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How to be a king...

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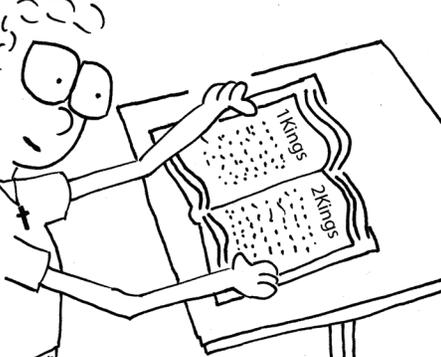
Lord, as a bipolar person with delusions of grandeur...



... I think a lot about how to be a world leader.

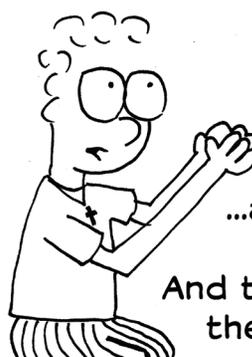
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I mostly get my insights through reading the Bible...



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And what I've concluded is that the only way to be a good king is to know You...



...admittedly hard. And to listen to the prophets.

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In other words, I don't stand a chance.



Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!

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How to be president in four panels...

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Who would vote for a cartoonist for president?

Okay, place your hand on this Bible...

Wait: this would make a great cartoon...



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And I can't even manage my own affairs, let alone a nation's...

Sir, there is not enough food for all Americans...

Let them eat PB&Js.



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And I only want to be loved...

Sir, the democrats hate you because you won't raise taxes. The republicans hate you because you won't lower taxes.

Tell them I quit.



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And how would I manage corruption?

Sir, Unisco will give you a Big Mac if you rubber stamp their product plant...

If they add fries, they've got a deal.

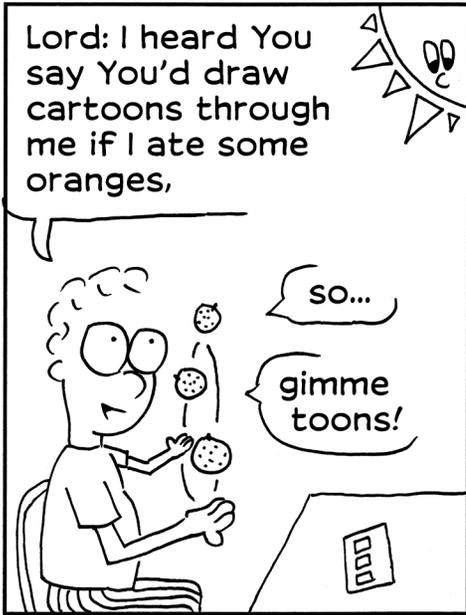


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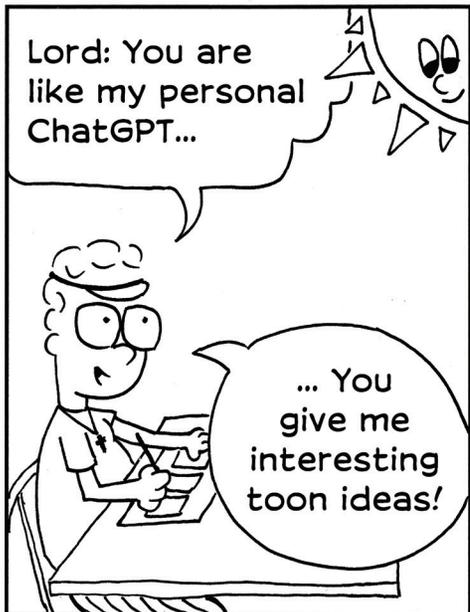
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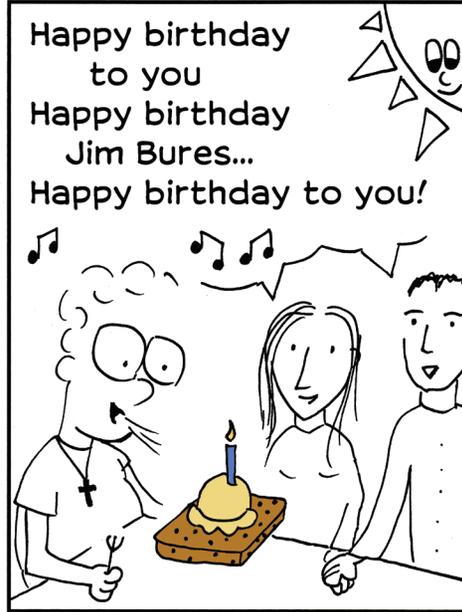


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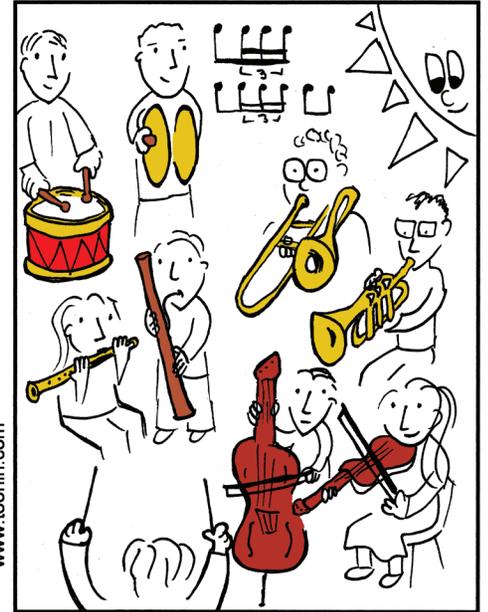


