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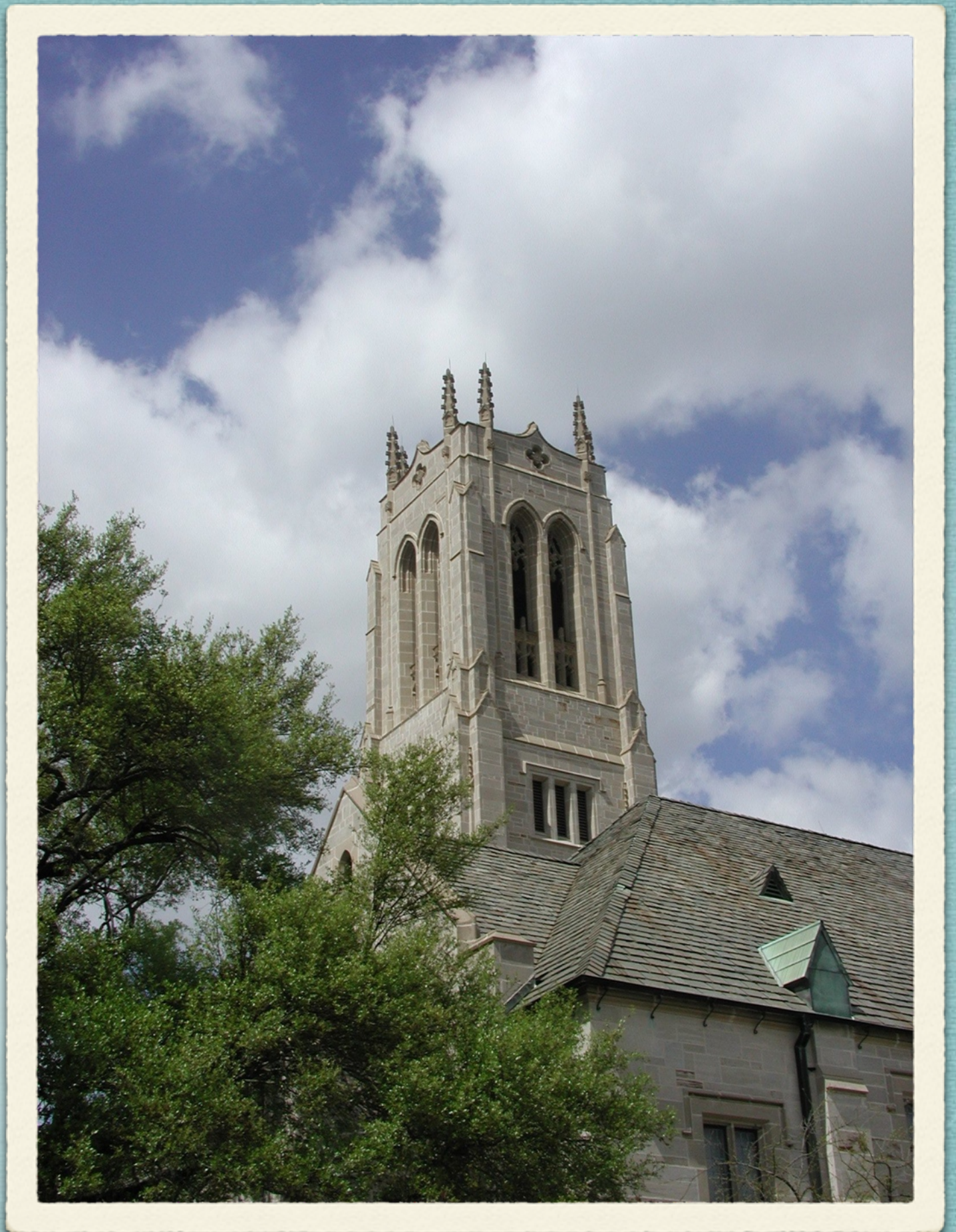
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Ordinary Life is about
growing in religious literacy
& spiritual intelligence in
ways that lead to increasingly
compassionate lives & living.

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Life is an
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offering of
St. Paul's
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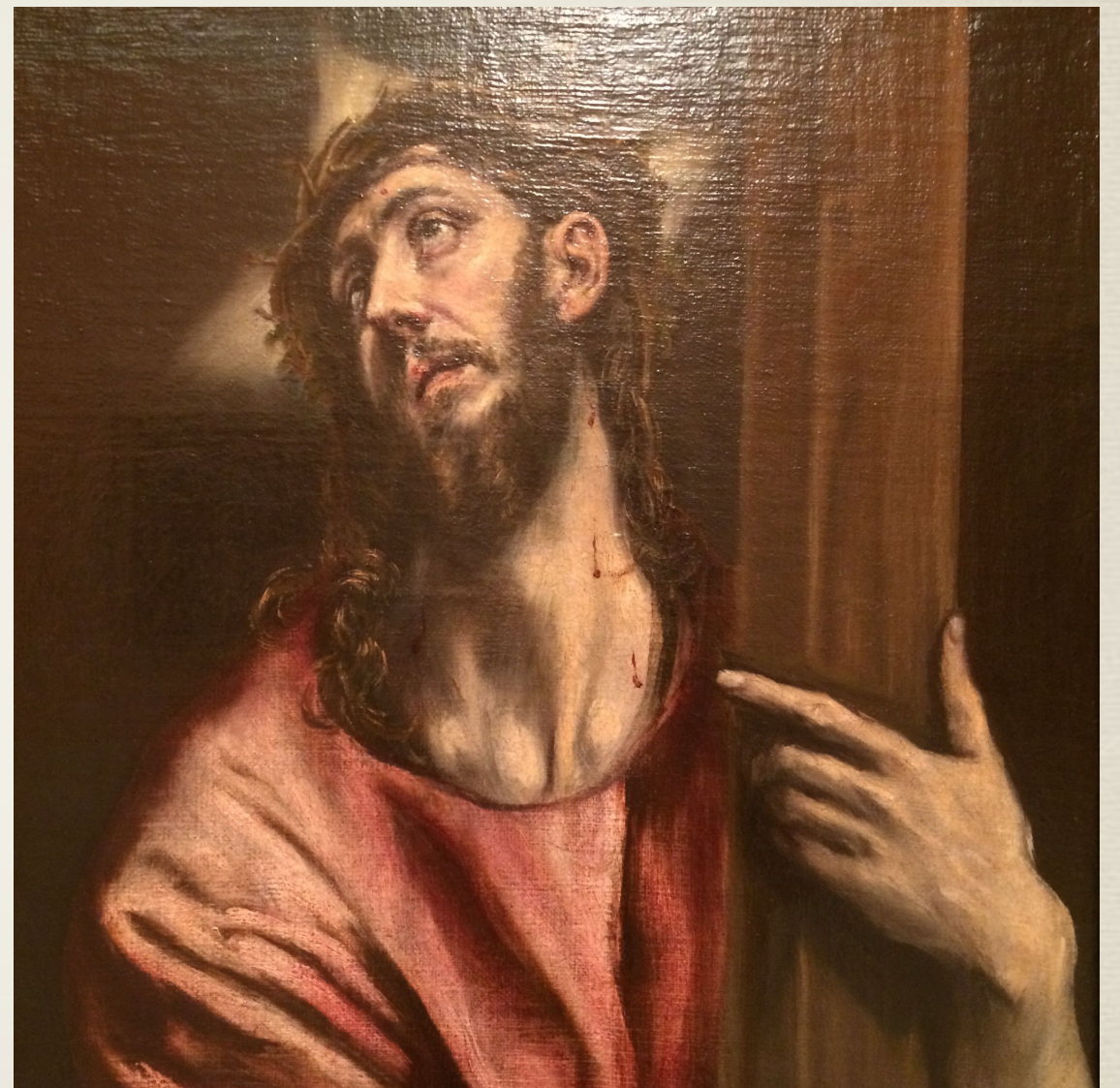
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*"St Paul's is a cathedral for
Houston that embodies the city's
diversity,
inspires faith, and leads to change
for the common good of all peoples
and
communities."*

