

# God with Us

"BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD,  
AND SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THEY  
SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL, WHICH  
BEING INTERPRETED IS, GOD WITH US"  
(MATTHEW 1:23 KJV).

SUPPOSE I BEGIN  
TO TALK ON SOME  
ABSTRACT TRUTH OR  
VIRTUE, SUCH AS  
HEROISM,

## The Intrinsic Psychology of Heroism

AND USE NO ILLUSTRATIONS,

*The key to heroism is a concern for other people in need—a concern to defend a moral cause, knowing there is a personal risk, done without expectation of reward.*

NO ANALOGIES,

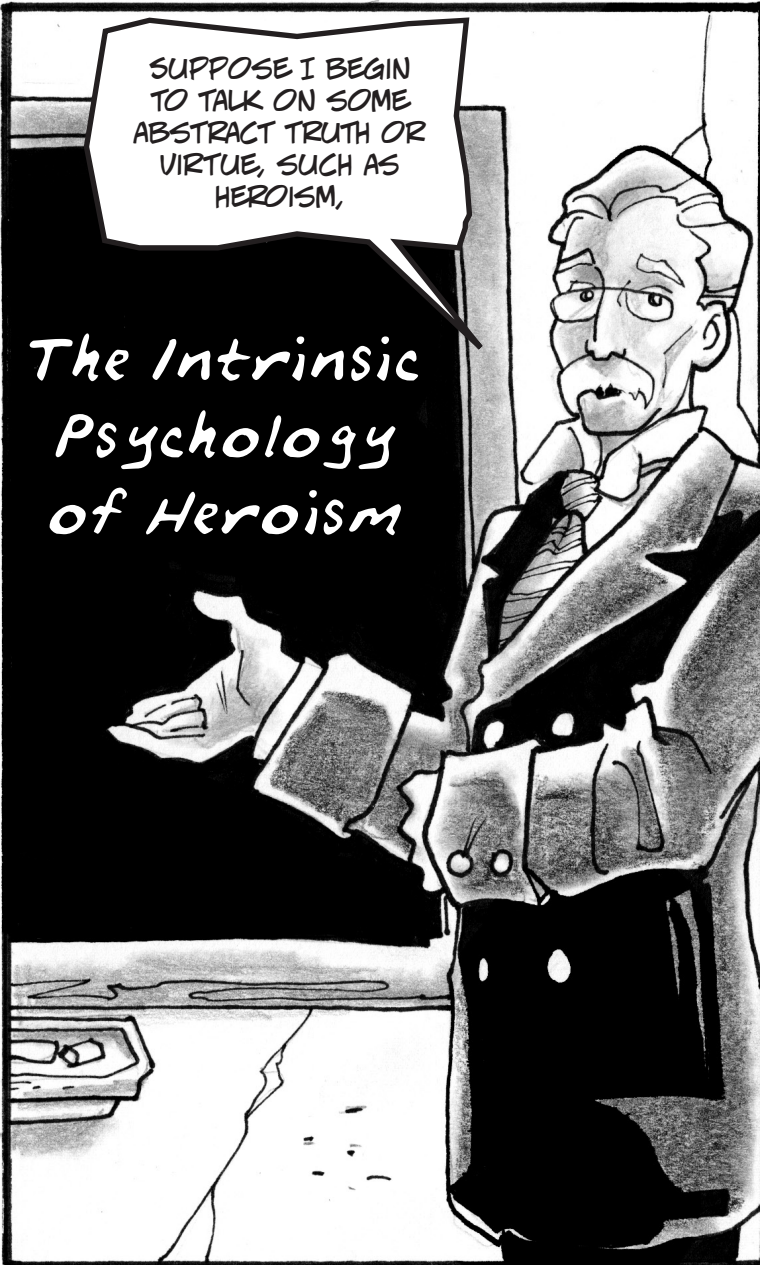
*Heroism involves significant risk, which could include death, injury, imprisonment, or other serious or significant consequences*

NO ANECDOTES,

*Heroism consists of actions undertaken to help others, despite the possibility that they may result in the helper's death or injury.*

