to Islam instead of the Templars of Payn  
Glorifying the message of Christ, instead of the legacies of Solomon and Cain.

What a contrast between Bernard and the earlier words of Martin.  
From 'I'm a soldier of Christ and must not fight' pacifism to the 'Malecide for Christ!'  
doctrine-Spartan.

Martin, the patron of the soldier, showed that a pacifist is no coward  
Offering to lead his regiment unarmed (but apparently not un-empowered)

In fact the Church forbade fighting and even bearing arms until the time of Augustine.  
But the sword 'To kill a pagan is to win glory to Christ' is what Bernard put his trust in.

But God rejected the concept 'Jus ad Bellum' in His declaration 'vengeance is mine'.  
The 'Jus in Bello' of Christ is 'turn the other cheek', and 'love your enemy, ' not to malign.

2) What about Old Testament Wars?

What about the Goliath and the Philistines who wanted to bring Israel to its knees?  
Didn't God tell Joshua, David, and Saul to destroy its enemies?

What if the Israelites had acted as the brave and obedient Caleb?  
Who trusted that with God, entering promised Canaan would be a lay-up.

Would then there have been the desert wandering and succession of battles,  
In which they lost many men, women, children, and chattels?

Israel disobeyed God over and over again.  
And war was the fruit of the disobedient action of their men.

But when they acted righteously and obeyed the law of God.  
Israel was left in peace, nary an enemy boot there trod.

But there are very few times when, via the Office of the Prophet, violence was ordained.  
And that is the key. What conflict today could be similarly justified or explained.

3) Isn't the individual to submit to civil authority?  
The individual is not in a position to make a declaration of war  
And aren't they to obey whatever is their duly assigned chore.

Augustine argues that only a Sovereign may make such declarations  
All his subjects are simply following orders according to their stations.

But this relies on the supposition that an individual is absolved of the guilt  
Of anything that is done that a superior officer willed.

No matter how blasphemous, tortuous, fraudulent, inhumane, or heinous,  
If it is done for the state, it's okay... Or is this rather like the two-faced Janus?

For it causes all good and holy to submit to any human wisdom and intent.  
Why would the redeemed have anything to do with a tyrant so hell-bent.

4) War is proscribed for priests, but not other Christians.  
Aquinas has argued that although just war is meritorious for soldier of the barracks,  
And what is good in general, is good for all Christian clerics,

That holy clerical works and warlike pursuits are altogether incongruent.  
But if that is so, then why expect any Christian to act so obstructive.

'It is rendered unlawful for priests, because they are deputed to works better still.  
Now here is where this argument turns into a bitter Roman pill.

'Thus marriage may be good; yet it becomes reprehensible for the clergy  
Because they are bound to a yet greater good (like monastic zymurgy?)

This argument seems more suited for his contemporary Lysanders.  
But what is good for the (St. Martin-esque) goose, is good for the laity ganders.

So accept this argument, but apply it to all of Christianity:  
'Because to wit, warlike pursuits are full of unrest (and mortal insanity.)

So that they hinder the mind from the contemplation of the divine...'  
Agreed, but why is only the priest allowed to study and opine?

'The praise of God and prayers for the people: the duties of a priest'  
Prayer, praise, and worship are the duty of all followers of Christ.

'Wherefore just as commercial enterprises are for priests, forbidden fruits

Because they unsettle the mind too much, so too are warlike pursuits'

'Remember me as often as you eat this bread, and drink this chalice  
Wherefore it is unbecoming for them to slay, shed blood, (or participate in malice.)

It is more fitting that they should be ready to shed their own blood  
So as to imitate in deed what they portray in their ministry as good.

Thus it has been decreed that those who shed blood...become 'irregular' (illegit) .  
Now no one who has a certain duty, can lawfully do that which renders him unfit.

Wherefore it is altogether unlawful for clerics to use the sword  
Because war is directed to the shedding of blood... and such is untoward.'

5) Doesn't some scripture explicitly ordain certain uses of the sword?  
Aren't such things implied by the words of the Lord?

5a) He that hath no sword, let him sell his cloak and buy one. (Luke 22: 36-37)  
When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing?  
And they (recalled? or said sheepishly?) : 'Nothing'.

"But now go on, he that has a purse or scrip, take it if you must! "  
(Is Christ in the middle of rebuking his disciples for their fearful lack of trust?)

(Or is He reminding them that what is to follow is not for their protection or posterity  
But only for the purpose of filling a specific prophecy?)

"And he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, go and buy one.  
Because I tell you that what was written must be fulfilled in Me (the Son) .

"And he (Christ) was numbered with the transgressors;  
So that which refers to Me has its fulfillment...' There is no call to be aggressors.

5b) How many swords do you have? Two. Enough! (Luke 22: 38)  
Enough, enough is the pivotal word.  
But does it mean 'sufficient', or 'I can't believe what I just heard? '

If it means 'Two swords to defend twelve, that's enough'  
It does not follow; in fact it seems to deny the other ten's need for such stuff.

Perhaps it implies the sword is a deterrent (although it's more like the ox's thill)  
But this is still a far cry from ordaining the use of it to kill.

And if He truly meant, "it is enough to defend us from being persecuted."  
Then how was it that Christ and many apostles were executed?

Is it not rather an interjection of amazement or frustration?  
'Enough! Haven't you been listening to the lessons I've given to this nation? '

Or does it simply mean "It is enough for the purpose of fulfilling what Isaiah wrote"  
For Peter was rebuked for using it, when the soldiers ear he smote.

Then Jesus said to him, "Put that sword away in its place!  
For all they that take the sword, such demise you will someday face."

This sequence of statements ends with a call to put away the implement of death.  
For they exist only to kill and the one who wields it has breathed his final breath.

None of these interpretations are a call to carnal blades.  
He is Isaiah's Prince of Peace, not one who calls for bloody Jihad or crusades.

5c) Think not that I came to send peace on earth, but a sword... (Mt 10: 34)  
As you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and the brother shall  
deliver up brother to death, and the father his son

The children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be executed.  
You'll be hated by all men for my sake, but the sentence of he that endures shall be  
commuted.

But when they persecute you in this city, flee to the next one  
Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the return of the Son

But whoever denies me before men, him will I also deny before my Father.  
Think not that I came to send peace; I came not to send peace, but a sword rather.

For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, to make the child bold  
The daughter against her mother, a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

He that loves father or mother, son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.  
And he that takes not his cross, and follows after me, is not worthy of me.

The sword which He speak of here, is the sword of truth,  
Which will create turmoil for the stubborn parent who rejects the zeal of their youth.

But in no way is the passage an authorization to wield the carnal blade.  
For Jesus does not contradict the other peaceful statements that He's made.

5d) Harm No One, Be Content with Your Pay (Luke 3: 14)  
And the soldiers asked of him, saying, and what shall we do?  
Do violence to none, nor accuse any falsely; and be content the wages given you.

Now despite the clear, anti-violence theme of this passage,  
Some have read into this a license for 'soldiering' message.

For if one is allowed to accept wages for this profession  
Isn't all that soldiering entails implied in this confession?

But being a soldier is not always a choice when the draft-board selects.  
It is only a cellular act of violence, which an individual commits or rejects.

Society may press me into a uniform and assign me to a squad,  
But none can force me to do that which is prohibited by God.

To extend Solzhenitsyn's brilliant allegory, the thin line between good and evil, the

tapering acumen.

