

THE
DORKINS
LETTERS

LETTERS FROM A SENIOR TO A JUNIOR ATHEIST

“The best way to drive out the devil, if he will not yield to texts of Scripture, is to jeer and flout him, for he cannot bear scorn.” *Luther*

“A large and most unfriendly rat
Comes into see what we are at.
He says he thinks there is no God
And yet he comes...it's rather odd”
Diary of a Church Mouse, Betjeman

“He with body waged a fight,
But body won; it walks upright.
Then he struggled with the heart;
Innocence and peace depart.
Then he struggled with the mind;
His proud heart he left behind.
Now his wars on God begin;
At stroke of midnight God shall win.”
W.B Yeats

MY DEAR WEASEL-BOTTOM,¹

I see from your description that your first patient is someone who has been told about our greatest enemy, G-D, He Who Must Not Be Named (HWMNBN²); or at least he would be our greatest enemy if he bothered to exist. I understand when you say that this was only at a young age, but do not be misled. A young age it may have been but children have minds that are like sponges, just waiting to soak up information whether it be true or *not* – as in this case. Many times I have written to our colleagues in government that if only our children were not exposed to HWMNBN and had no knowledge about him then they could freely choose what they didn't know when they became an adult. To

¹ This translation is based upon the Dead End Scrolls discovered down the back of a sofa in Peckham, London in 2010. They are understood to have been written by the Agnostics, the mystics who believed they knew nothing about everything; and the Atheists, the critics who believed they knew everything about nothing.

The original text is written in Koine, or Common, Geek which was spoken by many atheists at the time; the lettering however, is penned in pure human bile which does make reading difficult in places.

² This is known by scholars as the Hexagrammaton, or the Unmentionable Name, and acts as an abbreviation. Scholars have also suggested that it would have been far quicker just to have written or said God.

become a true Free Thinker they must be free not to think about some things – ‘free-thinking is not thinking’, that is, thinking-free³. So, where in the past a patient of mine has been exposed to mythology and non-science fiction then I have led them where human nature finds it easiest to go.

From the dawn of Mitochondrial Eve our greatest weapon has been man’s⁴ desire to be ‘cool’. Therefore, he is constantly attracted to Apple Inc. on the Tree of Image⁵ and in particular to the slick and ever-fashionable iSin. This comes in many forms and shades⁶ but never ceases to draw people despite the high cost involved. Be sure to focus your patient’s attention on the ‘look and feel’ of the iSin and the number of ‘Apps’ that he has on it, and equally away from the substance of his life and

³ The Gk is very difficult at this point, or it may just be that the author didn’t know what they were talking about.

⁴ Scholars have long postulated that this assumes the practice of atheist ‘consciousness-raising’, so that for anything that is ‘bad’ then man just means men, whereas for anything that is ‘good’ then man means men and women.

⁵ Gk *Tree of the Knowledge of What is Fashionable and Unfashionable*.

⁶ Other ancient authorities suggest that most iSin were black or white, but other scholars claim that there were some grey ones.

real application. If your patient does have moments of conscience or doubt about using the iSin and begins to ask the ‘why?’ questions then repeatedly drop into his mind our golden mantra, ‘Because you’re worth it...’⁷ This will work for most patients but if he is persistent in questioning then remind him that despite the deplorable, indoctrinated delusions of his childhood, those school assemblies and other abominations, that all that is *modern* and *progressive* is morally relative and that there is no real meaning to life. Instead point him towards the glorious direction of no meaning, no purpose, no good, no bad, no hope, no despair ...just get him to ...imagine ...that there’s no-thing. Now that would be heaven – if there was such a place⁸.

Your affectionate uncle

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⁷ Some ancient authorities claim that this mantra was originally an invocation to the mythical goddess L’Oréal who is associated with the sheep god Baa’l.

Followers of L’Oréal and Baa’l would often limp around claiming they were old. They would then whip themselves into a frenzied state, before applying cream to their faces to give the appearance of being rejuvenated, or as they claimed ‘born again’.

⁸ Ancient historians and atheist scholars have continued to debate the reason for the sudden disappearance of atheism; however, most agree that they did eventually reach their ultimate goal – nowhere from nowhere having meant nothing.

