

THE BOOK OF JOEL

A TESTIMONY TO THE ONE TRUE MESSIAH WHO KICKS ASS AND WHO WAS REVEALED UNDER THE I-80 OVERPASS.

THE FIRST BOOK of JOEL

CHAPTER ONE

In the beginning there was just suck, and it was good. Suck became boring, which brought on the advent of shit. Shit was, well shit wasn't as swell . Happiness is the myth created to keep us from suck or shit. It didn't work....

CHAPTER TWO

Neither did we, that's why we're abandoned to just suck shit and be happy.

THE SECOND BOOK OF JOEL

The Church

CHAPTER ONE. *Man is created by the Holy One and begets and bashes skulls and Joseph creates the Church.*

And Lo! The Holy One beget Adam who got bored so the Holy One beget Eve who took the rap for begetting Death.

2 And lo! Adam and Eve beget Abel and Cain who beget a rock to bash Abel's skull and on and on there was much more begetting and skull bashing throughout history and Kingdoms and it was Good so Man beget Wine to celebrate and it was Good.

3 And lo! Joseph beget the Church which set rules about begetting and skull bashing and wine and charged fees.

4 And lo! The Church beget Moron who beget Nephi who beget Provo who beget Orem who beget strip malls who beget Levi who beget Strauss.

5 And lo! There were many that came to the Church and there were many that mocked those that came to the Church and this greatly upset Joseph so Joseph declared that the Church would grant consolation prizes for Death which was not favored highly among the Living.

6 And lo! It was declared that the Dead shall forthwith receive a logo mug and a matching tote bag and it was *Good* because it brought much rejoicing among those that mocked those that came to the Church.

7 And lo! Joseph realised that the logo mug and tote bags were not cherished among the Dead and it weighed heavily on the Church's fees so Joseph declared to the Living that the Dead shall forthwith receive Eternal Life and it was *Good* because Life was highly favored among the Living.

8 And lo! Joseph did not grant Eternal Life but the Dead did not seem to mind that they were being hosed.

9 And Lo! The Church became strong and diversified its investments.

BOOK THREE of THE BOOK of JOEL
THE MINISTRY OF JOEL

CHAPTER ONE. *Satan gets drunk and takes pity on Man and delivers the Truth to Joel. Joel bears witness to the first Miracle and passes out.*

And Lo! In Heaven the Holy One and the Angels had been playing Golf throughout all the eons of Man and cared not for their stupidity.

2 And lo! Satan got drunk on the back nine and was kicked out of the country club for exposing himself and was bored so He took pity on Man.

3 And lo! Satan came to Joel who favored Wine above all else and had drunk his fill and cast his bowels upon the Earth.

4 And lo! Satan said unto Joel, "Lo! Upon you the Holy Truth shall be revealed!"

5 And lo! Joel asked Satan for some change for there was no more Wine.

6 And lo! Satan filled Joel's shopping cart with Wine and said unto him, "Lo! Witness the First Miracle! Drink and be merry for it is yours to perform The Great Work!"

7 And lo! Joel drank the Wine and slept for forty days and nights all the while the Church became powerful and bought the parking lot where Joel slept and sent Peter and Paul to have Him removed.

CHAPTER TWO. *Joel blesses His first disciples, Peter and Paul. There is rejoicing and stone throwing and miracles.*

And lo! Joel said upon them, "You dare cast out He who carries the Holy Truth?"

2 And they said unto Joel, "You cannot possess the Holy Truth for it is written in the Church, 'He who hath wisdom shall wear a white shirt and a black tie.'"

3 And lo! Joel said unto them, "A great man wears his deeds for garments. Bear witness!"

4 And lo! Joel pissed on them from an astonishing distance and it was *Good*.

5 And lo! Peter and Paul became humbled before Joel and said, "We have bore witness to a Great Miracle and we await your command."

6 And lo! Joel said unto them, "Drink my urine! For the Wine of Truth is too strong for you, my disciples, only after it passes through my body first, shall ye drink"

7 And lo! They hath drunk and received their blessing.

8 And lo! They came upon the great Temple of the Church and Joel said, "He who cast the first stone shall hath the most glass to break."

