

# Human Persons

## Propaganda

It's 2014 and you might think we preaching to the choir  
Who doesn't believe in equality these days?  
Only the crazies on the fringes  
The primitive macho men who beat their chests like apes  
God, I hate sexists!  
And the brainless racists who still see in black and white  
And the homophobic hyper-religious  
If only the true God would smite these bigots  
So the rest of us can live in peace

[Both:] Slow your roll revolutionaries

Let us be careful not to demonize our oppressors  
Lest we become just like them  
Calling humans something other than human  
And I know it's natural to hate your enemies  
But we of faith cannot be slaves to our nature  
"I'm only human!"  
No. Being human is not an excuse for wrongdoings  
It's what makes them unacceptable  
We are human

I think when it comes down to it, we've been asking the wrong questions  
Appealing to assumed emotions  
Barking up the wrong trees  
I think the real question is: "What is person?"  
We who have managed to maintain this mortal coil  
Must continue to answer this question  
Oddly enough, the answer was much more fluid than I expected  
Oddly enough, the answer depends on when, or where it was asked  
Well, "We are protoplasm,"  
"We are chemical reactions,"  
"We are closed ecosystems,"  
"We are overgrown primates with egos"  
That still can't explain pyramids  
Or love  
And I asked my estranged father  
How he knew he was in love  
He said, "Son, if I knew, I'd write a book. Be a millionaire."  
Persons  
These truths we hold to be self-evident  
That my grandfather was 3/5 of a person until full persons could reach a compromise  
Persons, that until their documents become un-unn'd, are aliens  
Persons! We don't even know when we become them  
At conception, at birth, or when you name 'em  
Or when you simply decide you're gonna keep 'em  
Persons  
Does a person become a person  
Because of other persons  
Or is a person a person independent of other person's perceptions?  
And silly us! Can a person own property?  
Can a person be property?  
Persons

We are human  
Possessing a consciousness which bucks against animal instinct

And calls us to be human  
And love our enemies  
Bless those who curse us  
Do good to those who hate us  
Pray for those who persecute us  
Yes; these are things only humans can do because only we are fashioned after  
divinity  
A God who became that which He made and died naked while praying for the for  
givenness of those killing Him  
That, my friends, is a revolutionary concept  
That is the only type of justice which moves beyond  
Dictators playing King of the Hill  
So be responsible and vote  
But know that most injustice is legalized  
Most truth speakers are crucified  
And policy change requires sacrifice  
Amendments are written in the blood of martyrs and victims  
Justice is victor only when those alien to her are per-soni-fied

And I can tell you lies  
Sweet little lies  
I can feed your dirty little mind  
Go head, shut ya eyes  
No, tighter!  
Better yet, put on one of those lil sleepy masks  
Maybe the stars will disappear  
Close your curtains  
No, tighter!  
Maybe the sun will cease to exist  
It's a stupid question; of course falling trees make noise  
And slavery is real, and business is booming, thank you very much  
So go ahead, write your little songs  
Twerk your little heart out  
Be the best culture vulture you could possibly be  
Make it rain until all your rent money  
Lands in the backpack of a monster  
That has no concept of self-perception  
And no that he is just that- a monster  
That has no idea what "person" is