

# Total Person and Society

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# **1 First Things**

## 1.1 Logo



I should explain what the logo is meant to be representing. The guy is a pen, which is me, which comes from my first poem in Philosophy Core, called Creative Process, where I refer to myself as doing Tai Chi, with my pen being my body. The idea is based on "the pen is mightier than the sword" so I created "the Bible is mightier than the pen".

The Bible is shooting out flames because in Ephesians it talks about spiritual warfare and the Bible is the only armament that is offensive. (It means offensive instead of defensive. These are common terms used in combat. The sword is the only spiritual weapon. All the other armaments expressed in Ephesians are protective and defensive in nature like a shield, a helmet, a breastplate, etc.) The flames are meant as in James when it talks about being purified by fire or struggles with temptation in our lives. Isaiah also was purified by a live coal to his lips by a Seraphim. So the usage of fire is not evil or anything violent. Think of it as purifying.

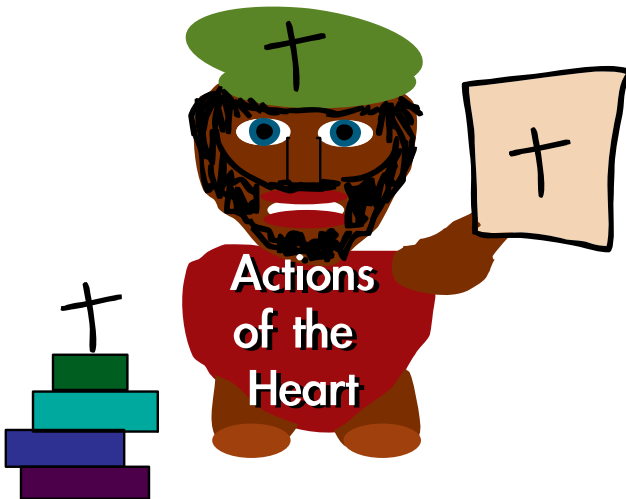
I would ideally like it to show the sword turned inward to his chest, symbolizing like in many fantasy books that when they defeat the great evil force in the world,

they are left with the greatest task, which is to defeat the evil within. The Bible is said to be a 2 sided sword, with the ability to cut between bone and marrow, and show the truth. Christ's tongue is said to be a 2 edged sword in Revelations, to defeat the Devil with. The reason I didn't show this is it looks like he is committing suicide.

The spiritual warfare is not against people, ideas, or even spirits. It is about fighting for the purity of our own minds. It is an internal thing. Like the Native American proverb "my greatest enemy is myself." This purity is in regard to our own sins and does not refer to purity in any other sense. But this is a process, not an outcome, as it is not possible for us to live without sin.

This warfare is only spiritual in the sense that it is not militant, social, economic, or political. This is for my own moral and ethical development and consists of practical qualities I try, with Christ's help, to cultivate like humility, compassion, kindness, and seriousness and do not correspond to anything supernatural.

## 1.2 Other Books



My text books and picture books contain most of my work over the past 10 years. These include my reading of

some 235 books containing the philosophical and religious thinking of the worlds cultures for several thousand years and the application of the main themes of some of the major Old Testament Prophets and major works of the New Testament.

The main point of this work is to get people to stop living their lives with their minds, but instead follow their hearts. I bring a radically different combination of viewpoints that you have not heard of before. I am not asking people to follow what I have written, but rather let the words stir up some sort of emotional response in your heart.

I challenge my readers to come up with their own unique ideas and that can lead the world in a new direction. We need a much broader diversity of ideas in our culture to deal with the problems we are facing in America and throughout the rest of the world.

### **1.3 For More Information**

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## 1.4 Cover Graphic



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## **1.6 Introduction**

In *The Free Thinking Christian* series, I showed how the Bible teaches us to be both humble and compassionate as well as kind and serious, and in *Justice and Hope*, I talked about how God calls us to both have hope in everlasting life but also to work towards class justice here on earth. In *Total Person and Society*, I unite the predominantly atheist view that sees the person as composed only of body and mind and the predominantly Christian view that the body and mind are entirely manifestations of sin. The paradox of people living as spiritual beings while still existing in the flesh and the mind is what this book is about, as the Bible ministers to the entirety of the person and the society they live in. This book was mainly inspired by Isaiah, Psalms, and parts of the New Testament as well as Ayn Rand, Hannah Arendt, Fashionology, and several lesser known Existentialists.

## **2 Foundations**

## 2.1 Internal Alchemy

### 2.1.1 The Mystic

**T**he mystic makes a choice  
To follow his heart  
In the face of the cravings  
Of his stomach  
And the projections of his mind  
He reaches out for truth  
Stretching his physical body  
To the very limits  
So that he may purify  
His very average soul  
Mysticism is not about  
Supernatural powers  
Or about an expanded mind  
It is not about  
Living in poverty  
Either physical or spiritual  
It is not based on  
Hidden techniques  
Or secret writings  
Mystics do not wish  
To see visions  
Or witness the paranormal  
Living as a mystic  
Is a way of life  
It is an ethics  
That is all encompassing  
It is not primarily  
About self control  
It is not shrouded in mystery  
There are no rituals  
And there is nothing hidden  
Or reserved for those  
With greater abilities  
In discipline or intelligence  
Mysticism is an attitude  
It is the act of  
Drawing closer to God

