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The “Damn Fine Fine” Edition

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Intro:

It's Thursday!

It’s March 7th,

And this podcast gave up on Lent BEFORE it was cool!

I’m Noah Lugeons,

I’m Eli Bosnick,

I'm Heath Enwright, and from Jason Alexander's New Jersey; Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Waycross, Georgia ... this is the Scathing Atheist.

On this week’s episode,

- The pope drops the mic on trans children,
- Hinduism and Islam have a very serious dispute about lion nomenclature,
- And we’ll learn that Christians have a pretty ordinary set of skills.

But first, the Diatribe...

Diatribe

The underlying problem in America right now is that there's a bunch of mediocre white dudes looking at an honest definition of bigotry and saying "Well if you define it *that way*, I'm a bigot!" and thinking the problem, therefore, lies with the definition. And while I'm sure I could be describing any number of people you've had to interact with online, the mediocre white dude I'm thinking of is Supreme Court justice Samuel Alito.

See, back when Obergefell was decided, he penned this snitty dissent that basically translated that misconception into legalese. His chief concern was that in protecting the legal right to same sex marriage, the court would force the government to treat people like bigots based solely on their religious belief that being gay was a sin. In other words, he was worried that Christians would be labeled as bigots based on nothing but their bigotry.

Now, to be clear, that's not new in principle. While it might have been new to apply that legal distinction to homophobes in particular, the government already treated people as bigots regardless of where their bigotry came from. If you, say, refused to rent a room in your hotel to a mixed race couple, it wouldn't matter that your opposition to interracial marriage was Biblical. You'd have violated the law nonetheless. But the legal playbook for Christians right now is to act like this is some sort of novel imposition on their sacred liberties when it's applied to LGBTQ people.

And just in case there was some homophobic Christian warrior that hadn't gotten the message, Alito said it loud and clear from the bench last week. The whole thing stems from a case that the court unanimously declined, but Alito felt the need to issue a "but if we *did* take it, here's what I would've thought" statement regardless.

So here's the case; a woman who works for the Missouri Department of Corrections sues her employer when her boss retaliates against her for fucking his ex. She wins. The court finds that the Department didn't respond appropriately to her complaints and they had to pay her money and say they were sorry like they meant it. But in advance of the trial, three jurors were excused for no reason but that they openly admitted prejudice against gay people… religiously. The jurors were asked if they belonged to a religion that taught them homosexuality was a sin. And when three of them said yes, the judge agreed with the plaintiff's attorney that *obviously* you couldn't expect them to render a fair judgment for a lesbian whose entire lawsuit revolved around a same-sex relationship.

Well one of those prospective jurors turned around and sued because she's Christian and the sense of Christian entitlement is boundless. She said she was being excluded from civic participation because of her religion. And the courts said "No, you were being excluded because you were a bigot. Doesn't matter where the bigotry comes from." So she appealed.

Now, at the appellate level, this was dismissed on a technicality. But, in a manner that I can't help but equate to asking to speak to the *manager's* manager, she appealed to the Supreme Court. And they were like, "Yeah, the technicality still exists at our level, too" and declined the case. But Alito still felt the need to weigh in, so he issued a five page … I don't know what it's even called. Pre-cision? Anyway, he issues this statement saying that it's a goddamn travesty that these jurors were excluded and this was exactly the kind of thing he warned about in his dissent to Obergefell. That thing being, of course, *gay people having rights*.

See, the sleight of hand here is subtle enough that a lot of people miss it. But what Alito (and all the other Christian Nationalist judicial warriors) are doing is swapping out religious status for religious belief while our eyes are on the lovely assistant or the flash paper or whatever. Excluding somebody for a religious *belief* is nothing. That happens constantly and it always has. Like, if you were gonna sit on a jury for a death penalty trial, they would *always* exclude you if you were, like, a Quaker. You have a religious belief against voting to send somebody to their death. Nobody objects to your exclusion, least of all Sam Alito.

But all of a sudden when we're talking about *his* bias, this is a fucking travesty that must be curtailed. Alito argues — presumably with a straight face — that these jurors could've rendered an impartial decision *regardless* of their bias; an argument that he wouldn't even bother to consider if the bias was motivated by *any other thing*. Because what he's arguing here is that religious bias is *better* than those other biases; that religious people can uniquely transcend above their bigotry and remain dispassionately logical irrespective of it. It's a delusion he shares, unfortunately, with damn near every mediocre white guy I've ever met. And it's a delusion that Sam Alito no doubt needs desperately cling to just to get to sleep every night and to wake up every morning.