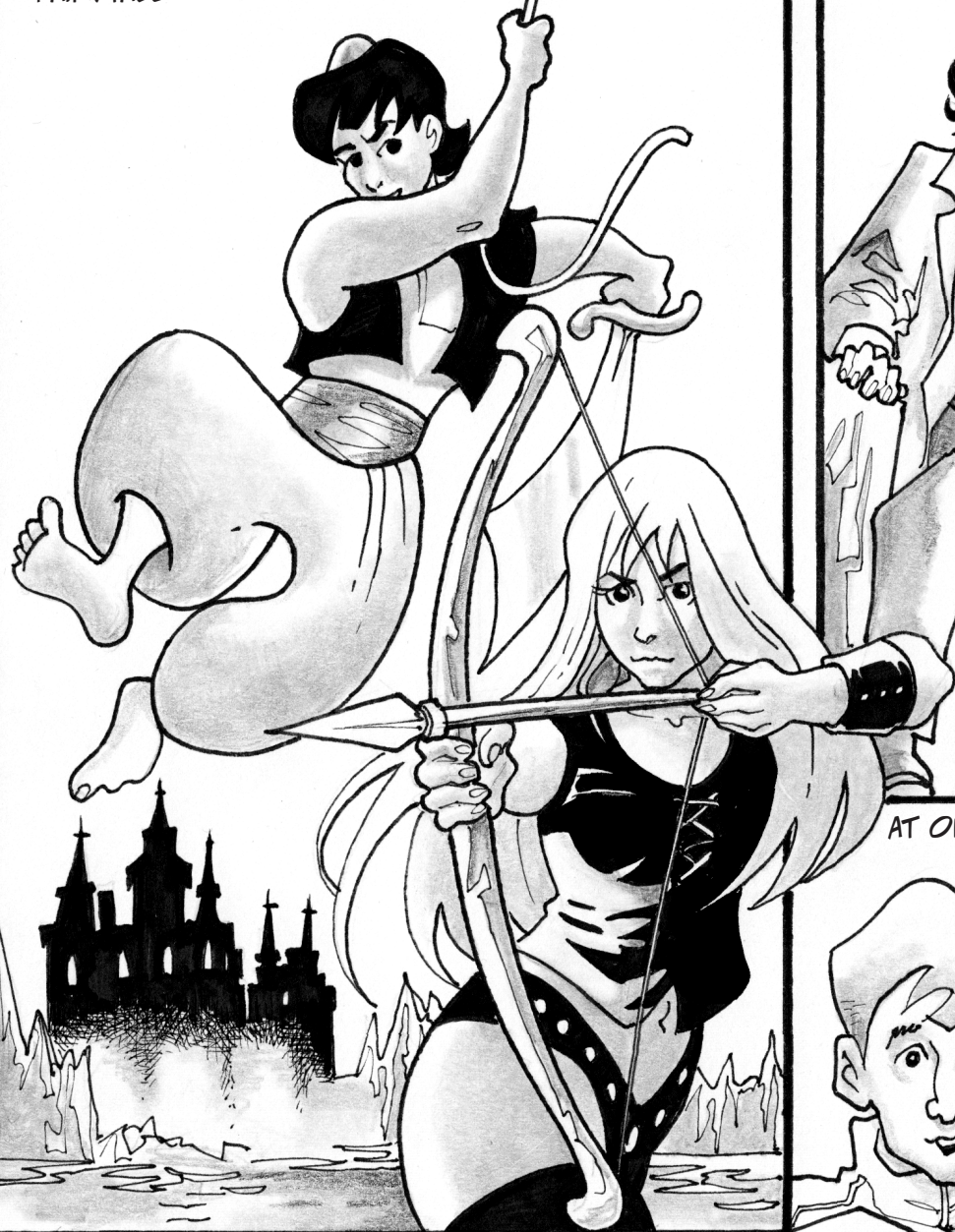
WHAT EFFECT WOULD I PRODUCE?

LITTLE OR NOTHING MORE THAN AN UNEASY AND FEARFUL WONDER.





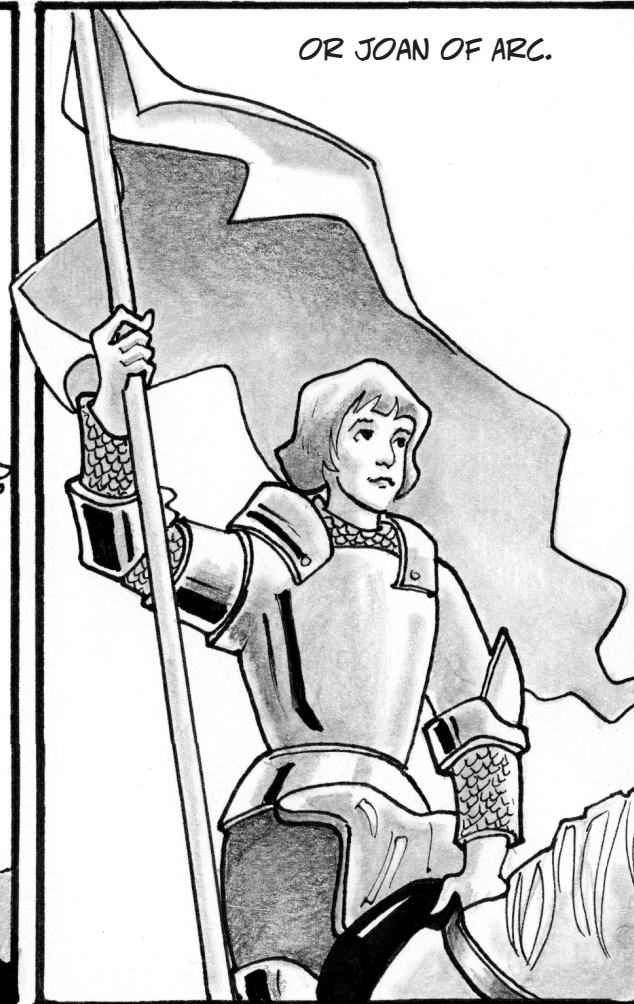
BUT INSTEAD OF DEALING  
WITH HEROISM AS AN  
ABSTRACTION, LET ME PUT  
IT INTO A PARABLE OR A  
FAIRYTALE



