

*I will declare your righteousness and your
deeds,*

but they will not profit you.

*When you cry out, let your collection of idols
deliver you!*

*The wind will carry them all off,
a breath will take them away.*

vv. 12,13



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And it shall be said,
"Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my
people's way."

For thus says the One who is high and lifted
up,

who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place,

vv.14,15a



David Bentley Hart

[God] is not a "being," at least not in the way that a tree, a shoemaker, or a god is a being; he is not one more object in the inventory of things that are, or any sort of discrete object at all. Rather, all things that exist receive their being continuously from him, who is the infinite wellspring of all that is, in whom . . . all things live and move and have their being.



*The wisest are the most annoyed at
the loss of time.*

Dante Alighieri



William Penn

Time is what we most want, but what we use worst.



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I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite
and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

vv. 13-14



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*I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;
I will lead him and restore comfort to
him and his mourners,
creating the fruit of the lips.*

*Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,"
says the LORD,
"and I will heal him.*

vv. 18-19

For I will not contend forever,
nor will I always be angry;
for the spirit would grow faint before me,
and the breath of life that I made.
Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was
angry,
I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,
but he went on backsliding in the way of his
own heart.

vv. 17,18

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe....

It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:21-22, 26



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Oliver Burkeman

I became a parent, what, three years ago now, and I've found that it's very easy to think that you're going to somehow one day find the perfect way of parenting, and, as a result, create the perfect adult, and as a result, finally get to consider yourself a worthy and successful parent. But it's totally, totally counter-productive, a massively anxiety-inducing way of thinking.



Oliver Burkeman

I think it's a really useful argument no matter your feelings about religion: that you might be trying to seek a kind of salvation from things that can't really provide what you need.



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Pete Townshend

What we were hoping to do [in the 60s] was to create a system by which we gathered in order to hear music that in some way served the spiritual needs of the audience. It didn't work out that way. We abandoned our parents' church, and we haven't replaced it with anything solid and substantial. . . .