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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THOMAS.

And on the Sabbath, the Lord came down from the mountain. And as he entered the village of Nazareth, there crowded around him many beggars and those who were affirm and sick. And as he walked along, the Lord felt one of them touch his coat. And he did feel the strength go from him, and he turned and did say: "Who touched my coat?" And there stepped forward a girl, and she did say "Lord it was I". And the Lord spake unto her and said: "Wherefore didst thou so do?" And she said, "Lord, I was blinded and I had heard that thou wert a healer who can bring hearing to the deaf and sight to the blind." And lo, even as she spoke, the mote did fall from her eye and she could see. And all that were there with Simon and James who were his diciples did rejoice and praise the Lord. All, that is, but one. For he wasn't absolutely sure it was Jesus for a start, because alot of people round that time did look like unto him. And even if it was him, the whole thing sounded a touch shifty unto him. For many did crowd around him, in other words, many did touch his coat, so how could he have felt this one touch. Eh? Anyway, even if that he did, for this guy, let's say that he was Jesus, was pretty exceptional, can we really take the girl's word for Gospel truth, thou knowest? I mean, who's to saith whether she was really blind: perhaps she's just got some dust in her eye. For about the land of Nazareth it was dry and many did thirst and hunger there. And what is a mote? It sounds like dust to me. And even if it isn't dust, it's certainly not blindness: blind people are blind, they don't walk around with notes

in their eyes, and pretty damned unlikely seemeth it that touching someone's coat is going to cure it even if she was blind, even though he be the Son of God, and you knoweth, who's to say or not the story's true? And anyway, Simon and James were pretty unreliable witnesses as they'd been drinking away on the mountain anyway, if we're to believe that other spurious miracle of which I spake earlier. In other words the whole thing is a web of doubts and uncertainties and I'd take it with a pinch of salt. For and I quote "salt that has lost its savour." etc. etc. ... Although I'm not even sure he said that. I think it was just a saying going around at that time. But, thou knowest, you don't have to take everything I saw face value either if you don't like it. I wouldn't. But then I suppose I've got a pretty duobting nature.

THE WORST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE.

1. Being adopted by a commune of lesbian mothers.
2. A performance of Shakespeare at an all girl's school.
3. Birthday presents from religious aunts.
4. The spit your mother puts on her hanky to wipe your face with.
5. The hairs chefs bake into moussaka
6. Non-specific arthritis.
7. One of those handshakes people give you where their hand just lies wetly next to yours like a cod-fillet with sweating sickness.

TWO GREAT LIES OF TODAY:

1. "Saying no is the best form of contraception."

Proof: "Do you mind if I remove your pants and blouse?"
"No."

2. "I do." (Elizabeth Taylor)

ENGINEER'S PARTY GAMES

Pin the Blame on the Donkey

One guest (usually an artsie) is blindfolded-- or has his glasses smashed. He is then turned around sixty times and put out into the street without any clothes on, while the music is turned up as loud as it can go. When the police siren is heard, the 'donkey' is invited back in, given a smoke and locked in the cupboard under the sink, while the other players leave quietly by the fire-escape.

HORN'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK.

"She loves me but I don't love her."



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