May run through parties, states, and ideologies but it only becomes real, it only comes to a point, in the heart and deed of every human.

5e) The Sword is not Worn In Vain (Romans 13: 3-4)

For magistrates are to be feared not by the righteous but by evil men.  
You desire to have no reason to fear your ruler, is this not thy yen?

Well, do the thing that is right, and he will commend you as he should.  
For he is the minister of God to thee for good.

But if you do evil, be afraid; for he bears not the sword in vain:  
He is the minister of God, an avenger to execute wrath upon the inane.

At face value, this is perhaps the clearest contradiction of "Vengeance is Mine"  
But scripture does not contradict, and studied more closely it is perfectly in line.

When Paul wrote, the government in no way dedicated itself to Yahweh.  
There was no intent to be righteous in the eyes of God in any such way.

And yet the Lord used it as an instrument of His wrath, just as He had done  
By using Assyrians, Babylonians, Philistines, and Egyptians as His weapon.

But that does not mean that the implements of His rebuke were 'justified'  
In and of themselves; All of them were cursed for their deeds and their pride.

This passage is a warning to Christians that God might use the 'Duke'  
Or other civil authorities as an implement of His rebuke.

It does not explicitly permit the Christians to act with ferocity  
When they come into positions of civil authority.

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## **Who Won the Battle of Jehoshaphat?**

Moab and Ammon gathered to destroy Judah and Jehosephat  
'Ye shall not need to fight: be still but never yielding  
O Judah, see the salvation of the Lord is standing pat  
Fear not, go out tomorrow: for thy Lord is ever shielding.

Jehoshaphat and all Judah bowed face to the ground  
Priests standing up to praise the LORD with a loud voice.  
Believe in the Lord your God, in Him salvation will be found  
Believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper and rejoice.

Jehoshaphat appointed singers to praise God's Holy beauty  
They marched ahead 'Praise the LORD; for his mercy endures forever.'  
Meanwhile the angel of death performed its grave duty:  
The enemies slew each other, accomplishing God's endeavor

And when Judah came to the wilderness tower they saw:  
A sea of fallen dead bodies, none had survived.  
They spoiled for three days and rejoiced at Berachah  
and blessed the Lord for their redemption had arrived.  
Destruction averted because of faith, piety, and awe.

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## **Why do you fear?**

What are you afraid of?  
What is your fear made of?  
Is there some heinous loss  
Which causes you turn and toss?  
Well then hear the Father from above.

Is your job so holy and dear?  
Does your nest egg give you cheer?  
Or are they rather the binding yoke?  
Don't their reigns make you choke?  
Then draw the Holy Spirit near.

Do you fear to lose your sin?  
More than that which you would win?  
Your pet perversion is so nice  
Does not righteousness suffice?  
Time to let the Christ come in.

The spirit of Jesus has no fear.  
The eyes of Him see straight and clear.  
For He provides a better fate.  
He fills up the dinner plate.  
Of he whose faith doth never veer.

So live bravely in His spirit.  
He promises to all who hear it.  
That He'll provide for every need,  
That fear of the world we may be freed.  
Now take His awesome gift and cheer it.

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## **Wife of Valor - Updated**

The Proverbial Wife of Valor – Proverbs 31

Originally adapted to poetry for my wife Victoria on our 8th Anniversary:

My virtuous Victoria, Your value is far above diamonds and rubies royal.  
My heart safely trusts in you, I need not bring home violent or illgotten battle spoil.

You seek wool, and yarn, you work willingly with you hands – my honest wife.  
You do so much good for me – not evil any day of your life.

You gird yourself with fitness, and strengtheneth your arm.  
You open your mouth with wisdom; and your soft tongue speaks God's laws of kindness warm.

You earn the fruit of your hands; and your own works shall praise you at Heavens gate.  
Honor is your clothing; goodness is your white robe, my loving mate.

You perceive quality goods and your lamp goes not out at night.  
You inspire my pursuit of righteousness and quest for holy light.

You fear not the snow, for you dress us warmly and in scarlet.  
You make rich tapestries and your clothing is silk and violet.

You stretch out your hand to the poor; yes, you reach forth to the needy.  
You invest your efforts in God's vineyard, tending it from getting weedy.

Your ethic inspires, rising before dawn to prepare hearty meals for your family.  
You look well upon your home, and eat not the bread of sloth idly.

You are like the merchants' ships; bringing home good things from oversea.  
I praise you and your children rise up, and say 'Momma blessed thee';

Your care so much. You work loving wonders upon the spindle,  
You sew and sell angelic robes, and make our home fire kindle.

Many women have done virtuously, but you excel them all.  
Favor is deceitful and beauty vain: but a wife that fears and loves the Lord, receives Blessings call.

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Take thou wife of Wisdom, forget her not; neither reject the words of her tongue.  
Forsake her not, and she'll preserve you; love her, and let her praises be sung.

Exalt her, and she'll promote you: she'll bring honor when you embrace.  
She shall crown your head with grace: upon it a wreath of glory shall she place.

Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters of your own well.  
Let your fountains be dispersed, and rivers running down the dell.

Let your fountain be blessed and take not strangers unto thee.  
Rejoice with the wife of your youth, for wisdom is her beauty.

She is the loving hind and doe; her breasts satisfying at all times; Love her with ravish.  
Why embrace the bosom of a stranger? Trust not in idols false and savage.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtains favor in the Lord above.

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To avoid the evil woman, for her tongue flatters and betrays the truth.

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A harlot treats a man like bread. Adultery casting like the tempest, onto the rocks it dashes.

House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: A true wife is from the Lord so find her  
- chase her.

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I work among the elders of the church, and am known at the gates by sight.

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## **Winds of the Spirit**

Why chase the wind, when you can become it?  
Carry the Spirit, be its voice, though others try to dumb it.  
Sing the song of joy, when others only hum it.  
Be the resonating harmony as angels lift the harp and strum it.  
Rising above the cities, and down to the waters plummet.  
Across the barren deserts and up to the mountain summit.

In faith the intellect is overcome, the burden of the flesh eases.  
For the winds are unfettered and go wherever the Spirit pleases.  
At times in mighty gales, and at times in gentle breezes.  
Some will join and come along, while others action freezes.  
Some will hear and feel the power, others catch only sneezes.  
So give flight and faith to your soul, and be born again in the spirit of Jesus.

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## **Winds of The Spirit (2)**

Winds of the Spirit (v2)

1) Why chase the wind, when you can become it?  
Sing loud His song, when others only hum it.

Carry the Spirit, be His voice,  
And make a beautiful noise ...It's an easy choice.

Why chase the wind, when you can become it?  
You sing loud His song, when others only hum it.

Lift up your angel harp and strum it  
Even when others try to dumb it ...They run from it.

Echo the angel's harmony  
As you rise above this man made city.  
Down to the waters plummet, across the barren deserts and up to the mountain  
summit.

2) In faith your burden lightens and eases.  
The winds go freely where The Spirit pleases.

Though flesh and mind can fail  
His Ghost is a mighty gale ...Filling your heart's sail.

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So join-in and come along,  
Hear the super-natural song ... gusting holy and strong

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## **Xavier Docile: DCL XVI**

A Conjectural End-Times Poem Consistent with Revelations 13

(This rendition of Revelations 13 describes a hypothetical fulfillment of Revelations 13 – but goes beyond the canonical prophecy in terms of modern day specifics. It also illuminates the text by illustrating key's and links in other parts of the bible.)

