

A meditation on conformity

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Our souls are dark, but we are told to wear 'pastel'.

Our minds are expected to reflect on only that which is conventional, predictable, stultifying.

We live in fantasies built of our "faith in control and the controllers" - the manipulators of destiny. Our freedoms, our choices, our notions of choice in this channeled existence become stronger with each passing year. Despite the inherent dishonesty of this faith, we still wish to believe that change can be managed and that chaos can be bargained with. We still want a free lunch where the Laws of Thermodynamics say there is none.

But what if this cult of control is abandoned?

What if we embrace the only real freedom we have left - the freedom to accept chaos, the liberty of the non-conformist?

We should break the rules which protect us.

We should quit our "good jobs" and instead seek some essential meaning, seek roles with hope.

We should wear the ugly and bathe infrequently.

The act of embracing entropy and accepting that the breakdown of all structure is inevitable - this is the only choice we have left. This act of defiance weakens those bonds building from youth, from schooling, from indoctrination. Choosing to take just one step towards the delta in this world equation is a step towards a life lived rather than a life driven by others. To know that you don't have to obey, to know that you have an option to **refuse** is something only just now becoming apparent - to some. And, in such a disconnected and closed age, the truly rebellious act is to love and to show compassion for those who are already on the outside.

Who will judge us in the end?

History? - History is over.

Government? - Governments are falling apart.

God? - God¹ is on vacation.

Truth, justice, morality, sin, redemption, compromise, penance, prison - this is the chain link fence of modern America wrapping itself around a dying spirit, strangling our nascent breath.

1 I was an atheist for much of my life, I became a Christian after my sister Nancy died of cancer in 2012.