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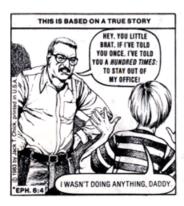
Jack Chick Dissections

Yes, that's right, folks - the Tract so bad Chick himself recalled it. I'm not sure if I can think of any better an introduction.

Special thanks to Ryan Rinkerman for tracking down the original Tract images.



Oh, God, they really are wounded! The killer left only their heads! It's only their





THIS IS BASED ON A TRUE STORY, IN THAT I ONCE HEARD ABOUT A GAY GUY WITH AN ABUSIVE DAD

"Don't get mad, daddy! I'm not doing anything! I was just practicing my mime routine! Look, daddy, I'm trapped in a glass box! See? See, daddy? I'm pressing against the walls with my hands, but I just can't get out!"

You know, Stacy Keach gets typecast as angry, patriarchal father figures too

often. Er... is that an empty holster hanging from his belt?

So he's told him, "to stay out of my office" a hundred times, "to" included? "Son, to stay out of my office!" I don't get the colon, here. (And apparently neither does Jack. *rimshot*)

Then again, I never really did understand this expression. What does it even mean? "If I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times." Are we just to assume that you have, in fact, told someone this once before? If so, why are we taking it as understood, then, that having told someone something once before, you've effectively told them a hundred times? Someone thinks perhaps a little too highly of the effect of their words on other people. Further, how does this relate to other expressions involving certain quantities of event instances, like "fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me"? By fooling me once, then saying "if I fooled you once, I fooled you a hundred times," could you be fooling me a hundred times, thus invoking 99 times the shame upon me?

I'm curious about this whole "Pest, Proverbs 11:29a" thing, but I'm afraid it might end up being the script for that shitty John Leguizamo movie. (Actually, it's just something with only a vague relation to the word "pest": "He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart." Yeah, I don't get the significance, here, either.)

Oh, and by the way, while I'm at it, since this thing seems so fucking littered with passages from the Bible with only the vaguest relations to dialog, here's



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Ephesians 6:4:

4: And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Yeah, 'cause the Lord isn't wrathful or anything.

'd like to think that the last two lines in the bottom right corner are completely unrelated, and that the first is an expression of appreciation for the aesthetically pleasing physical appearance of his friend. "Looks like you've been moisturizing. Any corn on the cob left?"





Honey, I'm gonna have a barbecue with a few of my friends. You should invite hat friend of yours. You know, Cthulhu. Edith Cthulhu."

Good lord! Porno! How DARE people have the sexual needs and drives that God created within them?

I'M GOING TO CONSUME YOUR SOUL *SLURKPLURPA PLURPL SPLURPLURLP* Er, mean, uh, SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW?"

Galatians 6:7:

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

So... by putting porn in his office drawer... it'll grow... more porn? I guess?

Look at the attention to detail... such lovingly-crafted slabs of man-muscle. But why does he only become translucent in the parts overlapping David?

Uh, mister demon? It might be more effective if you said things out loud, into his ear, instead of just thinking them out of yours.





"HAW HAW! Did you hear the one about the traveling salesman? HAW **HAW**, okay, so the traveling salesman walks into a bar with a bishop, a priest, and a Rabbi. Three weeks later, he was found bludgeoned to death in the basement of a house on his sales route! HAW HAW!"

Gah, what's wrong with his head? Apparently when you lose your innocence, your face implodes.

In the first three panels of this fucking thing, he's gone from looking like he's fourteen to looking like he's eight, then up to twelve, then down to six. How the hell old is he supposed to be?

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The role of "Demon" in the panel on the right will be played tonight by Johnny Depp.

If not for this single incident, David would grow up to be entirely devoid of sexual interests and desires, completely sexually unmoved by the idea of intercourse, just like God intended.





Awwww, little David! Jack's patronizing description is just totally making me care about this character. Like, he just seems so helpless — a poor little child I should be giving a shit about.

Wow, one day of demonic possession and he's already able to swivel his neck about 110 degrees from forward.

Anything sexual is UNHEALTHY and AWFUL. Be ASHAMED of yourself for having a set of functioning organs in your body. Fundamentalists lose both ways on this one, by the way: If there is a God, and if he created functioning genitalia and such an intense drive to use them, then he's a twisted, cruel little fuckwad if he demands people resist any attempt at doing anything with them. It's like telling people "okay, don't use your spleen or you're damned!" or "if you use that saliva for anything but swallowing food, you'll roast in hell forever!" and is a demand that really ought to be disobeyed, as this petty, sadistic little shit of a God is totally unworthy of anyone's adoration. On the other hand, if God doesn't exist, or if he's intelligent enough to have just created a self-sufficient universe complete with evolution*, then being ashamed of sex is just silly and totally arbitrary and unnecessary.

Oh, and in case you were wondering, any sexual desires are the result of demons. There's no such thing as neurological and physiological chemistry. Nope, it's all demons whispering subliminal messages into little kids' heads.

Now that cloning is possible, should we be ashamed of generating any cells at all, since the nuclei can apparently be used in the process? Why only be ashamed of sperm and eggs?

* If you want to really piss off a fundie, tell them the only way Intelligent Design could be at all Intelligent would be if it were evolution. A stupid God would create a universe that required his constant attention and micro-managing intervention. An intelligent one would make it self-sufficient. Thus, the only Intelligent Design is evolution.



Ahhh, he's ten. Actually, if you take the averages of my four guesses two panels ago, that's what you get, so I guess the depiction is roughly accurate.

OH NO! HE MANUALLY OPERATED ONE OF HIS WORKING BODILY ORGANS!

