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No matter who you are, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.
USE YOUR HEAD, LIVE FROM YOUR HEART
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“Why do you reason these things in your hearts?”

We can be so easily blinded by power, position, possessions, tradition, institutional loyalty that we don’t see “what is.”
Jesus was “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.”
RABBI JESUS
AN INTIMATE BIOGRAPHY
The Jewish Life and Teachings That Inspired Christianity
BRUCE CHILTON
This story is about love and the boundaries that love can cause people to cross.
I can tell people are judgmental just by looking at them.
“What are you thinking in your hearts?”
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Heart

Ex. 32: 1-4. I will also vex the hearts of all these people, in whom is all the heart of this people, which is now ready to come unto Baal, etc.

1 When a new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

2 And you shall put these words in your heart and in your lips, and shall teach them to your children, etc., etc.

3 And the Lord said unto him, etc.

Dan. 4: 3. But Daniel supposed in his heart that God had taken note of the thing, etc.

Hos. 4: 6-7. It is not in the heart of man to walk in my law, etc.

Obad. 2: 13-14. He shall be as a lion before the flock, etc.

Zeph. 3: 14-16. But the Lord is with me, etc.

Mal. 3: 18. And the children of the children of the children, etc.

Dan. 3: 15. But Daniel answered with the heart of a man, etc.

2 Ch. 7: 14. But it shall come to pass, if you will obey my voice and do that which I speak, etc.

1 Tim. 3: 8. If a man rule not his own house, etc.

2 Tim. 1: 5-6. And thou hast remembered my words which were spoken against me and which were said to all the kings and rulers of the Jews.

1 Pet. 1: 6-8. For in this hope we were saved, etc.

Jas. 5: 7-8. For he that hath suffered all things, etc.
Our role and goal is to become “the thinking heart of the world.”
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A cartoon showing two figures. One figure holds a banner saying, "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?" and another figure holds a banner saying, "SINNER REPENT OR BURN! TURN BACK! PRIDE MONTH PARADE!"

Jesus is walking alongside the figure holding the rainbow flag, with a speech bubble saying, "I'LL FORGIVE YOU."
“Spirituality is the active pursuit of the God you didn’t make up.”

- Barbara Brown Taylor
If horses had Gods, they would look like horses.

— Xenophanes —
The church is like Noah’s ark.

If it weren’t for the storm outside,

you couldn’t stand the stink inside.
My favorite part of the Bible is when God gives people free will, then kills them all with a flood for not doing what He wants.
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Our task is not to change people.

Our task is to change “Jesus’ house.”

Let’s dig a hole in the roof so any and every one can get in.