The Current Emphasis in Ordinary Life is -

Embodying the
Spirit of a
Revolutionary
Mystic



In Ordinary Life we are on

A Journey Into Wholeness

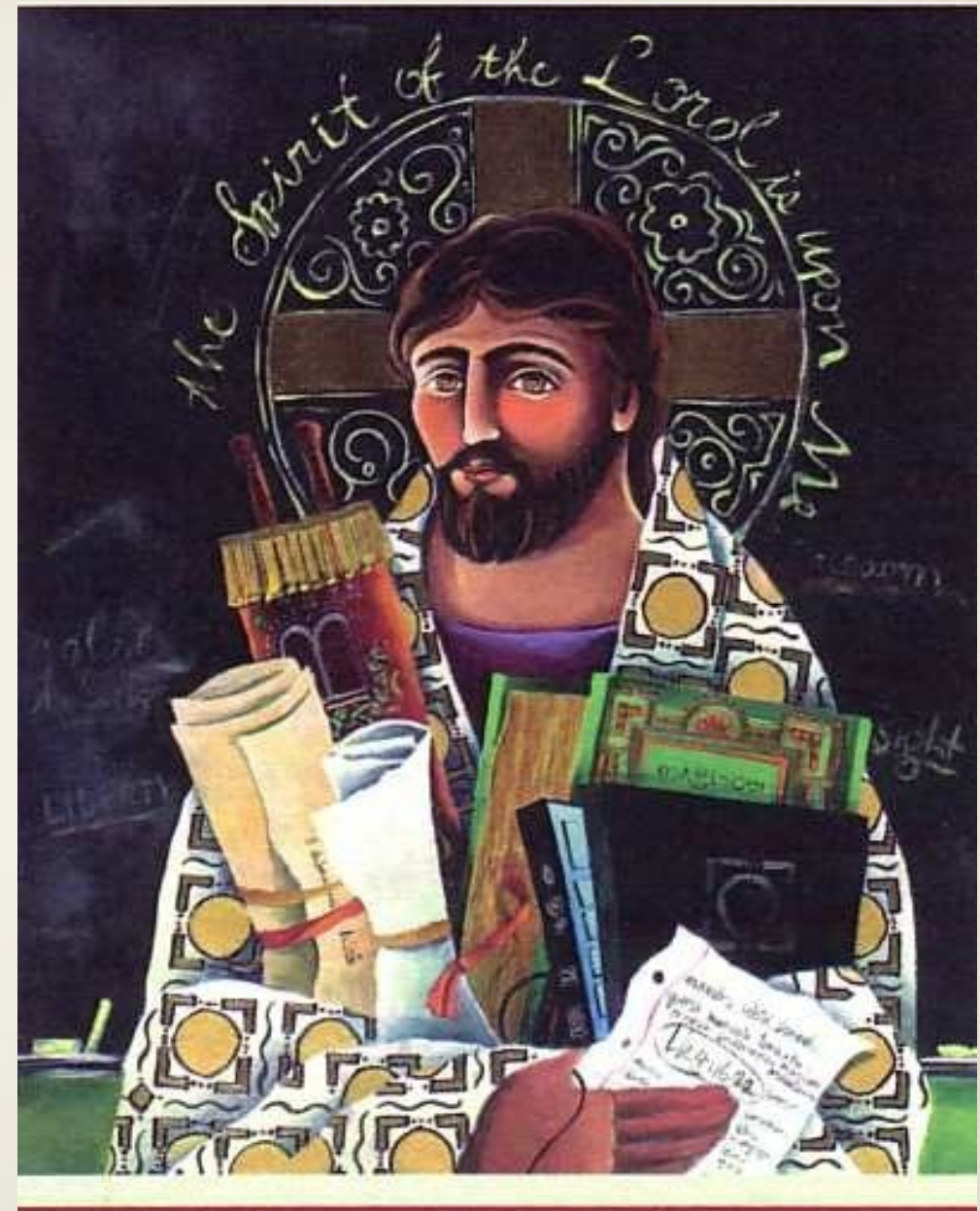
By Following the Teachings of Jesus

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The Revolutionary Mystic

As found in
The
Gospel of
Thomas

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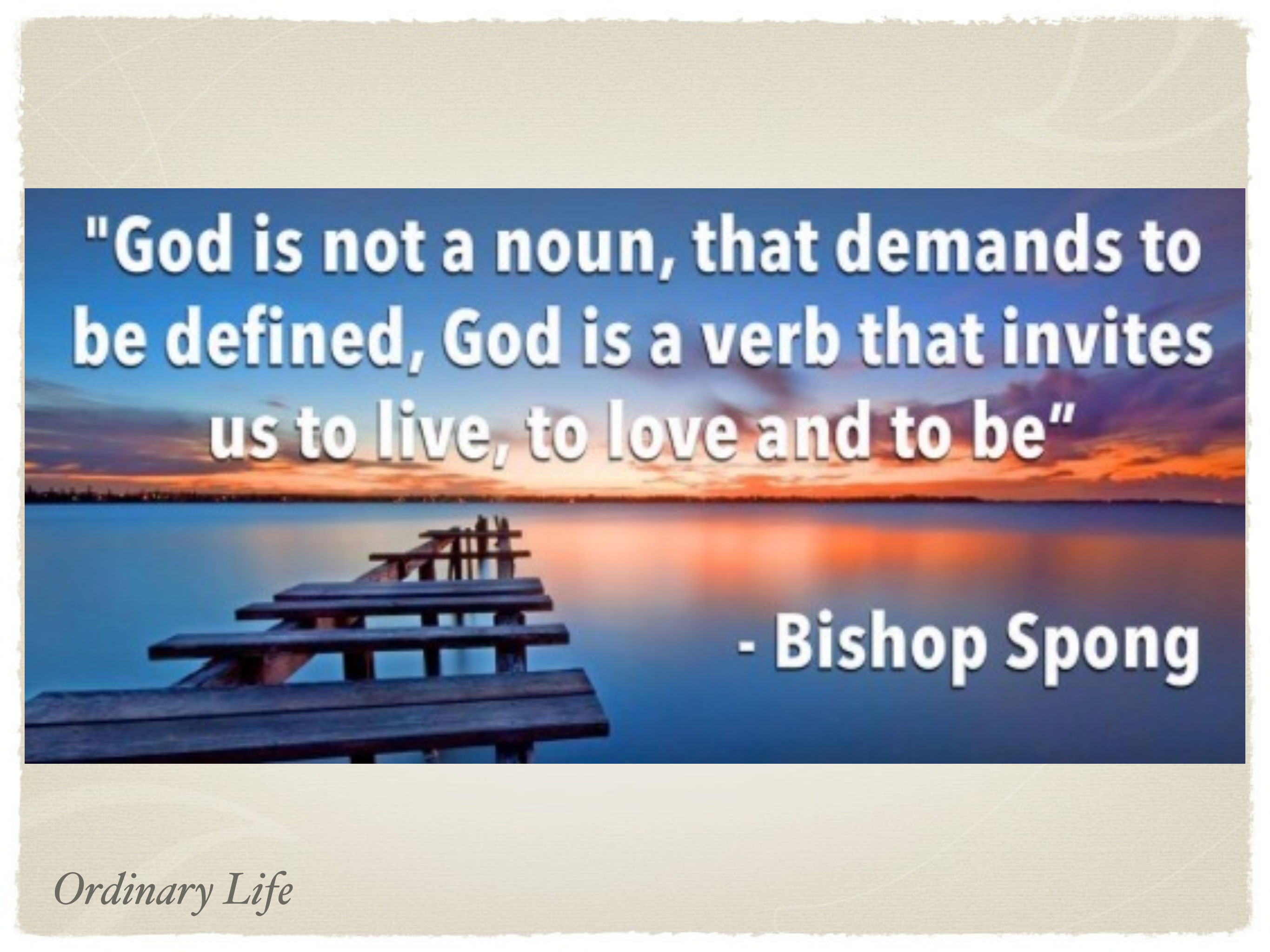


Christ the Teacher



*Ordinary Life creates a crucible in which
people can
deepen an awareness of who they are,
develop relationship with others,
grow in spiritual intelligence,
make a difference in the world*

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"God is not a noun, that demands to be defined, God is a verb that invites us to live, to love and to be"

- Bishop Spong

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Today's Talk

Contradiction, Challenge and Comfort

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TODAY IN CONSPIRE

How to Worry Less

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NEXT ORDINARY LIFE TALK

Roddy Young - Relationships

The next saying from the
Gospel of Thomas we'll study is

*No prophet is
welcomed home.*

No healer cures acquaintances

“Among all my patients in the second half of life - that is to say, over thirty-five - there has not been one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life.”