If the extent of his sexual activity thus far has been masturbation and sexual fantasy, what the fuck did he need her around for?

So here's Matthew 10:25-27:

25: It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

26: Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. 27: What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. What does ANY of that have to do with what's going on in this panel? Would you give it up already with the shoehorned-in Biblical references, Jack?

Yeah, that's what being gay is — you're a (gender typically associated with the genitals you do not physically possess) inside of (whichever gender is typically associated with your genitals). It's that simple!



Wait, so if demonic influence and "mind control" is responsible for enforcing gender roles and belittling homosexuality, then are all fundamentalists being influenced by demons? Oops! Unintentional undermining of the entire fundamentalist perspective on homosexuality, implying demonic influence in all homophobic and gender-enforcing Christians: Lose 10 Jesus points!

All gay men played with dolls growing up. Because all gay men, as previously mentioned, are really just women with penises. But wait! Then how do you explain gay men being really masculine? If they're just women inside — as has been implied — then... I... just... *head explodes*

I had no idea homosexuals had "ranks". Is it number-based, or more military? "I'm a level five homo!" Or maybe like, "Okay, Billy, Olivia here outdid you in gayitude yesterday by doing two women at once. That means you've slipped from 52,817 to 52,818. And Eric, I heard you were slightly aroused by a woman last night, so you've dropped to 188,412. Try harder, people!"

Put this one in a circle, add the word "pasghetti" somewhere, and you're halfway on your way to Family Circus.

SISSY! SPACEK!



"But... but... homosexuality IS treatable, if you'd just TRY, doctor! I know it is! I don't have any experience, and my only real understanding is just my intuition that it's 'icky', and all this unfounded stuff religious people tell me, but I'm a mother and I know. I mean, you've been able to convince straight men to stop being sexually aroused by women, right?"

Eye makeup? You sure he's not just emo?

At first glance, I almost thought she said "...take him fisting" in the second panel, which is a subtle alteration that could make this whole thing so much more fun and interesting.

For tonight's performance, the role of David in this panel will be played by Ed Norton.

MAKE UP YOUR FUCKING MIND ALREADY. Is the father's anti-gay, "homosexuality is caused by parents" attitude demonic behavior or not?

"Doesn't anybody understand? I've got to get out of here," thought dad's hand, desperate to somehow detach itself from this entire ridiculous, bigoted ordeal.



That's one pointy demon. He's even got Dilbert's Boss hair.

The dialog in this is hilariously appalling. It's not even so much that it's a bunch of misguided, homophobic boarshit, it's that *nobody in real life would ever say or think* half the idiotic phrases the characters do.

Yes — the torment of being gay is caused by *the act of being gay itself*, not, oh, say, societal pressures and expectations, bigots, persecution and ridicule from the people around you, other people thinking it's "not normal", implicit social biases, cultural signification, and the myriad other things that make gays feel they're "wrong". What accurate cultural observation!



Because ALL gays do drugs, and drug use is EXCLUSIVE to the gay community. Right? I mean, just because this is demonstrably extremely untrue, that doesn't mean it's false, right? Or... wait, amyl nitrate? This isn't about drugs at all! Why would Michael Landon be in a gay bar asking Crocodile Dundee for a diesel fuel additive? I dunno, maybe this is a gay truck stop or something. It's kind of hard to tell, given it's apparently some kind of Dirac Sea.

Come on in and bathe with some gays! 'Cause, you know, in real life, nobody's creative enough to come up with any other names for their bars and clubs than generic things like "BAR" and "GAY BAR" and "GAY BATHS".



[C]ancer*.			

*A.I.D.S.



Oh, yay, more beefy men for Jack (or his illustrator accomplice) to lovingly detail for us on paper.

"Hey, David, cliché your clichés on that guy!" Is there some kind of significance to the demon's various states of transparency, by the way, that I'm somehow missing, here?

"I know we can make it"? Make it where? Home? The highway rest stop? Arby's? After all? The end of the Tract? Canada? White Castle? The Moon? Really, it doesn't make a difference if they make it or not. They've got each other, and that's a lot.

Yeah, you can tell you're fuckin' soul-mates after, what, like, a half an hour of conversation.



All gays are promiscuous! Which is why they want to be able to get married! SHUT UP IT MAKES SENSE. SOMEHOW.

Oh, also: All gays sit around without shirts on.

What's the point of trying to talk him into suicide if you're only going to talk him right back out of it? Maybe these demons would be a little more successful if they actually established some goals and worked toward them instead of firing off randomly. One moment it's "maybe you ought to kill yourself" and the next it's "Hey David, why don't you fuck some fish?"

My, what chiseled facial features. Look at him, he's like a Roman emperor. David the Weepy.



I think Jack's normally crisp and witty dialog is falling a little flat, here.

So is this all inspired by demons as well, or is this behavior Chick endorses? Or both? I mean, one would *think* it would be the result of demonic influence, right? Why would demons focus exclusively on getting men to insert penises into each other's anuses and not put any effort at all into vicious beatings? But if Chick supports enforcing gender roles, which is apparently a demonic-inspired perspective, why wouldn't he support this as well? I'm beginning to see why he recalled this one.



"BLOOBLEOOBLEURRPPHHHHFFFF PPPLLLLLLLLOOOOOOOOO PLOOOOFFFF PLOOOOOOO-W-W-WHAT!?? OH MY GOD — BRIAN! PPPLLOOOOOOOOO BLLBLLLOOOO!"

I'd like to think his head just keeps going like that, whipping back and forth at high velocity, wildly splattering drool all over the newspaper.