In many ways  
There is no path  
And there is no destination  
There is just the person  
And his Creator  
A mystic does not withdraw  
From human society  
The mystic can have  
A number of friends  
A mystic should be sociable  
And out going  
But he does not need  
To be a teacher  
Mysticism is about action  
As well as thoughts  
Focusing on correct thoughts  
Overflows into compassion  
You start with humility  
And you carry it out  
Into helping those in need  
The mystic lives the Gospel  
According to Luke

### **2.1.2 The Mind**

Our thoughts flash  
Like lightening  
Across our mind  
In an instant  
We leap from  
Joy to frustration  
From peace to anger  
Our minds are  
Our perception  
And the basis  
For our consciousness  
Everything we think  
Everything we know  
Travels across  
The frontiers of our brain  
We live in the world

According to the whims  
Of what our brain  
Decides to reveal  
There is no event  
That we experience  
Out of the world  
Of our own minds  
When we think  
We are objective  
We show our ignorance  
Schizophrenia is a root-kit  
In our brains  
When the mind  
Is compromised  
We will never know  
How it affects  
What we know  
To be true  
What we feel  
And the reality  
We live in

### **2.1.3 The Heart**

The icy wind cuts  
Through my heart  
The darkness is complete  
When my heart aches most  
It is in the last hours  
Before the sun rises  
That the night  
Penetrates deepest  
In each moment  
Of the complete silence  
The imagination grows  
Impossible noises  
Until they are deafening  
When it is cold  
Or when the sky  
Is covered in dark clouds  
There is room for magic

And the imagination  
Comes by in full force  
What we feel  
In the distant places  
Of our sleeping mind  
Comes alive to dance  
Through our waking reality  
The times of darkness  
Bring memories of familiarity  
And the stillness  
Reminds us of potential  
Worlds of fantasy  
My heart is forged  
Out of cold metal  
The fire melts  
My harsh exterior  
The freezing water  
Strengthens my will  
My heart grows  
In intensity of tempo  
I fan the flames  
And breathe life  
Into the white coals  
I am continually beaten  
Until my blade  
Can survive the striking  
Of my opponent  
My heart is only ready  
When my blood has warmed  
And my lungs are fully  
Expanding and retracting

#### **2.1.4 The Stomach**

Early morning hunger  
Is invigorating and helpful  
Late night hunger  
Is depressing and sad  
I stretch wide  
My stomach walls  
As I yawn and flex

With each sigh and step  
My stomach moves in concert  
With all my other organs  
With each word and breathe  
The stomach expands and contracts  
We see our stomachs  
As part of digestion  
And little more  
Feeling come from the bowels  
And the stomach turns  
With each thought of  
Anticipation and reflection  
Our stomachs are our center  
Our pathway to sustenance  
Both spiritual and physical  
We feel bounty and plenty  
With our stomachs  
We praise God  
From the bottom of our stomachs  
We say no  
To what our stomach desires

## **2.2 Philosophy of Religion**

### **2.2.1 Theology includes Philosophy**

Everyone has a perspective  
Everyone has opinions  
There is nothing theological  
That is not influenced by philosophy  
We do not live in a vacuum  
And ideas come from somewhere  
There are no new philosophies  
Just restatements done with less eloquence  
There is no way to only study the Bible  
We are only fooling ourselves  
And no one else  
We cannot distance ourselves  
From our own foolishness  
We are corrupt to the core  
It is not possible to read the Bible

Without prejudice and without feelings  
The Bible is not meant to be  
A list of rules or a systematic theology  
Don't you think there is a reason  
That there are so many views on  
Every branch of theology?  
The Bible is not meant to be interpreted  
The same by the entire church  
The Bible is not about a set theology  
No one will ever uncover  
The full philosophy of the Bible  
The greatest theologians  
Have only scratched the surface  
And were wrong more times  
Than they were right  
Verses don't mean just one thing  
The Bible should not  
Be read in any set order  
Verses should not stand alone  
There are no hidden meanings  
But few meanings have been found  
There is more to a single phrase  
Than can be understood  
By the human mind in all eternity  
And the Bible is only one small part  
Of who God is  
To say we were only influenced by the Bible  
Or that we believe what the Bible says  
Does not adequately explain our beliefs  
We have presuppositions and experiences  
But these aren't necessarily stumbling blocks  
Feelings are great and mental exercises are of  
use  
But we need to reflect on our background  
Or we will be repeating the mistakes  
Of even the greatest of theologians  
It is ok to not be right on even the main points  
To disagree creates a healthy diversity  
The church does not need core beliefs  
Our doctrines only hold us back  
There is more to life than theology

And there is more to the Bible  
Than your statements of faith

### **2.2.2 Honesty**

When you make claims  
Which you use Scripture  
To support your position  
It is not honest  
When you don't state  
Your intentions up front  
And explain your background  
We are not merely spiritual beings  
We are not just vessels  
Of God's will  
We have our own  
Hopes, desires, and dreams  
We are not pure spirits  
With empty minds  
There is a psychology  
To religious beliefs  
Ideas don't come  
Out of a vacuum  
We cannot wall ourselves  
Off from unbelievers  
We cannot understand  
Our culture expect by  
Reading books  
Besides the Bible  
Our minds are sponges  
And we absorb ideas  
From places we are  
Often unaware  
This is the use of  
The study of philosophy  
We get impressions  
From many venues  
We just assume  
They are all from the Bible  
Just because we are Christians  
What we come up with