Headlines

Joining me for headlines tonight are Corn Chex and Wheat Chex to my Rice Chex, Heath Enwright and Eli Bosnick. Fellas, are you ready to square off?

I am checks notes ready yes.

Wheat chex are the only checks I dont bounce at this point

And on this sad reflection of just how bland my post-coronary diet has become, we'll pause for a word from this week's first sponsor, My Sheets Rock.

And now, back to the headlines.

In our lead story tonight, Liberty University, the most restrictive thing to ever be named after freedom, was fined a record *fourteen million dollars* by the Department of Education on Tuesday for violating federal laws on campus safety, leading many to say, "holy shit, apparently the

Department of Education can issue fines." Look out Ron DeSantis. And in addition to the fourteen large, by the way, the university will also have to spend an additional two million bucks on improvements to campus safety to bring them into line with said federal laws.

Lots of bouncy castles at the bottom of every stairwell in case Falwell Jr. comes back to campus all drunk.

Guys guys. Its give me liberty OR give me death…OR

So this all comes from a two year long investigation, which the Education Department summarized in a 108 page report that details a shockingly nonchalant attitude towards student safety. Or even their own safety. Highlights include failing to issue timely warnings about criminal activities, failure to notify the campus about emergencies, and failing to maintain a complete crime log. They literally tried to reduce their crime statistics by *not writing down all the crimes*.

The Enron model of university safety.

Forgive and forget is NOT a policy you want your educational institution to have

Of course, we've talked a LOT about Liberty University on this show, mostly as it pertains to their drunken, abusive, insufficiently clothed, cuck of a former president Jerry Falwell, Jr. <he's all those things in a BAD way> But we've *also* talked about their abysmal safety record, especially as it pertains to keeping female students safe from sexual predators. Now, the University has gone to great lengths to convince everyone that the problem was Falwell and that all the issues left when he did. Defamatory lengths, if you believe Jerry Falwell Jr., which he's given you no reason to ever do at any point in his life. But regardless, it's clear from this report that there's still plenty of work to do.

Most of that $2 million they have to spend is motion detector lights in the corner of every dorm room to make sure he's not lurking there watching you fuck.

Yeah whats clear from this report is that J falls the second is just the most public sex pest to thrive at liberty but by no means the worst

Now, for their part, Liberty University played the role of chastened penitent, and point out that they've already spent ten million dollars since 2022 in their efforts to be compliant with the laws at issue here. And they think that makes them sound good, but it's actually an admission that after spending eight figures in a desperate scramble to reach compliance that began *after the Department of Education's investigation*, they're *still* at least a couple million bucks shy of *minimal safety requirements*. It's hard not to imagine Liberty students making their way to class through a gauntlet of swinging axes and agitated Chain-Chomps.

You could give everyone a Tanooki suit, but if your view of women is based on the Book of Timothy, it's not gonna be enough.

Yeah its worth pausing to point out that one of the reasons parents send their kids to universities like liberty is to protect them from a world they perceive to be full of sin and dangerous and is almost always the case with private religious things that don't have to follow laws they ended up doing the exact opposite of that thing

And look, when their crimes are rendered in language as anodyne as "failure to notify campus of emergencies," it's easy to think of this as just some clerical oversight type shit. But to give you a sense of scale here, the previous record holder for the largest fine ever issued was against Michigan State University over the Larry Nassar affair. He's the doctor that sexually abused the school's gymnastics team for eons. That fine was $4.5 million. So the shit Liberty was doing was, in the Department of Education's estimation, more than three times as bad as *that*.

Liberty University fined record $14 million for failure to keep campus safe: https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2024/03/05/liberty-university-clery-act-education-department-report/

And in "Putting the CON in Conception" news ... A new bill in West Virginia would force all students in their public school system to watch insane anti-choice propaganda videos as part of their science curriculum about human development. The bill is called SB-468, or the "Baby Olivia Act", and it's named after one of the propaganda videos called "Meet Baby Olivia" that's been described by most major organizations of medical professionals as (approximate quote) "fucking stupid" and "you're lying." The video claims a sperm touching the outside of an ovum is a baby...named Olivia...that has a heartbeat six weeks later, despite literally not having a heart.

