



WHISPERS FROM AN ATHEIST

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BLACK SCREEN:

Atheist. / Noun: A person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of a God or Gods.

Optimist / Noun: One who holds an unusual or heretical belief or opinion.

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MALE (V.O.)

In a world of racism and beliefs... The  
one thing that truly stands out is  
we're all born in darkness with no  
idea about the world until we reach a  
certain age to depict and understand  
the world based on what our parents  
told us. So, before we reach that age...  
How do we know what the truth is, and  
our minds were molded from what our  
parents taught us? Wait, don't leave.  
Enjoy what I know you'll enjoy.

FADE IN:

**EXT. BACKYARD - AFTERNOON**

MALE POV

As his eyes slowly blink open, a rainbow is seen.

MALE (V.O.)

It's beautiful, isn't it? After the  
storm comes beauty, letting you know  
it's a wonderful day to be alive. Wait  
a minute...

(Soft laugh)

Although 'God' displays the rainbow as  
a promise he'll never destroy the  
world with water again, somehow it's  
been flipped to represent 'Gay pride.'  
At first people had a problem with it,  
but since it became a law, people keep  
their mouth's shut because common law  
out-rides 'God's law.' None the less...

It should be respected, especially if you're religious.

(Soft Laugh)

What does it matter, right? Oh... It matters when it hits home, defending family and friends who are gay, and not to mention, you indulge in gay activities yourself. Yet, you'll judge others.

(Laughs)

Hm. This is why it's best to keep your opinion to yourself, because no matter if people agree or disagree, they'll always stand behind the people they love and the things they indulge in knowing it's labeled wrong, but family and love comes before anything. Besides, there's nothing wrong with the concept, considering the rainbow and gay means happiness.

The man gets up from the hammock and makes his way to the side door. Grabbing the handle, he pauses.

MALE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Everybody is welcomed in 'God's house' but there's people who rebuke the homeless. It's understandable and humorous because nobody owes anybody shit, but... Should you poke fun and you can end up in that situation? Situations are situations, having no idea about why this person is homeless, but it's good for a laugh, believing it'll never happen to you, but before you reached whatever peak you obtained, you were no different from the person you're making fun of. So... How can you praise 'God,' but you make fun of his children, and wouldn't dare lift a finger to try and help them?

Opening the door, he steps inside the empty family room, with the walls decorated with every nationality's flag and a form of their religion.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

I think people are so fuckin' judgmental because they believe their religion is right, without taking the

time to understand the people they're judging beliefs. Look at this room. It's beautiful, right? And I know you're probably thinking I'm outta my fuckin' mind, and that's where you would be wrong.

(Sucks teeth)

If you know your bible, when humanity began constructing the tower of babel to reach God, what did God do? He gave everybody a different language, haltering the process because nobody could understand the other. Some say God did this so humanity couldn't reach him and gain an understanding of his power, so they can somehow use it themselves. I think he did it for the simple fact that people are ungrateful, and don't deserve what they were looking for because they wouldn't know what to do with it. Now, look at the world today.

(Laughs)

People understand each other, and if they don't, it can easily be translated. But what do people do? They still step on people and fuck them over, just so they can reach the top and have a mass following, depicting themselves as a God. Irony, wouldn't you say?

The man laughs as he moves into the kitchen, where there's pots boiling on the stove. Pausing at the island, he begins tapping his fingers.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Aside from the bedroom, this is everybody's next favorite room. The place where you can cook up concoctions to fill your appetite for the moment, until you get hungry again. Where am I going with this? Well... The majority of people have a sexual appetite they believe can never be filled, or for lack of better words, they're just greedy, accepting whatever will allow them inside of it, or will allow anything inside of them. Nothing wrong with that. Just don't complain when you catch something

trying to fill that appetite.

(Laughs)

Temptation is a dangerous fuckin' weapon, I swear. You can know a person has fucked half of the city raw, and you'll still want your turn, disregarding the freaky shit they've done, running up in them bare back as if your immune system is invincible. Next thing you know... If you're not dead, you're in somebodys clinic bitching with hatred built inside you, ready to kill the person who gave it to you, if in fact you know who gave it to you. But... Whose really at fault? The person who infected you, or your dumbass for playing in the garbage?

