

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

1. Doth not wisdom cry and wail and make great noise? and understanding put forth her voice? Are you deaf?
 2. She standeth in the top of high places and sheweth her ankles and more besides, by the way in the places of the paths and alleyways and twittens.
 3. She crieth at the garden gates and annoyeth the householder with her announcements, she screams at the entry of the city and frighteneth the horses, and utters prophecies at the coming in at the doors so that visitors are turned away.
 4. Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man and enticeth them to forsake the ways of wickedness and fornication. Now I'll take a short break.
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22. The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way (let the reader understand, as they will write in testaments yet to come), before his works of old and his new works and the works yet to come, and those works which he has started but just hasn't gotten around to finishing yet.
 23. I was set up – not in the context of framed - from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was, and my nakedness was clothed with fine cloth. With laced edges.
 24. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water, or taps that gusheth into the basin, or wells were sunk deep into the rocks.
 25. Before the mountains were settled and were yet shaken and liquid, before the hills were formed, or the valleys between, or the undulating mounds and gentle slopes of endless poetry yet to be written, was I brought forth. Sorry if I'm repeating myself.
 26. While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. Whilst there was no day nor night, nor stars in the firmament, neither sun nor moon.
 27. When he prepared the heavens, I was there, dotting the darkness with points of light: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth and established the coasts, both smooth sands and rocky inlets, and I did design the fjords that winged creatures may pine for.
 28. When he established the clouds above, both nimbus and cumulus, fluffly and thin: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep so that they gushed:
 29. When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment except in time of the great flood: when he appointed the foundations of the earth that should tremble and erupt only according to his will:
 30. Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, oh yes, rejoicing always before him and disporting myself and showing my favours, even though all this talk of flowing waters did make me feel the need;
 31. Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth, for there were many portions not made for men – great swathes of ice and deserts of sand, high mountains with thin air and deep subterranean ranges; and my delights were with the sons of men, verily, and they were well pleased and satisfied. And I became tired.