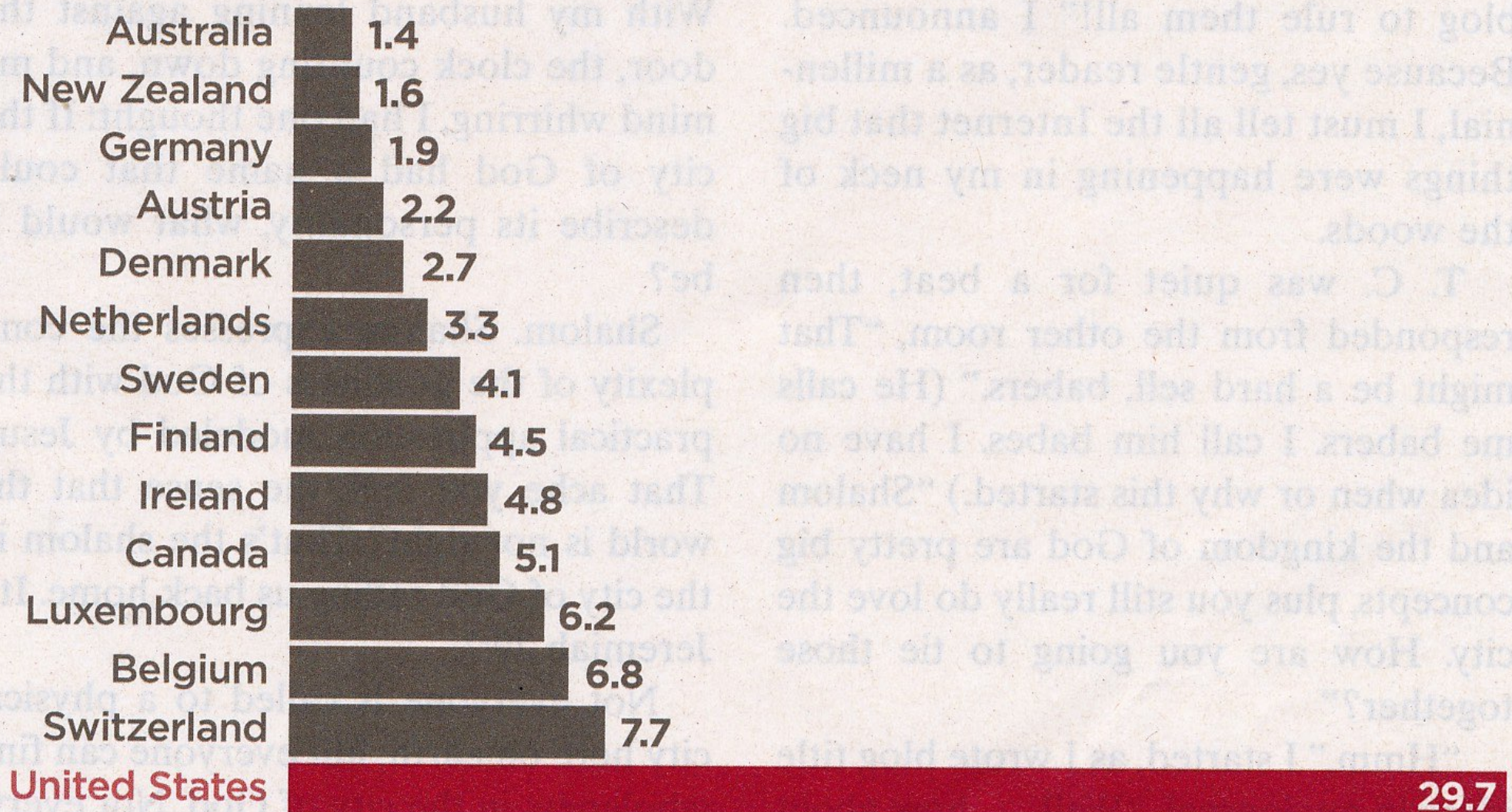


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AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM

SOURCE: UNODC, SMALL ARMS SURVEY (VOX, OCTOBER 2)

Homicides **by firearm** per 1 million people





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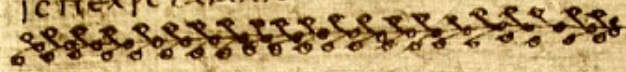
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what it means to be a person
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"BOLD AND FASCINATING"
—ELAINE PAGELS

THE FIVE GOSPELS

WHAT DID JESUS REALLY SAY?