(Laughs)

Maybe the blame can be placed on Adam and Eve for what they did, fuckin' everybody in one sitting. Or... You should place blame on yourself because God gave you that shit up in your head called a 'brain' for a reason. It's kinda like using oven mitts when cooking. They only protect you for so long, just like a condom. Moral... If you had oral sex with a person, you might as well go raw, because if they got something, now you got it. The bright side is, sharing is caring. Hm.

Moving from the kitchen, he goes into the empty living room, where three crosses hang on the wall. Two are upward and in between them, the other is upside down.

He walks over to the wall and stops.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Now... This is something interesting, wouldn't you agree? Are you still keeping up with me? Okay, here we have three crosses, and if you know what this means, it's fine, but it's not what I'm about to speak on. One cross represents Jesus dying for all of our sins. Something most of us don't give a fuck about. Another represents people who should be ashamed of themselves for living the lives they live, but walk around with their heads

high. And another... Hold on.

The sound of a lighter being flicked is heard, and one of the upward crosses is lit on fire.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

That's better. This cross represents fear and hatred, but believes there's a God, just not for certain people. This one is worth a mind fuck if you think about it. Something someone died on for our sins, but you burn it to show fear and hate. Makes you wonder who the fear and hate is really directed at.

(Snaps fingers)

Back to the other two. You have a person who died for every race, and people who did whatever they wanted, and when they knew their time was coming close to the end, they turned to Jesus for forgiveness, despite saying fuck all of the rules. In all fairness... Jesus can easily forgive you, but God... That's something no one truly knows, but hope that he does, wiping away all of the bullshit they've done. I guess that's why people can happily say people who committed mass murders and so on can rest peacefully in heaven. But I think that goes based on your belief, if you have one.

Leaving the living room, he walks down the narrow hallway to the already opened bedroom door. Stepping inside, the only thing in the room is a mattress on the floor, with a bible, wedding rings and a gun resting on top of it.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Here we are, the most popular room in the house, and in some cases, the room where one gender dominates the other, whether it's shown or hidden behind closed doors. And the items on the bed... They go perfectly with what I'm about to say. You would feel bad the way certain women get treated in pornography and in real life, but if you think about it... If a person is paying for something, at that moment,

technically it's their property to do whatever they see fit. In the same breath, if you allow a person to do one abnormal thing to you, you know you wouldn't allow, what makes you think the shit won't get worse? Knowing this much of my opinion... Does it make you think differently about the way some of those women are treated?

(Picks up the bible)

All of what I just said can be placed on the other foot, because there's some women who treat men the same way. It's not talked about much, just like women who held authority in the bible, but you know it exists. I think that part is left out so men can as it's called 'make women submissive' because she's supposed to shut the fuck up anyway and remain silent, following the lead. Don't take offense at me because all of what I said has been said and enforced before me. And the part about women being submissive...

(Soft laugh)

Take a look around and tell me it's a lie, especially since you see more than one woman doing it with more than one man.

Placing the bible down, he picks up the wedding rings.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Aren't they beautiful? Something meant to bond and seal a sacred love... As of these days. That's a fun fact if you know what I mean. But... Are these beautiful trinkets meant to signify the beauty and love shared between two people, or are they meant to trap, control or something far more deceitful? It's kinda hard to tell these days because you have people who are what you call 'swingers' or into polygamy and so on. You can't knock people for what they're into, but... You kinda want to question how they can say they love their mate, while adding on extras? On the other hand, you have people using love and marriage for

financial gain, and their mate has no idea until they mysteriously end up dead, or get divorced out of the blue. That marriage shit is crazy, and it can lead to this.

Placing the rings down, he picks up the gun.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Here's the real dominant force in a marriage or your average relationship. Some would say this isn't the answer when your mate cheats, but the good book says otherwise. Now, why would you kill your mate if they cheat? Is it because you realized they truly never loved you? Could it be because you know they're doing freaky shit and possibly more, coming back kissing you? Maybe it's plain old, 'Who the fuck do you think you are to cheat on me, and I'm the man or woman?' Only the killer truly knows. I don't knock it. I just don't understand how they leave out killing the person they cheated with. Follow the rules to the line, and stop cheating yourself from pure satisfaction.

Placing the gun down, he leaves the room and goes to another one that's dark.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

There really is much to say about this room, just like those people you think are your friends. For some reason, people go blank when it comes to the people around them, not seeing their soul is just as dark as this room. But in the heart and soul of people...

