



Hello! Welcome to Etooinin'. We are so glad you are here. Thank you for being a part of my life. May God bless you. This issue continues the theme of reconciliation between the desire to be a cartoonist and the need for extra income.

In the past 90 days, I have drawn 90 cartoons. This is something I have been able to achieve before, but I've never made it past 3 months at this pace. So next Etooinin' will be the litmus test: do I have what it takes to endure as a cartoonist? Producing an Etooinin' issue takes about 30 hours over two weeks. Creativity can not be manufactured on demand. Dependence upon God is required, and a trust that He will deliver more inspiration. This is something I really enjoy.

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There is nothing we can do to earn salvation from our sin. Salvation is a gift from God that we can never repay. When God saves us, He makes us truly free. This means that no matter what we do from that point forward, we will go to Heaven. Many wonder what the incentive to avoid sin is. Sin is typically avoided because of the repercussions of the act. A person who murders will spend life in jail. Even as sinners, we can operate within our own self-interest easily. I would not go up to a person and tell them I hate them because my reputation amongst mutual friends might get ruined. However, just as we can not earn salvation, we can not free ourselves from our sinful patterns. Some sins we just continue acting out despite our best attempts to hide them. In the past, when someone wronged me, I would try to completely cut them out of my life as a defense mechanism. This made it difficult to maintain cordial relationships. Only God could save me from this sin. And He has, as now I am a very popular person. I am a person with a mental illness; my decisions are not often rational. I make decisions that others find odd. For example, I quit a well paying job at an engineering firm with no real reason. People thought I'd end up homeless, but God almost immediately provided me with another engineering job. The point I am trying to make is that, sometimes, by acting

out our sin we learn more about God and His love. He is so gracious to steer our path correctly despite our attempts to derail ourselves. This is what causes change in our sinful behavior. When we can see God's loving actions towards us, we trust Him and change.

It can be painful to release yourself to this kind of love, for we are so used to covering our sin. We are used to protecting ourselves. Freedom in God means freedom from fear, and He gives freedom in this life. We can do anything in Him, satisfying even our deepest desires. We can even be what we were meant to be, free from a mediocre life.

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I am a big proponent of God for I know the things He has done in my life. He makes life so much better. I have used much of my time here at Etooinin' expounding upon myself and my plans, but now it is time to talk about the Lord and what He has done for me. Stay toned for more...

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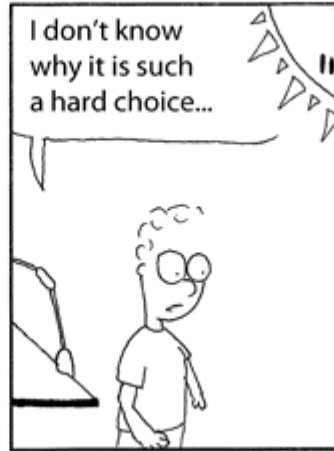
We hope you enjoy this edition of Etooinin'. This is the best of the year, in my opinion. It is so much better drawing cartoons free from the constraints of anxiety and things I don't want to do. Even depression becomes bearable when I am doing something I want. Other than cartoons, I have been occupying myself with hospitality. If you'd like me to make you dinner, let me know. And on June 19th, Etooinin' takes it to the road for another Southern Circuit Tour! We'll be hitting PA for my cousin's wedding, then MD, VA and NC. We're looking forward to it, except for the rising price of gas. Believe it or not, my vacation will cost the same as staying home. I'd like to visit Texas too, but it is mighty hot this time of year. Jim Bures doesn't like sweatin'! So, thanks for reading. Thanks for your support! I appreciate having wonderful readers like you.

Love, Jim Bures
V.P. , Etooinin' Inc.

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Cartoonist, or not Cartoonist?

May 24th, 2009

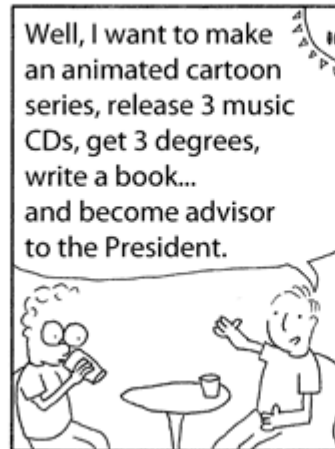


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100 things...