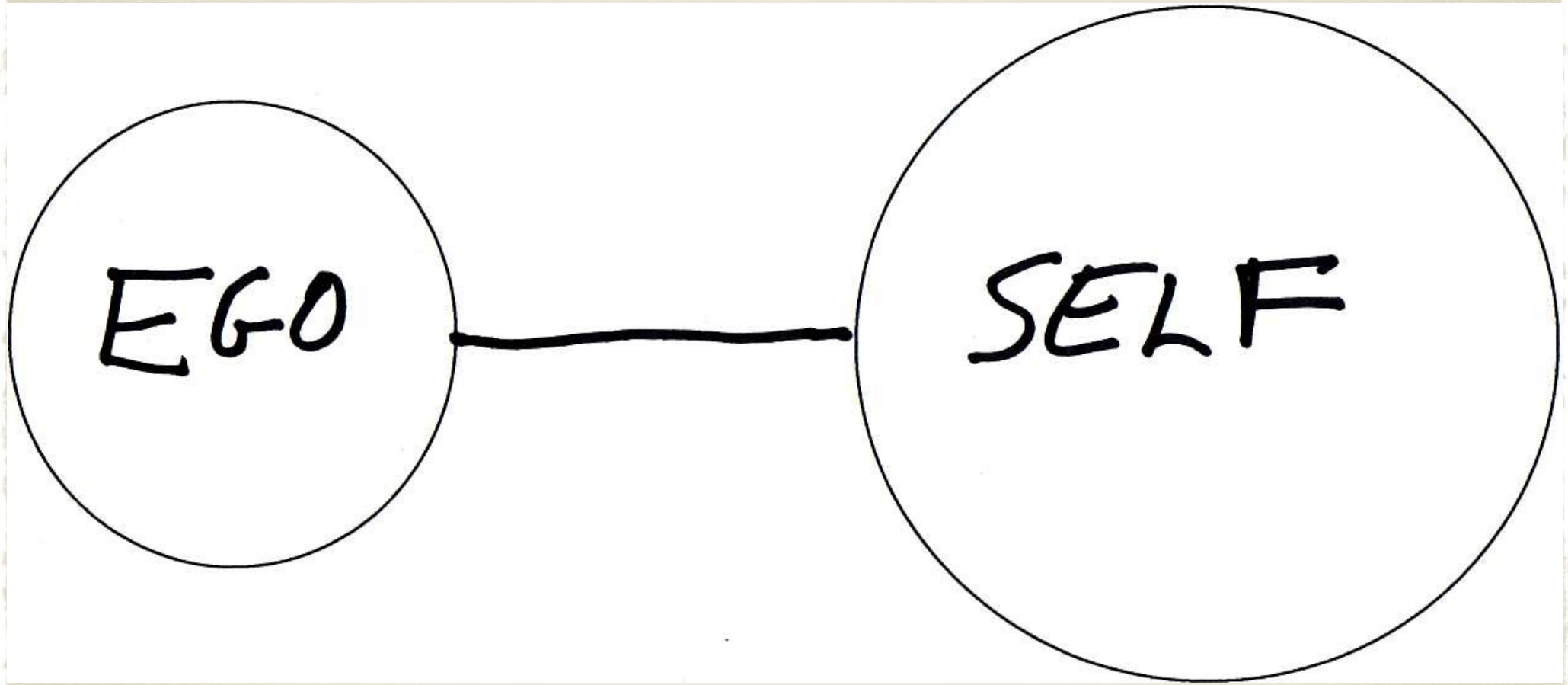
*The Search for the
Authentic Words of Jesus*

NEW TRANSLATION AND COMMENTARY BY

ROBERT W. FUNK,
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Wretched is the flesh
that is dependent
upon the soul,
and the soul that is
dependent on the flesh.



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If we confuse the “ego” with the “Self,” that confusion will prevent each from functioning on its own level and in a manner that is appropriate to its own wholeness.

The first step in spiritual growth is an “enlightened ego.”

This “enlightenment” leads to an understanding of Self that **KNOWS** that if it is dependent on the ego for being, it is doomed.

Unconsciousness responds to
consciousness in the same
way that consciousness
regards unconsciousness.

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The ego is all about
knowledge, information,
data, etc.

The Self is all about
wisdom, understanding,
love, inclusion, peace, etc.

The over-arching goal of
psycho-spiritual work
is growing in our ability
to experience and express
peace, love and joy.

As long as people, any people any where, experience themselves as separate from Sacred Mystery, we are subject to ignorance and illusion, weakness and suffering.

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And, paradoxically, though disciplined practice is essential to the spiritual life, spiritual attainment is not the result of our efforts.

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"You lose your phone again, Rusty?"

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As one person,
I cannot
change the
world, but I
can change the
world of one
person.

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If some hypocrite is standing
between you and God, that
person is closer to God than
you are.

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An enlightened ego knows
what enlightenment is -

ridding oneself of the illusion of
what is “inside the mind”

ridding oneself of the illusion of
what is “out there”

we are to be involved in the
process of becoming centers
of freedom and love

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impermanence

suffering

“not-self”

Who are you?

And, who is the you that
answers that question?