OR TELL YOU THE STORY OF SOME  
COURAGEOUS PERSON, LIKE DAVID  
LIVINGSTONE



OR JOAN OF ARC.



AT ONCE, THE SHIFTING, INDIFFERENT WONDER CHANGES INTO ATTENTIVE INTEREST.





BUT LET ME GO FURTHER, AND  
INSTEAD OF EMBODYING THE VIRTUE  
IN THE STORY OF SOME BRAVE  
PERSON, LET THE TRUTH BECOME  
REBORN IN A PERSON.

LET ME PRODUCE THE  
HEROIC PERSONALITY  
ITSELF, ENGAGED IN  
THE HEROIC LIFE.

WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT?

The Intrinsic  
Psychology  
of Heroism



THE POINTLESS  
WONDER THAT  
FOLLOWED  
THE VAGUE  
CONCEPT WILL  
CHANGE INTO  
PASSIONATE  
ADMIRATION,  
WHICH WILL  
RIPEN INTO  
LOVE.

WHAT  
DEDICATION.

SO MUCH  
LOVE.

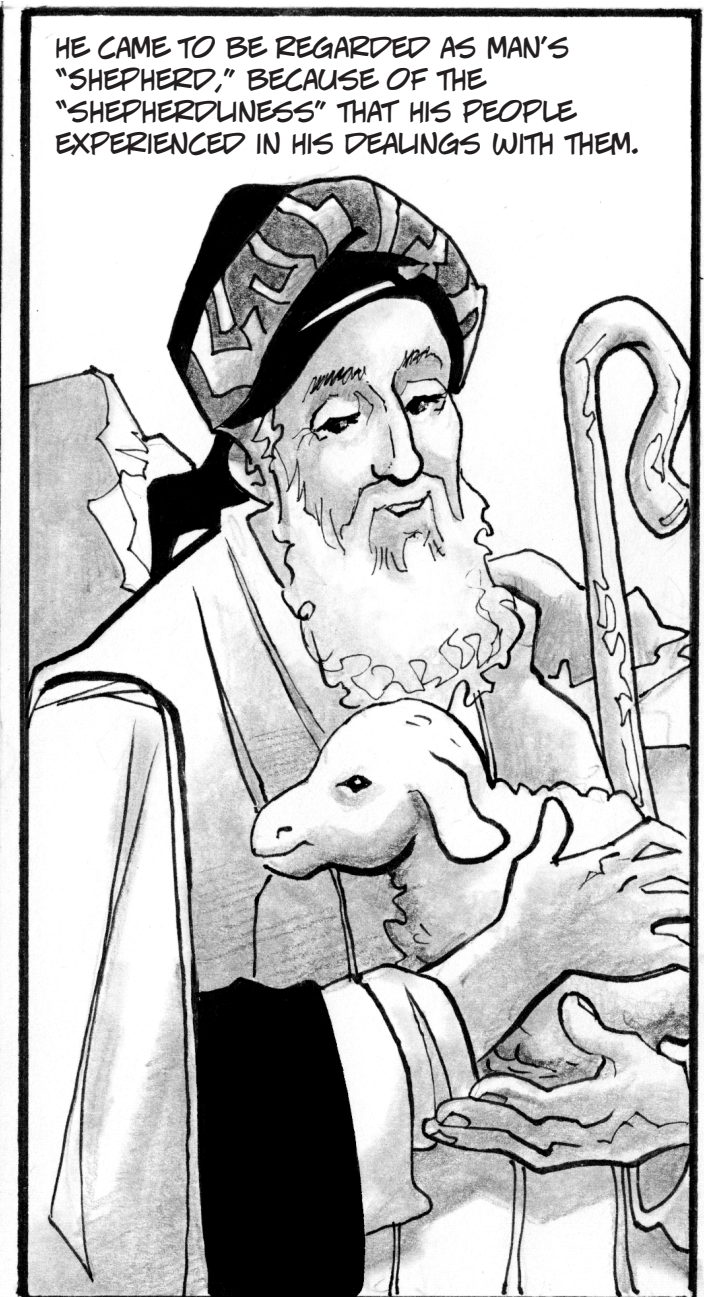
HOW CAN I BE  
LIKE HER?