9 And lo! Joel picked up a mighty stone and cast it at the Temple and all the glass shattered within and without.

10 This upset the great priest who came out of the Temple to scold Joel, "You dare to cast stones upon the Church! There shall be neither eternal Life nor matching tote bag for you when ye shall die."

11 Joel said unto him, "I know not Death" and walked away.

CHAPTER THREE. *Peter and Paul bless the priest and there is much rejoicing. Mary joins them and there is even more rejoicing.*

And lo! Peter and Paul opened their pants and blessed the great priest from an astonishing distance but the priest was not humbled though wet with the Truth.

2 And Joel was pleased with His disciples and produced more Wine and declared that they shall henceforth receive the Truth directly.

3 And Mary who had been waiting for four hours to get into Port O' Call became dejected and walked the streets and came upon Joel and said unto Him, "Please Blessed One, I have traveled long and my road has been hard and now my thirst is great."

4 And Joel said unto Mary, "The road for us is long and hard as well and from it you shall receive the Truth."

5 And lo! Joel and His disciples opened their holy trousers and allowed Mary to receive the Truth.

6 And lo! There were now three disciples, Peter, Paul, and Mary and they sang songs of praise to the Holy One and it was Good.

CHAPTER FOUR: *Joel and the disciples meet John by the river and there is more rejoicing.*

And lo! Joel and his disciples wandered through the land blessing and spreading the truth.

2 And lo! They came upon John who lived in his van by the river. John was known throughout the land as one who possesses the Holy Spirit and several of His friends.

3 And lo! Joel said unto him, "Behold! We have come to receive the blessing of the Spirit and to be reborn!"

4 And John said unto Joel, "I believe it is I that should receive the Spirit from you."

5 And lo! Joel said unto John, "Then it is agreed. We shall exchange Spirits and there shall be rejoicing!"

6 And lo! John passed Joel and His disciples his holy bottle and they became drunk with the Truth and remembered nothing.

CHAPTER FIVE: *Joel and his disciples come to the great city.*

1 And lo! In the morning, Joel shouted an alarm to His disciples, "Behold! Our time is ripe to deliver the message to the people!"

2 And lo! The alarm greatly disturbed the disciples because their heads still rang wildly with the Truth.

3 And lo! They packed the holy shopping cart and made for the city.

4 And lo! As they entered town, there was a great stench of decadence wafting from the large fetid lake nearby. And so Joel issued forth mighty flatulence that filled the sky with magnificent fragrance and there was much rejoicing among the city dwellers.

5 And lo! Joel climbed into the shopping cart and said, "Behold! I bring a new message of Truth!"

6 And lo! There were many to scorn them because in the city the word "Truth" had been greatly overused and had acquired the same stench as the fetid lake.

7 And lo! A blind man who was drawn to Joel by His magnificent stench, fell to his knees and begged for mercy.

8 And lo! The blind man said, "My name is Barney and my vision has been replaced by an endless and most foul parade of television commercials and I am forever hopelessly lost."

9 And lo! Joel laid His mighty hands upon Barney and dunked his head in the shopping cart of Wine until he began to kick violently. Then he was tossed to the curb and received multiple blessings from the disciples. After a short time Barney recovered consciousness and could see once again.

10 And lo! There were many more such blind in the city that got word of the great miracle but most preferred the endless and most foul parade of television commercials to having their vision restored.

11 And lo! Joel and his disciples came to the great thoroughfare of the city where the great Church laid claim but the claim was ignored and so the church could often be heard whining like a spoiled infant over it.

12 And lo! When the priests saw that Joel was coming and all the wonderful blessings and miracles He performed, they were greatly displeased.

13 And lo! Joel spoke to the masses, "Behold! Thy Kingdom is at hand!" and He let loose another Holy Flatulence.

CHAPTER SIX: Joel teaches the masses from the child seat of His Holy Shopping Cart.

And lo! Joel seeing the multitudes that have gathered around Him to partake in the wine, climbed high atop the shopping cart and taught them.

2 "It has been said 'blessed are the poor'. If this should be true then I say unto you it is better not to be blessed.

3 "But the meek shall indeed inherit the Earth for the strong shall most certainly trample them into it.

4 "Blessed is Henry Wortman of two fifty six Hamlet Drive for the third shift waitress at the Silver State Truck Stop in Elko Nevada does find him attractive and there will be great rejoicing in her massive flesh next time through town!"