The beat comes first, Heath. It's like when the music kicks in before the scene-change in a Christopher Nolan movie.

Wait till you see the version they have to show in Alabama where baby olivia and her friends are FROZEN at the ivf clinic like sylvester stalone in demolition man

So during the debate session for the bill, a Democrat made the argument that lots of Jewish people (among many others) don't believe a sperm touching an egg equals a baby. And after a long diversion during which someone clarified what was meant by "Jewish people", we got to hear from GOP State Senator, Christian nationalist, and redundant neo-nazi Mike Azinger who spoke up to defend the bill. He started by saying: (quote) "It's essentially an absurdity that all Jewish people believe that lifehood, for lack of a better term, begins at another time other than conception. [A better term would be LIFE. He continued...] Any Jew who believes the first five books of the Bible would, by definition, believe that life begins at conception because Genesis 4:1 says 'And Adam knew Eve, his wife, and she conceived.' There. Right there." (end quote)

Right where, Mike? Are you sure you're not dealing with a case of stupidhood, for lack of a better term?

So to be clear mike was sitting in his seat and though "dammit jews are wrong about their religion AGAIN…I got this…gimme for a second"

And just for the record, the Talmud says that life begins "when the baby's head emerges from the mother's body." So according to that sincerely held belief, it's your 1st Amendment right as a Jewish person to do a beheading-style abortion on any baby that's born feet first, as long as you keep the head inside during the procedure. Also...none of that matters. Also...about 85% of Jewish people support uterine autonomy.

As to the majority of theists in general, as do the majority of Americans.

Great now mike needs to explain what being an american means

So from there, Mike Azinger kept talking and ruined his very cogent antisemitic tirade. He continued by saying: (quote) "All of a sudden, we have a lot of senators who are all upset and worried about accuracies in science class. [But evolution] is a quickly dying theory that many, many understand to be an absurdity in and of itself, just because it can't pass the first test of First Cause. So this is a great bill. It shows conception. And google it: At the very nanosecond of conception, there's a flash of light. When conception occurs in human beings, and I believe it's across the whole animal kingdom, at the point, the second, of conception, there is a flash of light. That's God telling us that life begins there."

If the only bad thing religion ever did was inspire this idiot to run for office, that would be enough to justify our show.

Yeah to be clear if someone said this aloud on a subway I would change cars and this guy is using it for why the LAW he's proposing should pass

So that was a terrifying west-virginianism, for lack of a better term, but my favorite part is the story behind the flash of light thing. Great work by Hemant Mehta for explaining this over at the Friendly Atheist blog. Apparently a bunch of evangelicals latched on to the "flash of light" thing after a study came out in 2016 about the activation of ova by sperm. There's a release of zinc around that moment, and the scientists were able to track that by putting ova in a fluorescent solution that binds to zinc, and under a microscope you could see the zinc light up. There is NOT, however, a giant old-timey flashbulb that goes off whenever an egg is fertilized across the entire animal kingdom. If God was setting up a sign about abortion policy...no he wasn't.

But I love the idea that christians now think god takes a picture of each of his children like a jewish grandparent

GOP lawmaker pushes anti-abortion propaganda bill with scientific, antisemitic lies: https://www.friendlyatheist.com/p/gop-lawmaker-pushes-anti-abortion

And quick before the headlines reach their third trimester, we'll cut them off for a word from this week's other sponsor, Aura Frames.

TWIM

It's not every week that I get to open this segment with good news, but I wanna start tonight with a tip of the beret to the good people of France, who became the first nation in the world to enshrine the right to abortion into their constitution. And when asked why they did it, they pretty much just said "well we don't wanna wind up like America, do we?"

And in a tantalizing vision of what we could be as a nation if we weren't so damned religious, I should point out that this wasn't exactly a tight vote. Of the 925 Members of Parliament that could vote on this, *seven hundred and eighty* voted in favor. That's just shy of eighty-five percent. And when the bill passed, there was uproarious applause and they lit the Eiffel Tower up in celebration. Which really makes you wonder what those "abortion is murder" assholes must think of French people.