His name is Xavier Docile, though he has many pseudonyms and comes talking peace. He commands executive power holding sway over government and armed police.

Immensely rich, with income to the tune of hundreds of millions per year. Taking profit from commerce and trading, as Solomon's 666 mined talents, from fiery Ophir.

He uses his influence to do awesome works, winning the respect of many. Receiving laud and honor, almost hero-worship, for his animated imagery.

But he shares his glory with his father, his source of power and inspiration. And his workers bring about the reforms of his vision, his impressive imagination.

Cutting through bureaucracy, his reforms streamline commerce and banking. He also silences the stogy traditionalists with a populist regulatory spanking.

Shielding the populace from the 'moral imperatives' of the right-wing 'aristocracy'. The new 'affirming' morals, a twisted 'diversity, ' wash away the antiquated notions of virtuosity.

His crest is a blend of bear, leopard, lion, & eagle – A league of nations from Sam to Rus to Brit. And despite his wealth, he is loved and he makes a miraculous recovery from an attempted hit.

He is a witty diplomat and makes small talk in surprisingly many a dialect. His views on disaster management and global warning earn him great respect.

One day, in the ring of fire, a mighty volcano - a modern Taupo, Toba, (or Yellowstone) explodes. But he is there with a plan to harness the heat and cure the world before the atmosphere erodes.

He is eventually entrusted with the authority to address the crisis on a global scale. Failing crops, famine, and unprecedented revolts; he calls for global arms and all nations avail.

Bread lines, soup kitchens, and rationing - he oversees the efficient distribution. Winning even more plaudits for modern technologies like credits for pollution.

The question arises whether it is right that among the starving masses, To distribute equally - or to reward the supportive lads and lasses.

When resources are scarce and difficult decisions must be made. Shouldn't people's allocation be a function of their new world order grade?

With great lament an awful decision must be made.

To defend the new world order with spoon and gun and blade.

A great project is conceived to lift man up above the misery of the hour  
A pyramidal monument with his glyphs symbolizing triumphant volcanic power.

Though millions of the elect around the world call for his removal  
These traitors are eliminated for their irrational and stubborn refusal.

The whole transpiration of these events happens amazingly quick.  
Within three and a half years, the world has fallen for his trick.

His name, a heresy, implies a docile savior - and he will ascend to an Earthly throne.  
But with signature of DoCiLe XaVIer (that is 666) , let his true identity be known.

But though his functionaries and legionnaires shall number two hundred million.  
He will not defeat the elect of the Lord, and in the end, be locked in the pit of fiery  
vermillion.

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## **y - Aholibah & Aholah – Ezekial 23 (Israel & Judah prostitute themselves)**

Before I formed you in the belly I knew you,  
before your mother even began ovation.  
You were yet a fetus in the womb  
I sanctified and ordained you, a prophet to every nation

Oh Lord, I cannot speak: I am just a child.  
Do not complain, for you shall go to all.  
I shall give you words to speak.  
Be not afraid, I will deliver you, stand tall!

He put forth his hand, touched my lips.  
Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, I have this day set you over the nations  
and kingdoms both north and south.

In vain have I rebuked your children; they received no correction.  
Your own sword devoured your prophets, like a lion.  
Have I been a wilderness unto Israel?  
You are boastful and lost from Zion.

You have been a wife that treacherously leaves her husband,  
Deserve ye still a shoulder to cry on?  
Turn O backsliders, for I am married to you  
I will take one of a city and two of a family back to Zion:

They lie down in our shame, and confusion covers:  
from youth abusing free will and choice.  
For they sin against our God and  
and have not obeyed His voice.

How shall I forgive? When I had fed them to the full,  
they commit iniquity and simply do not care.  
They were as fed as horses in the morn,  
yet every stallion neighed after the others mare.

Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel,  
to a nation rebellious like an asses bray  
They and their fathers have transgressed against me,  
even unto this very day.

Son of man, there were two daughters of one mother:  
They were young prostitutes in Egypt;  
Aholah, and Aholibah her sister were mine,  
With children and many blessings were they equipped.

Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.  
And the former played the harlot  
Even when she was mine she flirted on her lovers,  
With Assyrians she shared the sins of letter scarlet.

Clothed with blue, captains and rulers,  
mounted cavaliers, desirable young men.

Thus she prostituted herself with Assyria's chosen,  
Their false idols, and defiled herself again.

And when her sister Aholibah saw this,  
she was more corrupt in her inordinate love still  
And was twice the harlot as her sister  
calling many foreign men and idols to her sill.

She doted upon the Assyrians, mounted captains  
in gorgeous robes priming for pillage.  
And she increased her whoring with men  
Portrayed upon the wall, Chaldean vermillion image

And as soon as she saw them, she flirted,  
Sending messengers with love notes unto Chaldea.  
And the Babylonians came to her to her couch,  
And they defiled her leaving their stench of urea.

For she doted upon their paramours,  
Whose flesh is as the asses, and who finish like horses.  
Thus you recall the lewdness of your youth,  
Bruising thy tits on the Egyptians in youthful courses.

Therefore O Aholibah, Watch out,  
I will raise up your lovers and against you they shall ride,  
In eye paint and ornaments your mind is alienated,  
I will bring them against you on every side;

The hand of the Lord was upon me,  
carrying me out, to a valley which was full of bones,  
And I walked round about, there were very many,  
drier than the dust of stones.

Son of man, can these bones live?  
O Lord, only you knowest.  
Prophecy, and say, O ye dry bones,  
Hear the word of the Lord – and flesh will you growest.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold,  
I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:  
I will give you sinews, flesh, skin, and breath.  
Ye shall know that I am the Lord whose hand doth give.

So I prophesied, and there was a noise,  
A shaking, and they came together, bone by bone.  
And lo, the sinews and the flesh came upon them,  
Skin covered them, but there was neither breath nor groan

Prophecy unto the wind son of man,  
The Lord GOD this commandment give;  
Come forth from four winds, O breath,  
Breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

So I prophesied, and breath came into them,  
There stood an exceedingly great army host  
Son of man, these bones are the whole of my people  
Saying, Our bones are dry, our hope an unseen ghost.

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Behold,  
O my people, I will open your graves,  
And bring you out of the dirt into the land of Israel,  
On the highway way my servant paves.

And ye shall know I am the Lord when I  
have broken graves and brought the resurrection.  
I shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live,  
Place you in your own land and ye shall know my affection.

That I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it,  
Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel:  
Remove violence and spoil; Execute just judgment;  
Remove tax exactions from them and hear their cry n' yell!

And it shall be the prince's part  
to give burnt offerings, oblation  
The peace offerings, to make for  
the house of Israel reconciliation.

And it shall come to pass, that every living thing,  
whithersoever the rivers shall come shall live  
A great multitude of fish, because these waters  
shall come thither: the waters healing give.