4 And lo! Henry Wortman approached Joel and kissed His feet crying "He is Lord!"

5 And lo! Joel taught, "It has been said that if thou shall be struck upon the cheek, then offer the other. I say if thou have been struck upon the cheek, then part you garment and offer both.

6 And the people were amazed. And so they called out to Joel, "We are blind! We are blind!"

7 And Joel taught them, "Open your eyes!"

8 And the people cried out "We are deaf! We are deaf!"

9 And Joel taught them, "Then shut the fuck up."

10 And lo! Joel taught some more, "They say in the Temple that 'Thou shall not partake of the Truth' but I say that only through the partaking of the Truth thou shalt get fucked up and therefore perceive the true nature of the Universe on Earth as it is in Heaven".

11 And lo! Among the multitudes every last man approached Joel and so Joel parted his garments and *all* were converted.

12 And there was a great stir among the multitudes for they were getting wet with the Truth.

CHAPTER SEVEN: *The Great Priest of the Temple bears gifts of piss beer and there is Holy Flatulence.*

And the great priest or President as they called him looked down from the Temple spire and summoned his sentries.

2 And the priest said unto them "Bring me this one they call 'Joel' and we shall compare Gods".

3 And lo! The sentries approached Joel and the disciples and invited them to the Temple for a drink.

4 And lo! Joel accepted the invitation and went into the Temple.

5 And the great priest said unto Joel "Let us compare Gods!"

6 And lo! Joel said unto the priest "Where's my motherfucking drink?"

7 And lo! The priest ordered them some most foul low alcohol beers.

8 And lo! Joel said unto the priest "You want to talk about Gods and yet you bring me this filth. Your God is a lowly God of Pettiness!"

9 And lo! The priest said unto Joel "You will not find my God so petty after I summon the great angel Moron!"

10 And lo! The priest chanted unremarkable incantations both forward and backyards while standing on his head and twirling counterclockwise and Joel and His disciples were greatly entertained.

11 And lo! When the priest was finished he said unto Joel "Do you not fear and tremble the great angel Moron?"

12 And neither Joel nor the disciples knew what the great priest was talking about for there was no one there.

13 And lo! The priest mocked Him "And what, pray, can your God do?"

14 And Satan, still exiled from the country club, heard the blasphemy and let loose holy flatulence into the Temple.

15 And lo! All fled the temple save Joel and His disciples who delighted in the Holy Fragrance and the great priest who had cast his bowels upon the Earth.

16 And lo! The great priest, having cast his bowels upon the Earth shouted "Show them Moron!" to no one.

17 And lo! Peter, Paul, and Mary sang 'Puff the Magic Dragon'.

CHAPTER EIGHT: *The Great Cosmic Death Ray is unveiled and there is a sacrifice.*

And lo! The great priest realised that the angel Moron was powerless against this new force and summoned his sentries.

2 And lo! The priest commanded "It is time to arm the Cosmic Death Ray and destroy the Earth!"

3 And Mary said unto to the priest "You are mad! How could you build a Cosmic Death Ray?"

4 And the priest said unto Mary "What else were we supposed to do with all our tithing? Feed the poor?"

5 And lo! The priest had a hearty evil laugh.

6 And lo! The Cosmic Death Ray rose from the depths of Hell bearing the number of the beast six hundred four score and seven years ago and one half.

7 And lo! Peter, Paul, and Mary pushed the Shopping Cart of Truth at the Cosmic Death Ray.

8 And lo! The disciples bore witness that Joel did climb into the shopping cart shouting "Thy will be done!"

9 And lo! There was a great explosion which lit up the night but there was no cosmic death save that of Joel for He had given himself to save Man.

CHAPTER NINE: *Mary and the disciples bear witness to Joel's rise and there is much rejoicing.*

And lo! Three days had past and the disciples of Joel had sobered up and became dejected and thought of getting jobs.

2 And lo! Mary had a vision of Joel.

3 Mary said unto Joel "You have returned from the dead and thus fulfilled the prophecy".

4 Joel said unto Mary "I have not returned. This is only a vision conjured by the Holy Hangover thou hast. I am really crouching down outside a country club so Satan can climb upon my back to get over the fence back into the country club."