And make no mistake, this is a historic thing. France's Prime Minister told the people gathered to celebrate the law's passage (quote) "We are haunted by the suffering and memory of so many women who were not free. [...] Today, the present must respond to history. To enshrine this right in our constitution is to close the door on the tragedy of the past and its trail of suffering and pain. [...] Let's not forget that the train of oppression can happen again. Let's act to ensure that it doesn't" (end quote).

And while France is making historic strides in the field of women's rights, what are we doing back here in the good ol' US of A? Well, the biggest stride I could find for us was that a pastor in North Carolina who said that women who wear shorts deserved to be raped later admitted that he was wrong.

So yeah, so this is the story of Pastor Bobby Leonard of the Bible Baptist Tabernacle in Monroe, North Carolina. He was giving a sermon, talking about the previous weekend that he spent leering at women at an outlet mall and counting to see if more of them wore pants or shorts, which is already plenty creepy even before he adds (quote) "If you dress like that and you get raped, and I'm on the jury, he's going to go free" (end quote).

Well, a clip of that shit went viral and all of a sudden he saw the light and decided that maybe he should walk his endorsement of sexual assault back a bit. First he said that the sermon was taken out of context, and I was like "well if you wanted people to have the context, why the fuck did you immediately delete it from your website?" But eventually, Leonard *did* apologize. By then he'd basically deleted his and his church's entire social media presence, so his apology was

limited to a reader board outside the church that said (quote) “A am sorry for any hurt. I was wrong. -Pastor Leonard” (end quote).

And before I let you go, I have to highlight one more story for you. Because last Tuesday, Brian Houston, formerly of Hillsong Baptist Church sent out a Tweet that simply read (quote) “Ladies and girls kissing” (end quote). Because he apparently thought that bit was a search bar. Which is fucking hilarious. But, as is so often the case when a Christian idiot falls into a trap of his own making, Houston’s desperate flailing just keeps making it both worse and funnier. 16 minutes after the original Tweet, he deletes it and Tweets out (quote) “I think my twitter may have been hacked” (end quote). Then he has an assistant Tweet out a lengthier “yeah, it was definitely hacked” statement, perhaps hoping that his excuse would be more believable coming from a woman. Then he had her Tweet out another Tweet reiterating that excuse along with a partial screenshot of an email saying that his Twitter account had a suspicious login attempt — though the screenshot fails to contain any information about *when* that happened. So he almost certainly *had someone try to log into his account suspiciously* so he could have this excuse. All so that he didn’t have to admit to looking at the most anodyne possible excuse for porn.

So, while we all take a minute to appreciate the fact that we atheists get to watch porn guilt free, I’ll wrap things up and hand you back to Noah, Heath, and Eli.

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France adds abortion rights to its constitution:
https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/mar/04/france-to-hold-final-vote-on-enshrining-abortion-as-a-constitutional-right
Pastor admits women who wear shorts don’t deserve to be raped:
https://www.friendlyatheist.com/p/after-saying-women-who-wear-shorts
Brian Houston insists he wasn’t looking for porn on Twitter:
https://www.friendlyatheist.com/p/former-hillsong-leader-brian-houston

HEADLINES B:

Thank you, Lucinda. And in “Another Nope from the Pope” news ... One of the weird things about talking about atheism for a living is that far more often than people are willing to tell you that god is real and that bigots are simply acting out the perfect word of the creator of the universe you get asked to give out trophies to the NONbigoted religious people. Which is a weird thing to do about a definitionally harmful set of ideas. Nobody asks us to concede the self confidence boost racism must give racists or the financial opportunities afforded to home invaders and yet every time a religious figurehead says something remotely progressive were expecting to trip over our own dicks in our rush to praise them. And perhaps there’s no figurehead for whom this is more true than pope francis who since his inaugural triumph of “not having been a literal nazi” has been a media darling matched only by the time we all decided we liked the tiger king guy. But the pope is NOT progressive and he’s not an ally as he reminded us

in his own words this week where he called gender theory an "ugly ideology" that threatens humanity.

You gotta have some stupid fears that DON'T threaten to end human existence. I know you have medium stupid fears. Just be honest.

Oh, I'm sorry, head of the *Catholic Fucking Church*, is gender theory an "ugly ideology that threatens humanity?" Is it really? You wanna accuse it of raping kids, exacerbating the AIDS epidemic, or having a figurehead that wears a silly hat while you're at it?