And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand  
upon it from Engedi even unto Engelaim;  
Their fish shall be abundant,  
They shall spread forth nets and bounty claim;

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## **y The Losing Has to Stop**

The Republican Party needs a Kinder and Gentler Revolution  
Without Betraying Its Core Values

People left the Republican Party this year for two primary reasons: the economy, and the war. Young people are attracted to the Democratic Party because of their abhorrence of war and their environmental concern. The Republican Party needs move beyond a cold war mentality and adopt (co-opt in some cases) and convey the following messages:

### No More War

- Less Military Spending
- This Goes Hand in Hand with what most Republicans believe about 'Love thy Enemy, 'Do unto Others' and:

### Consistent Respect for Life

- No More War
- Rescind the Death Penalty & CIA Torture
- Get the Guns off the Streets
- Promote The Creation of Families
- Reducing Abortion By Encouraging Families (see below)

### The Fourth Choice

- Abortion? Adoption? Abstinence? There is a Fourth Choice for Sexually Active Teens...
- All the money that goes toward public support of abortions should go to encouraging marriage: Apprenticeships (2-3 year public service jobs) for young father/husbands with educational incentives for both parents. Managed and funded primarily through the Faith Based Initiatives.

### No More Fiscal Irresponsibility

- Give Investors Greater Control over Corporate Governance
- Everyone Pays their Fair Share of Taxes

### Embrace Green Issues

- Leadership in Reducing Pollutants and Greenhouse Gasses
- Investing in Efficient and Green Technologies

### Choice In Education

- Everyone Should have Equal Access to both Public and Private Educations (Vouchers)

### Proactively Address the Financial Issues of an Aging Population

- Promoting Family Care and In-home Assisted Care

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## **z - Excerpts**

Excerpts from Hells Bells, Heresy Sells!

Hells Bells. Yes, heresy sells!  
Apostate rants and Media tells

'Lies, Lies! ' the Liar Cries  
Truth is lost and Soul dies.

Pride! Pride! The Bride has died.  
Wide path is trod when Christ is denied.

Free, Free! The bound decree.  
Hear the bells, they toll for thee.

Excerpts from Divorce, A Matter of Course

Why has Divorce  
Become such a matter of course?  
Currents of unyielding force  
Deep is thy chaotic course...  
    Thy plutonian source.

Why would we willingly break  
Our families and sacrament forsake?  
In the waters lies a cavernous intake  
Named Sin, which leads to Vulcan's lake.  
    The waters of iniquity awake.

Unrealistic entitlement and want combine.  
In loss of true respect – now all things decline.  
Under the surface, heat builds in thermocline.  
And causes upwellings of hot unhealthy brine.  
    The failing catch is the next ensign.

...  
Dismemberment of all blessed goodness  
Hateful Satan's Wrath doth get.  
A raging fire, choking and sulphurous;  
For perverted Asmodeus's Lusty internet.  
The boiling Greed of debt and avarice  
Fraudulent Mammon's casino bet.

Excerpts from A Scriptural Valentine

Tell me, O you whom my soul loveth, where you feedest and rest thy flock at noon:  
Why should I be unknown to your companions – as distant as the moon.

Her Friends  
If you know not, O you fairest among women, follow the flock,  
And beside the shepherds' tents feed thy young and bearded caprine stock.

### The Bride

I have compared you, O my love, to a company of Pharaoh's equine chariot.  
Your cheeks are handsome as with rows of jewels, your neck with golden lariat.

While the king sitteth at his table, my Lavender perfume floats forth from my narded chest.

A bundle of myrrh is He to me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi.  
Behold, thou art fair, thy dove-eyes can behold our couch is green and ripe and ready...

Oh, that His left hand should be under my head and his right hand doth me embrace.  
O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and hinds, stir not up, nor awaken my love,  
till I see His face.

The voice of my beloved! He cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

Like a roe, a young buck He stands behind our wall, peering forth from latticed window sills.

### Excerpts from Aholah and Aholibah - Ezekial 23

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And the former played the harlot  
Even when she was mine she flirted on her lovers,  
With Assyrians she shared the sins of letter scarlet.

Clothed with blue, captains and rulers,  
mounted cavaliers, desirable young men.  
Thus she prostituted herself with Assyria's chosen,  
Their false idols, and defiled herself again.

### Excerpts from Defiling Bathsheba

David, There were two neighbors; one was rich  
and idle, the other poor but true, with little in his pot.  
The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds:  
But the poor had nearly naught

Nothing, save a little lamb, which he had bought and nourished;  
he raised it with his daughter;  
It ate from his table, drank from his cup, lay in his bosom,  
indeed, he could never slaughter.

And there came a traveler unto the rich man,  
who spared his own herd and flock,  
But to feed this guest he took the poor man's only lamb,  
he took his only stock.

As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this  
shall surely die and be thrown outside the city  
And he shall restore the lamb fourfold,  
because he sinned and had no pity.

You art the man David, Thus saith God,  
I anointed you king over all towns, pastures, and farms Israeli  
I delivered you out of the hand of Saul and gave you  
all his wives into your arms, his house and bailey.

#### Excerpts from Jesus Christ Calls the Hindu

Brothers and sisters of the Indus and Ganges listen to the one True Dharma.  
Love, Hope, and Faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to gain the Kingdom's Karma.

The resurrection of the Atman mayn't be in the form of new caste or beast.  
There mayn't be a cycle of reincarnation from which to be released.

For the many idols and castes are inventions of man used to oppress  
There is just one God, one caste or race, one robe of truth to dress.

So meditate on the Gospel – the Word which is his true and holy Om.  
And share this with your neighbor, and all the members of your home.

There is no more needful sutra, no more truthful mantra, no more harmonic Vedas  
Than the yoga, the practice, the sharing of the Gospel, the Nan that Jesus fed us.

#### Excerpts from Jesus Christ Calls the Muslim/ Harmony Between Brothers

Oh Ishmael, you champion archer, what is the value of all the arms and arrows in your  
quiver?

When will you seek the true quarry whose blood doth eternal soul deliver?

...  
It's everyone's choice to live with or without the true ihsan, His truth and love and  
peace.

We were enslaved to iniquity, but in the blood of His Son we have the offer of bond  
release.

But until we accept the sacrifice of his Son for our sakes, the sacrifice of ours to Him  
will continue without cease.

...  
Oh, peoples of the Book, let us engage in open and constructive battles of the pen.  
For the battles of the sword liberate no one, thus sayth the Lord. Amen.

#### Excerpts from The Peniel Blessing

Leave the uncertain wilderness of war uncharted and unexplored  
For all security, all justice, and all vengeance are mine - thus sayeth the Lord.

For a mighty fortress is our God, never failing or deserting

And all shall be healed in Him of war and pain and hurting.

'Violence shall no more be heard in the land', as we obey His loving orders.  
'Lord, No wasting or destruction shall be within thy peoples borders.'

'But we shall call thy walls, thy gates, thy rod and staff 'salvation'.  
As you defend your people from evil trials and tribulation.'

'Let us beat our sword into a plough and our spear into a hook'  
'Then the nations shall not know war', only Christ's shepherd crook

For the sword he has endowed is one which cleaves only lies.  
Let us wield it skillfully, and willfully join His peaceful battle cries.

So onward Christian soldiers! March out as to war.  
But armed with only truth and love of fellow man, for now and evermore.

Come Ishmael, Come Judah, and Arjuna, Come Gautama now and Lao.  
Call upon your one true Christ, Jesus, to end the fighting and the row.

And as Jacob relented all his proud and self-made ways.  
He saw the face of God revealed in all His glorious rays.