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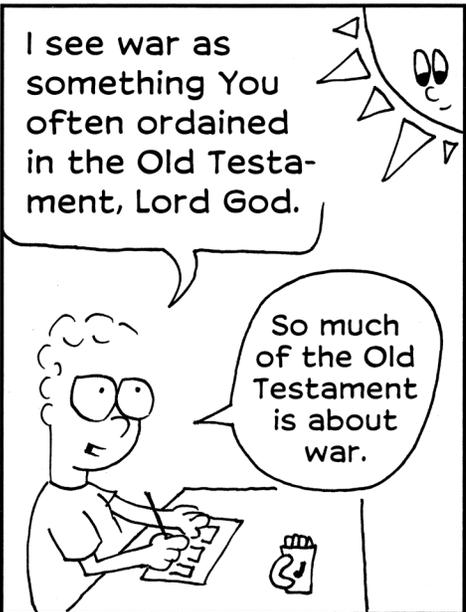
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I see war as
something You
often ordained
in the Old Testa-
ment, Lord God.



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War: What is it good for?

And war can
keep bad nations
in check, though
it often leads to
bitter feelings that
lead to war again...



War is rarely
about good vs.
evil as it is
about a nation's
self-interest...

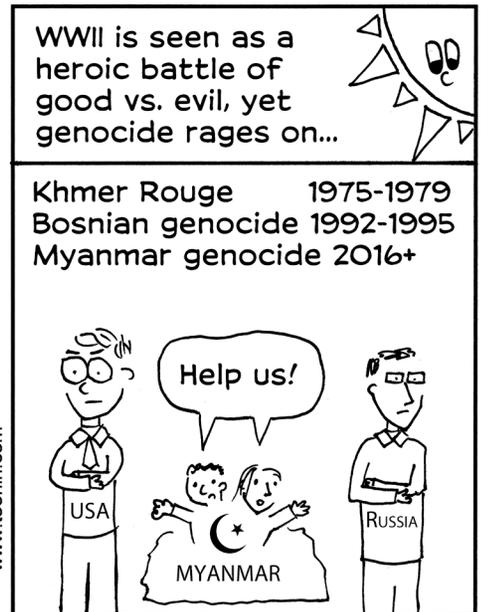


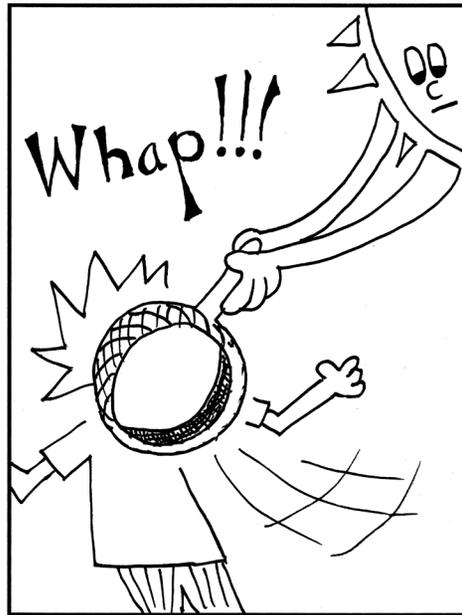
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WWII is seen as a
heroic battle of
good vs. evil, yet
genocide rages on...