He flips the switch, revealing the empty room.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

People love seeing those fake bright smiles, keeping the faith in their little followers, not seeing that they're plotting behind their back, fuckin' their mate and so on. Why do people believe this? Because they say 'I love you.' They'll help you do



dirt, and then turn around and give you up. Shit, sometimes they go along with what you believe or claim, layering the fake shit on so thick, you won't realize you've been set up until you're dead.

He turns the light off.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

(Laughs)

People have a hundred people around them, and ninety-nine percent of them are Judases.

He moves to the bathroom, where the only thing inside is the bathtub. Walking over to the tub, he clogs the drain and then turns the hot water on before turning to look at the wall.

Written on the wall in red marker are the ten commandments.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Now, let's see. Breaking any of these is crucial to your soul, but I figure if you break one, break 'em all because there's no hope for you. That's my opinion, not God's. I'm just throwing it out there. So, here we go...

(Clears his throat)

Thou shalt not commit adultery. Some people do it willingly without a care, and in some cases you probably won't know because the person won't tell you. That's a tight one. Keep the Sabbath day holy. I guess people do this. I mean fuck, a few dollars in a collection plate to clear your conscious goes a long way for forgiveness, just to fuck up all over again. Thou shalt not kill.

(Laughs)

If you don't see the humor in that one, that's on you. People fall to realize, even if you don't kill a person yourself, if you had it done, you might as well say you did it. But, some people suffer from hemophobia, so why not get a mindless person to do the dirt you're scared to do, but you'll take credit for it. Thou shalt not steal. I like this one, because

you can incorporate this with stealing someone's wife, husband or whatever title you want to use. You can also use it when speaking about taking someone's sanity. The sky is the limit with this one.

He walks over to the tub, stops the water and then focuses back on the wall.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Thou shalt not bear false witness. My, my, my. There's a lot of people that's fucked behind this one. Lying and gossiping for attention is a required thing in this world. But what's funny is when that shit gets people killed, the person or people who started it act surprised and feel guilty. Fake shit I know. But, it's very entertaining. Thou shalt not covet.

(Laughs)

I sure do hope God is forgiven, because if he's not, he might as well ship the majority of the world off to hell. This is why there's so many killings, aside from other bullshit. I see why this one made the list. Honor thy mother and father. Shit, people today don't honor themselves, so why should this stop the show? To make it worse, they teach their own kids bullshit, and then be surprised when they don't respect them. Everything ain't cute, but in the eyes of some, disrespect is.

(Sucks teeth)

Thou shalt not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. Well, that kinda takes the bite out of comedy, stress relief, anger and so on. It's a second nature to say, 'Goddamn it. Or Goddamn, that bitch or that man is fine as fuck.' Hey, I didn't make the rules we or the people we praise break. Thou shalt not make for yourself an idol.

(Low whistle)

Oh, I believe a lot of people missed the memo with this one. Not only do they look at themselves as idols, they

all look and act the same, but hate each other. That's a twisted form of vanity if I ever saw such. I am the Lord your God. I think this is only remembered when people no longer have money or are able to manipulate and use people. Not to mention if they get into a tight spot where their life is on the line. Other than that... Man and man made things make man believe he's God.

(Sighs)

Ah, well. If you don't have beliefs, maybe this will make you think about it, or it might make your disbelief stronger. If you do have beliefs, this might have touched a nerve, or it might have made you review your own beliefs. Of course... This was just my outlook on things. Personally...

The sound of a switchblade opening is heard, followed by a quick, loud scream of pain from the man.

He climbs into the hot water before the shock sets in, and the blood from his femoral artery starts changing the water.

MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Finally, I can change water into wine, and intoxicate myself alone without the judgement or wonderment of others. Just know we were all meant to love each other, but power, control and different views ruined it. Maybe God wanted it this way to see if we could all get along. Maybe he did it to weed out the non-believers. It's possible he did it to clear out the waste and start anew. Most would say you can find it in the bible or any old literature. I prefer going the direct route to find out and ask God myself.

BLACK SCREEN:

"Being comfortable hiding behind things and people implies you believe you're a God, and that's cool. Just keep in mind, God's don't die, nor do they let harm come to their people."

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END CREDITS: