

Old Testament - Book Five

THUS had the Prideful Humans delivered themselves into slavery, and so their dependents unto the nth generation; for they had sold their mirth rite for a lot of scorage. No longer did the gentle birdies float and flutter to and fro across the grassy slopes, but did dart and dash like unto a three-balled tomcat at fixing time; and that which had been smooth and unfurrowed became bruised and sore misshapen, for they had tasted of the thrill of victory and so the agony of defeat. AND it came to pass that in those days which followed the world became an hectic and unhappy place, for men had strayed from the Way of the Bird and no longer performed the ancient rituals and Lawn Sports, but instead followed the jogging path of the Anti-Idle and sought only dominance over their brothers; for they were filled with lust for the Golden Trophies. And the other creatures of the earth shunned them, as did the creatures of the sea and the air; but the icky bugs did not shun them, and did crawl upon them, and bite them, or fly into their mouths, And all of those things which occurred unfolded just as the Holey Prophecies had foretold, which hadst been revelated in the Word of the Bird, wherein it is written:

"AND Civilization shalt stalk the land, and it shall gauge the earth and darken the sky, that a man might walk for many days to find a court of grass upon which to place his net, and when he gets there a Bum will be sleeping on it. And with it shall come Commerce, and it shall have fawteen heads, with fawteen eyes on each head; and it shall wear fawteen times fawtten pairs of RayBans so that none can deny that it is cool. And also shalt come Government, which shall have the head of a lion and the body of a lion, but not the same lion; and men will look upon it and grow confused. And there shalt be in those times a great anxiety, and the people will peer about with uncertainty for those things which they had left in a certain place, but they will not be there; nor their attachments. And throughout the land there will come a great yearning and the rubbing of parts..."

THUS did the Humans stray far from their natures, as did several other creatures, notably the Cat; and Badminton all but vanished from the land. But the Bird comforted them, that they might not despair, and promised unto them a new day to come; and so the people awaited the coming of the Church of the Holy Bird.