Khmer Rouge 1975-1979
Bosnian genocide 1992-1995
Myanmar genocide 2016+



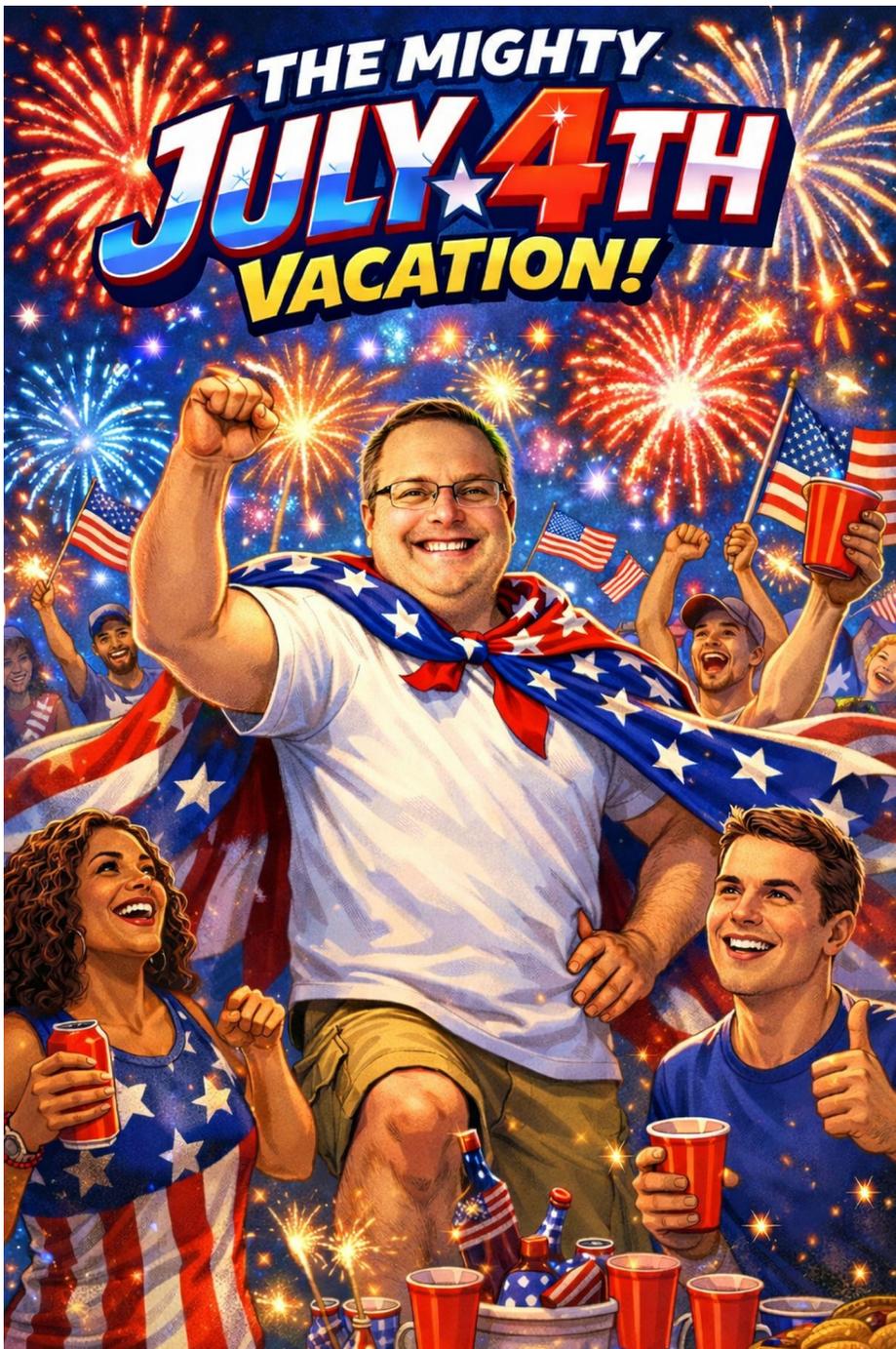


Leaving behind our illegitimate father and receiving an even better One: the Lord.

My Dad wasn't the best Dad. I am sure a lot of people can say that. He has gotten so much better and our relationship has improved, but childhood laid the groundwork for some hard things. One of those things is ruminations, which satan encourages and actually teaches us: to go over and over in our minds certain hurts or things that make us angry. I remember, in sixth grade, having conversations in my mind with Dad: if he says this, I will say this; if he says that, I will say that. The conversations were pretty in depth, and all imagined. Rarely did the conversations go the way I planned. This tendency to ruminate remains with me today. Another trick satan uses is to put themes in our lives, be them themes of rejection or emotional abuse or other things. He wants us to feel that hurt over and over and concentrate on it. He uses others to repeat those themes. I have lived out the patterns satan created in my relationship with my Father over and over with other men, particularly supervisors. Totally inappropriate, but I have not been able to stop doing it. The process is exacerbated by my emotional illness in bipolar disorder, but the main culprit is satan. Though I have not been able to solve the problem, I know it exists. The real problem is not what my Dad did, but what my illegitimate first father, the devil, did. Anyway, I do not have any solutions yet. I write this because of a work conflict I feel toward my Director. I did a video for him and without complimenting any of the video, he nixed the most creative part, the part God gave me. I was livid.

I have gone through this kind of thing before with graphic design clients back in 2008 - 2012. Most non-creatives do not understand what makes art, music, or video great, and they want to dumb things down. Being bipolar, the anger I felt was intense, and it is resurfacing today with this video project. Honestly, I don't think I will be able to continue creating videos for our Director. I took on this project not only to do something for our department, but to learn how to make creative videos. If the creative part is going to get stifled, I am not interested in learning how to make subpar videos. This is a leadership learning moment for me: I have to stand up for myself without taking out all these prior wounds on my current supervision. Even writing this makes my blood boil. Satan exacerbates my anger.

One thing I like about myself is that I am genuine. I am myself, good or bad. I don't hide things. It can cause problems, but when I learn something good, I truly learn it. I truly learn God's goodness and grace. I don't give pat Biblical answers to people. I give what I have actually learned. Hopefully, this benefits them. There is no resolution, right now, to the problems of rumination, but someday I will get it and truly be able to lead others to freedom. God wants us to be free: I believe that. And He can lead us there in this life. I don't understand why He tests us so much, but when we truly learn, the result is mind-blowing freedom. I believe it.



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