The closer and more real our relationship with the person we love, the more  
beautiful will be our devotion.



Now see how this applies to the revelation of God and our relationship to Him.



AND AS THE COLORS OF GOD'S CHARACTER EMERGED, THE INFLUENCES CREATED IN MAN'S HEART BECAME PROPORTIONATELY RICHER AND MORE POWERFUL.



Eventually, God removed the last vestige of abstraction.

HE NO LONGER REMAINED EMBODIED IN BEAUTIFUL NAMES AND RENOWNED IN SONG AND STORY.

HE BECAME INCARNATE—

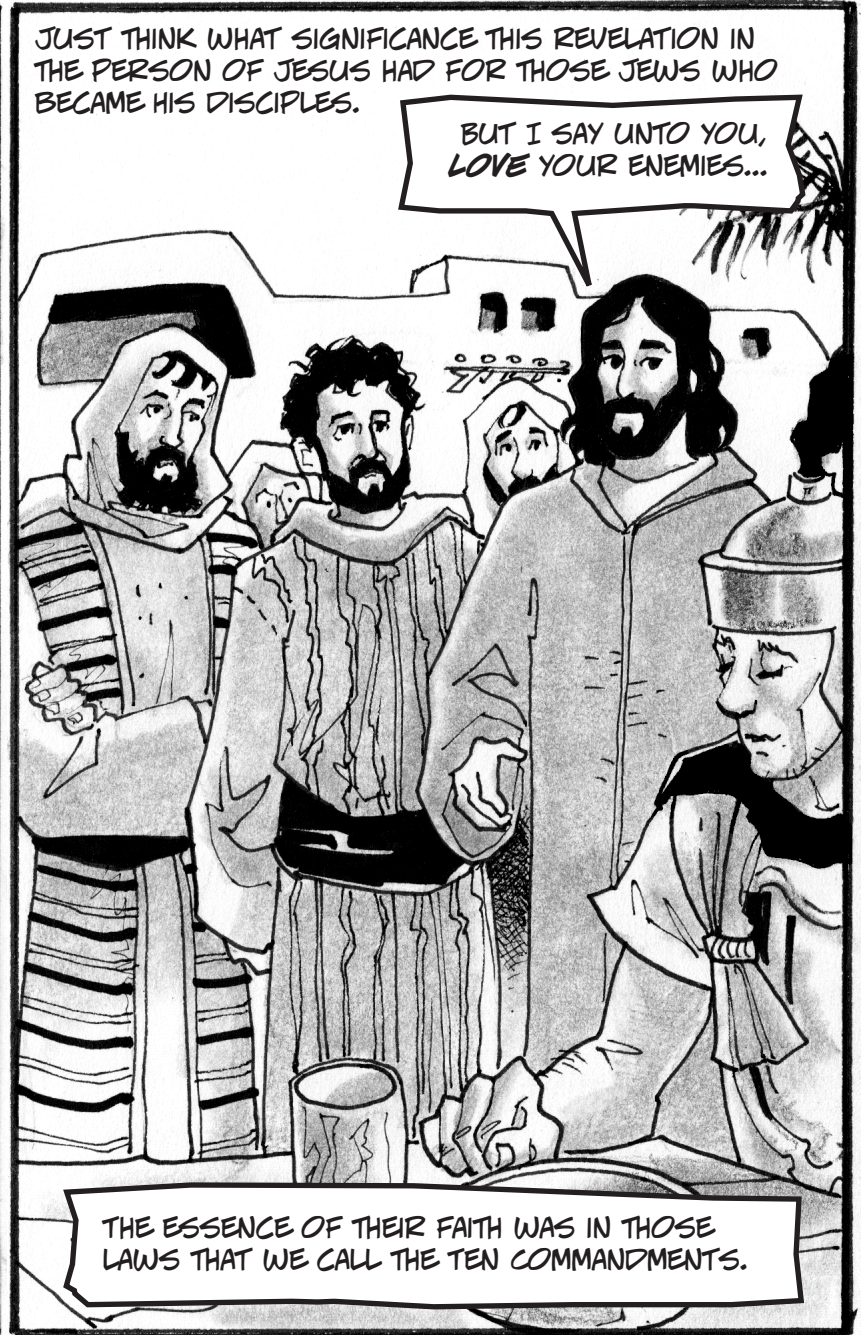
THAT HOLY THING WHICH  
SHALL BE BORN OF THEE  
SHALL BE CALLED THE  
SON OF GOD.

