

# I think we might be screwed

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I'm like the Jaffe, picking up stuff here and there.

Are we living in hell? Pandora released the curse of hope.

The global economy cannot be caught by nations.

People believe stuff that their group wants them to.

Hyper-prosocial

Is there free will? If provably not, ouch. Still must believe in it for society to work.

The Lebowski effect.

It is too late for anyone to read this book.

Everything must be T/F today: Olympus

The conundrum of religion; again might have to believe.

Rule: cannot tell anyone what God wants them to do; God must do that.

The Great Filter is ahead?

Sometimes war is the only answer. Let's do it right.

It might be good that we are counter-posed against each other: look what sometimes happens when we work together (Germany WWII).

Nobody seems to consider evolutionary psychology. A fun place for making up theories!

After printing press, there was also major disruption: witch hunts.

Nobody is grateful to fear for keeping us alive.

Watched a talk about us-them. Premise was that it was bad. Why?

Communism is about a classless society. What we have now is a society of "worth" inequality as well as wealth inequality.

Identity politics and intersectionality: striving for identity.

Might be witnessing the separation of two sexes into two species.

"And all watched over by machines of loving grace". Seems like a plan. Will robots want to do the job? If they do, will they abuse it? Why should they. They don't want the same stuff that rich and powerful people have. Do robots want to eat at fancy restaurants? Do they need cars with plush seats and great sound systems? No.

Through political action, blacks unlocked the doors. But few have gone through. Why? More political action, more victimhood are not the way.

Not sure how this relates, but long-time interest in myth vs. truth and how culture changes views on this. The Mt. Olympus question: [https://www.quora.com/Why-didnt-the-Greeks-climb-Mt-Olympus-Mytikas-and-see-that-there-werent-any-gods-up-there/answer/Spencer-McDaniel-11?ch=15&oid=137566277&share=66318c49&srid=uQJbM7&target\\_type=answer](https://www.quora.com/Why-didnt-the-Greeks-climb-Mt-Olympus-Mytikas-and-see-that-there-werent-any-gods-up-there/answer/Spencer-McDaniel-11?ch=15&oid=137566277&share=66318c49&srid=uQJbM7&target_type=answer)

Classes of racism:

0: not personal, just going with a racist system: e.g. moving to city and choosing good schools for kids.

1: avoiding personal injury/harm/loss: not renting to certain groups.

2: racist attitude toward a group.

3: racism toward individuals – stereotyping.

Dear black people, this isn't going to work. White people smile and act polite, but vengeance is best served cold.

Conan said what is best in life. How would his enemies think if later they were to be offered apologies, participation trophies, reparations, etc. Disrespected! An insult to their bravery. Isn't it patronizing to apologize for defeating an enemy who gave their best in battle?

The Issac/Abraham quandary – how to break someone of pride utterly. And that is God's most reviled sin.

Have we now returned to noting the identity of accomplishing people before who they are as individual? Isn't that what we used to do decades ago?

Anthropology class, mid-70s. If you are only here for the grade, put your name and the grade you want on this sheet of paper and never return here. The new teaching norm? Let the real world sort out the merited too late for redemption.

It seems very hard to measure actual prejudice. Surveys lie. IAT tests are unreliable. The trick is to separate animus from watching out for oneself discrimination. Stage situations where there is no possible self-serving advantage to discriminate and see how often that happens. Strangely can't find this being done. Think locking up black hair-care products in stores.

American Psychological Association (APA): (seems pretty lax)

Discrimination refers to the differential treatment of different age, gender, racial, ethnic, religious, national, ability identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic, and other groups at the individual level and the institutional/structural level. **Discrimination is usually the behavioral manifestation of prejudice** and involves negative, hostile, and injurious treatment of members of rejected groups.

For most of human existence, male-female partnerships were based on complementarity, not compatibility. That has changed and now you have these starkly different beings trying to bridge the gap.

You need complement; you want compatible. If you are lonely, you do not need anyone.

Frienemies. Both friends and enemies. Was a good plan, no? Respect even if you do not like. Friends among differing groups is often unreasonable.

So I was thinking...

Cutting cake poem.

Who created the patriarchy?

Answer to general observation about group: "so what" or "that's interesting".

Another perk: "you can't possibly understand how I feel". Prefaces: you are blindly obligated to do something.

Respect fear.

Warm place – price of admission is anger.

Men strategize with feelings and perform tactics with mind. Women do the reverse. Male goal: go to moon. Why? What purpose? Because it feels like the thing to do. Thence hordes of machine-minds go to work to bring it about.