Excerpts from Jesus Kirisuto Haiku

Discover-Disukaba Truth-Makoto  
Pure white reisu of life Christ-Hitonoko  
Awaken to the Holy Spirit koingokoro

...  
Heart of truth - Makoto no kokoro  
Jesus guide our steps from today unto tomorrow  
And frees us from the bond of sorrow

Excerpts from Modern Man: The Corporation

Corporate Externalities  
Are Societal Realities  
Producing abundant 'Goods'  
But also great 'Bads' and Banalities.  
Mounting Virtue Casualties.

...  
Who gives thee exaltation?  
Consider well thy reputation.  
Listen Modern Man  
Thy name is Corporation  
Complete is thy Indoctrination.

Excerpts from Raising Children of Light

Children are to respect parents, that they may live long.  
Parents are to love them back by teaching right from wrong.

As parents, we all do the best we can... or do we?  
Have we succumbed to the secular Huey-phooey?

Without us, the daily bombardment of human hokum.  
Could eventually blind 'em all and choke 'em.

...  
Limit and monitor television and the internet  
Dark messengers are legion and will catch them in their net.

Children, act with love, respect, and helping hand.  
And parents, do not allow Satan to seal them with his fiery iron-brand.

Excerpts from Seven Words Seven Echos

And at the ninth hour... My God, my God, Why hast thou forsaken me?  
So far from helping and hearing my words of my roaring, Art ye.

O my God, They cried unto you, they trusted in you, deliverance you have bourn.  
But I am a reproach of men, and despised. All they that see me laugh me to scorn:

They shoot out the lip, shake the head, He trusted on the Lord, let the Lord decide his rest.  
But thou art he that took me from the womb and made me hope upon my mother's breast.

I was cast upon you from the womb: you art my God from my mother's belly.  
Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to apply the soothing Gilead jelly.

Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.  
They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion, as a rabid hound.

I am poured out like water, all my bones are out of joint: my heart like wax melted and sunk to my bowels.  
My strength dried up like a potsherd; I'm brought to the dust of death, my tongue cleaveth to my jowls.

Dogs compass me, the assembly of the wicked have enclosed piercing hands and feet.  
My blood now clots.  
I see all my bones: looking back and staring at me. They part my garments and for my vesture casting lots.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord hasten to my aid. For when the afflicted cried you heard.  
The meek shall be satisfied and shall praise the Lord and heart shall live for ever with his Word.

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord. All kindreds of the nations shall bow down  
They shall worship you. For the kingdom is the Lord's. He is the governor of all nation, land, and town.

A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation, this grain of corn.  
They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born.

And, behold, upon his final word the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom in pieces twain,  
And the earth quaked, the rocks rent; open broke the grave, and a reprieve for us did he obtain.

Death and the grave have been conquered, forever vanquished:  
Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit... It is finished.

#### Excerpts from Sunrise On The Mount

Lifting up His eyes and voice, He taught upon the mount,  
Your rewards and your blessings, and how your virtues count.

Blessed are you poor in spirit, the humble hubris-less inherit heaven's realm;  
And blessed are you meek for you shall boldly take the earthly helm.

Blessed are you that mourn and weep for human wrong and sin,  
Comfort shall God give you – His arms to hold therein.

Blessed are you that crave for right – enduring dry and parching thirst.  
Like a sponge into cup of truth be plunged, sated, saturated, immersed.

Be happy you who mercy sow, forgiveness you invest.  
At harvest, reap you mercy and know that you've been blessed.

Happy are the pure in spirit and wise are your decisions.  
You clearly see the way to Him, His holy face your visions.

Blessed are the peacemakers – He knows you by your love.  
You indeed are children of the one true God above.

Good cheer to those reviled and persecuted in God's holy name.  
The world will slander and attack you but you should feel no shame

Like the prophets before you, they thank you with the sword.  
Rejoice, Rejoice! and be glad, for so great is your reward.

So all you blessed people, use your blessings well.  
Shine your light upon the world – from rooftop and on hill.

You salt the earth, you brighten, you enlighten, and you savor.  
But carefully guard the holy truth, or lose all of His favor.

For woe shall come to he whose gifts will he not share,  
Like worthless tasteless salt cast out, all blessings shall strip bare...

#### Excerpts from The Cape of the Matador

In the ring, the Toro spies the crimson cape of Matador  
Like a young sailor just ashore, lustily staring at a whore  
Whether dumb or savvy beast, instinct rises to the fore  
Bearing little reason – remembering only the timeless oath his ancient swore  
To charge that hot and angry hue with horn erect, thinking only gore, gore, gore!

...  
Beauty is a blessing – a wondrous heavenly creation.  
And there is nothing wrong with having a healthy appreciation.  
But refrain from that which tempts the heart away from present or future marital station.  
And keep in mind, that patronizing pornography drives the horrible exploitation.  
Which perverts both young and old, and leads to untold, unhappy, unrighteous deviation

#### Excerpts from The Flames of Molech

A damnable choice is now thrust upon our expectant mothers.  
But how can society persist when the maternal hearth it smothers.

...  
How great are the flames of Molech, how high have they climbed.  
All the despots and all the war mongers of the last 200 years combined,

Have shed less blood than Roe V. Wade, and her foreign kin in the last forty years.  
Over a billion babies culled by the scalpel – how many billion tears?

Though some seek the courts and governments for a single solitary great fix.  
Without societal change we will remain the generation of vipers, stinging and poisoning the matrix.

'But we will do it anyway, with unsafe procedure' is the back-alley creed.  
Alas, society and our hearts must change in many ways, or the womb will forever bleed.

#### Excerpts from The Flocks have Left the Fold

The fields of wheat are filled with weeds; some fig trees have stopped fruiting  
The time of beast and serpent nears, they plot the vineyard vines uprooting.

Following the serpents siren song, the flocks have left the fold  
The proud have wandered away from their shepherd of old.

...  
The hyena laughs at the shepherd's doctrine: a call to repent.  
And offers what he says the shepherd really meant.

The coyote shrieks in the piteous pitch of yin.  
With feigned wound and false pride, more sheep are taken-in.

The false prophecy of boa winds itself among its prey.  
Binding them in sin for constriction on the beastly day.

...  
In blast of steam and ash Leviathan begins to swell.  
Withering the unfruited trees, he opens wide the mouth of hell.

Profaning the shepherd of the heavens, the volcanic eruption peaks  
Amid Hyena Laughs, Leopard Growls, Gorilla Hoots, Baboon Howls, and Coyote  
Shrieks,

...  
In the end, all the proud are lost to the pride,  
For the pride devours those who can't admit that their serpent master lied.

Excerpts from The Human gods

Do justice to the afflicted, poor, and needy.  
Deliver them from the hand of perverse and greedy.  
But alas, you do not now nor ever will you.  
You walk blindly, doth the darkness fill you.  
Thy lot be cast, thy pact is made: an unholy treaty.

Ohh, society is knocked off it's foundation  
When His constitution causes such consternation.  
Ye mighty gods are children of the haughty  
But ye shall die like the proud and naughty  
Arise, O God, judge the earth and inherit every nation.

Excerpts from Unsavory Salt Pillar Parade

Behold, the confused and sorry people of Sodom,  
Profaning matrimony with heart, and tongue, and bottom,  
Spreading the abomination of those who taught `em.  
Join the repentance of all other sinners in this end-times autumn!