- Carl Jung

The “Life Talks” Offered
in Ordinary Life Are
Designed to Help Us
Make the Journey into
Wholeness

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*The central truth of and for
spiritual practice is “paying
attention” and learning to be with
“what is.”*

Most of the new arrivals seem incapable of conversation. They just stare at their hands in despair.



ACTUALLY, YOU HAD A
PRETTY GREAT LIFE, BUT
YOU WERE LOOKING DOWN
AT YOUR PHONE AND YOU
MISSED IT!



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DAN ROE

I'VE GOT EIGHT LIKES,
THREE FRIEND REQUESTS
AND A NOTIFICATION.

I WAS RETWEETED
SEVEN TIMES AND
FAVORITED TWICE.

TAP
TAP
TAP



TAP
TAP
TAP



MY COMMENT WAS
UPVOTED AT REDDIT!

SOMEBODY JUST RE-
BLOGGED MY TUMBLR!

TAP
TAP
TAP

TAP
TAP
TAP

ONE MORE SECOND--
I NEED TO SEND A
QUICK TEXT! AND
ANSWER THIS EMAIL.

NO PROBLEM! I WANT
TO INSTAGRAM THIS
SELFIE! AND CHECK IN
TO FOURSQUARE.

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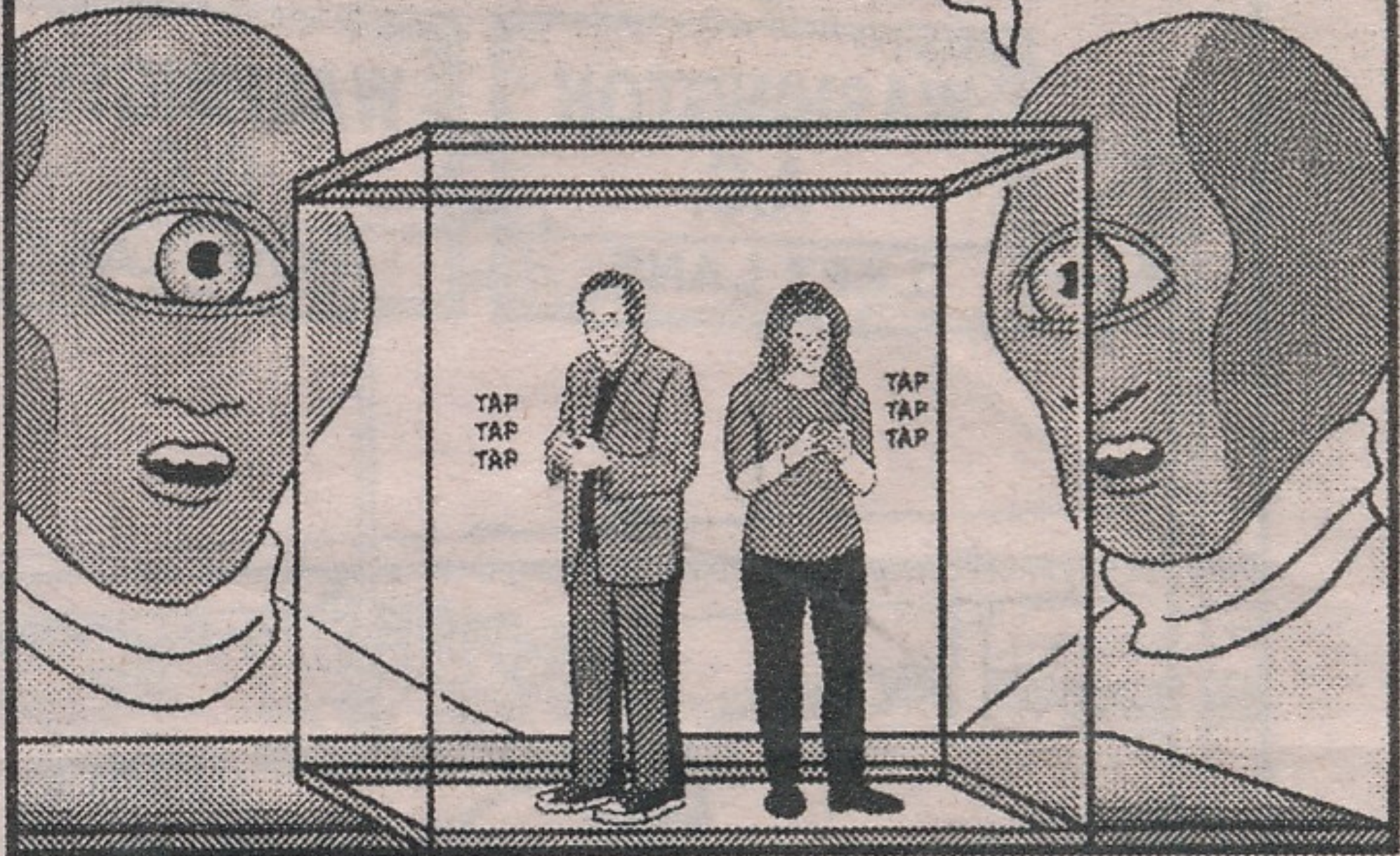


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FASCINATING! THE DEVICES APPEAR TO STIMULATE THE REWARD CENTERS OF THEIR TINY BRAINS.