MY DEAR WEASEL-BOTTOM,
The problems that you appear to be having with your patient are not uncommon. The great and all-encompassing philosophy by which we live – science – speaks of a Big Bang that kick-started the universe and upon grasping this many patients’ minds are then wont to wander into dangerous territory. Such as, ‘What caused the Big Bang?’ or ‘What came before the Big Bang?’ Worse still, the congeniality of the universe to human life gives rise to the illusion of design and hence a Designer. Mere delusion, of course, and we are fortunately on hand to cure them of this intellectual deficiency. So if you find that your patient begins to think along the lines of, ‘The universe *must* have been designed for life’ then make sure that he bumps into someone ‘guided’ by one of my good friends Christopher Hypochritchens, Sam Harass or Damn Donnitt⁹. They will, via their patients, explain in detail our latest weapon – the Multiverse. Basically, we now say that at the beginning there was not one universe but that

⁹ Most scholars believe these were fellow senior atheist guides like Dick Dorkins, whereas his nephew Humphrey Weasel-Bottom was a junior guide.

there were many universes that were ‘banged’ into being, and if one universe was not right for life then there were plenty of others. It is a sort of COGOF – Create One Get One Free¹⁰.

Once the idea of the multiverse is safely ensconced in his thinking he will be less inclined to follow the evidence and the obvious. You must then, however, be careful that your patient does not get wind of the illogic of defining science as the study of nature, that is the observable universe, and then claiming something outside of the observable universe, i.e. the multiverse, is necessary for its existence. He would then realise that our weapon is no more likely or provable than HWMNBN and may conclude the latter is the more likely and real!

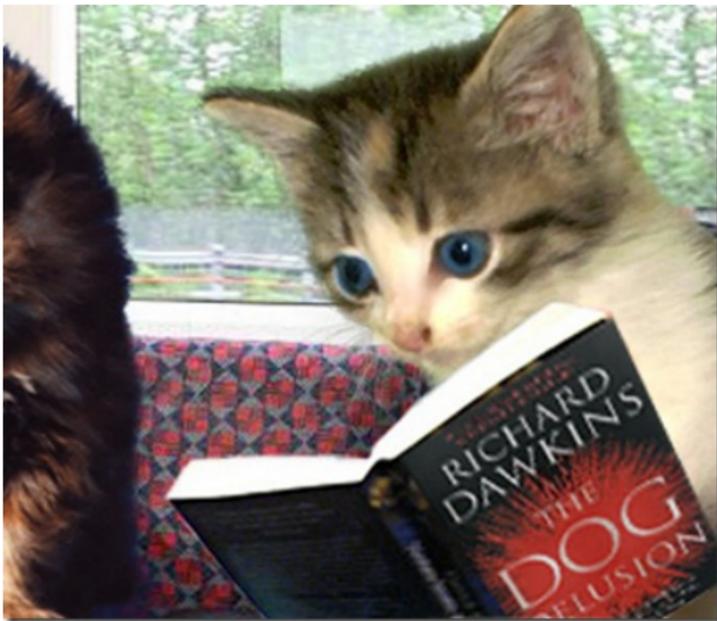
Our intention at The Ministry¹¹ is that all of Non-Creation (which you can read about in my book ‘The Selfish Gene-sis’¹²) should come to see that

¹⁰ By this point the scholars got fed up and went down the pub.

¹¹ Most scholars, at least the sober ones, believe that this is the ancient Ministry for the Public Understanding of Science by the Denigration of Religion.

¹² The original story has been lost but is believed by scholars to have been a Gk comedy performed by hypokrites.

there is a Non-Creator of the Non-Creation. And whether they are man, monkey, the flying spaghetti monster or the lesser-spotted trumpet weevil, that they may come to know that there is no HWMNBN. I include for your encouragement a graven image¹³ of one of my previous patients who fervently believed on their deathbed that there is no D-G¹⁴.



Your affectionate uncle

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¹³ Some scholars believe this is an image of the atheist Meow Tse Tongue whose denial of D-G famously came back to bite him.