...  
Have we forgotten that something better than sin does await?  
God has the strength to heal, and the reward is happy, perfect, and great.  
Men and Women, do not fear or shun each other. Be patient, trust, respect, and wait.  
For in the beginning.....God made Man and Wife: eternal loving mate.

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## **z - Peniel - Parts 1 - 7 (War & Peace)**

Let this message of pacifism honor the memory and commitment of all who have defended the truth and freedom with their lives.

(Based on Judges 7, Genesis 4,32, Isaiah 26,37,60, Exodus 15, Psalms 23, Isaiah 2, Joel 3, Micah 4, Daniel 3, Matthew 5,24,26)

### **1. The Unique Message of Christian Love for the Enemy**

The armies are amassing – but the Lord withholds his breath.

The prince of peace defends, but will we finally accept the lesson of his suffering and death?

The horsemen are called out - their mounts are ready and freshly shod.

Jacob, we grab and grapple with each other as you once did with Esau and the 'Face of God'.

'The fate of the soldier caste is to fight Arjuna, for their death is pre-ordained. On the battlefield at Kurukshetra, the false god Krishna once explained.

The Sikh Guru instructs his forces that when words do not avail

'Draw the sword and with flash of steel, thy enemy impale.'

'War is ordained by Allah so kill the unbelievers wherever you may find them.'  
The Ayatollahs marshal their forces and in murderous lies they bind them.

Oh Ishmael, you champion archer, what is the value of all the arms and quarrels in your quiver?

When will you seek the true quarry whose blood doth eternal soul deliver?

And, though some Buddhists eschews violence – neither love will they show.

'He who loves 50 has just as many a woe.'

But the Baptist commands the soldier differently – 'You shall harm no one.'  
And in many ways this law of peace is confirmed by God's only Son.

For how can an enemy be attacked and killed,  
When we are all to love him with Holy Spirit filled?

How can enemy blood be spilled when Christ doth decree,  
"Whatever you do, even unto the least, you do even unto me? "

### **2. God Defends His People**

Violence is not the solution - a repeated Bible theme.

For Gideon won a bloodless attack, relying only on God's holy queme.

When Sennacherib approached Jerusalem, King Hezekiah prayed.

And the Lord sent the angel of death upon the Assyrian horde arrayed.

'They shall not enter this city or even hit it with an arrow.'  
So the reaper of the Lord sent all 185,000 to the harrow.

'On war alone the wicked man is bent.

But against him a merciless messenger will be sent.'

The argument was made that to forsake national defense.  
Judeo-Christian society would be overthrown and heathens would rule hence.

Well heathens rule o'er the world in many ways, but does anyone even notice.  
Are we, in our sin, any freer than those under sharia or even lotus.

Oh, the war is coming and there is no escaping.  
But what course of action should the child of the one true God be taking?

### 3. The Responsibility of Love and Mercy

"Blessed are the peacemakers, he knows you by your love.  
You indeed are children of the one true God above."

"Blessed are you who mercy sow, compassion, forgiveness you invest,  
At harvest reap you mercy, and know that you've been blessed."

If we truly love each other, we cannot pursue a selfish, apathetic, isolationist path.  
For the Christian is to share all the light and mercies that he hath.

'If you remain indifferent in the time of adversity, your strength will depart.  
Withdraw not, and rescue those dragged unto death: love them with all thy heart.'

If you support or join peaceful missions risking the furnace or lion's den  
Have faith that God will save you from the condemnation of unrighteous men.

Remember "Do Unto Others..." Is this not the best way to persuade?  
Putting our efforts into missions of education, truth, love, and humanitarian aid.

Oh we may have had some success, carrying Teddy's big stick.  
But is not a carrot given in Jesus name, a better way to make the message stick.

Yes, there are some in the world who may only respond to graft or compulsion.  
But can we change a heart when the body is induced to violent convulsion?

Can the means be justified by the end, when the end precludes the means?  
Can righteousness and peace prevail when on the sword it leans?

Let our hearts be our diplomats, our envoy's, and our Marshall corps.  
And turn our vast capabilities to helping those whom others may ignore.

So with all the might and means we have to create brilliant 'shock and awe'  
Let us be a role model with charity and truth, and unflinching adherence to God's holy law.

### 4. Mercy, Trust, and What is Just

In bygone days the soldier met his pressed fate gallantly and bravely.  
But in a democracy each voter must weigh his solemn charge more gravely.

Now the soldier is a public servant, acting as the governments direct,  
Which in turn serves "of, by, and for" the people – as the populous elect.

So wherever the people's will is to any extent policy shaping,  
This is an issue, an onus, none of us should be forsaking.

Whether we write a blog, cast a vote, manifest, or idly shoot the breeze,  
Our words and deeds have an impact of some varying degrees.

But, whether it's love, politics, fear, or realism which guides our decrees,  
We often overlook Christ and choose whatever we please.

It all comes down to simple faith in God and trust.  
And meting mercy instead of only what is just.

For isn't that his message to the adulteress' prosecutors.  
We are to be forgiving and merciful, not judgment executors.

Or to the indebted servant whose creditor forgave,  
But then refused like mercy, showed himself to be the knave.

'For he who lives by rocket, gun, hand grenade, or sword  
Shall likewise die by it, ' thus sayeth the Lord.

What might we find hidden behind the old 'justice' façade.  
Should we not plant our own rationalized walls with holy truth petard?

For seventeen hundred years we have succumbed to fear and pride.  
And rationalized away a lesson for which our savior died.

Yes, Augustine and Aquinas described correctly when the act of war is just.  
But James taught we needn't any sword when in God we truly trust.

"You have war because you lack what you want."  
The cravings of a lost soul invite the war-craven haunt.

"You lack what you want because you don't ask God."  
Calling instead the inglorious names of Waring and Icabod.

##### 5. God Defends His People (Reprise)

"Fear not and stand your ground" all followers of the God of Moses.  
"You will see the victory of the Lord today" – His wrath shall carry it.  
His angel shall go before you – a pillar as red as a crown of roses.  
Though Pharaohs may come out with innumerable war chariot,

The enemy has not the strength of the Lord and is weaker than he supposes.  
For the Lord will consume him in the depths and entangle him in reedy lariat.  
When God is for you, whoever stands against – his own sarcophagus he closes.  
Let us not presume that we need to fight ourselves, as did both Peter and Judas  
Iscariot.

## 6. The Triumph of God Even in Human 'Defeat'

Though there will be many wars and terrible rumors thereof.  
We should show our neighbor, even the enemy, only brotherly love.

And even if the societies in which we live are someday over run  
Let that not cause us to forsake all our blessings for the gun.

He says 'If you refuse to be chastened by me and defy me even more,  
Then I too will smite you, seven times harder than before.'

'You are not to prepare a defense, for I myself shall guide you by the wrist.  
I will give you wisdom that all your adversaries will be powerless to refute or resist.'

Let us engage the world for Christ forsaking even armed guard.  
And remember that for every strike upon our cheek, we reap a great reward.

When the men of Sodom planned their unclean assault,  
God saved the house of Lot and turned the attackers into salt.

The truth of God conquers even in military defeat.  
Though in exile, Daniel won Nebuchadnezzar's head councilor's seat.

Though enslaved, and taken away to serve a foreign nation  
Joseph saved his people, and his captors too from mass starvation.

There are many examples of war by the old patriarchs and kings  
But only when explicitly endorsed by Him, the bell of victory rings.