APPARENTLY THEY'LL KEEP PUSHING THOSE BUTTONS **INDEFINITELY!**

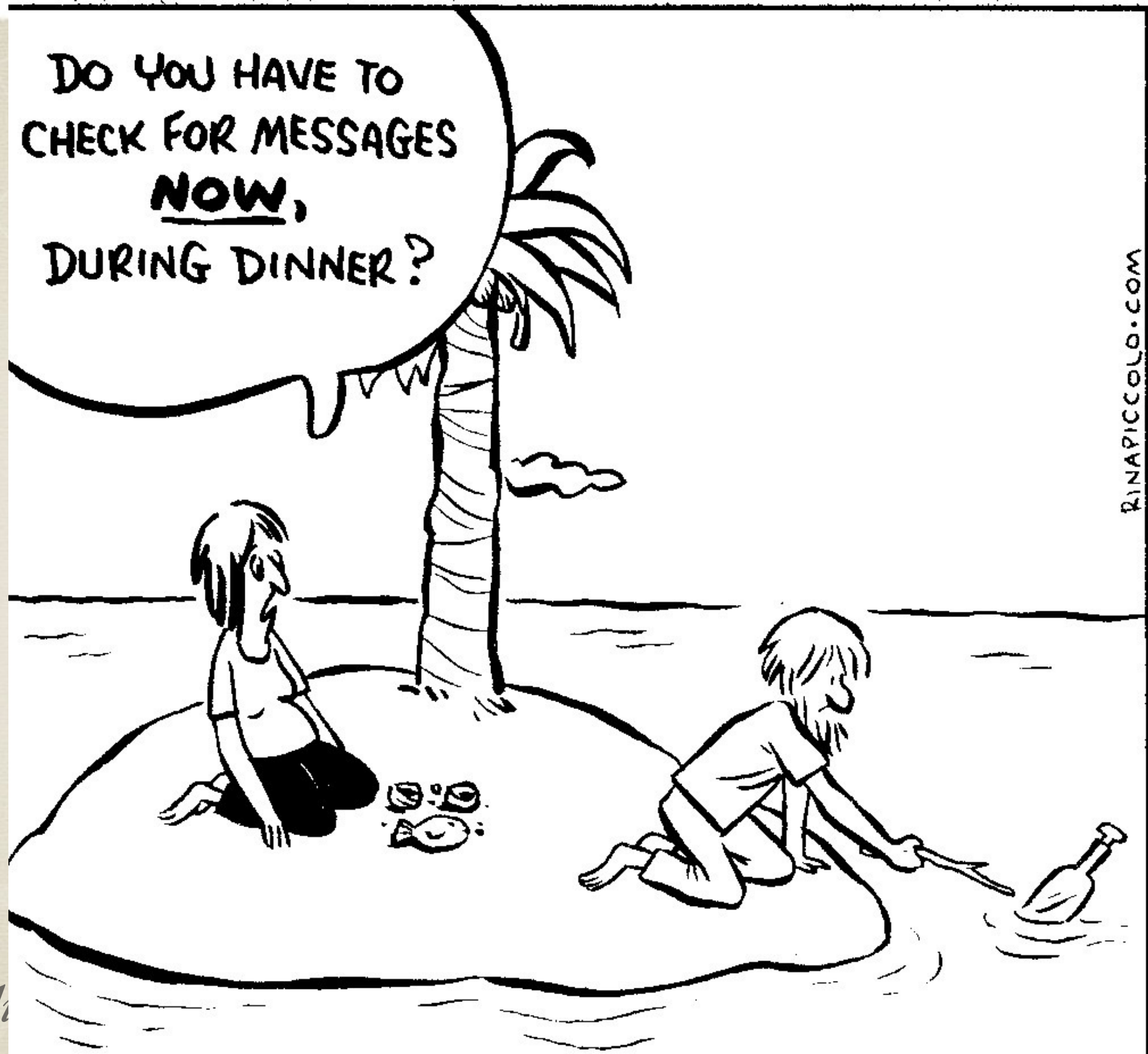




OMG!
I JUST GOT
BORN!

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DO YOU HAVE TO
CHECK FOR MESSAGES
NOW,
DURING DINNER?



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Please Silence Your Cell Phone

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an intellectually credible
approach to religion and
spirituality . . .

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. . . and is open to the most current truths and insights of contemporary religious and biblical scholarship.

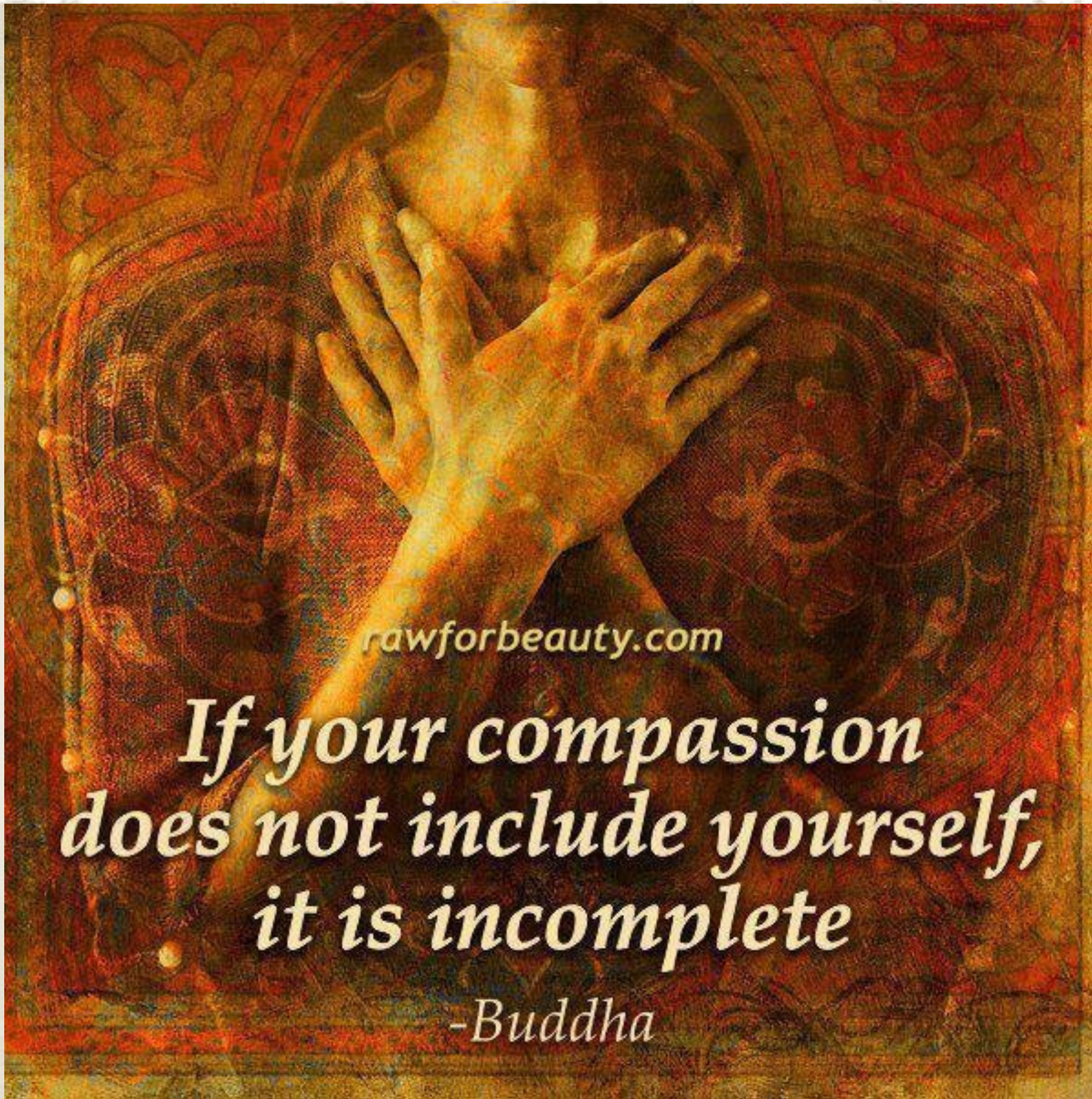
Our goal is that we always be
growing into becoming centers
of freedom, love, justice and
peace.

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Another goal is that we be growing in religious and spiritual knowledge and understanding.

*. . . and, we have a moral
obligation to be happy . . .*





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*If your compassion
does not include yourself,
it is incomplete*

-Buddha

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LASSIE!
GET HELP!!



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THE MEANING
OF LIFE
←
CHEESE AND
CRACKERS
→

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BOSS, THE
ZEALOTS ARE CALLING
FOR LIGHTNING
STRIKES ON THE
SUPREME COURT!

