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"If there were moments of deep despair there was the sustaining knowledge that in the quest for human dignity, one is part of a continuous moment through time and history linked to a higher moral force in the Universe." Pauli Murray.

*My Name is Paul Murray* is all about the [Marlboro marauders](#). Today I consider myself fortunate to have seen this incredible documentary that raises the bar of unconditional love that Jesus expects of those walking in His footsteps in the Age that has Come.

This documentary will always remain among the top ten in my life, and I am being both selfish and disrespectful in a positive way.

Selfish because I hope to see more such super-documentaries during my remaining lifetime; disrespectful because the lingering ignorance I had about the unconditional love that Jesus expects us to embrace daily was, at last, removed.

Another way of explaining would be that I am only 2% enlightened. When you factor in eternity 2% is an embarrassing exaggeration. Since this is the truth, it *will* keep you grounded and humble. Tiny too.

It will also keep you in contact with, conscious of, and comforted by the "higher moral force in the Universe" dwelling in your lotus-heart.

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#### Quote of the Post

#### Making a Murderer: God of the bible by PJ Slinger

The first sentence of Chapter 2 of *The God Delusion* says that the God of the Old Testament is "arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction." Dawkins says this sentence has been the most heavily criticized line he has ever written. But Barker goes a step further and even removes the "arguably."

Believers point to the bible as a place to find love, compassion and understanding from God. But, as Barker shows, much of the bible shows a completely different character.

"If you have never read the bible, you might like to know what is in it," he writes in the introduction. "If you are a believer, you should be happy to see us promoting bible reading. As a former clergyman, let me offer some counsel: Don't take the word of your pastor, rabbi, or priest. My hope is that you will do what Richard Dawkins has done and simply read the bible for yourself."

As Dawkins writes in the book's foreword, "Even a cursory look at the bible should be enough to convince a reasonable person that it's the very last document you should thrust in front of someone if you want to convince them of the love of God."

In one of the reviews for the book, author, noted cognitive scientist, and FFRF Honorary President Steven Pinker writes, "With a twinkle that belies the canard that atheists are 'strident' and 'militant,' Dan Barker

cheerfully refutes the common claim that morality comes from the God of the bible."

In *The God Delusion*, Dawkins lists 19 of God's character traits, which, "if they were all combined in a single fictional villain, would strain the reader's credulity to the point of ridicule.

"Certifiable psychopaths apart, no real human individual is quite so irredeemably nasty as to combine all of the following: 'jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully.' "

In Part I of the book, "*Dawkins Was Right*," Barker takes each of those 19 traits and finds verses in the bible to show just how much of a miscreant the Christian God is. But that isn't all.

In Part II, "*Dawkins Was Too Kind*," Barker tells of other evil traits of God. "Richard's 19 denunciations are certainly more than enough to demonstrate the downright depravity of the Lord Jealous, but he overlooked a few more," Barker writes in the introduction. "He forgot to mention that the God of the Old Testament is also a pyromaniacal, angry, merciless, curse-hurling, vaccicidal, aborticidal, cannibalistic slavemonger."

And for those who might try to make the case that God is real, and not a fictional character, then God would easily become No. 1 villain on the list of all nonfiction figures, beating out such monstrous people as Adolph Hitler, Attila the Hun, Pol Pot, Osama bin Laden, Vlad the Impaler and Joseph Stalin. You're better off sticking with fiction.

<https://ffrf.org/publications/freethought-today/item/25858-making-a-murderer-god-of-the-bible>