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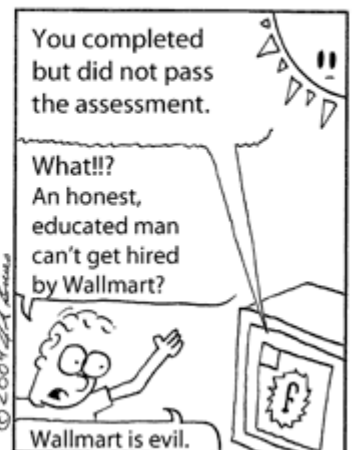


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Discount Employment

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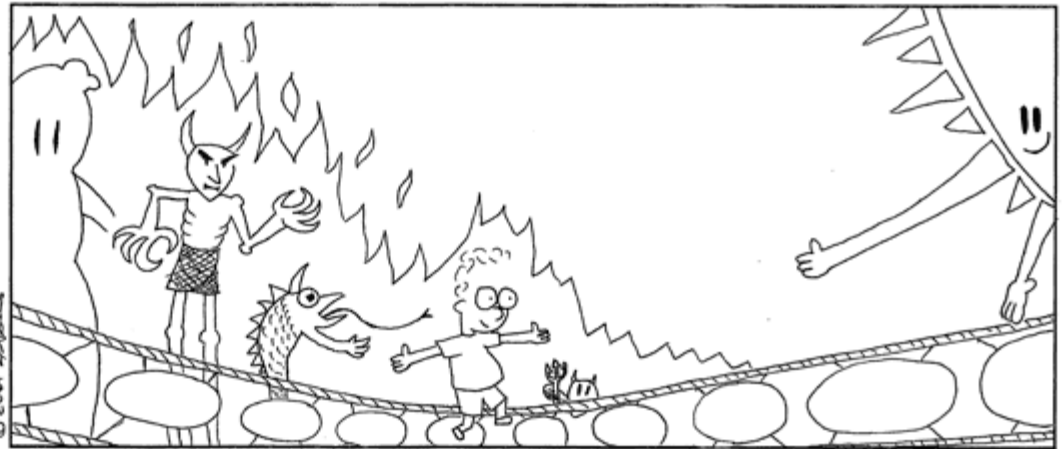


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Crossing the line...

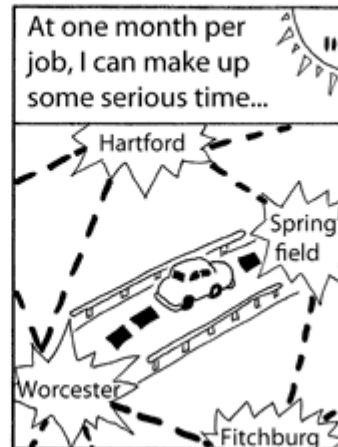
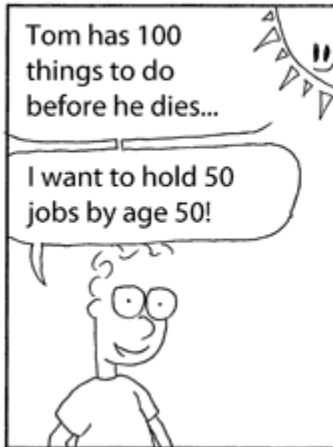
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50 jobs.

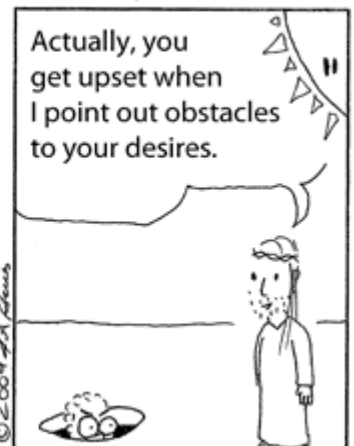
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Holey will.