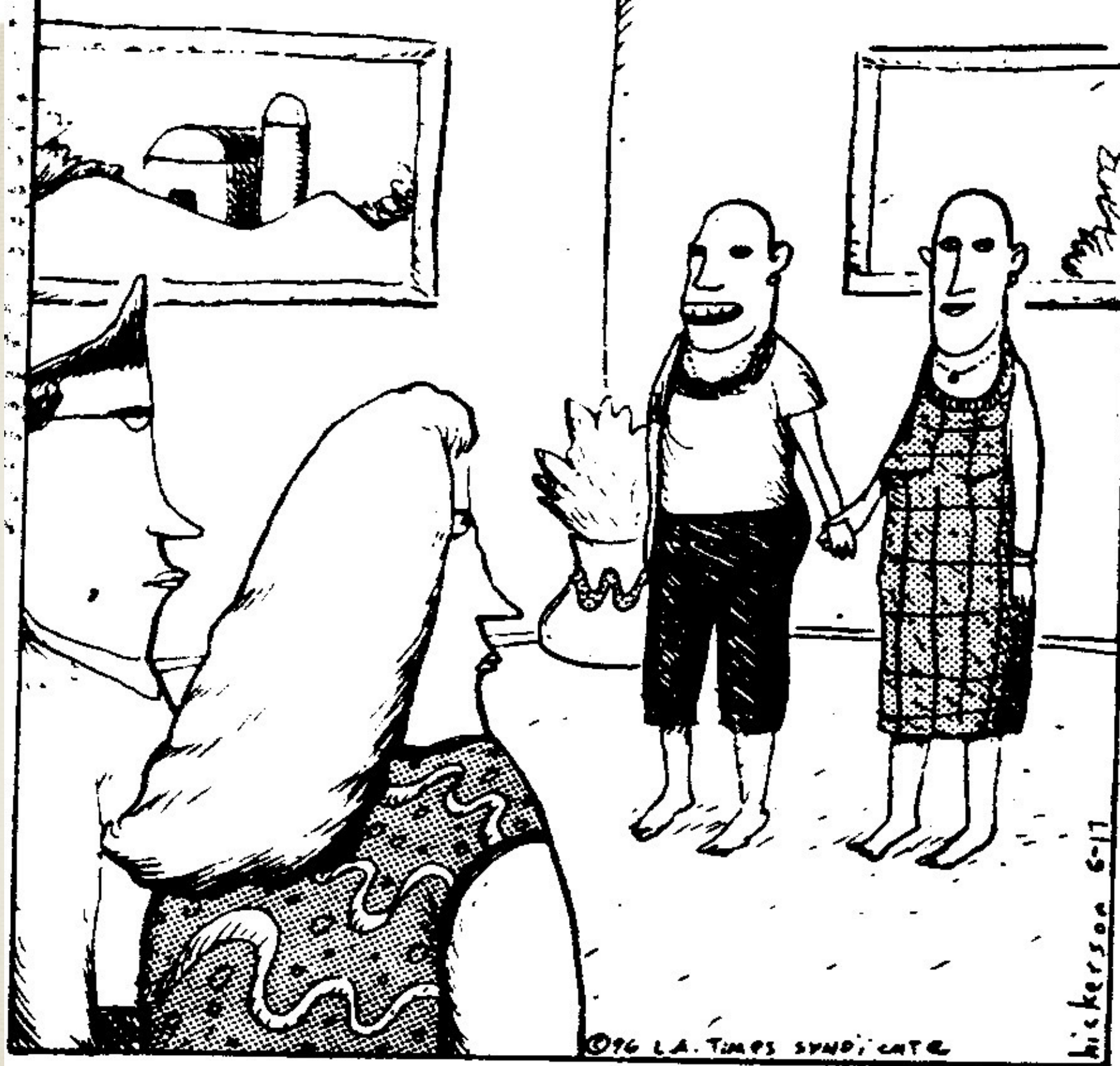
TELL 'EM
ALL I'VE GOT
IN STOCK TODAY
ARE RAINBOWS.



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“Well, Mom and Dad, Marcie and I have decided to become Buddhists. That’s right — we’ll be living in Zen!”



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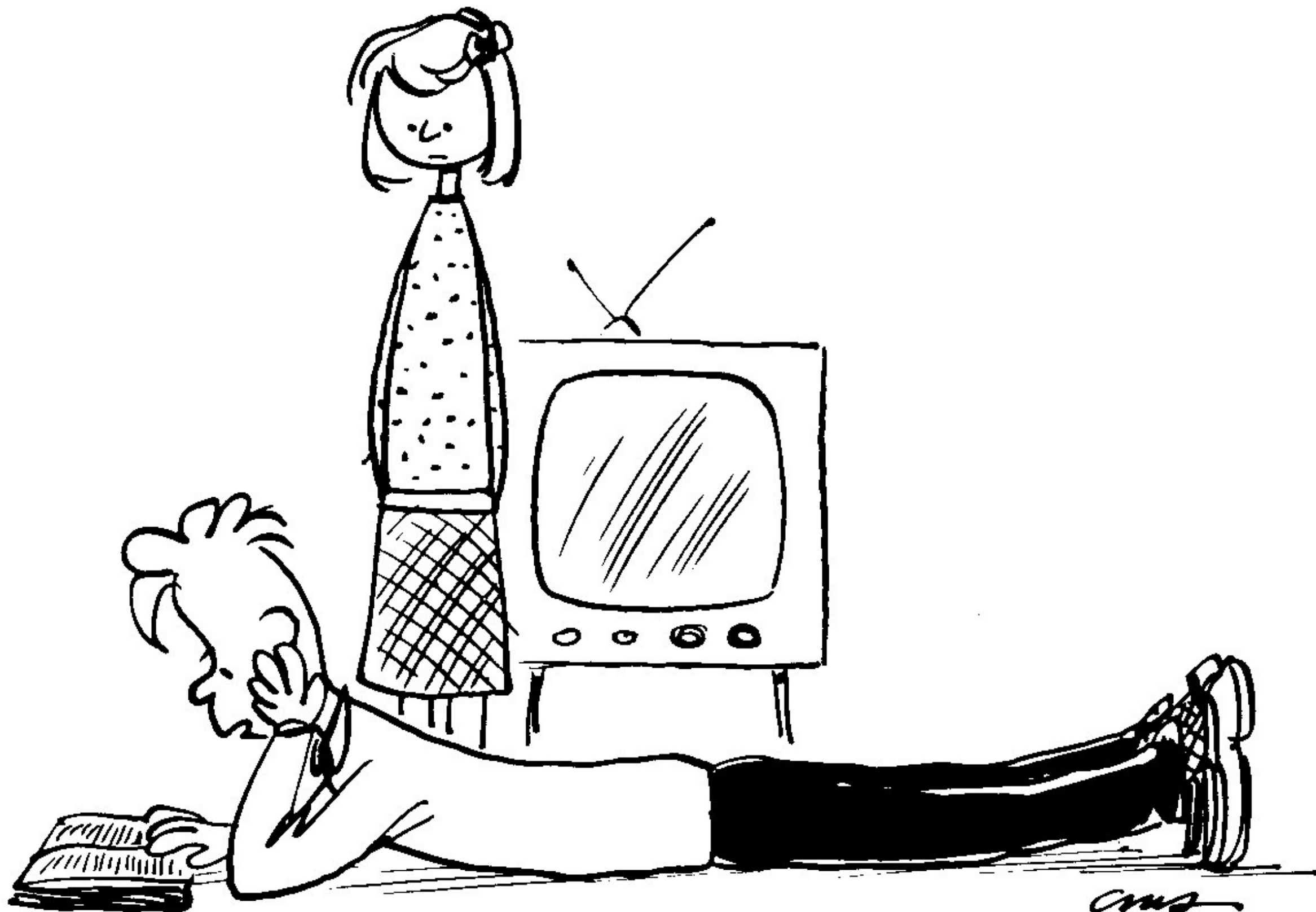


A person
searching for
God is like
fish searching
for water.

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ANOTHER COMPELLING REASON TO KEEP GOD OUT OF THE CLASS ROOM...