And even in victory the blessing can be lost, as David found.  
When planning the Lord's temple, his bloody hands were bound.

'Oh David you gave the enemies of God great cause to blaspheme'  
Let all people learn from this peace, love, and lawful esteem.

## 7. Conclusion – A Call to Christ and Peace

'Oh Cain, the reddened Earth cries out, soaked in your brothers blood.'  
How many of them have you left in desert sands and war-trench mud?

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Receive the Peniel blessing now, for the dawn of peace is breaking.

'Tend well the vines of peace.' Let its good fruit and tendrils  
Reach the hearts and lips of all, even presidents and generals

And learn 'the beginning of strife is the dripping of a crack in the dam.'  
So desist before it ruptures – and seal your hearts with the blood of paschal lamb.

Leave the uncertain wilderness of war uncharted and unexplored  
For all security, all justice, and all vengeance are mine - thus sayeth the Lord.

For a mighty fortress is our God, never failing or deserting  
And all shall be healed in Him of war and pain and hurting.

'Violence shall no more be heard in the land', as we obey His loving orders.  
'Lord, No wasting or destruction shall be within thy peoples borders.'

'But we shall call thy walls, thy gates, thy rod and staff 'salvation'.  
As you defend your people from evil trials and tribulation.'

'You are a shield for those who call, You alone are God, a mighty rock.  
You rescued me from stubborn people, all enemy violence did you block.'

'Let us beat our sword into a plough and our spear into a hook'  
'Then the nations shall not know war', only Christ's shepherd crook

For the sword he has endowed is one which cleaves only lies.  
Let us wield it skillfully, and willfully join His peaceful battle cries.

So onward Christian soldiers! March out as to war.  
But armed with only truth and love of fellow man, for now and evermore.

Come Ishmael, Come Judah, and Arjuna, Come Gautama now and Lao.  
Call upon your one true Christ, Jesus, to end the fighting and the row.

And as Jacob relented all his proud and self-made ways.  
He saw the Face of God revealed in all His glorious rays.

See also Lord Byron's 'The Destruction of Sennacherib' and Frank Foxcroft's Jericho.

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## **z - The Peniel Blessing Part 7 - The Bible On War, Mercy, & Trust**

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Old poems cannot be deleted,  
they just get overwritten with nonsense  
And moved to the bottom of the list  
By prepending with a Z.

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## **ZZ - All Attacks of Darkness Must Be Countered By True Light (Work in Progress)**

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The thief has come, and is here now, to steal our greatest gift:  
The truth which God endowed. In fact he seeks to cause a rift.

His burglar bag holds many tools with which he plies his craft.  
How many souls has he 'liberated' since the first Skeptic laughed?

Skepticism is one tool, with which many safes were cracked.  
But Truth has protected well the treasures inside many which he attacked.

Now his use of this tool has become so ubiquitous and brazen.  
But our treasures will be kept safe when on our hearts we emblazon.

The apologetic truths which allow us all to refute.  
The many lies the thief uses to dispute.

Let us shed light upon the one who moves so freely in the dark.  
Christ has given us a torch which like repellent turns away the shark.

Now they think that they find cause to attack almost every single verse.  
But there are basically three misguided lines of reasoning which they use to curse:

The Sins of the Saints – There is No Contradiction

There is not a person in history, save our Savior Christ the Lord.  
Which has led a sinless life – but that does not afford

All the complaints heard today about the misdeeds described in the good book.  
But the story of their sin is not an endorsement of the wayward path they took.

The truth and relevance is revealed in the ultimate consequence of each iniquity  
From Cain's violence, Ham's perversion, and Abram's hesitation, to Jacob's trickery

From Moses disobedience at the rock, to Achan's greed, and Samson's wayward deeds.  
From Saul's Pride, David's adultery and warring, to Solomon's abominable 'needs'

The wrongs which were done by these old patriarchs and kings  
Are not condoned, but told of to reveal the consequence that sin brings.

Perception of Value Difference

The second major attack is upon biblical values which differ from their own  
There are some real differences, because there are good values which many skeptics  
disown.

Modesty, meekness, worship, pre-marital chastity, evangelism, and piety  
Are just a few which are under the constant attack of the skeptical society.

They have been led astray by their own seductive philosophies of pluralism  
Which cotton to the longings of their heart, their ingrained hedonisms

Arthur Miller, by his own pen, his atheist values were denuded:  
There are no passions quite as hot and pleasurable as those of the deluded

Compared to the bliss of delusion, its vivid colors and liberating joys to explore,  
It's blazing lights, explosions, and whistles; to this the search for truth is a deadly bore.

But there are also perceived differences which the skeptic likes to pretend  
That the little real truth he will confess, is his own, when in truth 'twas the Spirit that penned.

He points with derision at the treatment of women – but there's one thing he's ignored.  
For who, in any other faith, upholds a woman's dignity more completely than Jesus Christ our Lord?

Some indicate that in the bible, slavery is condoned.  
But the message is not to the slaver, but to the one who finds that his life and labors are 'owned.'

What other god lifts up the lowly, and says however you treat these of meager human worth.

So you are treating me. And he turns to them and says: You will inherit the earth!

Perception of History and Science vs. the Truth

Can the Earth stand still and the sun stop in the sky?  
Can waters part and heap up? a common skeptic cry.

Did Christ actually exist, and if he did was there any cross?  
Could anyone calm the tempest waters which turn and toss?

How could any be immune to poison, or the venom of the asp?  
How could physical healing occur from a simple faithful clasp?

Was the Earth created in one-hundred and forty four hours?  
Could any be so endowed with such supernatural powers?

These are valid questions and the Christian must respond.  
With valid answers – for the morning of apologetic truth hath dawned.

The types of the responses are broad and all of them legit.  
Faith is one, but there are many others which reason may permit.

A second is that the truth of the account lies primarily in the underlying message.  
Just like the parables of Christ, or as a prophecy – a sign of what shall presage,

Some later event. You see there are many layers of truth the text may immerse.  
Not each of which is on the surface of each and every verse.

That said, there is sufficient logic to prove the existence of a Creator.  
And given that He exists why would we expect him to be nothing more than a debater.

If you confess that He has the power to speak the whole universe into existence.  
Why would you treat the accounts of other miracles with resistance?

Well what is this proof of which I speak.  
The most obvious is in each strand of DNA unique.

A million monkeys, at a million typewriters, would require a million-billion years  
Until a brief Shakespearean quote even once appears.

The hundreds of enzymes which are required for the formation of DNA  
Are billions of times longer, more complex, and random than this unlikely monkey  
play...

The possibility of it coming together randomly is said to be one in ten with forty  
thousand zeros  
Mathematically 'impossible' is anything with a likelihood of less than one in ten with  
fifty zeros

So it is wildly beyond the imagination, that life by itself could ever unfold.  
Whether the universe is six thousand or fifteen billion years old.

Therefore who has the more irrational belief and who follows the straighter path.  
He who accepts that there is a creator, or he who insists on this infinitely remote math.

And a simple question in response to the one who says it is impossible to know:  
Just how do they know that this is so?

An atheist once quipped that if one day he meets God his defense would be,  
That he just wasn't given enough evidence to clearly see.

But evidence is sufficient and there is even more upon request.  
For when we knock with a truly open heart, God does the rest.

Another atheist once said that he wanted God to be a lie.  
For then he would be free to pursue every dark perversion of his heart.