Yeah so big thanks to lilith for sending us this story over at scathingnews@gmail.com. I don't think it was the apocryphal demon queen that sent us the latest atheist news to scathingnews@gmail.com but maybe it was and if you send us news to scathingnews@gmail.com maybe she'll answer your prayer and steal your ex husband's penis. Its worth a shot right? Anyway, addressing participants of a two-day conference in the Vatican on the evolving role of men and women according to Christian teachings, the pope was actually too sick to deliver his own speech but it was so important to shit talk gender theory that he did a little bigot TLDR to sum up his feelings and then had an aid read the rest. So here's what he had to say quote "I have asked that studies be carried out into this ugly ideology of our times, which cancels out the differences and makes everything the same," adding "Cancelling out the differences means cancelling out humanity."

He said while trying to cancel out a part of humanity. Maybe have the studies about gender theory start with learning the meaning of gender theory. Starting with "Webster's dictionary defines" would've made the study BETTER.

But thats not all. Pope "Frankly-my-queer-I-dont-give-a-damn" also had a book recommendation for us the 1907 doomsday literature "Lord of the world" A book written by a catholic priest about what would happen to the world if there wasn't any religion.

"Look, our social views haven't significantly changed since 1907, when the only places women could vote were New Zealand, Australia, the Isle of Man, and the Grand Duchy of Finland, so I'm pretty sure this is still good."

So yeah, next time you see some front page news that the pope said gay people can ride the bus or eat food…at all…please remind the people around you, especially if they're praising it that the pope is not social justice's friend, if anything he's the boss it must defeat at the end of the game

Pope says gender theory is 'ugly ideology' that threatens humanity
https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/pope-francis-gender-theory-ideology-1.7130679

And finally tonight, in "Big Catastrophe" news ... Given the intense socio-political conflict in the country of India between the religions of Hinduism and Islam, the nation's court system is constantly dealing with extremely sensitive issues that have real-life consequences for about 1.4 billion people. Also there's a lion with a Muslim name and a lioness with a Hindu name at a zoo. And they were living in the SAME ENCLOSURE, likely engaging in constant pantheist orgies of spiritual debauchery. And that's why the Calcutta High Court spent their real time as grown-ups and professional legal scholars considering what to do about this very serious problem.

Cats and cats living together! Mass hysteria!

Meowsegination

And a big thanks to Stormy D for the link and "CAT-astrophe." ScathingNews@gmail.com. So this all became a court case when a Hindu nationalist group (called the VHP) heard about the brazen religio-miscegenation of cats at the Bengal Safari Park. According to their official complaint, a lioness named Sita, named after the amazing and very real Hindu deity, was living with a lion named Akbar, named after some bullshit Muslim thing. And it's not just ANY Muslim thing. Akbar is the name of a Mughal emperor who was known to be pretty secular for his time. He had a bunch of Hindu friends, and he even *married a Hindu lady*. And that's UNACCEPTABLE if you're a Hindu nationalist. They're claiming it's blasphemous and it's hurting the feelings of Hindu people all over the country. An official for the VHC said: (quote) "Sita CANNOT stay with the Mughal Emperor Akbar!"

“People of our religion are deeply invested in who a cat fucks, and you’re not taking it seriously enough.”

So wait to be clear…if the lion had the name of a more devout emperor they’d be okay with it?

So the origin of the lion naming is also a big part of the argument. The VHC is claiming that Akbar the lion was originally named Ram, after another HINDU deity...the husband of Sita. So it was all good. But then Ram got moved from a park in the mostly Hindu state of Tripura to the current park in the more Muslim state of West Bengal. And that's when West Bengal authorities renamed the lion Akbar for spite. West Bengal responded by saying: "No...that was you...you guys changed the name to Akbar."

How’s this for a peace offering; we rename them Adam and Steve?

Look I know american theocracy is a drag. I have a career as a result but at least our zookeepers aren’t worried their animal names are gonna set off a geopolitical skirmish

So according to the article at Al Jazeera, there's a conspiracy theory, popular among Hindu nationalists, that's likely to be causing the panic about a Muslim lion potentially mating with a Hindu lioness. It's called "love jihad." It's the idea that Muslim men are trying to destroy Hinduism by wooing Hindu women one by one, and converting them to Islam. In response to

that conspiracy, several states with predominantly Hindu leaders have introduced anti-conversion laws, and police started cracking down on Muslim men involved in interfaith relationships...because they're allegedly doing "love jihad."