Is not independent  
Of our culture and history  
Ideas influence us  
In subtle and surprising ways  
We do not need to read a book  
To be influenced by capitalism  
Or to evaluate atheism  
We are part of a larger  
Ecosystem of dialogue  
Great thinkers build  
On what others have said  
Christian and otherwise  
Great theologians study philosophy  
Some of the greatest philosophers  
Were trained as theologians first  
The early church adopted  
Many ideas from Greek paganism  
There is no way to be purely Christian  
Without affection and sympathies

### **2.2.3 Freedom of Choice**

Scripture is not meant  
To be understood intellectually  
Nor by our feelings alone  
Although Scripture ministers  
To all areas of our person  
We should keep our focus  
On the heart and the will  
It is good to have diversity  
Especially in opinion and perspective  
The Bible is not meant  
To be interpreted in just one way  
We don't need an entire denomination  
To be in agreement on any doctrine  
Don't you think there is a reason  
Why no one can agree  
Or that theologians were interested  
In such different topics  
Throughout divergent eras?  
The more widespread the views

The harder it is to see a pattern  
God deliberately designed the Bible  
To be poetic instead of legalistic  
God could have just written  
A list of rules and left it at that  
We could just turn off our brains entirely  
But that is not God's nature  
He wants us to make rational decisions  
And for different people  
To go into different directions  
And to see the Bible from different views  
We have to realize that God speaks  
To our entire person  
That God is spirit and flesh  
Christianity is not meant to be an organization  
Or to have a rigid structure  
Even the Bible explains salvation  
Differently every time  
All believers will enter Heaven by grace  
But each will do it in a different way

## **2.3 Total Isolation**

### **2.3.1 1**

Most people work a 9 to 5 job  
They put the required effort  
In their jobs  
And they are content  
With the results  
They don't commit themselves  
Totally to anything  
But there are situations  
Some of us find ourselves in  
Where there is no downtime  
There are no breaks  
Time to sleep is minimal  
Safety is non-existent  
And there is no method  
Of getting away from prime time

**2.3.2 2**

When you enlist in the Army  
Your life is no longer your own  
Joining is the last decision you make  
Your intelligence is of no use  
And your training a waste of time  
There is no way you can get prepared  
For a life without freedom  
When you lived a life with  
Choices for everything  
There is only one way to march  
One way to shoot a rifle  
There is one way to make your bed  
And there is only one way  
To don your protective mask  
There is one way to throw a grenade  
And one way to dig a foxhole  
There is no time to think about  
Theories of war or the Geneva conventions  
There is never a time when you  
Can let your guard down  
Your life is totally committed  
You have your reasons for enlisting  
But they matter less and less  
Enlistment is a one way tunnel  
And there are no stops or ways out  
You can shoot yourself in the foot  
But then your job will just be harder  
You can follow your job to the letter  
And yet be valued the same  
As the biggest screw-up  
You could follow directions exactly  
And still get captured  
The others fail you all the time  
But if you ever fail them  
The cost is enormous  
If you fail to listen to instructions  
You could be the next victim  
Of the war on terror  
You could pay attention to

Every last detail  
And still end up needing to be  
Identified by DNA

### **2.3.3 3**

When you are committed  
Even when voluntarily  
There is no escape  
From the terror  
Your days pass by  
With hours of no memory  
The pain takes weeks  
To lessen noticeably  
You must stay in Hell  
And there is no quick way out  
You are not informed of your rights  
But it would not matter  
You still could never understand  
You are not in your right mind  
The doctor controls your fate  
You can be sent to the state hospital  
And never be released  
Or get out in a couple weeks  
You have no choice  
What really scares you  
Are others like yourself  
You are all in the same boat  
You cannot get out  
Until you are scanned  
You are crammed into  
A small tunnel  
And you cannot leave  
Until they are done  
You cannot see out  
And they cannot give you  
Enough tranquilizers to calm you  
You want to return to normal  
But you cannot work  
For at least a year  
Or you will never get

Your state pension  
You have to wait another year  
For low income housing  
If you are lucky  
You have family  
Who can and will take you in  
And who will do your paperwork  
None of it starts until  
You know about it and register  
If you live on the street  
You are stuck being homeless  
And there is little hope  
Of being able to get out

**2.3.4 4**

It is a real shock  
The first time a person  
Realizes that old people  
Are rude and mean  
This is the generation  
Of entitlement  
Social Security was designed  
Not for the poor but for the rich  
Senior citizens think  
Everybody owes them  
They think that because  
They won World War II  
That they are superior  
To the following generations  
They think we get off easy  
Because inflation has raised  
Our minimum wage  
They think because we have  
Less real money than them  
That it is because we didn't  
Work hard enough  
They are out of touch  
With current events  
They think that Iraq  
Was responsible for 9/11

They don't know the difference  
Between Iran and Iraq  
They still don't trust Germans  
Or the Japanese  
They are sensitive about  
Communism even though  
It was defeated over 15 years ago  
They talk about their  
Grotesque health problems  
And never bathe  
They are racist and prejudiced  
They act like children  
But think young people  
Are immature  
They are mostly uneducated  
And they just sit around  
All the time  
They hate technology  
Or any invention of the  
Last 25 years  
They don't like music  
That was composed  
In the 50s or later  
They sing nursery rhymes  
And can't remember who they are  
This was my experience  
Living in a retirement home  
In my mid twenties

## **2.4 Comfort for the Afflicted**

### **2.4.1 Isaiah**

For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a  
strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge  
from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when  
the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against  
the wall.