So if after you contemplate the evidence in favor of Jesus Christ  
You still have 'doubt, ' then I would suggest that it is sin which has enticed

Your heart into the utopian conviction imagined by John Lennon.  
With no God, no law or religion, and neither Hell nor Heaven.

"Isn't it all just a walk on slippery rocks or a smile on a dog? "  
The Crow sings as it sits upon Camus' dead and fallen log.

"I'm not aware of too many things  
I know what I know, if you know what I mean"

That's why Jesus declared that even if a dead man rose from the grave and went to his  
brothers  
It would not be enough for them, if they had already ignored the prophecy of many  
others.

So though it may be as plain as day, not all will accept the truth with ease.  
For it is not through seeing that one believes, but through believing that one sees.

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## **zzz - Our Demons/Our Psychoses - part 8 - Apathy vs. Care**

old version

But affluence brings a subtler more conniving demon named Apathy.  
Which cultivates a mild alienation into a stronger antipathy.

An attitude of 'me', whether for luxury or just for simple 'needs'.  
Off the path of empathy, care, and caution this diversion leads.

Perhaps you once really cared about the truth and relationship with Christ.  
But there are parties to attend and your favorite e-bay item is about to be re-priced.

There are so many things to do and entertain and distract  
But this is not how Jesus Christ taught us to act.

Loving our neighbor and helping out the poor.  
Visiting the scripture and the church, instead of just the store.

Reaching out to our personal enemies, burying the hatchet.  
Instead of tearing up a relationship, Jesus wants us to patch it.

Strive for something better for you spirit and your neighbors  
Find a way to spend your spare time in truly fruitful labors.

For if we choose to ignore, we choose ignorance:  
A callous and cavalier bliss in place of real benevolence.

Disempowerment is the final gift of this successful demon.  
So know that shunning one's cares does not make a freeman.

Weakness and timidity are not what the Holy Spirit bestows  
A spirit of bountiful strength is the crop that this good spirit grows.

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### **zzz - The Flocks (old version)**

The fields of wheat are filled with weeds; some fig trees have stopped fruiting  
The time of beast and serpent nears, they plot the vineyard vines uprooting.

Following the serpents siren song, the flocks have left the fold  
The proud have wandered away from their shepherd of old.

Prowling and coordinating the foretold plan, the beast  
Enlists the ranks of predators into the brotherhood of serpentine false priest

Leviathan lies in wait beneath the marshy fen  
And signals fellow minions to prepare to begin.

Though the fisherman's schools of fish are teaming  
The requin shiver circles, the crafty sharks are scheming.

The sheep are all divided many driven to distraction  
The weak have followed the proud out of simple interest or attraction

In rites of bleating howls, the pack promises the sheep a lupine fleece to try-on  
And some wander off entranced by the gentle purring of the lion

The raven deals with them to sell their pure white wool.  
For the price of initiation into the party of boasting bull.

The shepherd calls each one back to the fold by name  
He sends his helpers out to warn them of their foolish game.

The razorbacks and wild dogs sense an opportunity for gluttonous gouts of blood.  
Help the proud sheep to entice their brothers away from meadow into bogs of mud.

The proud ones tell the others that the shepherd was a myth  
Frolicking with the leopards is liberating - run to them forthwith.

The lion invites the sheep to observe the land from his perch in the trees  
In giddy thrill, they ignore the helpers' warnings, calls, and pleas.

Let the condors lift to new heights, and teach flight to our little lambs  
Predation is a fairy tale; the old limitations and doctrines are only shams

Just look at the awesome strength of our new friend tiger.  
Let us emulate the lion dam and give him offspring like the liger.

Our 'shigers' will be big and strong, clearly superior  
Be brave and leave turf-eaters behind to old-fashioned ways inferior

In fact, who needs them any way? They only hold us back.  
Let us instead learn the ways of wolf so we can run freely with the pack.

If the coyote has so many clever wiles  
Let us learn his wisdom and his ways, all his genius guiles.

The flower of the thorny roses dead, calls, forestalls the loss of their head.

Entering the bed, the deuce covers lost alba hue with paint of red.

Oh, the time has come, curious oyster friends to speak of other things  
The walrus begins his smoke screen bluster about cabbages and kings.

The fish in streams and seas though belonging to the fisher  
Are stolen one by one in beastly deed which evil times doth usher.

Come to me little fishes calls the crafty bear.  
Fly up from your stream beds taste the freedoms of the air.

Go with the flow little fishes calls the Dead sea of blood and salt.  
Forget the rumors heard of how your heart and gills will halt.

Innocuously swims up the aqueous serpent preparing his venom rank  
We're in this stream bed together – but I can teach you to crawl upon the eastern  
bank.

The crocs circle round overhearing the trap the snake has planned.  
And call the sheep for a swimming lesson, if they will just come down to the banks of  
sand.

The hyena laughs at the shepherd's doctrine: a call to repent.  
And offers what he says the shepherd really meant.

The coyote shrieks in the piteous pitch of yin.  
With feigned wound and false pride, more sheep are taken-in.

The false prophecy of boa winds itself among its prey.  
Binding them in sin for constriction on the beastly day.

Impersonating the shepherd, but blaspheming his Word.  
The predators close in to gorge upon the adepts of the fallen herd.

Though the smoke from Leviathan, the faithful sheep, it cannot smother.  
It attempts, as apiist, containment and apathy, preventing the rescue of their brother.

Cobra too menaces faithful sheep, spewing venom through its headline fangs.  
To deter them all from rescuing the lost from the clutches of the gangs.

Cowed into helpless sedation so many submit in ignorance or fear  
Until, "I give you not a spirit of timidity, but that of strength, " the shepherd calls unto  
their ear.

Under the protection of shepherd's crook they march out bleating loud.  
Calling all their family home before terrible fate is meted to the proud.

The helpers stand ready to free them from their mess.  
When sheep look up to the shepherd and faithfully confess.

The helpers bleat for reason as the proud vainly bruises udders.

But with ears so full of lies they ignore the truth as merely mutton mutters.

The good reapers work the fields to gather all the grain into the garner  
Before the weeds and chaff are burnt up, the shepherd sends out the final  
gleaning-warner.

All faithful sheep and those repentant, behind the shepherd's gate  
Saved from the ferile eels, all the schools within good fisher's net, the final catch is  
great.

In blast of steam and ash Leviathan begins to swell.  
Withering the unfruited trees, he opens wide the mouth of hell.

Profaning the shepherd of the heavens, the volcanic eruption peaks  
Amid Hyena Laughs, Leopard Growls, Gorilla Hoots, Baboon Howls, and Coyote  
Shrieks,

All hell breaks loose, so many sheep are lost to the jackal  
The boa cinches tight the noose, the fires rain and crackle.

The skies blackened with soot, the locusts armed to teeth descend  
Upon all the painted roses and corrupted vegetation on which wicked faithless sheep  
depend.

The black panthers under cover of the darkness prow!l  
Savaging, ravaging, the victims bemoan their fate and howl.

The tempest rages and many are destroyed by the wave and gale of hurricane.  
Save those who trusted on the shepherd who long ago wailed in the ultimate of pain.

In the end, all the proud are lost to the pride,  
For the pride devours those who can't admit that their serpent master lied.

So listen to this doormouse, and heed what I have said.  
Keep your head. Indeed. Keep fresh your faith and heart and head.

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