

I don't know if this happens to you, but when I watch a really good movie, I desire to do something amazing and inspirational on my own. This also happens when I listen to music. I desire to make music so badly. It is a long term dream of mine. I get jealous or envious of the artists I listen to. To combat this, I decided to do what I can do, and that is draw cartoons. However, I don't feel like they came out very good, and it was very frustrating to watch me draw bad cartoons. I threw some out, which I've never done before. These I share now prove I need some work. I want to have characters, humor, and quality drawings. I want

my cartoons to be better, yet I don't know how to go about doing this. It just frustrates me to no end that I am not a syndicate quality cartoonist. I have enough cartoons that I could publish a book, but I have no idea where to find a publisher that targets a Christian and mentally ill audience. I hope my cartoons can become more mainstream. Anyway, I know that isn't the best introduction, but I do so like to share my cartoons. I know they have really helped some in the past. I remember how I used to build up and then delete my entire Etoonin' subscriber list. Thankfully, I don't do this any more. Without further ado, here are my latest cartoons...

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Crowder Inspiration. Thou shalt not covet.

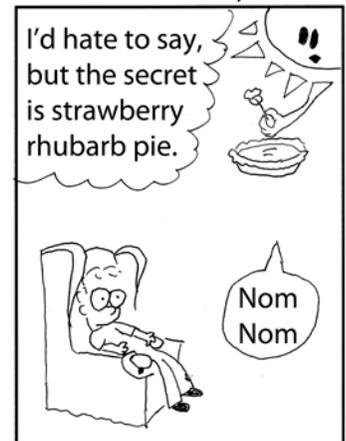
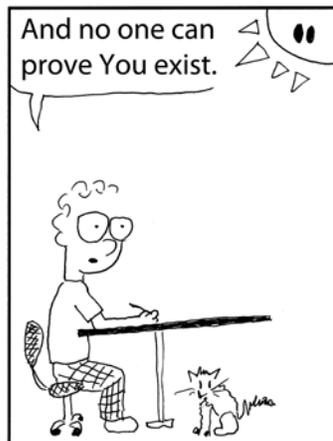
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A Common Vision...

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## Writer's Block...

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## Let's try it this way...

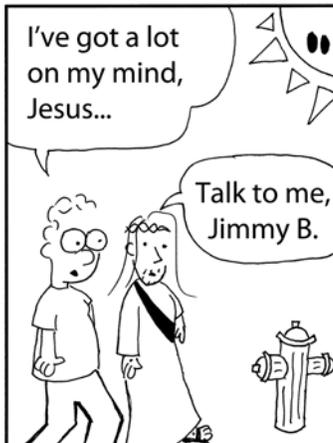
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## Walks with Jesus...

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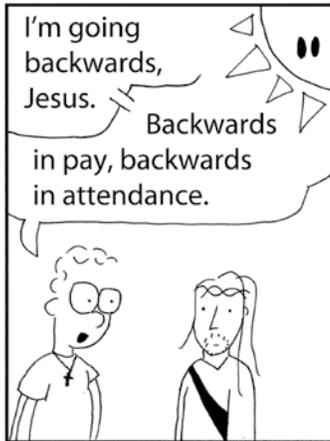


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Wasting away...

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# zédèk

## MMMMaven.com

Music Production Certificate Program: \$2700 Anytime / \$2160 Cyber Monday

I remember back in 1996, before I became a Christian, making music was my #1 goal. Cartooning was #2. I listened to a lot of Techno, and wanted to make that type of music. I had a piano in my shared apartment, and I'd play it frequently. I drew cartoons about music. Today, making music is still a distant but persistent dream of mine. I've located a school in Cambridge that teaches how to "Produce" electronic music. I've checked out their studio and taken a free class: it is very exciting. I know my learning style; I prefer to learn from others. My goal in taking this class would be to produce one original song lasting about seven minutes. If I could make other songs, it'd would be icing on the cake. I know it might be a one shot deal, like Graphic Design was. After I earned my Associate of Science in Graphic Design, I made some mistakes that left me unable to continue the high level of creativity and skill that made me a success at school. I am prepared for that with these Production classes, and intend to make the best of it with no regrets once in the past. My stage name would be *zédèk*, with a nod to the French. Zedek is actually the Hebrew word for Jupiter; Jupiter being associated with Jesus as king of the planets.

I tried raising the money for classes with an Indiegogo Generosity campaign, but only three people responded. So I will have to wait longer on my dream. MMMMaven offers payment plans. I might do that. It depends. I hate putting it off, but my life, like usual, is pretty unstable right now. I am hoping to get into a good, steady employment scenario and take classes once I get used to my work schedule. While at the free lesson, the teacher told me he met BT at Burning Man 2016 in Nevada. BT (Brian Transeau) is my absolute favorite musician. He composes all types of electronic music, including electronic symphonic music with a live orchestra. However, for my first foray into electronic music, I wish to create what is know as Trance, sometimes considered "drug" music. Trance has slow rhythms and repetitions throughout. I figure it's my best chance to create a good song, as Trance is simpler music. Here is an example by Ulysses: [Dream 'N' Trance](#) (click "allow" on popup: it is a trusted site). If I could compose one song like that, it'd be great! I'd also like to include some audio clips that I've recorded, along with perhaps some of my own vocals. Anyway, these are my dreams that I hope will come true.



