

Intersections: Christianity & Today

Stan Schmidt

Other People—Our Greatest Joys—Our Biggest Pain

1. There's one driving force at the root of most of life's hassles To make it interesting, let's see if you can guess the culprit from the multiple choices below:

a) reindeer b) zebra c) baboon d) caterpillar e) man

—Robert J. Ringer, *Looking Out for #1*, p. 64

2. If I wanted to punish an enemy, it should be by fastening on him the trouble of constantly hating somebody.

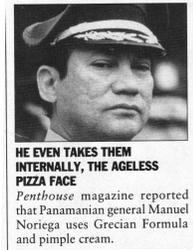
—Hannah More

3. Blaming the enemy implies that the enemy has the freedom to choose and act, not ourselves, and we can only react to him.

Rollo May, *Love and Will*, p. 193

4. Psalm 109 passim

Oh God, do not remain silent
for wicked men have opened their mouths against me.
May his children be wandering beggars.
May a creditor seize all that he has.
May no one extend kindness to him.
May this be the Lord's payment to my accusers,
to those who speak evil of me.



5. I was never molested by any person, but those who represented the state. —Thoreau

6. Alvah Scarret had never hated anything, and so was incapable of love.

—Ayn Rand, *The Fountainhead*, p. 405

7. Truce is better than friction.

—Charles Herguth in *Chicago Daily News*

8. If you ever leave me, I'll go with you.

—Rene Taylor

9. I never hated a man enough to give him his diamonds back. —Zsa Zsa Gabor

10. I've just learned about his illness; let's hope it's nothing trivial. —Irvin S. Cobb

11. Dad named his first ulcer after me. —anonymous

12. A Sunday School teacher told a little boy that he was here on earth to help others.

He asked, "Then are what are the others here for?"

13. What if you hate everyone and being a hermit is out of the question?

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14. What if God should forgive your worst enemy, and he shows up in Heaven to greet you?

15. What if your dearest friend ends up in Hell?

16. What if you are so damned good that only you end up in Heaven?