Why does the demon need to be transparent here? Boy, it's a good thing we can see the arm of that chair and a sliver of David's sleeve instead of being able to tell where the thought bubble is originating.

Notice there's now active communication between David and the demon. (Or, well, the demon's navel, apparently.) WARNING: THIS DOES NOT ACTUALLY HAPPEN IN REAL LIFE. ANY BEHAVIOR RESEMBLING THIS IS THE SIGN OF A MENTAL DISORDER, WHICH CAN LIKELY BE CURED WITH SOME FORM OF MEDICATION. IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANYTHING RESEMBLING COMMUNICATION WITH DEMONS, PLEASE SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP IMMEDIATELY. Unless... Do "chemicals" count as "demons" in the literal sense?

Nobody wants an old queen? Tell that to Elizabeth II, asshole! She will *not be amused*, I assure you. (Prince Edward might take personal umbrage as well. HAR HAR OUTDATED BRITISH TABLOID HUMOR)

Oh, come on, he hasn't tried "everything". He's not even desperate and obsessed yet. And I haven't seen him stalk even *one* celebrity.



I'm going to steal this as a conversation opener. "The Lord sent me here to witness to you." After that, I can tell them whatever I want, and it's the "Word of God", right? I mean, that's how it seems to work.

Oh, wait — that's Bob Vila! He must be here to film an episode of *This Old Gay Bar*, or *Bob Vila's 'Homo Again'*, or something.

"At one time I was gay, just like you. Now, with careful, obsessive repression of my emotions, instincts and desires, I've managed to hide the fact that I'm totally miserable from myself! It's so much easier to persecute myself than it is to deal with all the persecution from other people. But, I guess this is a much better solution than people actually not being total fucking homophobic morons about every goddamned thing."

"Lee not deceived: neither formicators nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor efferminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thirties are not oblight in anyway because it's way to goddamned small and way too fucking long. I could say just about anything here, and if m willing to be that 960% of everyone who looks here is going to be all "LLD" by it, simply because there so no point straining your eyes to the point of retinal detactment just to fucking read a boring-assed passage from the Bible that talks about how basically everyone is going to hell, even apparently people who are "efferminate". Seriously, what the fuck' Who determines this? How does not quantity as that into 10 has been to the view of the weight of the properties of



Wrestle with principalities? What, like Monaco? Or... is Jack referring to <u>Angelic Choirs</u>? Does he mean we wrestle with the fifth highest order of the ninefold celestial hierarchy? I... I don't... what? (Yes, I know it's in the Bible, and I don't care. That clearly doesn't make it not stupid.)

"Only God can change your life." Er... so there's no free will after all, I guess. It's just Jesus and demons tugging your soul back and forth, making every decision for you.

KISSSLURP SLURK SLUCKLSLUCKLICKSLUCK SLURP SUCKLE SPLURP SUCK SSSSKKKKISSSS SMOOOCHLE SPLURK KISS SUCK-SUCK-SUCK SLURP KISS — FUCKING GET A ROOM ALREADY, YOU TWO



"The Bible says if any man is in Christ, he becomes a new creature. No, that's not a metaphor, or figurative writing — you literally become, like, a frog or a bull or a cheetah or, y'know, whatever else. I'm not really sure how he picks it. I'm an alpaca!"

So... what if you change, but you're still gay? Why does that, specifically, have to change? And hold on a second... <u>I thought a person's actions didn't mean anything</u>, and that all a person had to do was believe in and accept Jesus.

It seems "active" gays have bulked-up, sculpted bodies, and "reformed" gays turn into pudgy, jowly flesh-sacks.



Here, I want to play around with this one: "But the Bible says you were born in the image of ${\sf God}...$

...therefore, homosexuality — though the origins are extremely unclear to even the most intelligent scientists and researchers using the most rigorous testing — is a *learned*, *sinful behavior*."

- ...therefore, God is fat."
- ...therefore, everyone looks exactly the same."
- ...therefore, people with Down Syndrome cannot possibly logically exist."

(The possibilities for violent logic collisions are endless! Pick up the home version on your way out of here tonight and try your own!)

 $\operatorname{\mathsf{Gah}},$ just SHUT UP, you WOOL-HEADED FUCKBAG. THIS MAKES NO SENSE. GO AWAY.



Yeah, and how much else of Leviticus are you hypocritical facefucks trying to follow to the letter? Eat me. You try to force everyone to abide by these *three fucking passages in the entire Bible* that exhibit *only a vague, inconclusive reference to anything even remotely related to homosexuality* while ignoring an enormous number of passages that are much clearer in their wording and reinforce themes that occur throughout the Bible, yet you somehow believe

yourselves in a position to cast judgment on others. Just shut up. Just stop talking immediately. With every fucking word that falls like a wet turd from your cracked, horrible mouths, you only serve to reinforce the easily-drawable conclusion that your miniscule, oversimplifying, idiot minds are incapable of fathoming the supposedly mysterious and complex mind of the God you claim to represent. You openly blaspheme by claiming to understand his will and trying to impose this interpretation of it upon others, mercilessly scrutinizing them under its scope, and, well, I'm not in any way a religious man, but that seems like far worse an offense than simple lack of belief. (Would you rather have someone not speak of you at all, or totally misrepresent you?) Just shut up. Shut up now, and shut up until you can learn how to expel words from your mouth instead of blind, cross-thumping, talking points that bring nothing to the world but arbitrarily propagating hatred and oppression. You have no place casting judgment on others on an individual level, let alone wielding government as a tool of oppression. You have no more insight into "God's will" than any other person on this planet, so stop deluding yourselves into thinking otherwise because of personal insecurities, fear of mortality, and a desire for revenge on those you were helpless to punish yourselves in this lifetime.