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<sup>1</sup>Isaiah 25:4

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him. For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

2

But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One

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<sup>2</sup>Isaiah 30:18-21

of Israel. Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

3

Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the

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<sup>3</sup>Isaiah 41:8-20

north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

4

The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up. Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

5

For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people. My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine

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<sup>4</sup>Isaiah 49:8-13

<sup>5</sup>Isaiah 50:5-10

arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed:  
neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not  
be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame  
of thy youth, and shalt not remember the re-  
proach of thy widowhood any more. For thy  
Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is  
his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of  
Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he  
be called. For the Lord hath called thee as a  
woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a  
wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith  
thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken  
thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.  
In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for  
a moment; but with everlasting kindness will  
I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Re-  
deemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto  
me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah  
should no more go over the earth; so have I  
sworn that I would not be wroth with thee,  
nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall de-  
part, and the hills be removed; but my kind-  
ness shall not depart from thee, neither shall  
the covenant of my peace be removed, saith  
the Lord that hath mercy on thee. O thou af-  
flicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted,  
behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours,  
and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I  
will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates  
of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant  
stones. And all thy children shall be taught of  
the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy  
children. In righteousness shalt thou be estab-  
lished: thou shalt be far from oppression; for  
thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall  
not come near thee. Behold, they shall surely  
gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall  
gather together against thee shall fall for thy  
sake. Behold, I have created the smith that  
bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth  
forth an instrument for his work; and I have

created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

7

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

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<sup>7</sup>Isaiah 54:4-17

<sup>8</sup>Isaiah 58:6-12

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her

bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

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I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

10

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

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<sup>9</sup>Isaiah 61

<sup>10</sup>Isaiah 63:7-9

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### 2.4.2 After Isaiah

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach. For the Lord will not cast off for ever: But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

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The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him

13

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are

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<sup>11</sup>Isaiah 66:10-14

<sup>12</sup>Lamentations 3:21-33

<sup>13</sup>Nahum 1:7

the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

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But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid

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And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

16

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

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<sup>14</sup>Matthew 5:3-12

<sup>15</sup>Matthew 14:27

<sup>16</sup>Luke 7:13

<sup>17</sup>John 14:27

<sup>18</sup>Romans 8:28

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

19

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

20

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ

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For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

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<sup>19</sup>Romans 8:35-39

<sup>20</sup>Romans 15:4

<sup>21</sup>2 Corinthians 1:3-5

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For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

23

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

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<sup>22</sup>Hebrews 4:15

<sup>23</sup>1 Peter 2:21-24

<sup>24</sup>1 Peter 5:6-7

### **3 Government and Society**

## **3.1 Capitalism and Atheism**

### **3.1.1 Un American**

**C**onservatives say that  
It is un American  
To challenge the power  
Of multinational corporations  
But how American  
Are these companies?  
They don't pay any taxes  
To the American government  
They don't employ US workers  
They are invested in by  
Unstable dictatorships  
Countries in the Middle East  
Their bank accounts are in  
Offshore islands  
Or Swiss banks

### **3.1.2 Democracy vs. Capitalism**

Our enemy during the cold war  
Was communism  
And millions died for this cause  
But what were we fighting for?  
Democracy isn't the opposite of communism  
Anymore than medicine  
Is the opposite of sociology  
How could people be against communism?  
A more equitable distribution of wealth  
Should fit in comfortably  
In a country with a distribution of power  
What we were really fighting was dictatorship  
But we supported other dictators  
The only thing that differentiated  
Our "communist" enemies from  
Our dictator friends  
Was who would open their markets  
Their raw materials and cheap labor  
To multi-national corporations

To sap every drop of possible profit from  
The reality is that no one has ever  
Or would ever give up power willingly  
The only reason why we can speak freely  
In America is because our souls  
Are bought and paid for in full  
The only way the government would allow  
Government that is voted in office  
Is if they had absolute control over the media  
We can say whatever we want in America  
So long as no one hears it or doesn't act on it

### 3.1.3 Freedom and Terror

We are afraid of being attacked without warn-  
ing  
We lost 3,000 of our people  
Those in the Middle East are tired of being vic-  
tims  
Of American violence  
We have killed off hundreds of thousands of  
them  
And we are fighting the wrong nation  
It is just like how the police in America  
Don't bother to solve crimes  
But rather find the nearest person of color  
To be a scapegoat to appease the grieving  
Who is really a threat to who?  
A few thousand poor people  
With improvised weapons living in tents  
Or the most wealthy nation in the world  
Which has the capability to fight the entire  
Rest of the world together and win  
We spend more in a day on war  
Than our entire annual budget for education  
The president thinks it is a waste of money  
To offer free medical care for the poor  
But keeps on donating money to the rich  
Who have drove their companies into the ground  
We spend more on software  
That we could get a better version for free