A LIVING PERSONALITY.



JUST THINK WHAT SIGNIFICANCE THIS REVELATION IN  
THE PERSON OF JESUS HAD FOR THOSE JEWS WHO  
BECAME HIS DISCIPLES.

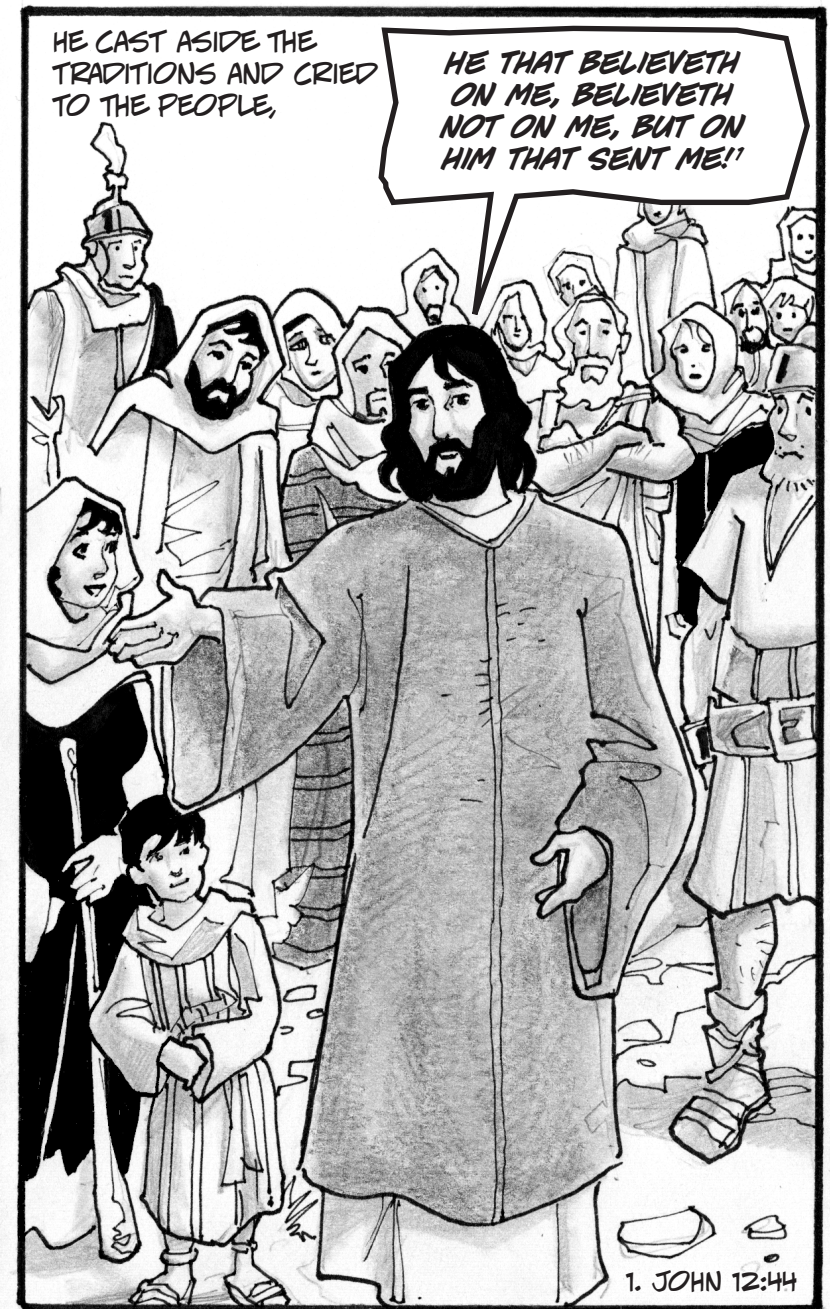
BUT I SAY UNTO YOU,  
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES...



THE ESSENCE OF THEIR FAITH WAS IN THOSE  
LAWS THAT WE CALL THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.



But along came Christ, and the first thing He did was to tear these miles of wrappings away.





# Jesus Christ lifted God out of a vague and personless form,



2. MATTHEW 11:28

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