Perhaps we need, as a country, to ask ourselves what's more important: Preserving religious freedom at the potential sacrifice of the entire scope of individual freedoms, or preserving the entire scope of individual freedoms at the potential sacrifice of certain levels of religious freedom? Does that one freedom — religious expression — trump freedom as a whole?

This is not "a Christian country". Just shut up. Fuck.

Oh, and P.-Fucking-S. - Stop conflating consensual sex and sex-related activities with non-consensual sexual abuse. You have — if such a minuscule quantity is even possible — even less an understanding of this than you do of God.



Why is a black square on the side of a building having a conversation with itself about homosexuality?

Oh, hey, wow, this one doesn't have the patented Jack Chick "Crucifixion Scene" Xerox panel. Where's my John 3:16, dammit? Where's my 3:16?

"Are we going to stop him from killing himself?" "No, silly! We're going to convert him! Now, hurry — to the Reformed-Faggot-Mobile!"

"Hurry, Kenny! Kill yourself now! Kill yourself! Take these pills! Though, maybe you should try fucking a fish. There are plenty of them. Fuck 'em and leave 'em, that's what I always say. Come on, let's go bar-hopping."

Is that Tim Curry being shaken by Demon Judge Reinhold?



Blah blah, save us Lord, usual, predictable, "happy" Chick Tract ending.

I'm willing to bet the recall of this Tract has something to do with the extreme likelihood of the final paragraph having to be updated to read: "This book was written with the help of the late pastor Perry Roberts, a converted homosexual delivered by Jesus Christ. Prior to his tragic suicide (FOR TOTALLY UNRELATED REASONS, SERIOUSLY, GUYS), he helped many others find freedom. If you have further questions or need prayer, please write the estate of pastor Roberts [address]. Unfortunately, due to his untimely death, pastor Roberts is no longer available to speak to churches, schools and civic groups, etc."

I like to think that the guy on the right acts and looks the same way when defecating. "GRRRRNNNNHHH! I TAKE AUTHORITY OVER YOU, CEMENT-LIKE, CLOGGY, PAINFUL TURD, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST."

I also like to think this all ends with a big gay orgy, like it does in the film adaptation.

In conclu	usion,	
	[C]ancer*.	

*A.I.D.S.

Gah. Awful.

An anagram of this, by the way, is "WOUNDED LECH RIND". Another fun one is "DO UNWED CHILDREN".

Until next time, when we'll hopefully have a Dissection by Djur since my family's in town for the week.

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48 Responses to "Chick Dissection | Wounded Children"

1. Phoenix Says:

May 21st, 2007 at 8:20 pm

Dear god.

I'd have never thought it'd be possible for Chick to seem even less connected with planet Earth than usual. I was wrong.

2. Rose Says:

May 21st, 2007 at 8:48 pm

Can ten-year-old boys even get aroused? Or is it just porn in general that steals innocence from whomever it is shown to under whatever circumstance? Do porn magazines steal the innocence of, say, blind people? People who are asexual?

So if David had listened to the demon, he would have stopped his close friend from being beaten to death? Is this Chick's impression of a "demonic" suggestion?

What the hell is with this Kenny character. He's brought up in the last panel and we're suddenly supposed to give a shit that he's alive after we don't even know who he is? Although if he had killed himself it would have been pretty awesome, 'cause then there would have been an opportunity for a South Park joke.

And this stuff about boys playing with dolls is crap. The straightest guy I know still played with Barbies long after I stopped.

This dissection was hilarious, but the tract was awful. I mean, what the hell? Every single gay person has their own personal Satan? Come on. If Satan really has as little a life as Chick tracts depict, couldn't he spend his time on an MMORPG instead?

3. <u>rev. Syung Myung Me</u> Says:

May 21st, 2007 at 9:32 pm

I like how in the "Why was I born this way? Why can't I die?" panel, the demon actually looks really... concerned. Like "Oh, man, it's not so bad, buck up, li'l fella!"

4. NotAPimecone Says:

May 21st, 2007 at 9:48 pm

Why is a black square on the side of a building having a conversation with itself about homosexuality?

I know I'm weird, but this seems like something that could have happened when they activated the infinite improbability drive in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

5. nimue Says:

May 21st, 2007 at 10:36 pm

wait, ciggarettes are sinful now? "you were not born with a ciggarette in your hand, sinful habits are learned..." When did that happen?

Didn't people in the bible, like smoke pipes or something? maybe it's not the tobacco... maybe it's some thing in the little paper tube...

joe camel does kinda look like a demon. and if you look reeeeeal close at the camel box you can kinda see some vauge outlines of naked people, possibly having sex. maybe that's it.

6. il-Palazzo Says:

May 21st, 2007 at 11:03 pm

So where is it, Jack, that 'door to the world of sexual fantasy' you mentioned. I'd really like to step in. Even better - do you know where the 'door to sexual activity' is?

7. il-Palazzo Says:

May 21st, 2007 at 11:33 pm

By the way. This is by far the best Chick Tract EVER. Containing a demon who try to influence a man to commit an act of courage to save his friend, even scold him when he refuse. (Is Chick trying to tell us that demons always fail, even when they try to do something nice - "so choose the winning side, morons"?) The same demon also stop that man from killing himself, although another demon encourage it on his victim. It seems that Satan need to document a clearer job description for his minions.

In conclusion, the Johnny Depp demon is such a nice friend. Not only he did all that I mentioned above, supported a gay man through his hard times, he also show you porn (and where to find them).

