

# Intersections: Christianity & Today

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## Of Obdurate Pain & Chronic Worries

1. OBDURATE *adj* stubborn and unyielding

2. . . . visualize yourself without a worry in the world. —Whitmer's *Guide to Total Wellness*

3. Now there was only the morning and the dancing man of the broken tomb. The story says he dances still. That is why down to this day we lean over the beds of our babies and in the seconds before sleep, tell the story of the undying dancing man, so the dream of Jesus will carry them to dawn. —John Shea, *The Storyteller of God*

4. Question: What makes God laugh? Answer: Hearing our plans.

5. . . . since reality is a matter of perspective, it would be possible, given the right frame of mind, to live a life of enchantment inside an oil drum.

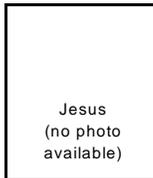
Tom Robbins, "Why I Live Where I Live," *Esquire* magazine, Oct 1980, p. 84

6. Does it help to be told . . .

A) Don't worry. Be happy. —Meher Baba (who declared in 1954 that he was the Avatar of the age.)



B) Don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. —Jesus (Matt 6:34b, Eugene Peterson's, *The Message*)



C) If you frown and the wind changes, you are going to be stuck with that frown. —Stan's Mom



Look at his worries!  
This is from one of the  
most famous paintings in  
the world.

7. Is the fear of being in want the definition of worry?

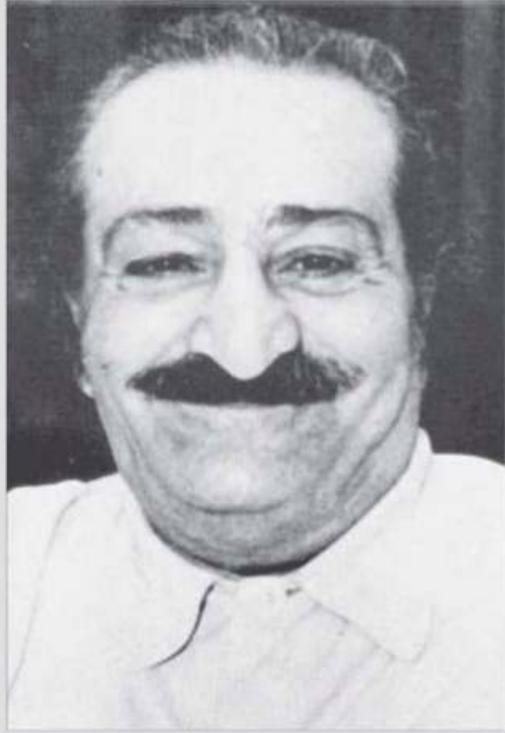
8. You have heard it million times: "TLIMS, I shall not want."

★ The Jews in the Holocaust were never in want?

★ Believing Christians are never in want?

How can "I shall not want" make any sense at all? I bet no one in the room can answer that.

(over for a special treat)



*DON'T WORRY  
BE HAPPY*

Meher Baba