Well at least Hindu nationalists are better at naming shit than whoever came up with “white replacement theory.”

Sorry how are they imagining that going? Hey I couldn’t help but notice your awfully comfortable here in one of the hottest places on earth with no airconditioning. How’d you like to be wearing…a bag all the time or I’ll kill you?

And here's where the HIGH COURT landed. They told the Bengal Safari Park to strongly consider renaming Akbar AND Sita. They made it clear that giving a religious name to any lion is FRAUGHT WITH PERIL. No word on the official renaming yet, but the park HAS moved Sita and Akbar to separate enclosures to ensure we don't get a Hindu/Muslim chimera lion. And eventually a shred of sanity prevailed, and somebody on the High Court was like: "Hey guys...we all look like idiots...we gotta stop hearing cases about religious animal names." So the case got reclassified as "public interest litigation" and the High Court won't be spending any more time on it.

Indian zoo facing lawsuit over a "Muslim" lion and a "Hindu" lioness living together: https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2024/2/24/whats-in-an-indian-lions-name-a-roaring-dispute

And with the sad admission that we probably can’t say the same, I suppose we can close the headlines for the night. Heath, Eli; thanks as always.

And when we come back, we won’t be the ones encouraging crimes for a change.

God Awful Mini

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ACCNws6eTs

The wonderful thing about Christian cinema is that they can often squeeze feature length stupidity into a short film’s run time. Which is why we’re happy to bring you another installment of *God Awful Minis*.

So tell us Heath, what will we be breaking down today?

We watched *Taken*...the Christian short film. It's the story of a guy becoming an armed vigilante and taking an OB/GYN hostage. It's John NICU.

And Eli, how bad was this mini?

Well if you love watching forced birth advocates struggle under basic questioning but you wish one of them would say “hey…thats a great point for MY side of the argument” you will love thiso mini

And is there anything you wanna nominate this one for being the best at being the worst at?

- best worst basketball
- Best worst blood distribution.
- Best worst action prep

So we’re gonna open up en media res with a dude on the phone, holding a gun, going “I can’t do that.”

“I can’t do that…”

Okay, jumping right into the action is one thing. Right into the dialogue is another.
“Someone has to make this right.”
REALLY bad job doing a scary voice.
I have a very particular set of skills...[CLEARS THROAT]
Okay given the spoilers how does he expect someone to make an abortion right?
They’ve got to let him impregnate his wife there at the medical office?

“Hey your home early…’

Then we get the title, followed by Wife getting home early from work.
It took two people to direct this.
You can tell she’s sinful by the spaghetti straps.
They need to talk … but the writer isn’t good enough for dialogue, so we just see that they’re talking from outside the window.
Husband: “How could you!?”
She didn’t have a choice.
“What about *my* rights to your body?”
If he didn’t want her to have an abortion, he should’ve made more money.
She’s embarrassed by his existence.
To be fair, she is several As out of his league.
“I wanna know his name!”
“I have to take care of myself. You can’t.” ← Boom. Got him.
This guy is the OPPOSITE of Liam Neeson.
His particular set of skills is mostly hair gel.
She's home early from her adult dance recital?
They cut to an exterior shot for the word ABORTION.
HOW COULD YOU? — I didn't have a choice. (great...end of movie?)
I have a real job and you started a podcast. (solid point)
It's called THE ECONOMY, Jen!

Let him finish his thought and explain "the economy."
I WANNA KNOW HIS NAME!
Probably not gonna add much to the discussion.
They were very much trying to portray this wife as a whore so they put this poor actress in her least favorite bridesmaids dress cause it has bare shoulders
Silently her telling him she's getting an abortion so this movie can have a "twist"
They're so poor they can't afford a kid but they live in a mansion?
You said you'd buy us a SECOND mansion
She's a model (sure she is)
School every day. This every night (whats this?)
She is so ashamed that he shows up to her photo shoots in his UNIFORM
They get calls every day with someone wanting money
HE WANTS A NAME
Again only in the insane fantasy of insane antichoice people is there "an abortion guy

"Ready for two?"

