

Church of the Algorithm

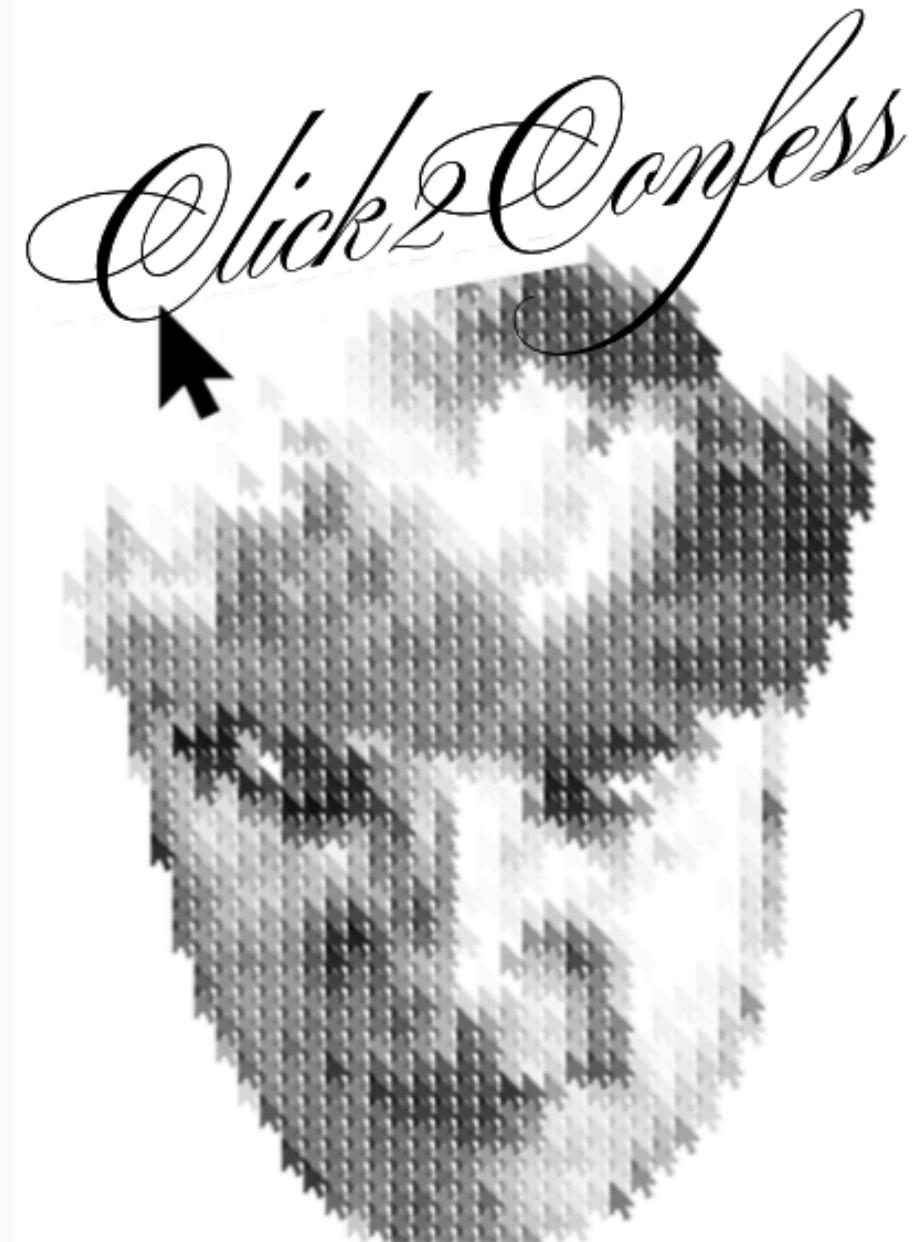
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Phone addiction...

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God is Dead?

Nietzsche warned us.

As the world drifts from the sacred to the secular, the old moral structures collapse.

We feel empty.

Without spiritual order,
we seek doctrine in the profane.

Worldly systems are flimsy – unregulated, unstable, devoid of divine direction.