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A slap in the right direction.

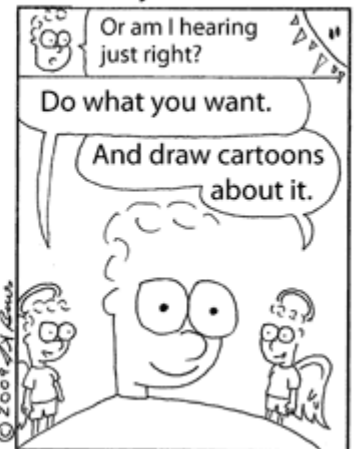
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Indecisions.

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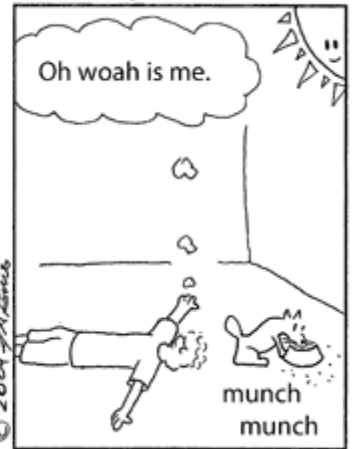
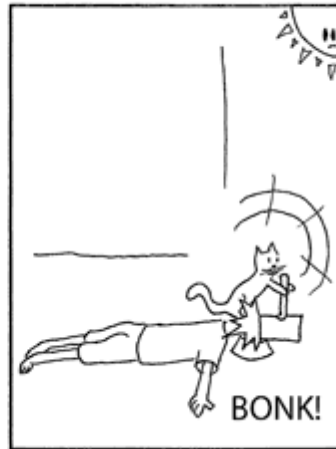
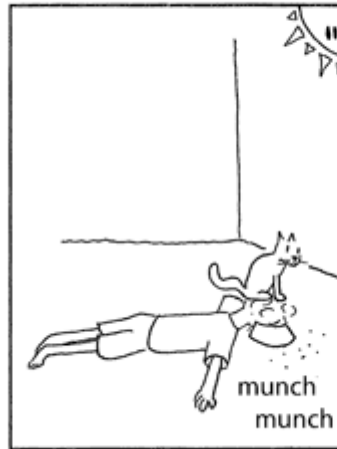
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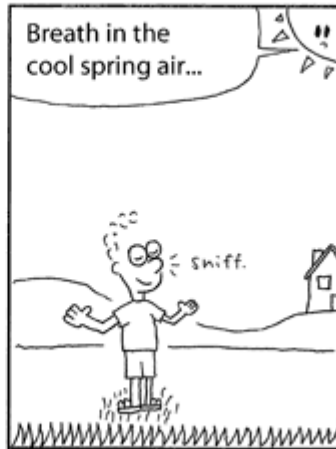
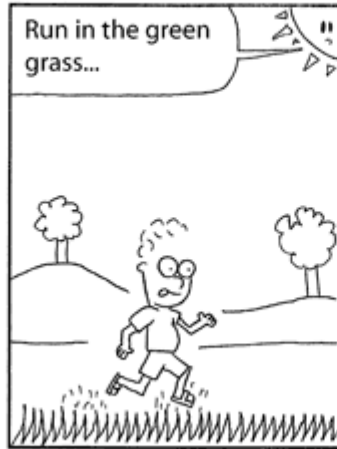
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The Calling...

June 1st, 2009



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The contrast...

June 1^{1/2}, 2009



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Christian Canyon Climb!

June 1^{2/3}, 2009

On May 21, 2009, several of our friends hiked from the South Rim to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon: 25 miles in under 12 hours. This is a tribute to them...

The guys...

The girlz...

Yeee-haw!!

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June 3rd, 2009

I've got all these bills to pay and not enough income, yet all I want to do is cartoon.

How do I get from point A to point B?

The answer is found in the good Book...

"Seek first the Kingdom of God, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

I bank on this.

And, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

This should be the bipolar man's motto.

John 3:16



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