¹⁴ Scholars now returned from the pub, and suggest that this is in fact a copying error and should read G-D. However, their opinions are now probably not to be trusted.

MY DEAR WEASEL-BOTTOM,
Your last missive was uncharacteristically negative and bordered on childish whining. You may indeed be showing signs of not being competent enough for our frontline assault upon the religiously weak-minded. As you know, in The Ministry we work strictly to the rule of the ‘survival of the fittest’. If there were indeed a need for a god, that god would be Evolution, the greatest achievement of human progress – because even if we know that life is meaningless, we also know that we are evolving and progressing in our meaninglessness existence¹⁵.

Nonetheless, it is most certainly of great concern, in fact a disaster that your patient has resolutely decided upon revisiting the delusions of his childhood, and is returning to CH--CH¹⁶. But if he is to do so then make sure to keep him away from all those gatherings prefixed by ‘free’, ‘evangelical’ or ‘charismatic’ and instead steer

¹⁵ Most scholars lost the will to live at this point, but concluded that the Gk is also meaningless.

¹⁶ Scholars have speculated as to whether the original author was in fact two authors or even a school of authors – proto-Dorkins and deutro-Dorkins. CH--CH may be an example of a redaction containing a hidden message from deutro-Dorkins, i.e. what is missing from CH--CH? Answer: UR.

him towards ‘Anglican’¹⁷. He will then soon be fossilized and impenetrable – fossils having been one of the most powerful tools in the atheist cause.

Most definitely, if your patient is the sort that enjoys committees then pull out all the stops and use all the tricks of our trade – repetition until they believe it must be true – to get him involved with a Synod. Whether it is a Deanery, Diocesan or better yet General Synod¹⁸, your patient will be too inundated and consumed by the secondary issues of the CH--CH confronting him at the Synod to have any time for a relationship with you-know-who.

If you do your work well enough, he may even return as a more ardent and hardened true believer in the Non-Creator, so much so that he may even be worthy of a role as a ‘guide’.

Your affectionate uncle

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¹⁷ Meaning of Gk is vague and uncertain; scholars argue that the definition is so broad, that you can make it mean whatever you want.

¹⁸ Scholars are uncertain but believe that Synods were competitive gatherings held within a strict hierarchy. The confrontations would have been at times brutal and were possibly often fatal.

MY DEAR WEASEL-BOTTOM,

I am further horrified to have it reported to me by other senior guides and good friends at The Ministry that your patient has decided to go forward for ordination! If this is the case then there will be implications for you among the circles of intelligentsia – my credibility cannot afford to associate with and protect you much longer. Do not send me another of your whimpering letters!

All is not lost though if you act quickly. If it is true and unavoidable then you must begin to convince him that true HCs¹⁹ believe that gender and intellect are the most important attributes for CH--CH leadership. Therefore, women in leadership should be encouraged by their ‘guides’ to act like men, and men in leadership encouraged to act like women – darling!²⁰ If however this fails, then appeal to their intellectual insecurity or alternatively their sense of intellectual superiority. It is better to have

¹⁹ Scholars believe that this shorthand refers to the HypoChristians.

²⁰ Other ancient authorities allude to men wearing dresses and women wearing shirts, but this is now thought highly unlikely to be the case.

your patients trying to be ‘too clever by half’ than to be relying on the imaginary, all-powerful HWMNBN.

My dearest nephew, there are plenty of further pitfalls and traps for the unsuspecting and non-vigilant HC involved in CH--CH leadership. Even their detestable practice of Communion appears to be quite literally going to the dogs²¹, so expect many opportunities for your patient’s glorious failure. First he must negotiate the riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma that is ‘selection’, an opportunity for crushing if rejected or puffing up if accepted. If your patient survives, we still have our tactical nuclear strike ready – theological training! I will further write when I return from my planned visit to you at the time when HWMNBM was not born – but we will celebrate nevertheless and may even go to CH--CH to hear the carols²².

Your affectionate uncle

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²¹ Despite the rhetoric scholars maintain that this is an atheist figure of speech and could not possibly be true.

²² As yet scholars have not come across any further scrolls and letters of correspondence but they still continue their academic research down the backs of sofas and at Peckham car boot sales.