So then we get Husband and Buddy playing basketball.
Buddy gets him with the old "just dribble the ball and do a really slow lay up" trick.
He tries to spin the ball on his finger and for the nano-second and a half he gets it, it's out of frame.
Without the backboard, this guy needs two shots to sink a basket.
He elbows Buddy so hard he almost dies.
To be clear, he lightly taps the guy. We're supposed to surmise that based on the reaction.
"How could she let him touch her like that?"
These two actors couldn't handle playing basketball through this whole scene, so they go to the bench for the rest of it.
Buddy's advice: "Respond, don't react." ← Those are synonyms.
Buddy is *still* out of breath from his 28 seconds of exertion.
He pulls out his Bible. He's giving it to Husband.
He believed Buddy when Buddy said the Bible would change his life.
So wait, he's already Christian? Wouldn't he have his own Bible already, then?
"Why would god do this to me?" "Don't know."
They've known each other for four months. Husband is new to the whole Christianity thing.
Janitor comes in: "Can you lock up tonight, pastor Buddy?"
You can tell he's a janitor from the mop.
BEST WORST SPORTSING
He makes a 15-footer and the ball lands back in his hands from the sky.
You hurt yourself doing the ball spin?
Nobody plays one-on-one with 2 points for layup.
Every Christian movie trying to do a sport is like Inglorious Basterds.
"You're supposed to take out your anger on the ball...not on me." (nonsense words)
"How could she let him touch her like that?" (penis touching?)
"You have to respond...not react." (literally synonyms)
Have a bible...you can respond with it...instead of react with it.

Why would God do this to me?
God didn't do this to you...but he did let it happen. (identical for omnipotent ghosts)
Fucking up zen master advice is funny.
You found Jesus 4 months ago...you gotta go out and bomb at Christianity for a while.
Hello...you're a pastor.
Hello...clap with three hands.
The worst kind of white guy sports
To be fair if someone said “oh yeah” like that while we played one on one I would also try to shoulder check them to death…justified
Did he kill him? Thats pretty funny
“How could she let him touch her like that” (again that makes no sense with the twist)
You have to respond not react (what does that mean?)
Here have a very thin bible (I mean that does justify a lot of murder)
Hey I’m a christian how come a bad thing happened?
“God didn’t do this to you…but he did let it happen…” (thats…the same?..maybe lazier)
He’s been a christian for FOUR months
Why dont I have all the answers its been almost an entire college semester?
HELLO IM THE JANITOR AND IM HERE TO SAy YOUR A PASTOR
So this pastor just yells random relationship advice at people?

putting together his bag

So he gets home to be all mopey.
He grabs some snacks and some bottled water.
And some rope and power tools.
He has a very special set of skills. Mostly in joinery.
Oh shit. Gun.
And a handful of loose bullets.
Then he goes out to his truck.
And, of course, it’s a crew cab.
Got my Liam Neeson bag...better bring some water...stay hydrated.
BRITA IS EMPTY
He keeps 2 nooses of rope just sitting out.
He got 2 different colors for fun.
Keeps a gun in a cardboard box.
Just 3 loose bullets.
To be clear he’s planning a murder suicide of an abortion doctor and he’s packing…cliff bars?
I feel like if your murdeirng you dont really worry if your gonna get snacky
Sitting in his truck to work up the courage (I really wanted him to stay there too long and die from the carbon monoxide

guys getting in his car

Then we cut to a guy coming out of his mansion on the way to his car.
They clearly didn’t have the use of a mansion, so he’s walking out of the library or a large funeral home or something.

He stops to drop some mail, and Husband shoots him.
He gets him in the shoulder, then comes in close to deliver the headshot.
“You shouldn’t have done it. Jennifer Williams is my wife!”
“Please, don’t kill me” ← Delivered like he’s asking for a refill on his lemonade.
Pistol whip knockout.
So he drives him out to who knows where.
Husband gets out of the car with blood all over him, but not in any sensible distribution.
And he shoots a guy. (after missing from 6 feet away)
Sound effect is BINK.
Christian Murder Fleece...by LL Bean
So this is the doctor who did the abortion I guess?
Weird to shoot the guy if the plan was a hostage thing.
Especially when you're a VERY bad shot.
He shoots a guy and he doesnt notice at first?
“You shouldn’t a done it” “You can have my money”
I dont think anyone is saying “you shouldnt a done it as part of a robberty”
And he knocks them out
To be fair the message of this short film is that shooting someone and tying them up is squarsies