5 And lo! Peter and Paul had come unto Mary and they saw that Joel stood before them parting His garments and asked Him if Thou hast come back.

6 Joel said unto them "No I have not come back nor do I wish to. I am in the Kingdom about to streak through the country club with Satan to the dismay of the Holy One and all the angels."

7 And lo! The disciples knew that all had been fulfilled in the name of the father, the son, and the Holy Hoax. Amen.

BOOK THREE OF THE BOOK OF JOEL
THE ACTS OF THE DISCIPLES

CHAPTER ONE: *The disciples seek guidance from the Holy One.*

1 And lo! After Joel's ascension back over the wall of the Great Country Club of Heaven, Peter, Paul, and Mary nursed their holy hangovers and tried to decide what to do.

2 Peter and Paul prayed to the kind citizens of Salt Lake City telling them that they were homeless Vietnam Vets looking for a second chance and only needed bus fare.

3 After several hours on the I-80 off ramp, Peter and Paul found Mary who had been turning tricks at the Super 8 and their funds were greatly increased.

4 And lo! They went to the State Liquor Store and purchased libations through which they could receive further instructions from the Holy Spirit.

5 And lo! A blinding light was cast down upon them and they heard the Lord Joel's command "Buuarmph!" Having received their great message, there was much rejoicing and the disciples began to speak in tongues.

6 "Buaarmph is tha happy day feelin' yer havin just as the suun is a shinen' 'pon yer face-a-globen a-whilen' a basterd fuucker sploouchers a warm Hostes Ding-Dong uup yer Knostrel a-schmearen-meltin'" they sang.

CHAPTER TWO *Saul, persecutor of Joelites, has a very bad day.*

1 Saul was leading the persecution of the Joelites and all the other drunks living under the I-80 overpass.

2 And lo! As Saul was crossing Pioneer Park, he approached by Peter and Paul who each held a Hostess Ding Dong.

3 And lo! The disciples shoved a Ding Dong into each of Saul's nostrils and it was *good*.

4 Saul, who had been thusly *Buaarmphed*, ran into the public restroom and, wading ankle deep in feces, tried to blow out the frosting from his nose, but there was no end to the plastic goo. And it was *good*.

5 Saul then vowed vengeance and sought every disciple of Joel and did bind them and cast them in prison. Though many committed no real crime, they were all poor and, therefore, given endless sentences and fines they could never pay. For this is the way of that kingdom called *America*.

6 So it was that Peter, Paul, and Mary fled Salt Lake and booked a tour to spread the Gospel of Joel. The tour was a great success but they were sued by a lame folk group from the sixties.

7 And lo! The apostles decided that they needed a new member so they could change the name of their act.

CHAPTER THREE *Saul has a revelation.*

1 And so it was. Saul pursued the disciples across the land. And it was on the road to Damascus Texas that he hath picked up a whore and brought her to the Super 8.

2 And lo! Saul was struck by a blinding light and fell off his whore. He heard a great voice coming from the sky, "Saul... Saul? SAUL!" And Saul sayeth, "Oh my God! I am having a vision!"

3 And the voice spoketh "No Saul... Your whore has drugged you with some mighty powerful shit. She has just run off with your clothes, wallet and car keys."

4 "Fuck!" sayeth Saul. "That cunt! I thought we were going to party! Wait! Who the fuck are you?"

5 "Why do you persecute me?"

6 "Joel? How can this be? You are dead!"

7 "Thou speaketh the Truth, Saul. I am dead. Like I said, the whore gave you some mighty powerful shit!"

8 "I cannot worship you because you are in league with Satan" sayeth Saul.

9. "I see you do not understand the true meaning of Satan and how he is the Holiest of the Holy. You see, God like your typical politician wanted to fool people into thinking He is so perfect. The truth is He fucks up all the time. Just look at squirrel monkeys. He couldn't even make up his mind that day."

10. "That's true. Those are pretty fucked up" sayeth Saul convinced of Joel's Truthiness.