Than the annual salary of the person  
Operating the computer  
In a third world country  
Our kids take drugs to escape from reality  
And that finances the Middle Eastern terrorists  
We invade their country but won't  
Destroy the crops that it comes from  
For fear of alienating ourselves from the locals  
There is an easy solution  
It is against the religious beliefs of those  
Who are growing the drugs to continue with it  
So all we need to do is guarantee them the  
    same money  
From selling something that is not a drug  
But our government is really afraid of  
Alienating the multi-national corporations  
That got the government elected

#### **3.1.4 More than Bread**

Man does not live on bread alone  
What is best for man  
Is not limited to what is best  
For his taste-buds  
And for his sensual enjoyment  
A person has more needs  
Than food clothing and shelter  
Man needs a good relationship  
With God with other people  
And with the animals and plants  
And his entire ecosystem  
Which is primarily spiritual  
What we see is not all there is  
What we can sense is not eternal  
Satisfying our feelings  
And maintaining physical health  
Is not the entire picture  
People have hearts and souls  
They need to help others  
They need to give of themselves  
This may not be a balanced accounting

In the realm of money  
But the heart and the soul  
Have needs as well  
What the body craves can actually  
Destroy the mind  
What the mind craves can  
Destroy the heart  
We need to know there is more  
To life than eating and sleeping  
What we need to be satisfied  
Is in the giving of ourselves  
To our Heavenly Father first  
In humility and reverence  
And to those who are in need  
Who are physically, emotionally, or spiritually  
Hungry and malnourished  
We need to sacrifice our own needs  
So that we both may live better lives  
It is bad to be a slave to work  
But it is worse to be a slave to your belly  
This is the problem  
With solutions to problems  
That are only economic  
This is why communism and capitalism  
Both fail at improving lives  
Like treating medical problems  
Without awareness of the patients minds  
Does not guarantee good health  
It does not matter how much money  
You have or how protected you are  
If you cannot make the lives  
Of anyone else better  
Than how can you call yourself human?  
Even animals help other animals in need  
Even plants provide for life  
Giving of themselves  
And returning the resources back  
When they part with life  
The point of a business is to make money  
At least theoretically  
And a corporation only has a responsibility

To its shareholders  
There is nothing to be gained  
By society as a whole  
Even if the business advances technology  
Or extends our lives  
Because it is doing it at the cost  
Of other people and animal's welfare  
To live happy and fulfilling lives  
We do not need cell phones  
Or computer games  
Having a more powerful military  
Does not guarantee we will win wars  
Having the best education system  
Does not mean there will be no crime  
Immunizing people against diseases  
Does not guarantee a long life  
Man does not live on bread alone

### **3.1.5 Conscience**

Some people say we need  
Objective standards to live by  
So that we can all agree  
On what is right and wrong  
We make all these turns of logic  
And people are then  
Afraid to make choices  
Or more likely turned off by  
Ethics in particular  
Or philosophy in general  
We do not need to understand  
The phenomenology of Hegel  
To know what is right  
Is it surprising that basic laws  
Are similar across belief systems  
And that people still find  
The Bible is relevant to them?  
Is it a wonder that atheists  
Are much more likely  
To be afraid of death?  
There are absolutes

And this does not mean  
That we can be objective  
But rather that the Creator  
Of the multi-verses  
Actually exists  
That we are responsible  
For our own actions  
Whether or not we claim  
We didn't understand  
Do businessmen really  
Believe in being honest  
That killing off an entire species  
Or leveling an entire forest  
Or experimenting on animals  
Or wiping out an entire civilization  
Is not wrong?  
People lie and rationalize  
God doesn't

### **3.1.6 Logic and Religion**

Why do we need rules?  
Why can we just live  
By doing what helps ourselves?  
How do we define  
What helps ourselves?  
Is there no such thing as generosity?  
Do we think that all our desires  
Could be satisfied on our own?  
Could we have a society  
Where everyone did whatever  
Gained him the most  
And ignored the spiritual dimension?  
Spiritual forces are at play  
And are involved in every thought  
And action we make  
Denying that there is a God  
Does not make it so  
And getting rid of religion  
Because some people abused it  
Does not solve the real problem

The real problem is that  
When we seek to satisfy  
Our own desires  
And do not keep our focus on God  
And on those in need  
Our desires escalate  
First, we are fed with bread  
Then, all we want is cake  
Then all we want to have is a job  
Then all we want is to be middle class  
Then all we want is a car  
Then all we want is a house  
Then all we want is a wife  
Then all we want is a family  
But seeking all these  
For the benefit of just yourself  
Adds up to a very sad world  
That no one would want to live in  
Do you ever wonder what  
Car companies would do  
If wheel technology was patented?  
How would we communicate  
If the English language was copyrighted?  
What if libraries were illegal?  
How could people afford to do research?  
What if we didn't have free education?  
What if there were no scholarships?  
The point is that even the universe  
Did not come out of a vacuum  
We are all interrelated to each other  
And we all have had help  
No one is a self made man  
Businesses get more government money  
Than those on welfare  
We need to see to our whole  
Community and its welfare  
If we are to live in peace with each other

