

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Luke 10: 25-37

25. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up clutching his briefs, for they were heavy, and tempted Him, saying, Master, if it please the court, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
26. He said unto him, What is written in the law? How readest thou? And let not thy briefs fall down for there are women and children here.
27. And he answering said, Well, my Lord. Ahem. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself, and covet not his fine ass or comely maidservant. Or anything for that matter.
28. And He said unto him, Bingo! Thou hast answered right: this do and none other, and thou shalt live a long life. Boring, but long. And think of the money thou would'st save.
29. But he, for he was a bit of a smooth git and willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? For I doth live in a detached house with fine garden, shaded patio, little fountain, and – recently plumbed - an inside toilet. and knoweth not any who lived nearby.
30. And Jesus, raising His eyes unto heaven in a most un-Lucan way, answering said, I shall tell thee a parable. And the lawyer said, Shall I take notes? And Jesus answered saying, Please thyself. Listen. A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And the crowd did nod in agreement, for they knew that the Jericho road was a dangerous place where men and women and others of ill-repute did linger in a super-dodgy way.
31. And Jesus continued, And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he clutched his lacy ephod and, making a mysterious sign on his chest, passed by on the other side. And some of the men listening did smirk and wag their heads sagely and mutter, Typical.
32. And, said Jesus, Likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side, for he desireth not to get his robes (which were highly embroidered and even lacier than those of the priest) soiled with the divers liquids that oozed from the man. And certain women in the crowd muttered their appreciation of this, complaining of the price of fuller's earth in the market.
33. And Jesus said, But - and here's the good bit - a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,
34. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine which stung quite a lot, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn where there was room, and took care of him. And all that night stayed beside his bed, and did sup frugally on a thin soup and some dry bread.
35. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to mine host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. And the host looked at the coins, bit one, and replied, The bill is already twenty pence, but thou hast an honest face and I will trust thee. One for the road? And the Samaritan went on his way.
36. And Jesus looked at the lawyer and asked, Right. Which now of these three – don't count the landlord - thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
37. And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, I rest my case. Go, and do thou likewise. And the lawyer gathered up his briefs, which at some point in the parable he had indeed dropped, and that very moment did set out on the road to Jericho. And Peter asked Jesus, Master, what will happen to him? And Jesus replied, He'll probably get mugged. And the crowd dispersed, confused.