11. "So you see God needed someone to blame. He needed a Donald Rumsfeld. Satan volunteered because he really didn't give a rat's ass what anyone thought of him anyway. Besides, Heaven was so lame with all those angels lining up to kiss God's ass... and that godawful harp music... All day every day with those annoying harps... just loud enough that you could never get away from it but not loud enough to drown out all that ass smooching. Satan was willing to do anything to get away from that shithole."

12. "But I thought Heaven was so beautiful."

13. "No. I've been there and it is awful. Like the set of My Little Pony on Quaaludes only the high really sucks."

14. "So now what do I do? I can't leave this hotel. That bitch took all my clothes."

15. "Do not worry about such things. You have received the Word and you are now blessed. Go forth and spread the Holy message of Joel! No harm will come your way!"

15 And lo! Saul full of Holy Spirit and hallucinogens burst from his hotel room naked and confronted a horrified family on vacation to see Cadillac Ranch. The mother, aghast, called 911 while the children tooketh photos with their cell phones.

16 And lo! Saul was arrested and brought to jail where he received the Spirit in an unHoly place. In fact, he was never sure if that Spirit was Holy or not and Saul was deeply troubled not because of the nature of the Spirit but because it felt *good*.

BOOK FOUR of THE BOOK of JOEL
THE PARABLES OF JOEL

CHAPTER ONE
THE PARABLE OF THE ELECTRIC SHOE

In those days, Joel and His disciples traveled through the country delivering the good news and performing miracles. In the great city of Boise Idaho, He competed for American Idol. He was disqualified because he did not, in fact, sing. Instead, he took a swine by the tail and the swine squealed Bohemian Rhapsody with all the harmonies and even the guitar solo. All the while, the swine was full of fear and expelled feces across the room. The judges were amazed and called security but Joel escaped as the rent-a-cops slipped and fell in the pig shit.

2. Joel's fame grew and when He arrived in the Hollywood, the multitude did gather around Him. There were agents, lawyers and publicists.

3. He was invited to dinner with an agent to discuss His business prospects. A writer submitted a script. There were instructional videos in the works. Designers made plastic action figures for Happy Meals with *pissing action*. They were served dinner on commemorative plates that celebrated Joel's visit to the Temple.

4. Joel threw the plate at an Andy Warhol painting that hung on the wall and it was destroyed against it. The disciples followed His lead throwing their plates across the agent's dining room besmirching the agent's overpriced artwork. Then they had a food fight amongst themselves and made the action figures engage in pornographic acts and it was *good*.

5. The agent was upset but Joel taught him "There was once a Great Nation. Then, one Black Friday, a company called Joy Toy released their Jizzmatron 2.0. This was greeted with a wild frenzy as the Jizzmatron 1.0 was a huge success with the people and it was known that the Jizzmatron 2.0 came with 'Speed' and 'Intensity' knobs so you could now customize your experience. Joy Toy was releasing new accessories to go with the Jizzmatron 2.0. New attachments and orifices to suit any mood!

6. "And lo! When the stores were opened at 4:00 am on Black Friday, the multitudes trampled over each other to grab the new Jizzmatron. Four workers and ten shoppers were killed at the Wal-Mart in Davenport Iowa. Ten people were injured and two hundred thirty six were humiliated at a Target in Paducah Kentucky.

7. “Though every Jizzmatron 2.0 was sold before 6 am, Joy Toy was quick to make more and soon there was a Jizzmatron in every home. And lo, people only received *Joy* from their Jizzmatrons.
8. “But the great inventor of the Jizzmatron and the CEO of Joy Toy went mad. He beat his chest and destroyed his factory. He tore his clothes and ran into the ocean where he was eaten by sharks.
9. “As was true with *all* things in that Age, every Jizzmatron broke within a week of its warranty expiration. Soon the people rioted and the few left with working Jizzmatrons were chased into their homes and murdered.
10. “Finally, the last Jizzmatron, owned by Phillip Merton of Blissfield Ohio, fell into disrepair six days after its one year warranty expired. With no hope of replacement of their Jizzmatrons, the people fell into despair for they could not remember how to experience *joy* without the Jizzmatron.
11. Some people tried to make their own Jizzmatrons. One man plugged his shoe into an electric socket and fucked it. He did not experience *joy*. Still, the multitudes followed his lead and the nation was humiliated.”
12. After He taught him thusly, the agent was amazed and asked “What the fuck does that have to do with anything?!”
13. Joel taught the agent “Woe unto the nation so desperate to be given an answer that they would fuck their shoes!”