### **3.1.7 On Marx and Engels**

Communism has failed

And yet it has never actually been tried  
We associate freedom  
With domination by monopolies  
And morality with corruption  
The whole world is oriented  
Around how to make a few people  
Even richer than they are now  
The only developments we see  
Are first applied to warfare  
Or they receive no funds  
We want to minimize our losses  
But if they are not Americans  
We don't care how many suffer  
Even those who are our allies  
Unless they are white  
We are only limited in  
The deployment of violence  
By our fear of retaliation  
But that is not great  
In a world we dominate  
In every sense of the word  
We can afford to launch  
Preventative wars against countries  
Who are driven by morality  
Just because we have no values  
We think freedom is about money  
And the only sin is enjoying sex  
We think that people's behavior  
In their bedrooms  
Is more important than what  
Others do in boardrooms  
We think we are so different  
Than our greatest enemies  
But we really see life the same way  
They only hate us because we are rich  
And we only persecute them  
Because we use different vocabulary  
Giving money to those in need  
Is considered corruption  
And our only values  
Are about saving money

Because their may be inefficiency  
In the government running welfare  
We get rid of it entirely  
There is less and less of a middle class  
And people only think they are  
Because they keep changing  
The meaning of the word  
We are continuing to get poorer  
More in spirit than money  
But we keep on voting  
For those who created our problems  
The word liberal is so vilified  
That the average American  
Thinks the poor should be punished  
We keep on taxing alcohol and tobacco  
With no restraint  
And no one speaks out for the poor  
But even our poor  
Are rich by the world's standards  
But no one considers Africa  
Or anywhere there isn't oil  
We only treat those in the  
Middle East as people  
To the extent that we  
Are addicted to oil  
We know we are running out  
But it is considered un-American  
To use alternatives or to conserve  
American values consumerism  
Most our economy is based on spending  
The only thing our government  
Asks of us is to get ourselves into debt  
For things we don't need  
Or even care much about  
The ideas of Marx and Engels  
Are very much alive  
Their solution would never work  
But their statement of the problem  
Is as relevant today as when  
They first wrote it  
The difference is that the proletariat

Is in the Third World  
But anyone who isn't white  
We really have no time for

### **3.1.8 Marxism is Defeated**

We have long since defeated  
What we call communism  
And yet we still think it alive  
And fear it alone  
Basically we equate any idea  
Of justice or peace  
As a ruse to a dictatorship  
The only people we trust  
Are the cowards that send  
Our children to war  
And spend their time in office  
Finding ways to make themselves richer  
With no thought as to the consequences  
We think that war means peace  
And that evil is good  
We claim to be a Christian nation  
And yet our values  
Are whatever makes the most money  
We don't care if the corporations  
Control the government  
We call this democracy  
And claim that is what we fight for  
But the only people that win  
Are those supplying the weapons  
Our heads of state are capitalists  
And the only thing that motivates them  
Is the interests of those with  
The most money  
Because they never spend any of it  
But on charities that get them more money  
They are considered good and moral  
We think that every rich man  
Got his wealth by his work alone  
And the only way God blesses us  
Is by making us materially rich

Christ would be a liberal  
And that makes Christians mad  
Because that means they are in the wrong  
They are too busy persecuting  
Those who look Middle Eastern to them  
Than to think about compassion or humility  
They see Christ as a conqueror  
Basically Rome is their God  
They only pray to God  
Because they think that will help them  
Win more wars  
Like a superstition they pick and choose  
Obscure references and equate them  
With invented meanings  
They are right on every detail  
Of every subtlety of cultural meaning  
And yet miss the main ideas

## **3.2 Greed is Bad**

### **3.2.1 The Prophets on Greed**

How is the faithful city become an harlot!  
it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged  
in it; but now murderers. Thy silver is become  
dross, thy wine mixed with water: Thy princes  
are rebellious, and companions of thieves: ev-  
ery one loveth gifts, and followeth after re-  
wards: they judge not the fatherless, neither  
doth the cause of the widow come unto them.  
Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts,  
the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me  
of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine en-  
emies: And I will turn my hand upon thee, and  
purely purge away thy dross, and take away all  
thy tin:

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All ye beasts of the field, come to devour,  
yea, all ye beasts in the forest. His watchmen

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<sup>25</sup>Isaiah 1:21-25

are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

26

Therefore I am full of the fury of the Lord; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days. And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the Lord. For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

27

Why then is this people of Jerusalem slid- den back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle. Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord. How

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<sup>26</sup>Isaiah 56:9-12

<sup>27</sup>Jeremiah 6:11-13

do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them? Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush:

28

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

29

Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink,

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<sup>28</sup>Jeremiah 8:5-12

<sup>29</sup>Jeremiah 17:9-11

and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him? He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the Lord. But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.

30

Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the Lord hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon. O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.

31

In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God. Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the Lord have spoken it, and will do it. And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

32

And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they

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<sup>30</sup>Jeremiah 22:13-17

<sup>31</sup>Jeremiah 51:12-13

<sup>32</sup>Ezekiel 22:12-15

hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

33

Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand. And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

34

Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us. Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

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<sup>33</sup>Ezekiel 33:31-33

<sup>34</sup>Micah 2:1-2

<sup>35</sup>Micah 3:9-12

The good man is perished out of the earth:  
and there is none upright among men: they  
all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man  
his brother with a net. That they may do evil  
with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh,  
and the judge asketh for a reward; and the  
great man, he uttereth his mischievous de-  
sire: so they wrap it up. The best of them is  
as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a  
thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy  
visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

36

Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he  
is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who  
enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death,  
and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him  
all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

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### 3.2.2 New Testament on Greed

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth,  
where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where  
thieves break through and steal: But lay up for  
yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither  
moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves  
do not break through nor steal: For where your  
treasure is, there will your heart be also.