trying to get in the door
So he drags Richie into a clinic or something.
He’s ordering nurses into a small office.
He clearly hasn’t thought this through.
He locks everyone in.
Ominously closes the blinds.
I'M GONNA KILL YOU...fuck...tricky door handle...
He drops the guy and he rolls away in all directions.
Duct tape is hard.
GET IN THE OTHER ROOM...wait...seperate rooms?
Do you need some help with logistics?
And so now in their very serious short film were gonna watch him not be able to drag a body and use a door at the same time
Tied up guy was gonna inchworm his way to freedom?

“Okay then I’ll hold…”
So we cut to some time later, with Husband on the phone with the cops outside.
“They’re not hurt.” ← One of them is shot in the shoulder, dude.
He wants to see his wife. And he wants her to be pregnant again.
He remembers that scene from the beginning. Because that’s the only scene they hired that model for, I think.
Now we’re hearing the conversation that was obscured by the window.
“I had an abortion.”
^Oh, we’re supposed to have thought this was an affair the whole time.

“How many other unborn fetuses died at your hand!?”
Pastor Buddy shows up to talk him down.
“An eye for an eye, pastor!” ← Yeah, to be fair, that book is full of terrible moral advice. At least some of this is on you for giving it to him.
“This doctor threw my daughter in the trash!”
“I was supposed to teach her to ride a bike!”
Buddy: “Yes, what he did was wrong, but what you’re doing is equally wrong.” ← Would we say *equally*?
Buddy: “We *do* have to stop baby murder, but not like this.”
Police sniper shoots Husband before he can murder the abortion doctor.
Buddy is mildly disappointed.
No they're not hurt...except I shot a guy.
I WANNA SEE MY WIFE...and a large pepperoni from Papa John's.
How could you touch her like that? (weird focus)
It was the pill.
How many lives have you destroyed?
What answer makes him less mad?
The pastor is here.
EYE FOR AN EYE, PASTOR...It's in the book. (it is though)
That's the Jewish part buddy...doesn't really count.
HE THROUGH MY CHILD OUT IN THE TRASH
If the fetus was frozen in carbonite on the wall, it's better?
You get how doing a murder is nothing right?
Big poster on the wall says "Check up on Chlamydia."
And shot by a cop!
That's fun. Did NOT see that coming.
He’s on the phone with the hostage negotiator?
He wants to see his wife (oh yeah she’s gonna LOVE this)
flash back to the twist
Okay but even assuming we didn’t see the stupid twist coming what would this scene be for
She had an abortion
Aaaand back to the scene
“How could you touch her like that” (still make no sense in the contest of a medical procedure you dont approve of)
You prayed on a married woman (was he door to door selling abortion on spec?)
You stole my fetus so I’m gonna kill you!
Preacher guy is here
Hey buddy….you doing a murder?
This wont bring her back (yeah definitely not)
Eye for an eye
Ah shit our book does say that
IGNORE THAT PART OF THE BOOK
So the pastor showed up to this hostage situation and was like “I got this”
I heard the heartbeat

To be fair they dont throw them in the trash they dispose of them with mdical waste
“I was supposed to take care of her…protect her” (so maybe pay closer attention in high school my man. This still definitely feels like your fault to me)
The pastor is like…let it go
I WORK HARD TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE
He’s doing murder…but so are you
Someone has to stop this!
And then he just shoots the doctor
Oh no he got killed by a cop
Good
I hope the doctor gives his wife a two for one on abortions

cemetery
So we cut to Wife at the cemetery.
She sure feels bad about the abortion now, huh?
Title card: “Who has the right to take a life?”
They have credits that *must* be made up names. Nobody was the first assistant camera operator for this film.
Jen at the cemetery.
She fucks the doctor on the grave?
WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO TAKE A LIFE?
The movie's not sure...CREDITS
Is it cops? I think they landed on cops.
Wife is like…you sure did suck
This film seems directly aimed at guys who wanan shoot up abortion clinics and maybe if that popuation is a part of your audience…YOUr the problem?

And on that “not quite incitement to murder”, we’ll wrap things up. But I’m sure there’ll be more socially irresponsible messaging on the next *God Awful Mini*.