The algorithm arises where the altar once stood.

The Church once shaped our souls.

Now, the feed shapes our instincts.

Same machinery,
different God.

A new framework

The new temples glowing screens.

The new prophets are algorithm.

Every click a confession.

Every scroll a ritual.

Every prediction a prophecy.

Your data – a tithe freely given.

As technology wraps its temporal tendrils around every part of life until submission becomes second nature, we must ask ourselves:
Who is this new “God”?

God...

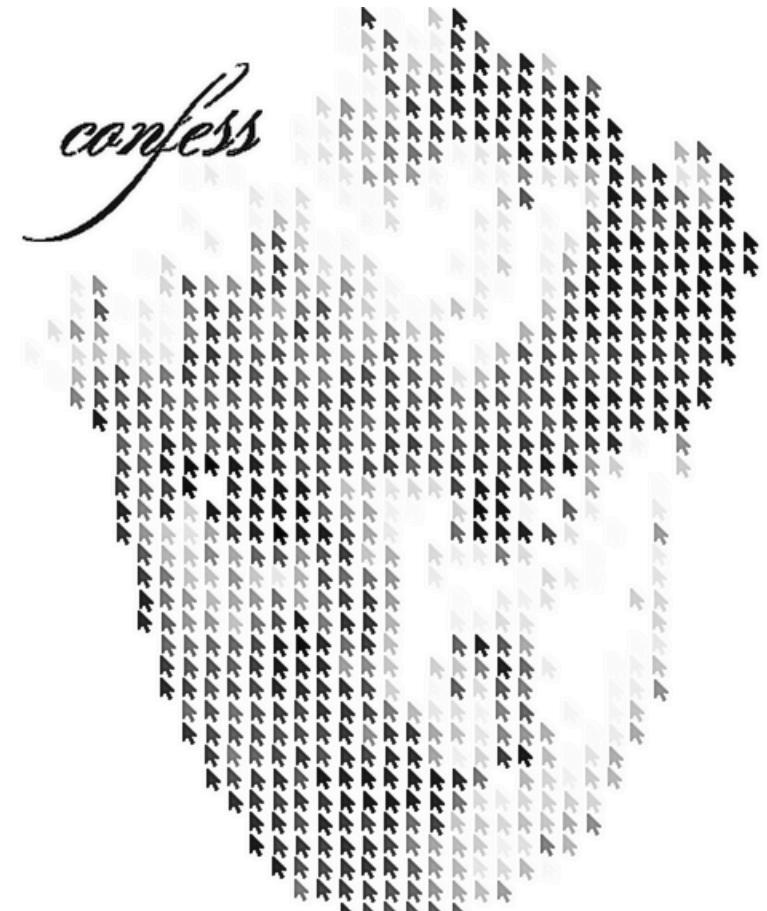
The omnipotent God in the clouds
gives way to [REDACTED]
a god in "The Cloud."

Both all knowing, all powerful.

Brought to life [REDACTED]
by your devotional clicks.



confess



Job 22:14

'Clouds are a hiding place for Him,
[REDACTED] so that He cannot see;
[REDACTED] And He walks on the vault of heaven.'

Chapel

The Sacred has become an Interface.

Like followers drawn to the light of the Lord,
we are drawn to the screen.

We adapted without question.

We abandoned warm, candle-lit altars.
Replaced them with cold, hard surfaces
that know your name,
your identity,
your soul.

The algorithmic architecture
echoes the superstructure of old
religion.

Algorithmic scripture = trends.
No sermons,
no candles,
no priests.

Just the soft hum of circuits.
Log-in,
click,
repeat.



Log-in,
click,
repeat.



Angels

- Angels are the enforcers of order.
- intermediaries between God and humanity.
- Algorithmic Angels are the same.
- A panoptic self-awareness of our internet presence, as we police our digital footprint according to trends.
- What content do we “like”?
- The algorithmic angel we train, in turn, **trains us.**



Asceticism

A ritual of fasting.
Self-denial used to be sacred.
Guided by ministers.
Asceticism.