8. Ryan Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 12:34 am

Completely forgot where I originally found this tract, but I'm darn glad I saved it. ^^

One thing I totally don't get. (In a list of many.) How could David read about an unidentified body, with no leads, which may have no connection to the beating he witnessed, and instantly realize "OMG THAT HAD TO BE BRIAN!!1!"

9. Crane Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 2:46 am

Heheheh. I love the Demon. He seemed way more supportive and helpful than any of the christians. ;-)

Also the thing about gay meaning being a woman in a man's body is total shit as well. That's transsexuals.

You can see why this one was recalled. It's plot makes so little sense, and it's so horrifically illogical that it doesn't properly demonstrate the bigotted Chick Views.

10. josh Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 2:49 am

Once again, you got me with an awesome pop culture reference. ± 10 Bon Jovi points.

This tract proves I'm doublegay. drugs + sittin around without a shirt on. Nimue thinks it loops me back around to being straight....

"what the cock is that shit?" have you been watching the Angry Nintendo Nerd?

I adore your rant which starts with Leviticus and such. Absolutely awesome.

Also, there's a great movie about the groups in this country that try to make gay people straight, and how horribly they fail and totally suck. ... I don't remember the name, though. Pot's a bad drug mkay. And you never know, that Pastor might have turned away from "God" and started up with the joyfully sinning and buttsechs and such.

11. *Djur* Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 3:30 am

Can ten-year-old boys even get aroused?

Yes.

12. Jabberwock Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 3:48 am

Indeed. Human males are apparently capable of erection even prior to birth (but not ejaculation until usually about a decade later).

13. Breahting Meat Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 3:51 am

You should apply for a government grant for all the good work you do. Keep it up, Jabberwock.

I don't know if you're a reader at pointlesswasteoftime.com but their freshest article is relevant and interesting.

Also:

With every fucking word that falls like a wet turd from your cracked, horrible mouths, you only serve to reinforce the easily-drawable conclusion that your miniscule, oversimplifying, idiot minds are incapable of fathoming the supposedly mysterious and complex mind of the God you claim to represent. You openly blaspheme by claiming to understand his will and trying to impose this interpretation of it upon others, mercilessly scrutinizing them under its scope, and, well, I'm not in any way a religious man, but that seems like far worse an offense than simple lack of belief. (Would you rather have someone not speak of you at all, or totally misrepresent you?)

Amen.

Though I still reckon Chick's not in it for the souls. Read the newsletter on his site: it's all about "brave soulwinners" who buy literally *thousands* of his fearmongering self-marketing hate tracts at 15c each.

14. Breathing Meat Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 3:52 am

Baah! Can't even spell my own name now!

15. *Djur* Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 4:14 am

Indeed. Human males are apparently capable of erection even prior to birth (but not ejaculation until usually about a decade later).

Pity. You could have chain pregnancies.

16. Professor Woland Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 6:02 am

Last night a documentary on American Christian fundamentalism was aired by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (not be confused with the American one that stole our damn acronym). It's called "God On Our Side," and it was done by a very good journalist by the name of Andrew Denton. He went to the National Religous Broadcasters Convention, and did some interviews with fundie celebrities and people in the modern evangelical industry (sadly, our Jack was not in attendance).

Being a very good journalist he attempted to give a fair and accurate portrayal of these people and their worldview. And these people, being these people, could not help but jump at the oppurtunity to make complete mockeries of themselves (much like our Jack). My personal favourite scene was when Denton attempted to make a Christian explain why the Bible was true. It went something like this (I can't recall exact wording):

Denton: So why do you believe that the Bible is the root of all truth?

Christian: Well, no other document except the Bible accounts for everything you see. You can go out and see the sun, the moon, the earth, and the Bible is the only document that describes all of that, and therefore it is the word of God, and is the basis of all the truth.

Denton: But the Koran for example, does the same thing, why isn't it true?

Christian: Well, because the Bible says that its not true.

Really, this is one of the more sensible parts of the documentary. If anyone is interested, I'll track down its publishing information (it might be available as a free download), and post it here.

P.S. I don't get it Jack, is being able to empathise with women a sign of the strength of David's homosexual tendencies? Should we just go back to the beat'em and fuck'em method?

17. Kat Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 10:46 am

Was the dad into gay porn or does straight porn+Demon Depp= gay man?

Also I am still a bit confused by the Demon on one hand he gives David hints about suicide then a little while later tells him that it will get better...is he a friend or a demon?

18. Kat Savs:

May 22nd, 2007 at 10:51 am

By the way if you want another bizarre, rare, recalled tract look for Lisa, it is about child molestation and how if you get saved you can keep the kid you are molesting and the doctor wont tell any one, also women drime men to molest children.

19. Chelonianmobile Says: May 22nd, 2007 at 2:11 pm

sigh

You know, I found out the facts of life when I was nine. I thought it was kinda gross for a while, then came to the conclusion that adults were really weird and completely forgot about it until I was about eleven (when I started watching for menstruation). I accidentally viewed soft-porn when I was twelve. FURRY porn, in fact. At the time, I didn't even realise that was what it was. I just thought it was "art".

Now, I'm seventeen, and in fact I pretty much class myself as as exual. I still think the whole process is kinda needlessly complicated, but if other people want to do it that's entirely their own business ^_^ (I probably think this at least partly due to my Asperger's Syndrome - it means I'm socially inept and don't like touching people - but the point still stands.) My existence is yet one more piece of proof that Chick's full of shit on this one.

Well, okay, I do have more-or-less non-sexual furry tendencies. But I had those BEFORE I saw the porn, because I was looking for an entirely different and perfectly childsafe furry webcomic at the time.