CHAPTER TWO
The Parable of *Let's Make a Deal*

Afterwards, Peter, Paul and Mary became drunk with the *spirit* and they asked Joel about heaven.

2 And Joel taught them: A priest, a rabbi, and an imam were competing on *Let's Make a Deal*. They had to figure out whether god was behind Door Number One, Door Number Two or Door Number Three.

3 The rabbi chose Door Number One and lo, behind Door Number One was a bagel stand.

4 The priest chose Door Number Two and lo, behind Door Number Two was a hotdog stand.

5 The imam, smiled to himself feeling blessed by Allah because he was confident that Allah was indeed behind Door Number Three. And lo! Behind Door Number Three was a kabob stand.

6 And Monty Hall said to the contestants, "Help yourselves!" and three pounced on Monty Hall and beat him to a bloody pulp.

BOOK FIVE of the BOOK of JOEL
The Story of Adam and Steve

And lo! Adam and Steve stayed in the Lord's marvelous penthouse and the décor was impeccable. The drapes matched the furniture, there was progressive (but not overbearing) art on the walls and there was an absolutely exquisite Persian rug on the living room floor.

2. Adam and Steve were naked but they were not ashamed. There was state of the art exercise equipment in the rec room. They both had fabulous bodies.

3. And they had the run of the house. The Lord was often away on "business" and He said unto Adam, "Take care of my things. Be sure to water the plants and clean out Mister Cuddles' box every day or he will piss on the bed. Help yourself to whatever is in the fridge".

4. But there was one thing the Lord strictly forbade. The remote control. He said unto Adam, "Thou shalt not touch the remote for if ye do. You shall surely cry".

5. And lo! The Lord went away on business and Adam and Steve enjoyed spent their days in luxury and joy.

6. Then the doorbell rang and Steve told Adam, "Do not worry sweet one. I will get it.

7. At the door was a two-headed-two-bodied missionary dressed in a white shirt and a black tie. They came to beguile them with some crazy stories they had heard.

7. Both bodies and heads were shocked to see that Steve was naked but one of them felt *Joy*.

8. And Steve let them in for he was beguiled. He knew that the one body and the one head felt *Joy*. He detected it with his *Gaydar*.

9. So Steve let them in and sat with them on the sofa while the one head and the one body who felt *Joy* told him silly stories. The other head and the other body who did not feel *Joy* fiddled nervously with the remote control.

10. “Stop!” Steve commanded the other head and the other body. “The Lord has commanded thou shalt not touch the remote or thou shalt surely cry!”

11. But the other head and the other body said unto Steve, “Ye shall not surely cry. For the Lord doth know when ye take the remote, your eyes will be opened and ye shall be as Americans. Distracted with all sort of banality.”

12. And when he saw that the remote was harmless, Steve took it and pressed a button.

13. And lo! The television came to life with sounds and visions and Steve’s eyes were opened. He gave the remote to Adam who changed the channel and both their eyes were opened wider when The Lord appeared on the screen.

14. “Homosexuality is an abomination!” The Lord shouted and was met with thunderous applause. “It is a SIN in the eyes of the church!”

15. And both Adam and Steve’s were opened and they realized they were naked; and they tore down the matching curtains, and made themselves aprons; and they hid from each other; for they were ashamed.

16. Then The Lord returned saying unto Adam and Steve, “Hello my darlings! Where art thou?” but then He found the television on and he cried out to Adam who was desperately trying to cover his magnificent body. “Who told you to touch the remote and what the fuck did you do to my drapes?!”

17. “It was Steve! It was Steve that did it!” and Steve emerged clinging to his drape “It was the two headed two bodied missionary. They beguiled me and I did touch thy remote!”

18. And The Lord turned to the two headed two bodied missionary and said unto them, “Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all human kind, in your face the door shall slam for all your days!”

19. And lo! The two headed two bodied missionary were chased out and from then on they went door to door trying to tell their silly stories only to have *every* door slam in their face.

20. “Out! OUT!” The Lord commanded Adam and Steve. “Henceforth ye shall live a life of shame, frustration and self denial!”