**'Don't bother me . . . I'm looking for
a verse of Scripture to back up
one of my pre-conceived notions!'**

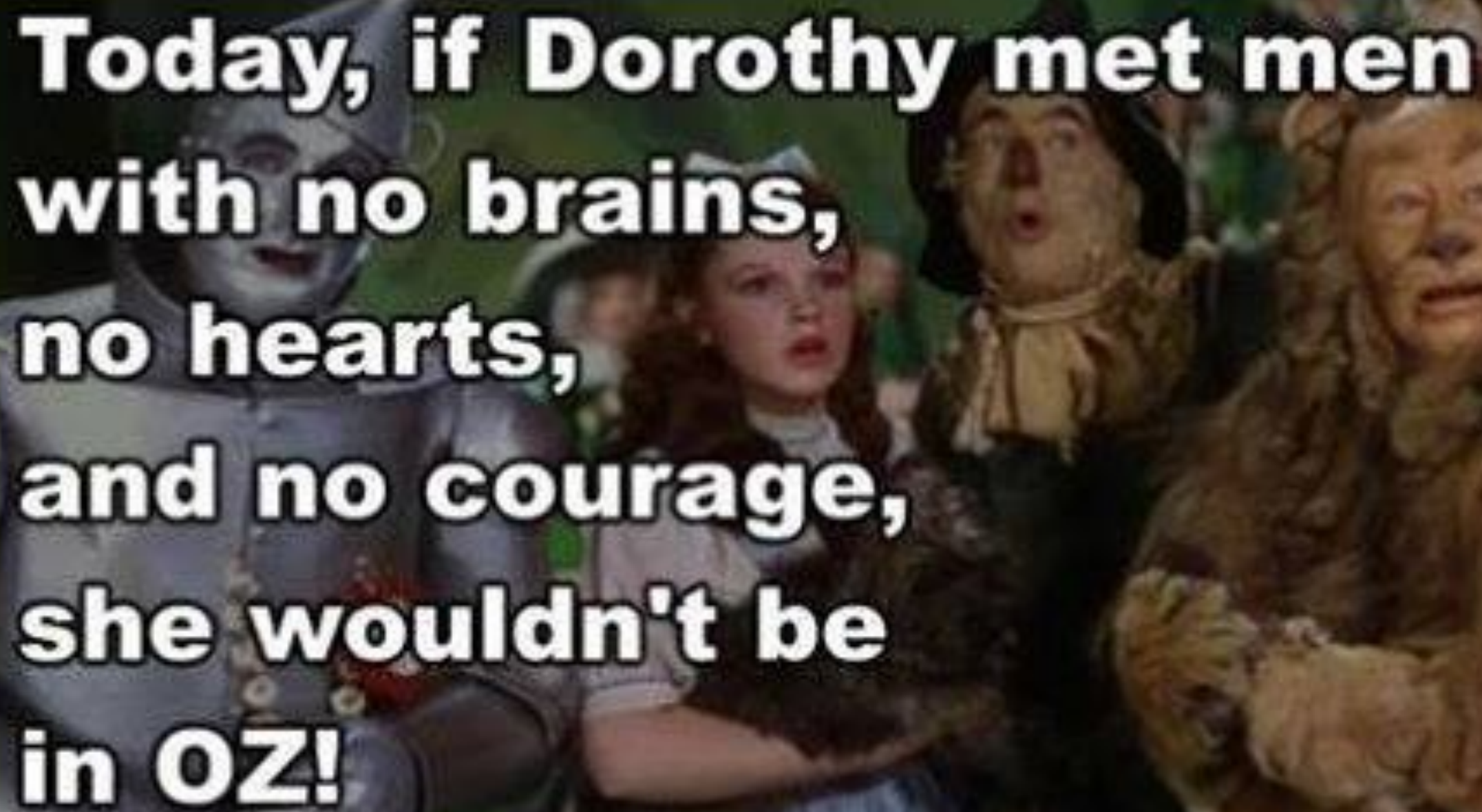


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A scene from the movie 'The Wizard of Oz' featuring Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, and the Scarecrow. Dorothy is in the center, looking concerned. The Tin Man is on the left, the Scarecrow is in the background, and the Cowardly Lion is on the right. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Today, if Dorothy met men
with no brains,
no hearts,
and no courage,
she wouldn't be
in OZ!**

She'd be in Congress!

Painting by Anna Shukeylo

OUR JOB IS
TO LOVE OTHERS
WITHOUT STOPPING TO INQUIRE
WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE WORTHY.

Thomas Merton



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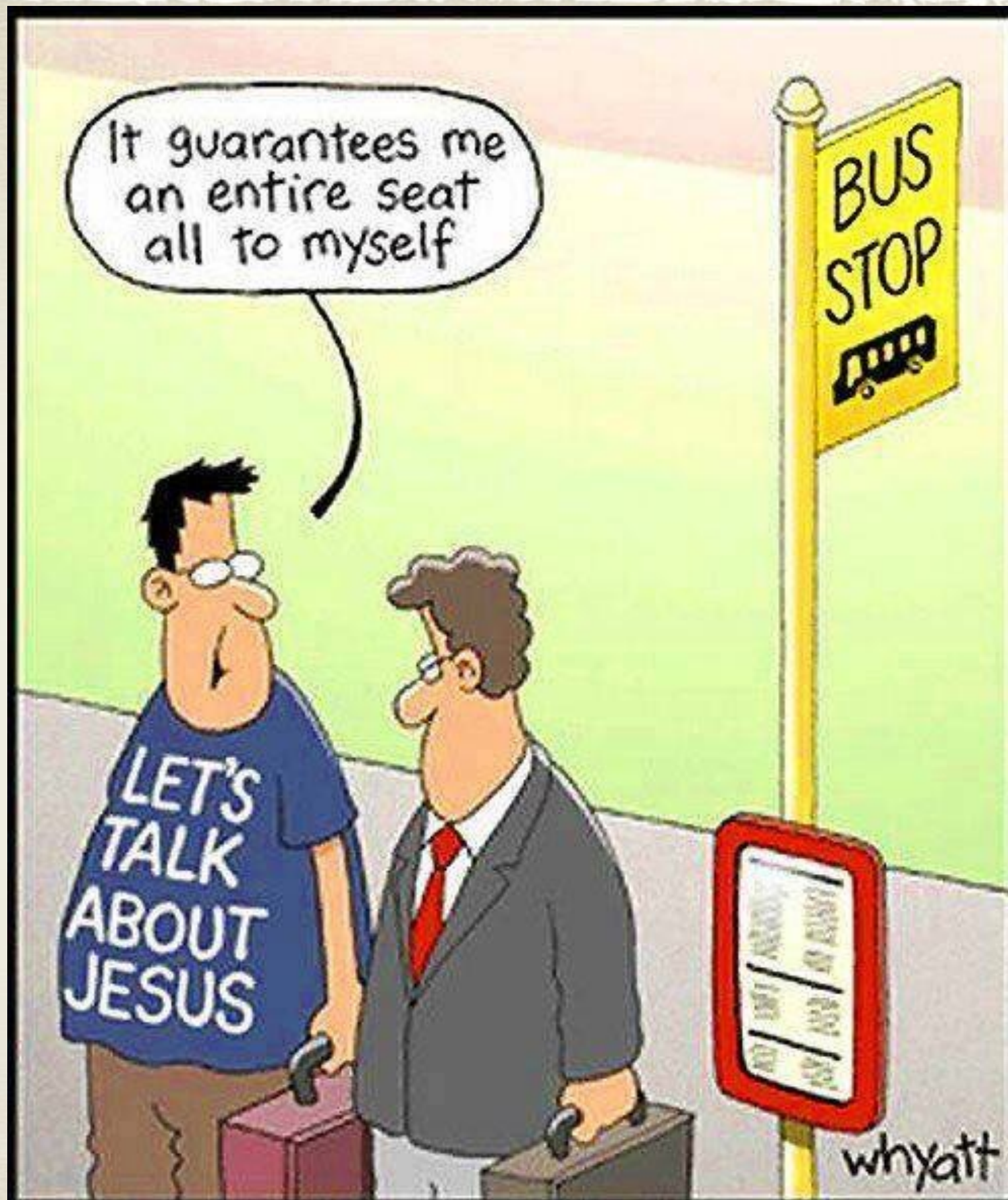
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Most accurate watch
Ever