I've had two manufacturing jobs since last Etooinin'. One was with WestRock; they make cardboard boxes. I was pretty much a laborer, but it paid well. I would take bundles of boxes and use a "Loadformer" to make pallets. I worked 40 hours/week, and once worked 48 hours, a record. I was encouraged by how I can now work 40 hours/week. I lasted at WestRock for 7 weeks, leaving because they would not guarantee me two Saturdays off to move closer to work. They told me to call in sick instead, and that could have led to termination, so I quit. Another bad thing was no A/C: it got to 90° plus in there. The Machine Operator I worked with really appreciated having me there, as he told me frequently.



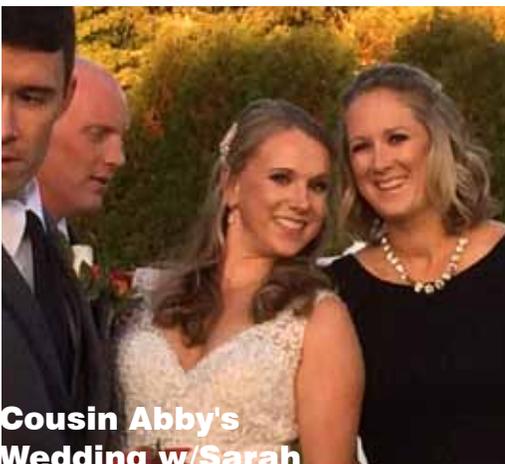
At my next job, I made medical tubing supplies. This job was much more on the manufacturing side and paid better. My job was to run CNC and manual electrochemical cutting machines. My department cut stainless steel tubing to size, anywhere from 500 pieces to 20,000 pieces per job. I worked on the weekends: Friday through Sunday, 12 hour days. I enjoyed the schedule for a little while, but eventually the hours became too difficult. I was drinking six 20 oz Cokes per day to stay alert. Unfortunately, I resigned with one day notice. Now I am helping out with maintenance at my Church until I can get a job in Mechanical Design / Detailing. No more manufacturing for me: I don't like it.



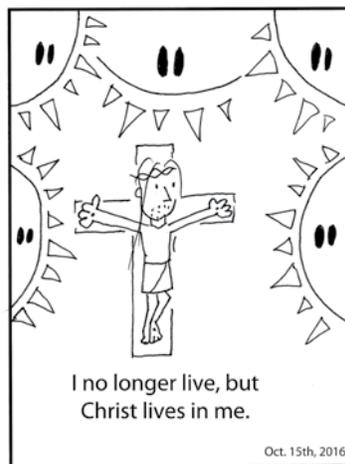
Now I am taking a class at MassBay: MN121 - Mechanical Detailing. This, along with other training, shall help me get back into Mechanical Design. I did that before and it pays much better than manufacturing. I love working on computers in offices. A woman from the STEM department formatted my [resume](#): see it is awesome! Using it, I got a phone screen request already. During this class, we are working with an employer to design products they need, which gives excellent exposure. The professor also has lots of job contacts. I'm hoping to start a professional job this January, if not sooner. Through MassBay, I was assigned a mentor who gives great advice. I feel I am closer than ever.



Thanks to your help, and many others, I was able to raise \$1,595 for the Run to Home Base on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, which treats veterans with PTSD, TBI, Depression and more. It was 90° the day of the run. I ran 4 miles and walked the final 1½. For raising over \$1,500, they gave me two tickets to the Boston Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays. I took my brother: it was so much fun! The Red Sox won too, 9 - 4. As of today, I have also raised \$480, out of a \$500 goal, for the [DAV 5K](#) on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Disabled American Veterans help service men and women apply for benefits they deserve and training to reenter the workforce. Both good causes. Thanks for your support during both these events! God bless you!

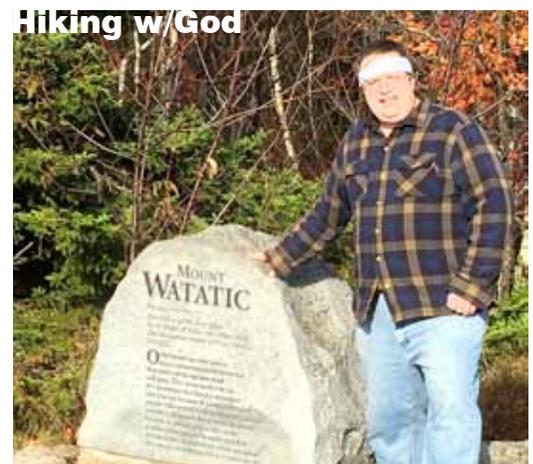


Cousin Abby's Wedding w/Sarah



I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Oct. 15th, 2016



Hiking w/God