

Your Prayers Can Be Answered

by
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“Oh Lord please help see me through this rough patch; people are depending on me – I need this. I’ll be sunk.” You can picture someone on their knees wringing their hands, exposing their vulnerability to the unseen powers that be.

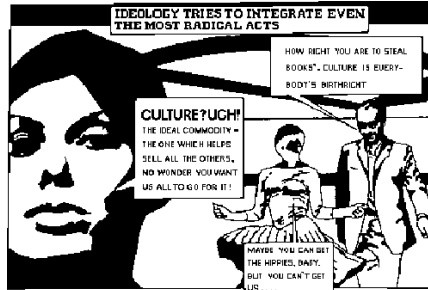
“The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want...” This is a familiar prayer, a Psalm of David, just one of many really good prayers. The difference isn’t in the well-turned phrase; it is the fundamental nature of the content.

It is the Divine touching humankind and humans reaching to the Divine, which is prayer. The Psalms praise the Lord for life and the goodness therein, not much pleading and begging. From our own perspectives of dealing with people, do we prefer someone positive and upbeat – someone that counts their blessings and is willing to contribute, or someone doubtful and unsure, someone that always wants something from us?

Within the ECoD we stand by our creed, "We believe in the Divine, we believe in humankind. We believe that at our best, we may approach the Divine and it is worth the effort to make it such, that the Divine Light may shine upon us and within us, today and all the days of our lives."

At Lovefest House the focus is on love, creativity and the joy of life. However, we are not naive, even there you will not hear us say, "It's all good." I will say my prayers are being answered and yours can be too.

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How to Speak Like a Situationist

1. Learn French. No self-respecting situationist would dream of not knowing it.
2. Always use the most obscure language possible. Get lots of big scholarly words from a dictionary and use them often. Poor: "Things are bad." Better: "The formative mechanism of culture amounts to a reification of human activities which fixates the living and models the transmission of experience from one generation to another on the transmission of commodities; a reification which strives to ensure the past's domination over the future."
3. In particular, the words "boredom" (as in "there's nothing they won't do to raise the standard of boredom"), "poverty" (of the university, of art), and "pleasure" are important tools in the young situationist's kit, and use of them will greatly enhance your standing in the situationist community.
4. Make frequent reference to seventy year-old art movements like Dada and Surrealism. Work the subject into your conversations as often as possible, however irrelevant.
5. Vehemently attack "The University" and "Art" whenever possible (phrases like "the scrap-heap of Art" or "the stench of Art" are particularly effective). Attend as prestigious a school as possible and make sure your circle of friends contains no less than 85% artists.
6. Cultivate a conceit and self-importance bordering on

Anarchy and Spirituality

by
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I contend that the only living and relevant form of Anarchy today is what is called “Green Anarchy”

or “Primitivist Anarchy,” for truly there is nothing more critical to our survival as a species than the health of our very own living environment. Different forms and nuances of governance mean nothing if our air, water, and land are poisoned.

Nevertheless, we know that the preservation of our environment lies, not with recycling and “sustainable energy” and other useless distractions, but with thwarting the values and lifestyle of “Civilization” itself—that great Techno-Machine which has dehumanized us and torn us from the bosom of Mother Nature.

Furthermore, Makaya House, a sub-group, or “House” within the Ecumenical Church of the Divine (EcoD), views the fundamental motives, Understandings, and techniques of Primitivist Anarchy as spirituality; a quest, to revive humanity's ancient place within Nature.

John Zerzan put it succinctly and clearly when he wrote:

“Authentic spirituality is so importantly a function of our connection with the earth. To reclaim the former, we must regain the latter. That so very much stands in our way is the measure of how bereft we have become. Do we have the imagination, strength, and determination to recover the wholeness that was once our human birthright?”

This is what Makaya House is all

the EcoD website:
www.theecod.org.

Our Spiritual Mentor: Swami D

Swami D is great to have around. He is wise and he speaks plainly. His writings could come across as pretentious, or at times preachy. However, those of us fortunate enough to have been touched by him understand his writings in context; he was always a reluctant writer. He told us that written words were too static, trapped in the moment. When he quoted Crowley, "All words are lies" I nearly fell out of my chair. Fortunately for us he liked to talk, and we took notes! I came across these nuggets when reading through an old notebook:

Plagiarism is a sure sign of being well read.

You may have a little or you may have a lot, but you own nothing.

"God" comes with baggage; the Divine does not care about your lost luggage.

Shit or get off the pot.

Herbal tea has its place.

You know that he once looked at a page in this very notebook and said, "I guess I need to put pen to paper." Soon thereafter he wrote the *Not a Manifesto Motherfuckers!*

Truly Swami D is not here to guide us at this juncture, and surely we saw him burn the only copy of *NaMM* after the first reading. But lets be honest, he wrote like he talked and we listened. We have copious notes.

Swami D once told us that, The people have heard all the notes, but you were given a voice -- you must sing!

So there it is. I think we should "write songs", Swami D has given us lyrics, he has given us hope, and if he were here today he would likely give us a swift kick in the pants.

Abbot Stu
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*"May the Divine light shine upon you and within you today and all the days of your life."
"All power to the people"*

megalomania. Take credit for spontaneous uprisings in far-flung corners of the world, sneer at those who oppose or disagree with you.

7. Denounce and exclude people often. Keep your group very small and exclusive — but take it for granted that every man, woman, and child in the Western Hemisphere is intimately familiar with your work, even if no more than ten people actually are.
8. Detournement: Cut a comic strip out of the paper (serious strips like 'Terry and the Pirates' and 'Mary Worth' are preferred), and change the dialogue. Use lots of situationist language. What fun!
9. Use Marxian reverse-talk. This is a sure-fire way of alerting people to the fact that you are a situationist or are eager to become one: "the irrationality of the spectacle spectacularises rationality," "separate production as production of the separate."
10. Invoke "the proletariat," factories, and other blue-collar imagery as often as possible, but do not under any circumstances associate with or work with real proletarians. (Some acceptable situationist jobs are: student, professor, artist.)
11. By all means avoid such repugnant proletarian accoutrements as: novelty baseball hats, rock group T-shirts, "Garfield" or "Snoopy" posters (no matter how "political"), and vulgar American cigarettes like "Kent" or "Tareyton".

Guy Debord and the Situationists are a great influence on the EcoD. To find out more about them go to <http://libcom.org/thought/situationists-an-introduction>.



about, discovering the strength, focusing the imagination and being determined to recover our birthright and experience the Natural World just as our prehistoric ancestors did, which is the core of "Authentic Spirituality."

For more information concerning Makaya House go to www.theecod.org or email Brother Bryan at bryancaick@gmail.com.

*Nignam nukal zikukudam!
Silima šuluh!*

The Ecumenical Church of the Divine

The ECoD is a community based on the concepts of Freedom, Ecstasy, and Hope. We are anarchists in every sense of the word, but we reject the raw atheism of the past. We believe that we must each have a strong spiritual core to withstand and overcome the forces against us daily. We agree with Carl Jung that spirituality is an important and necessary component of a sane, sound, and balanced life. However, spirituality is not church. we speak neither of Christianity nor any other B.S. (Belief System)--these are indeed the opiate of the masses as Marx observed; they should be condemned as houses of the slave masters--coercive institutions in league with our enemies. In spite of the many challenges facing us today, the ECoD remains an upbeat and optimistic community retaining its sense of humor. We live by the spirit of Emma Goldman's apocryphal saying: "If I can't dance I don't want to be in your revolution!"

"They cut the forest down to build a piece of crap."

-- Neil Young

"One law for the lion & ox is oppression."

-- William Blake