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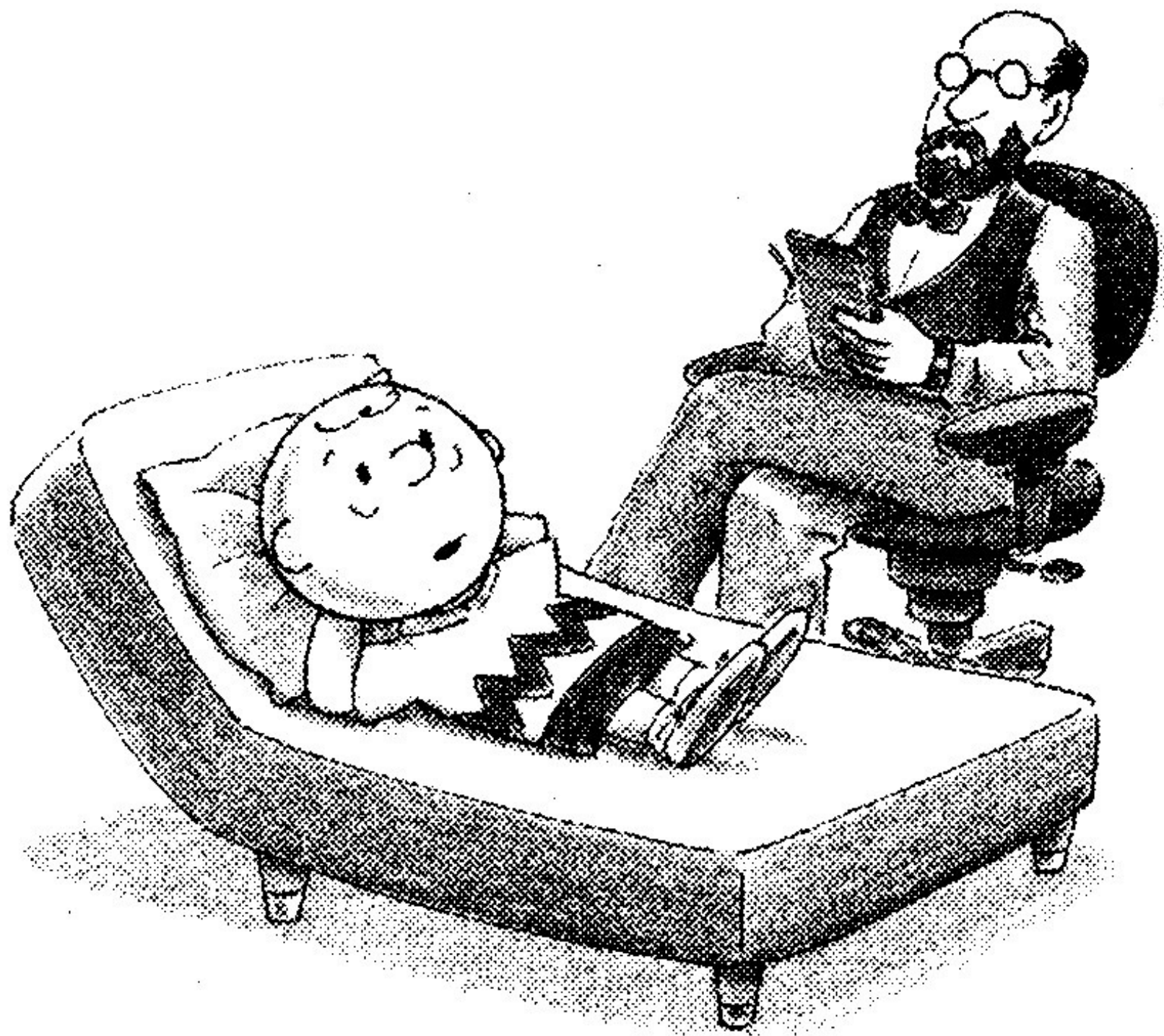


I'm at that awkward
stage between birth
and death



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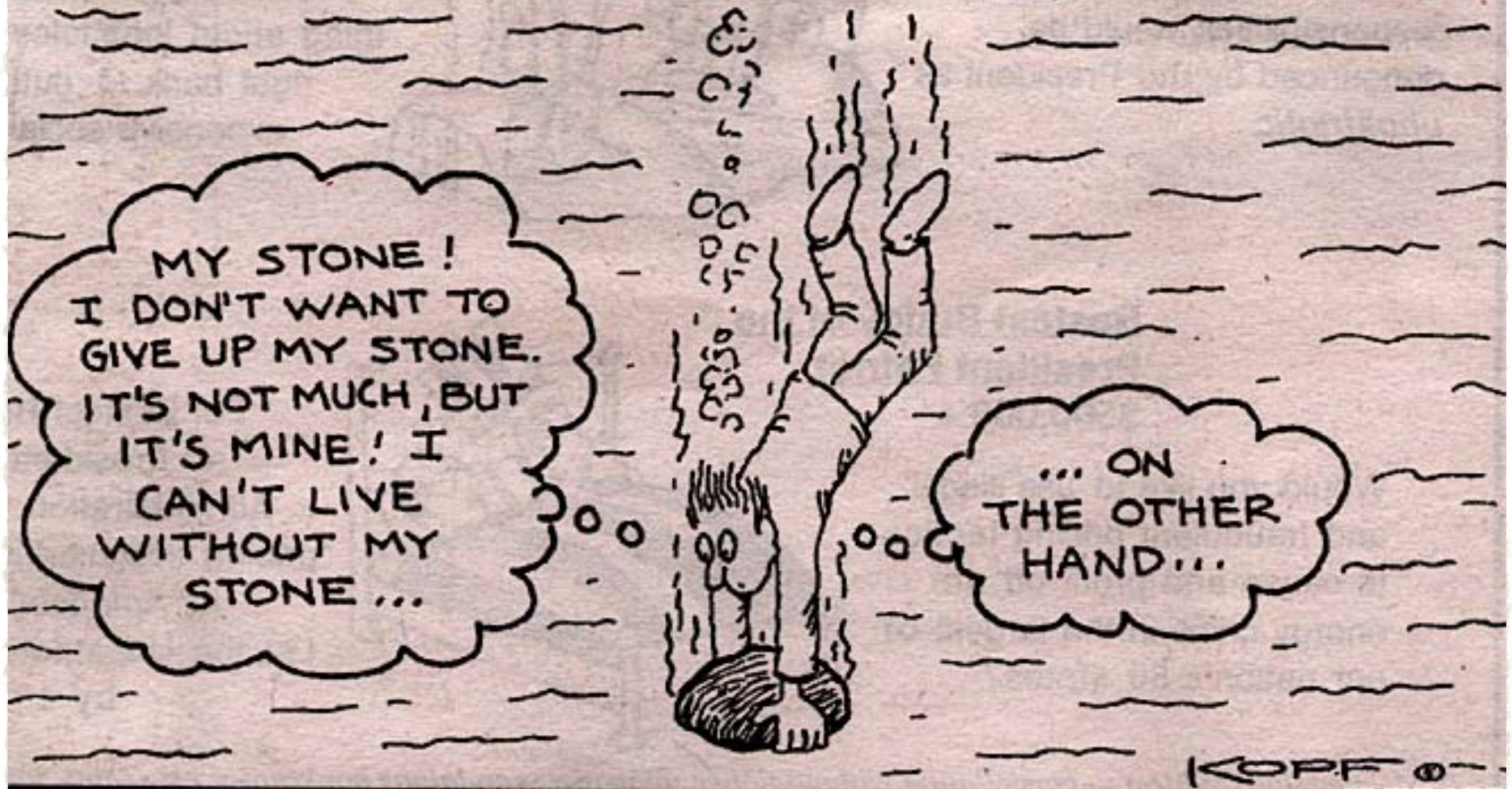
“My parents were never there for me.”