38

No man can serve two masters: for either he  
will hate the one, and love the other; or else he  
will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye  
cannot serve God and mammon.

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<sup>36</sup> Micah 7:2-4

<sup>37</sup> Habakkuk 2:5

<sup>38</sup> Matthew 6:19-21

39

He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

40

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

41

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you,

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<sup>39</sup>Matthew 6:24

<sup>40</sup>Matthew 13:22

<sup>41</sup>Matthew 16:24-26

That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

42

Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Ceasar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Ceasar the things which are Ceasar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

43

And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

44

That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

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<sup>42</sup>Matthew 19:16-24

<sup>43</sup>Matthew 22:17-21

<sup>44</sup>Mark 4:18-19

<sup>45</sup>Mark 7:20-23

And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

46

When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

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Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye

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<sup>46</sup>Luke 12:13-21

<sup>47</sup>Luke 14:12-14

did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

48

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

49

But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

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Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or

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<sup>48</sup>John 6:26-27

<sup>49</sup>Romans 1:28-32

<sup>50</sup>1 Corinthians 5:11

covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

51

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him

52

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that

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<sup>51</sup>Ephesians 5:1-5

<sup>52</sup>Colossians 3:1-10

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they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

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For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

54

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

55

He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For

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<sup>53</sup>Philippians 3:17-19

<sup>54</sup>1 Thessalonians 2:3-6

<sup>55</sup>1 Timothy 3:2-5

we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

56

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

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Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have:

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<sup>56</sup>1 Timothy 6:4-11

<sup>57</sup>2 Timothy 3:1-8

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for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

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From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

59

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall

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<sup>58</sup>Hebrews 13:5

<sup>59</sup>James 4:1-10

be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

60

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

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<sup>60</sup>2 Peter 2:1-3

<sup>61</sup>1 John 2:15-17

## **4 Fashion and Consumerism**

## 4.1 Computers as Fashion

### 4.1.1 Computers by Generation

**C**omputers are more than products  
We use for their utility  
Computers are a method  
Of showing where you fit  
In society as a whole  
People like to flock  
To certain technologies  
According to their generation  
My parents' generation  
And older  
Do not like computers at all  
My generation uses computers  
For research primarily  
The next generation is interested  
In virtual communities  
And the sharing of their  
Digital creations  
My generation still reads books  
To get information  
But read the Internet  
For current news  
My parents generation  
Still watches TV  
Their parents read the newspaper  
My generation plays  
Computer games to socialize  
And stay current  
Computer have affected  
All areas of life  
But culture has been influenced  
To the highest degree  
Websites are becoming mainstream  
For every kind of business  
And people just assume  
Everyone has email  
Internet chat is mainstream  
And so is interactivity

Web pages both visually  
With animation and motion  
And the ability to customize  
And take ownership  
In the web sites they frequent  
Some do this simply with comments  
While most major companies  
Host blogs for employees  
The campaigning for elections  
Is focused on the Internet  
More and more  
Anyone can be a journalist now  
Without any official office  
And the independents  
Publish more accurate information  
Everything is going the route  
Of paid for by advertisements  
Some entire movies are an ad  
And many times it is hard to tell  
How much of the story  
Is based around advertisements

#### **4.1.2 Mobility and Cell Phones**

Everyone now has a cell phone  
Parents even buy ones  
For small children  
People send messages  
And get email on tiny screens  
They even view the web  
In a screen of only  
A few inches wide  
Kids spend most their time  
Sending text messages  
To their friends  
They have invented a  
Whole new language  
An abbreviated English  
People usually spend  
More money on their cell phones  
Than on their computers

There are even games  
For these tiny screens  
The next generation  
Is not content to wait  
Until they get home  
To work on their computers  
They want to be in touch  
At any time of the day  
No matter what they are doing  
It is common for people  
To use cell phones  
While driving in cars  
They even take cell phone  
On family vacations  
And use them as babysitters

#### **4.1.3 Musical Addictions**

People now buy computers  
Just for music  
They spend as much  
On their computer  
As on their iPods  
These devices hold  
Tens of thousand of songs  
They hold so many songs  
That they can be listened to  
For years without hearing  
Any song twice  
Kids can't imagine  
What they would do  
Without access to music  
Even while at school  
Or adults while  
They are at work  
People are now buying  
All their music online  
They no longer  
Buy entire albums  
Or even put them  
On audio CDs

They float around  
On the Internet for free  
But you can be  
Sent to prison or fined  
Big money for stealing  
People even want to exercise  
While listening to music  
They expect to be able to  
Run down the street  
Without being able to  
Hear cars coming

## **4.2 Psychology of Fashion**

### **4.2.1 Originality and Conformity**

Our ticket to success  
Is by how well we fit in  
No one likes an  
Independent thinker  
Or someone who is creative  
In what clothing they wear  
People will pay more  
For someone's name  
On their clothing  
We wear the brand names  
As a symbol of pride  
To get a famous athlete  
Or clothing they wear  
With their name on it  
Is much better than  
The same shirt with  
No brand name written on it  
Our conformity to fashion  
Is a way to appear  
More wealthy than others  
We live in trashy  
Homes or apartments  
But won't be caught dead  
With a knock off  
Shoes are more expensive