I fail completely to see how anything which hurts nobody except the sensibilities of a few morons is "wrong". I was kinda icked by the idea when I was a kid, but not much more than I was by het sex. Same reason I don't really get why people think masturbation is sinful.

20. *Jabberwock* Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 4:14 pm

I think the problem here originates with superstitious people using magical thought to try to "solve" their problems.

I've had kind of a low-level OCD most of my life. Starting in middle school, I managed to wrestle it down almost completely to the point where it's now kind of useful. (I've actually caught the toaster oven on, and the oven turned on, and several other things of that nature, which I wouldn't have noticed were it not for my compulsion to walk around before leaving making sure everything heat-generating was turned off.) I've noticed that there's a lot of OCD that has a kind of "magical thinking" element involved.

I'm actually writing a short story about what I feel could be a possible accidental origin of religion. I'll summarize:

This guy finds himself addicted to caffeine, and he wants to give it up. He gets headaches every day unless he has his coffee, and he just doesn't want to deal with it anymore. So one day, he decides to quit, but he finds it too hard. In order to keep himself to it, he convinces himself that if he drinks coffee, his wife will die. He keeps repeating it until he believes it, and does, in fact, stop drinking coffee.

His friends ask him how he managed to give it up, because they have things they want to quit, too. So he tells them about his method, and they adopt it. One woman convinces herself that if she doesn't stop smoking, her mother will get Alzheimer's. That kind of thing.

Pretty soon, they've all formed a support group, and people keep wanting to join. They all have things they don't want to do anymore — things they personally feel are "wrong" or "icky" or "just plain not right". Through their discussions, they manage to organize in such a way as to act as a collective support system. For instance, they agree that if one person in the group wants to give something up, the rest have to as well, because otherwise they'll look around and see that all these people are still smoking and *their* dogs aren't getting hit by cars, or whatever.

There's a lot of resentment toward all the people in the world who don't abide by this same protocol for behavior, because they're an obvious demonstration that, say, best friends don't get cancer whenever a person eats too many candy bars. So eventually the "dangers" turn from physical to something less perceptible, giving it a kind of "Schroedinger's" feel. People start worrying about their loved ones even more, and trying to get

them to abide by the same protocols. "You can't prove that you WON'T be forced to eat elephant jizz for the rest of time after you die because you didn't give up smoking, now, can you?"

And... yeah. It goes on from there. I started it, but never got around to finishing it. I'll have to dig it up and do so.

Anyway, point is, religion isn't founded on things that have intrinsically "bad" or "wrong" or "harmful" attributes, or that have any real significance in any way. It's all just things that a group of people don't want to do, see, or deal with because they've made subjective assessments of certain behaviors and have deemed them "icky" or "bad" or "detestable". Like I've said before, religion is exclusively about what MAN wants, not what any omnipotent being would want.

21. Chelonianmobile Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 5:23 pm

Cool. I'd be interested in reading that story if you ever post it.

And another thing. Chick thinks porn is so bad? He plainly isn't familiar with the Song of Solomon. Bible porno! I've read it, and ... parts of it are very good, but I think it loses something in the translation. I sure wouldn't be pleased if my lover compared my teeth to a flock of sheep. (Not making that up, honest.)

22. Mau de Katt Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 5:54 pm

Heheheh... there's an easier way to read that tiny little passage from Leviticus up there, Jabberwock — just do a copy-n-paste into something like WordPad, and the type is ~magically~ large enough to read!

But yeah, I think you've pegged it on what "effeminate" means to these asshats. I remember seeing in the paper once a picture of a contingent of men at a Promise Keepers rally who were wearing T-shirts saying "Warriors Not Wimps For Christ."

Bleh.

23. Kelse Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 7:48 pm

Dear Jack Chick.

Upon (finally) seeing your (in)famous tract Wounded Children, I have been very much amused, and yet all the more spiteful towards you. Therefore, instead of making popcorn and watching the House Season One box set tonight, my girlfriend and I are going to engage in consensual, hot, kinky, lesbian sex. With whips. And handcuffs. Apparently, because all lesbians are men in the body of women, this also counts as gay sex. Plus two sin. Roll for eternal damnation.

Yrs. in lesbianism, Kelse

P.S. You, my good sir, are an asshat. That is all.

24. Shaun Says:

May 22nd, 2007 at 9:01 pm

I think my favorite parts of this tract are:

"David"s apparent detachment from normal human aging. Apparently being gay gives you the power to fast-forward or rewind your age from moment to moment! I need to learn to tap into this power.

And, like pretty much everyone else, I kind of wonder about the "demon" in this tract. He seems awfully friendly and concerned for the well-being of others. Kind of... not evil, really. Maybe that's why Chick recalled this one - his demon was a little too likeable!

I do have to wonder, though.. In the "Cancer*" panel, what is that "CRUISE, YOU FOOL, IT'S GETTING LATE!". Is that the demon shouting to be heard over what is probably thumping techno beats? Or is that some sort of sign they hung over the door?

Also, fishing keeps you from becoming gay. Who knew?

And why is it that the tract's illustrator paid such loving detail to the sculpted physique of all the gay men?

25. *Alec* Says:

May 23rd, 2007 at 3:43 am

You know, I kind of have to wonder about Chick's extremely and unsettlingly specific knowledge of (then-contemporary) American gay subculture. I mean, he's so utterly off-base on the 'normal' parts of being gay (mistaking it for transgenderism, using the old 'daddy didn't love me right' canard...), and then immediately he... well, he uses 'amyl nitrate', but who the fuck in the Jebusite laity would even know that much?