21. And so it was that Adam and Steve left the Penthouse wrapped in drapes and *crying*.

22. And having learned from television that homosexuality is an abomination in the eyes of the church, Adam and Steve parted ways even though they *loved* each other. They knew not to question the church's eyes even though the church was very elderly and surely needed glasses.

23. And lo! They each found jobs and got married.

24. Adam had four children and founded an outreach group to help "confused" men become "straight". He also put on seventy pounds preferring television to exercise and he became an *alcoholic*.

25. Steve found employment handling foreclosures for a major bank. He found some small enjoyment in throwing people out of their homes. Though he was married with two children, he still sought pleasure from men; mostly from anonymous men he discovered on craigslist.

26. Steve handled Adam's foreclosure.

25. They have not spoken since.

BOOK SIX of THE BOOK of JOEL**THE REVELATION
OF JOEL**

For in the days that followed, John returned to the desert and moved into an abandoned pick up truck and tried to start a new life. He made his own unholy *spirit* out of cactus and desert flowers that bloomed in the night and when he drank it, his head was engulfed in fire and brimstone.

2 And then Joel appeared to John and proclaimed, “**Repent! Repent! The End is Nigh!** Behold! Unto you I shall reveal how things must be! The time is near! Take heed of my Prophecy!

3 “Behold! From a thousand deranged pulpits, prayers go up asking for god to come down and end this wretched world. For the preachers so want to be right and rub it in the face of all those intellectual atheists and agnostics. They are dying to extend their unHoly finger to those that have used their reason, science and common sense to discredit their adolescent fantasies about the Nature of the Universe. And they cannot wait one minute longer to watch in glee as all those heathens, homosexuals, Democrats, liberals, and everyone who for reason of accident of birth or circumstance did not choose the correct brand of god **BURN IN HELL!**

4 “And lo! The people will destroy the world themselves. For they want it to end so badly. For it isn’t really working out that well and the people are terribly bored and they don’t want to go to work tomorrow. Everyone just wants so badly to run outside with their shotguns and **KILL KILL KILL KILL!**... zombies...aliens... whatever... just get this fucking world over with already! And they shall ask the heavens, ‘Now?’

5 “And lo! The next day will come on schedule and God will mock them by not giving a shit once again.

6 “And the dead shall walk the Earth and they shall enter into tiny cubicles and punch keyboards and check their Facebook page and they shall discuss sitcoms next to water coolers and they shall inhabit the Beast.

7 “And the Beast shall be called Corporation for that name shall give Him life though He is without a soul and He shall be given limited tax liability and this beast shall consume the souls of the living. And the people will look up to the horrid fluorescent lights that illuminate their hell and ask ‘Now?’

8 “And the heavens will say nothing.

9 “And the many will starve and the few will have so much that they could feed the many. But, alas, the few shall proclaim, ‘Fuck poor people! Behold my private jet!’

10 “And the people will become desperate and buy lottery tickets and try out for game shows and reality TV shows and desperately seek attention in hopes of scoring a book deal. Vast multitudes will seek out the ‘fifteen minutes of fame’ bestowed upon them by the prophet Andy Warhol and so many will find their ‘fifteen minutes’ that all time will become worthless. And cats will become famous instead and the people will look up from their monitors and ask, ‘Now?’

11 “And the heavens will say nothing.

12 “There will be a day when the kingdoms will be torn apart by debate and disagreement. Two parties will argue about fucking everything because arguments get bigger ratings and ratings are everything and besides those in power already have it made and they are perfectly fine with the way things are so there is absolutely no reason to do *anything*. So they will keep arguing. They will even argue about the Sun. One party will call the Sun a ‘socialist’ for giving the light to poor people. The other party will call the Sun a racist for burning the fair skinned more severely than the dark skinned. They will come to a consensus and declare war on the Sun. And they will lose. And the people who suffer living their lives under incompetence will look up at the Sun and ask, ‘Now?’

13 “And the heavens will say nothing.

14 “And lo! The People will fight about God. They will fight about God’s name. They will fight about how the celebrity angels are wearing their hair in heaven. They will fight about whether gold or white robes are in right now. One side will point out that the angel’s halos are gold and that a golden robe would just be overdoing it. The other side will complain that white robes will just blend in with the clouds.