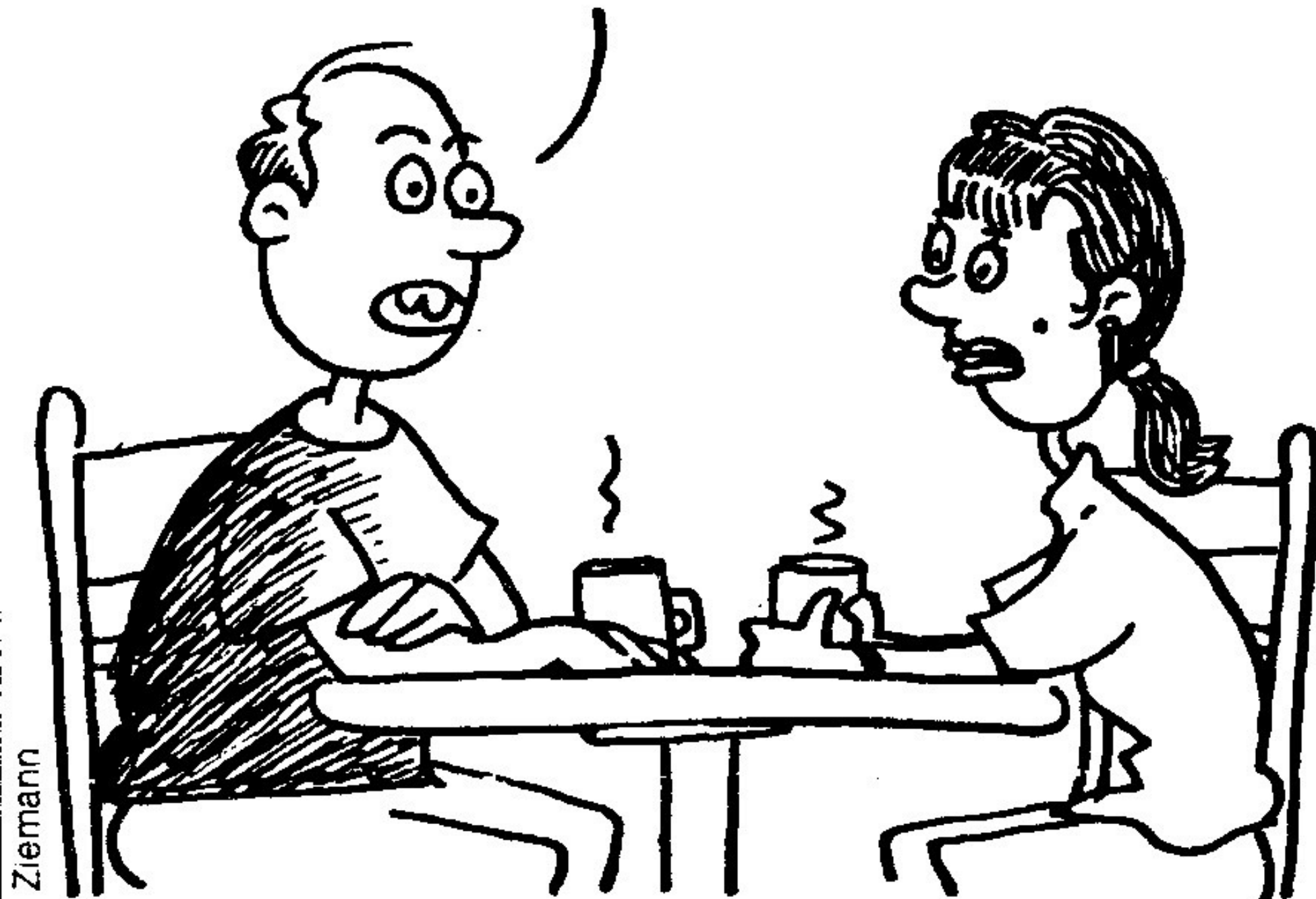
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“We have ten seconds — what is truth?”

METAPHYSICAL PUNNIES



I DON'T KNOW IF
I COULD BE HAPPY
JUST BEING HAPPY.



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“ And God said “Love Your
Enemy,” and I obeyed him and
loved myself. ”

- Khalil Gibran



“WE WORSHIPPED JESUS INSTEAD OF
FOLLOWING HIM ON HIS SAME PATH.

WE MADE JESUS INTO A MERE RELIGION
INSTEAD OF A JOURNEY TOWARD UNION
WITH GOD AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

THIS SHIFT MADE US INTO A RELIGION
OF “BELONGING AND BELIEVING”
INSTEAD OF A RELIGION OF
TRANSFORMATION.”

RICHARD ROHR

We seek not merely change

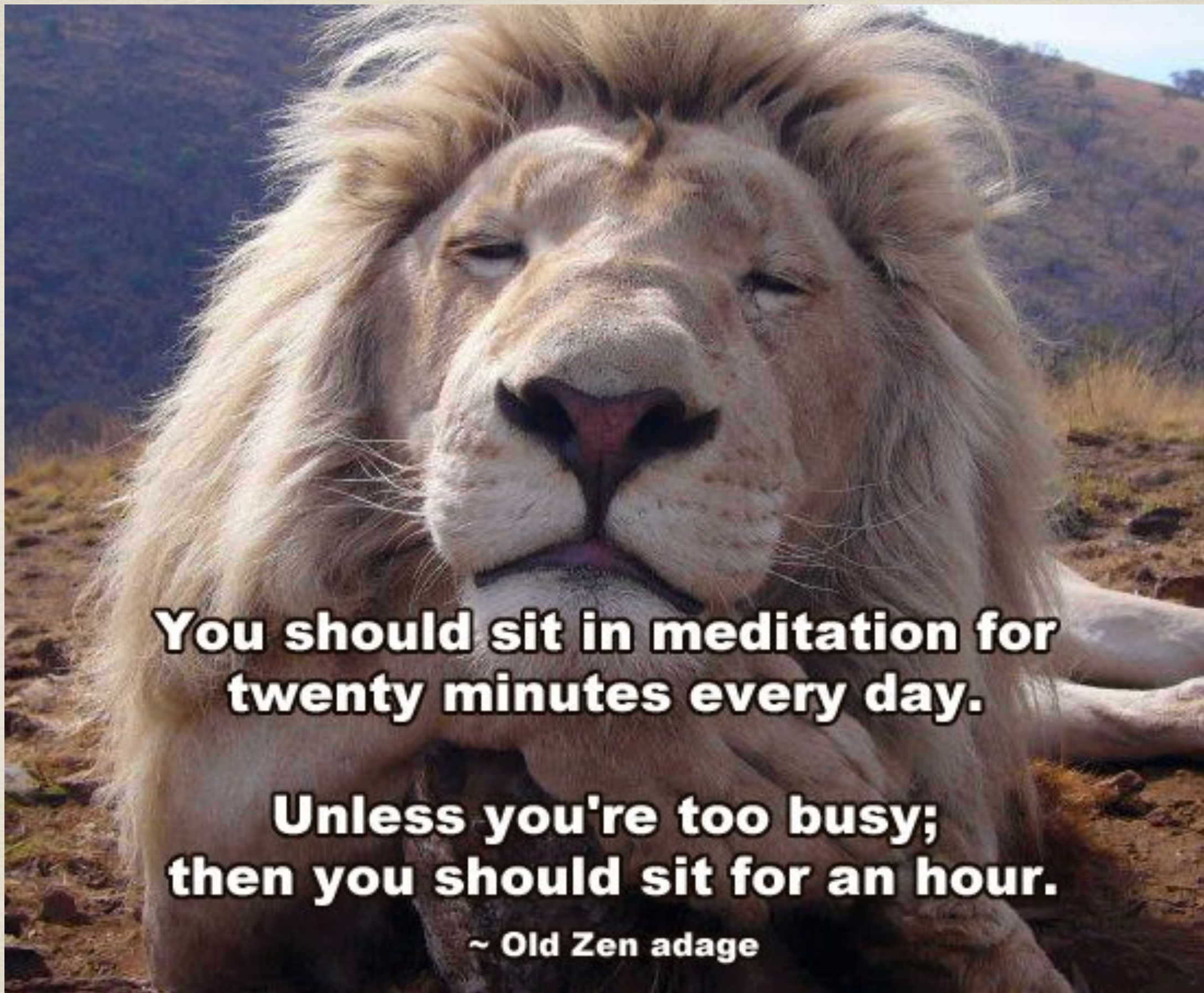
but to be

TRANSFORMED!

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**You should sit in meditation for
twenty minutes every day.**

**Unless you're too busy;
then you should sit for an hour.**

~ Old Zen adage

*The central truth of and
for spiritual practice is
“paying attention.” That
is, learning “to see” what
is.*



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thinking



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**We walk the path no one
has walked before,
following the guideposts
left by others.**

- Zen Saying

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