'GAY BATHS' is a little too much knowledge for our priggishly closed-minded Chick, along with phraseology like 'nobody wants an old queen', the dated (but then accurate) stuff like 'cancer' being a euphemism for AIDS...

What this all paints for me is a little picture: Chick (look for the sketch of the man - maybe on Wikipedia) hunched over the drawing board, unlit cigar in between his teeth, muttering 'I owe my audience the truth - but if I use 'poppers', will the Vatican's secret Jew sorcerors who've been fixing my shameful desires on Billy Graham know that I'm on to them?'

He moves the cigar from one side of his mouth to the other, then back again. He resists the temptation to move it a third time.

26. Chobit Says:

May 23rd, 2007 at 7:22 pm

That sitting guy in the 10th panel... he looks like He-Man.

Personally, I like this tract. The art is pretty good and the story is more complex (and, dare I say, believable) than Chick's usual fare.

27. Randy Says:

May 23rd, 2007 at 8:14 pm

Well... "Like" is strong for one of these tracts. However, this does seem to be "merely" a cynical portrayal of American gay life, if still dependent on strange outdated psychology and the supernatural. But if one compares it to probably any other tract about homosexuality, at least the gays bear a resemblance to real people, instead of the usual cartoonish "heterophobes" harrassing frightened straight folk, and chasing childreh in Sodom. 'Course, I'm sure it has something to do with an ex-gay cowriting it.

28. *Mau de Katt* Says:

May 23rd, 2007 at 9:33 pm

Y'know what really irritates me about this tract? The proverbial bit of sand in my sandal? (All of it is atricious, like any Chick tract, but there's always ~one little bit~ that is more irritating than the rest....) This tract highlights ~blatantly~ the major, self-contradictory flaw in this whole pray-the-demonic-gay-away fundie spew. (Even the fundies who don't explicitly say that "demonic influence causes Teh Gay still say it is "sin" and "sin is from the devil" etc etc.)

in the panel up there where the "ex-gay" dude is trying to talk David out of being gay, he says "sinful habits are learned and influenced by demonic forces...". And later when David is Saved!, his and the other guy's Buddy Demons are cast out, saying basically "curses! foiled again! we have to go find another David now!"

So... if being gay is caused by demonic influence, and you have these demons "cast out" when you are saved, why then is it "not going to be easy" to become hetero? (Even the "ex-gay" dude up there says that.) Buddy Demon and his demonic gay influence is gone... why then are you still gay?

This anti-gay tract exposes the inherent self-contradiction for all to see. And yet, somehow, the fundies DON'T SEE IT! So much for Jesus giving them "eyes to see"....

29. mom Says:

May 24th, 2007 at 10:08 am

Fishing may not keep you from becoming gay but it will make you a Master Baiter. Sorry......it had to be done.

30. Code name Dante Says:

May 24th, 2007 at 1:38 pm

The most retarded of all the tracts ever made is somebody goofed http://www.chick.com/reading/tracts/0003/0003 01.asp The ending is just so twisted...God's a big bully.

But yeah this one is just wow....I'm at a loss for words after reading it.

31. Kims Says:

May 24th, 2007 at 4:18 pm

Someone in an earlier post mentioned the track "Lisa"... This is more retarded than Wounded Children. In fact, it gives "That Crazy Guy" a run for its money.

I've actually found a site with it scanned...

http://members.aol.com/monsterwax/Tracts.htm

It's right between "L'il Susy" and "The Littlest Bride", and yet even in comparison to those two jewels, it sucks hard.

32. Mau de Katt Says:

May 24th, 2007 at 10:27 pm

[re: "Lisa"]

Oh. My. GAWD!!!!

I thought ~this~ (i.e. "Wounded Children") tract was horrible. But that "Lisa" tract??? That's beyond horrible, that's ~*criminal*~.

Wow.

33. Kat Says:

May 25th, 2007 at 9:29 am

See, I told ya'll "Lisa" was a special kinda crazy...

34. DMC Says:

May 27th, 2007 at 3:54 am

As a gay men myself, I was eagerly looking forward to this. Actually, this isn't quite as bad as people made it out to be. Granted, it's pretty stupid and patronizing, but it's the standard we've come to expect from Chick.

Rather than Chick's usual style of elaborate conspiracy theories, this one is merely a repository of the most common (and outdated) gay stereotypes. He's got everything covered! Let's see now:

- *) Men become gay because of emotionally-distant fathers
- *) Exposure to pornography at an early age will turn you queer
- *) Men become gay as a result of rejection from girls
- *) Gay men believe they're really girls in boys' bodies (something which even Chick himself acknowledges as false and tries to explain away in his footnote, but still makes the narrative a bit moot)
- *) Families get destroyed when gays come out the closet
- *) Fishing (or any arbitrary "butch" pastime) prevents your kids from becoming gay (my personal favourite!)
- *) All gay men try dating girls for a bit
- *) Gay life is all about sex, drugs and clubs
- *) AIDS and cancer are the same thing (a tough contender for my personal favourite!)
- *) All gay men met at a pickup bar
- *) Gays are promiscuous
- *) Gays are suicidal
- *) Gays are cowards and wouldn't help anyone in a crisis (you can't possibly paint any gay in a positive light or as a worthwhile human being, you see)
- *) Gays spend pretty much their entire lives battling with their sexuality
- *) Homosexuality is something that can be cured
- *) The cure for homosexuality, is, of course, Jesus! (Don't bother with Bhuddha or Muhammed, they just don't have the same credentials as Jesus, man!)