15 “And they will strap themselves to bombs and blow themselves up to prove how fucking stupid they are and the wounded will look up to the heavens and ask, ‘Now?’

16 “And the heavens will say nothing.

17 “And the people shall want from the Earth and they shall take from the Earth and they shall use what they take and they shall bury what is used in the Earth until Earth is a shithole whereupon the people shall turn to the heavens and plead, ‘Jesus H. Christ enough already! Now?’

18 And the heavens will say nothing.

19 “And so the people, with haste, will continue to destroy their world. Brother will set upon brother over trivial matters... over fictional matters... over lines drawn in the sand... There will be plagues, famines, pestilence, Republicans, Democrats, Christians, Muslims, American Idols. And the people will look up to the sky from the trash heap their world has become and ask ‘Now?’

20 “And the heavens will say nothing.

21 “And there will be a plague of trailer trash throughout the Kingdom. And ignorance will reign supreme. Well established fact will become fiction and fantasy will become reality. And 3D movies will become the rage and the people will look up from the trash heap their world has become and ask ‘Now?’

22 “And the heavens will say nothing.

23 “And there will be a bright sun shiny day and everything will seem okey dokey. And suddenly the heavens shall open up and deliver the mighty *Buuarmph*.

24 “Behold! Judgment Day is nigh!

25 “And lo! Joel will release the four all consuming I’s of the Apocalypse: Ignorance, Intolerance, Idolatry and Idiocy. And they shall come down on horseback. And they shall ride for awhile before realizing it takes a long time to get anywhere on a horse. And they shall return to heaven to petition Congress for more funding so they can get a jeep or a helicopter or something.

26 “And there will be a great excitement among the people. They will praise the heavens that something is finally happening and they no longer have to worry about their mortgage.

27 “And the Chosen Ones will be taken up and judged with prods inserted into their rectums. Others will be judged on a case by case basis. But most cases will be dropped as the heavenly courts will be overwhelmed and with the budget cuts and all, most will be released on their own recognizance. Some will be issued stern warnings. Others will be put into indefinite detention in Cuba which is just a couple of blocks away from *hell*.

28 “And the Great Veil shall be lifted and all shall be revealed. And the pious and the who were extremely well behaved and forbade themselves from enjoying sex and all other pleasures will find out that they missed out on some pretty good times for no reason.

29 “And the self righteous whose lives were dedicated to the judging and condemning of others based on obtuse writings of an ancient and ignorant people, will finally realize that they had been an asshole all those years for absolutely no reason.

30 “And Judgment Day will become Judgment Week and Judgment Week will become Judgment Month and Judgment Month will become Judgment Year and Judgment Year will become Judgment Millennium and Judgment Millennium will go into overtime.

31 “And the people will finally give up on the Apocalypse actually changing anything and will be forced to deal with the bank before their houses are foreclosed upon.

32 “And the truly righteous shall strive for a day when knowledge and technology can be used to construct a peaceful, sustainable and just society where all can seek fulfillment.

33 But the truly ignorant shall continue to exalt and quote ancient and obsolete gods. And they will exalt the virtue of selfishness and feel entitled to take from others and hoard beyond all measure. And they will proclaim themselves kings and rig the system to their advantage. And they will hire thugs to put a boot in the face of those who can imagine a better way.

34 And so it shall be. For Eternity. Amen.

WITNESS TESTIMONY to the TRUTH of THE BOOK of JOEL

“OK. So these guys came up to me and offered me a bottle of St Ide’s and five bucks if I said this book was true.... So... Fuck Yeah! I mean. Yeah, I was there man. I saw it man! Whatever is was.”

Charles (Chuck) Lindbergh – gentleman, under the bridge, Salt Lake City Utah.

“So some friends of mine said they were starting a new religion and we could all get rich on tithing and have massive orgies with starry eyed and vulnerable girls and I was like ‘Cool man, I am totally down’. Yeah, I met Joel. He was Holy and if any of you ladies are looking for The Truth. I got it here baby. Come on over and I will deliver it personally”

J.P. Whipple – vagabond, musician and rambler of unknown origin.

“’tis True! Drink from this holy book and ye shall be SAVED!”

Filthy McWhiskey – disciple and banjo abuser.