Than an entire outfit  
It does not matter  
Anymore what you can do  
But rather how you look  
Women spend big money  
To paint their faces  
And color their hair  
You would think they  
Looked like zombies  
Without all this makeup  
Even models wear  
Big money on their faces  
Jewelry is considered better  
If the stones are flawed  
Lives are destroyed  
So that fiancées  
Can all have real diamonds  
When you could produce  
A more perfect one in a lab

#### **4.2.2 Independence and Conformity**

The younger generation  
Always wants to stand out  
And express their individuality  
But they express this  
All in the same way  
Kids paint their finger nails  
Black and die their hair  
Bright artificial colors and even  
Put holes in their bodies  
And ink on their skin  
All so they can show  
Their parents that they stand out  
They crave independence  
From their elders  
But give in to peer pressure  
They will do anything to  
Prove their parents wrong  
But at the cost of real freedom  
There is always a new drug

That seems to offer a perfect high  
But then kids get killed  
Or addicted and their minds destroyed  
Escaping reality is so important  
That they rather die many years sooner  
Than live a healthy life  
Young women smoke cigarettes  
To lose weight when they would lose  
Just as much by walking only a mile

#### **4.2.3 Perfect Man - Perfect Wedding**

Every women is indoctrinated  
From as early as childhood  
That they are a princess  
And they will marry a prince  
They plan their weddings  
Before they go on their first date  
Women are so obsessed  
With the popularity and status  
Of who they date  
That they end up with someone  
Who only want to watch football  
And has no time for them  
They look for the fixer upper  
And the guy who acts cool  
Over the sweet one  
Who would really be dedicated  
My generation has given up  
On even the idea of marriage  
It is this idea that  
Just because I have never met  
A man worth marrying  
There must be no good men  
The way to find a spouse  
Is to keep high standards  
On being willing to be alone  
Rather than enter a failed marriage  
To find the perfect date  
Be the perfect date  
Don't be obsessed with impressing

Each other but be genuinely kind  
Really think about the other person  
And try to make their lives better  
Give of yourself and give it time  
You will not be disappointed

## **4.3 Society and Fashion**

### **4.3.1 Competition**

In a capitalist society  
We are all rich  
When we live in the  
Colonial power's homeland  
The old rich  
And the new rich  
Love to try to outdo each other  
But the same struggle work its way  
Down to every class  
Kids have their own status symbols  
Women have different one's than men  
Men compete by speaking the  
Common language of American football  
And women compete  
In shopping and clothing  
Kids are like little versions  
Of their parents  
The rich girls like the jocks  
No one really outgrows high school  
People don't mature much  
Past when they come of age  
Men live their struggles  
Through loyalty to different teams  
And women try to outdo each other  
In whatever the stars are wearing  
If we spent our money  
On those in need  
Rather than on luxuries  
The money would be used  
Much more efficiently

### 4.3.2 Hollywood

Hollywood is corporate culture  
They are our idols  
And they are our symbols  
They are known worldwide  
People love to complain  
About how rich they are  
But we keep wanting  
To see them in movies  
And to hear about them  
In the media  
They push the limits  
On sexuality and violence  
A real fantasy world  
Invented by the corporations  
To sell more products  
They are not any different  
Than us except for the cash  
The young people  
Get their lives destroyed  
By drug addiction  
And party away their youth  
They want to be mothers  
But they don't let their kids  
See their movies  
The men get older and older  
And the women like them  
More and more  
But the women are thrown  
Out at middle age  
Maybe if we had movies  
With actual stories  
They wouldn't need the women  
To be so young

## 4.4 Affections

### 4.4.1 From Psalms

Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put  
my trust. O my soul, thou hast said unto the

Lord, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight. Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

62

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight,

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<sup>62</sup>Psalm 16

O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

63

Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked. I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord: That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

64

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

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As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when

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<sup>63</sup>Psalm 19:8-14

<sup>64</sup>Psalm 26

<sup>65</sup>Psalm 27:4

shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

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O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me. When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

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For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more

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<sup>66</sup>Psalm 42:1-5

<sup>67</sup>Psalm 69:5-11

than heart could wish. They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency. For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children. When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins. So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee. Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

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Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

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Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,

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<sup>69</sup>Psalm 84:5-12

<sup>70</sup>Psalm 91:14-16

as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

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Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me. My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times. Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments. Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies. Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes. Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

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O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

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<sup>71</sup>Psalm 119:9-16

<sup>72</sup>Psalm 119:17-24

<sup>73</sup>Psalm 119:97-104

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments. Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful. My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words. Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

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#### 4.4.2 Other Verses

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

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Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

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And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet

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<sup>74</sup>Psalm 119:137-144

<sup>75</sup>Deuteronomy 6:5

<sup>76</sup>1 Chronicles 29:3

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shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

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The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

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Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

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Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all. For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth. And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things.

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<sup>77</sup>Matthew 10:38-42

<sup>78</sup>Mark 12:19-31

<sup>79</sup>Romans 12:10

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And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me. Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them. But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.

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If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

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For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth

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<sup>80</sup>2 Cointhians 7:13-16

<sup>81</sup>Galatians 4:14-18

<sup>82</sup>Colossians 3:1-4

her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

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<sup>83</sup>1 Thessalonian 2:3-11