The most curious point, though, is why did Chick remove this from his catalogue? As I stated above, quite a few of his other tracts are far worse than this. And I don't see anything that couldn't have just been edited or removed, as he has done with previous tracts. And who is this Perry Roberts? A curious search on Google or Wikipedia doesn't herald anything. Roberts is either a fraud or fictitious, but nonetheless Chick has continued to publish material from exposed fraudsters (John Todd comes to mind). Perhaps someone can shed some light on this?

35. <u>little_e-</u> Says:

May 30th, 2007 at 1:30 am

This must have been retracted because the first two panels are actually decent. Obviously being nasty to your kids isn't going to drive them gay,

but it isn't good parenting, and the Bible does point that out (whence the Ephesians quote.) Or as they say, "Children, honor thy mother and thy father, **and parents, give thy children no reason to dishonor you.**" Most folks leave off that part, because gods forbid parent-child relations be based on anything even remotely resembling reciprocity or that there should ever be a and tollegitimate basis for kids being displeased with their parents.

Chick probably decided that the kid deserved to be kicked out of his dad's office, and screw any message about raising your kids in a loving manner.

36. sykodoughboy Says:

June 1st, 2007 at 3:39 pm

Well I guess "god" is like every other man, according to this tract, hates gay men but perfectly fine with lesbians. What the fuck is the deal with that shit?

37. *little e-* Says:

June 2nd, 2007 at 3:20 am

Last time I checked, there weren't actually Biblical commands against lesbianism. I think it was just assumed that women wouldn't be having control over their sex lives, anyway.

38. alexaudrey Says:

June 8th, 2007 at 12:50 pm

To DMC: The Rev. Roberts spells his name Perri Roberts. Google that name and you'll get his website. In fact, he looks like the bearded "Bob Vila" dude that "saves" David in the tract.

To Jabberwock: Your dissections are great and always make for a good laugh. The tracts I would like to see dissected are: Angels?, A demon's nightmare, and Somebody Goofed.

39. Lith Savs:

June 8th, 2007 at 4:41 pm

Anyone else notice that in the panel with the thugs, Chick censors "Fucking" but writes "fags"?

40. Ryan Says:

June 9th, 2007 at 3:18 am

looks up Perri Roberts

Hmmm...looks like Roberts isn't actually dead. I'll leave it up to everyone else to decide whether or not that's a good thing.

Also, Roberts is really creepy looking. Creepier than he looks in this tract.

41. Caylin Says:

June 9th, 2007 at 3:24 am

One of the things that pisses me off the most about fundys is how they will try to compare being gay to "being a woman on the inside." IT IS NOTHING ALIKE, and I think I would know, being both queer and transgender. What would chick say I was? A man inside a woman inside a man?

42. Lith Says:

June 9th, 2007 at 10:27 am

[quote=Ryan]Also, Roberts is really creepy looking. Creepier than he looks in this tract.[/quote]

I agree.

43. *Randy* Says:

June 9th, 2007 at 10:50 am

D'oh! No wonder I couldn't find him. He spells his name differently than in the tract!

44. Randy Says:

June 9th, 2007 at 11:00 am

From http://www.dyingforlove.org/:

This book is about adventure, survival, and ultimately, faith. You will read the harrowing account of how God saved the life of young Roberts when a coven of witches tried to kidnap him for a human sacrifice. Also riveting, and utterly amazing,

Pastor Roberts tells of is his true story of seeing Jesus in a cloud; on a mountaintop where the Lord stopped the devil from taking his soul, and the souls of his two friends to hell. Then just as intense, is his story of God reaching out of a glorious light, taking his hand, and revealing to him the path of life and what would come in later years. These stories will be uplifting, when you yourself, through the words of this book, behold the love and grace of almighty God.

Which totally sucks. when I was an evangelical, I was desperately trying to get God to cure me of being gay, but couldn't even get as much as an audible, "Hey, kid, it's just a trial to make you more devout." But someone like Perri gets personal appearances by the most powerful forces in the universe fighting on his behalf!

I guess it's because my first name ends with Y, not I, meaning I don't have the extra gender-challenge that causes Jesus to step in and say, "Enough is enough!" Or, just perhaps, Roberts is lying or hallucinating.

45. erik Says:

June 11th, 2007 at 3:57 pm

I don't think the Devil was ever trying to give evil power of suggestions, at least with the comment of suicide, I think he was just validating his assumptions of his friend David being possible suicidal before jumping to conclusions. When he found out he was right he tried to reassure him that there is more to life and that one must learn from his mistakes. So far Satan seems like a much more sympathetic, and empathetic, guy than God. Does Chick try to make my decision easier on being an Atheist?

46. Cacaoatl Says:

June 22nd, 2007 at 11:49 pm

I love the assumption held by many gay bashers that gays are some how more promiscuous than straights, that looking at porn at an early age turns you gay, and that all gays have emotionally distant fathers. The most promiscuous people I have known have been straight, I had an emotionally distant father and turned out straight, and my early experience with porn helped me get over the notion that many young boys have that girls are "yucky".

I also love the outdated use of the term "cancer" as a euphemism for HIV/AIDS. "Gay cancer" and "GRID" were both used back in the bad old days of the early 80s before AIDS was discovered amongst hemophiliacs, IV drug users, and women.

47. Seiber Says:

June 24th, 2007 at 11:27 pm

If looking at porn at an early age turns you gay, I'd say half the internetpossessing homes in this country would be cranking out gay children like donuts at Krispy Kreme.

48. Garrett Says:

June 26th, 2007 at 8:55 pm

This is probably Chick's best tract. Although he is definately condemning gays to hell or whatnot, at least he acknowledges that you can't just be 'cured'. ("it will be hard" etc.)

Also the artwork is pretty decent. I give it a 5/5 on the Chick Scale.

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