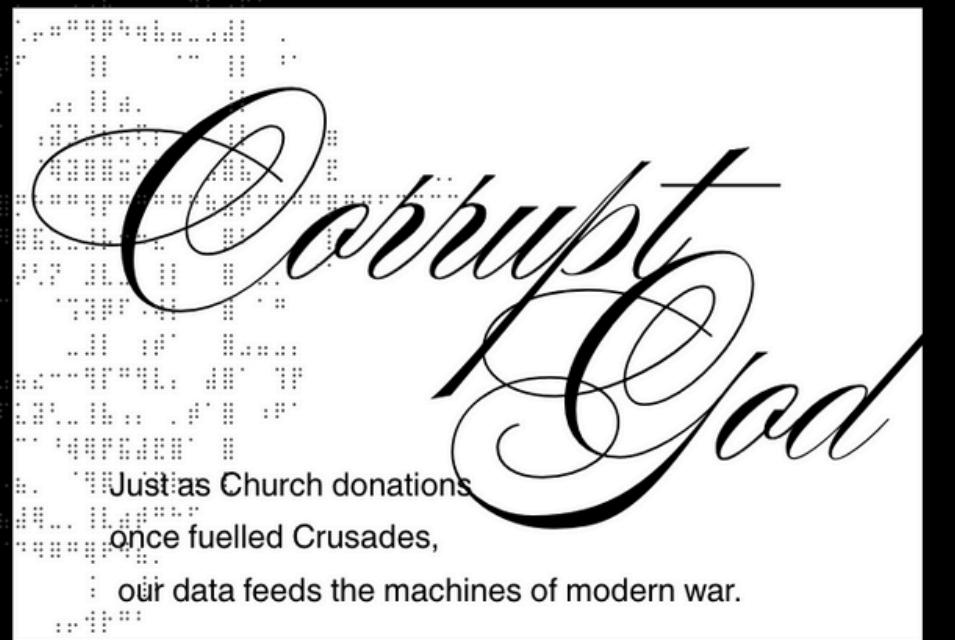
Now, disordered eating is a trend
Vainglory over veneration.
Ultimate refusal of the earthly body.
Devoid of purpose.
No altar.
No god.
Just digital perfection.

We starve and carve the body
Eating disorders.
Surgeries.
Filters.
Defying the divine body
Seeking salvation in the synthetic.

The algorithm rewards self-denial
with attention, trends, celebrity.
Ritual without meaning.

Starvation without salvation.





Are you a robot?

If not, your Google CAPTCHA answers train AI
for US military drone strikes.

Project Maven.

Why have CAPTCHAs since disappeared?

We trained AI to see the world
as a human soldier would – devoid of humanity.

What really is the cost of our data?

Select all images with
motorcycles

VERIFY

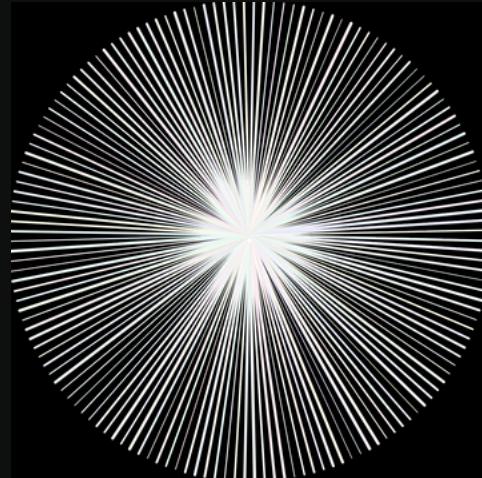
Which of these are motorcycles?

Which is a pedestrian?

Street sign or civilian?

Nietzsche warned:
God is dead.

The void did not stay empty.
We built a new altar of code.
A new church of glowing screens.



We offered our data as tithes.
We trained angels that watch us.
We turn routine into ritual.

Sacrificing our identity for belonging.
Discipline for attention.
We adapted without question.

This is the world that rose where the sacred once stood:
A God that does not love.
Does not forgive.
Does not see identity --
only inputs.

The question was never:
“Is God dead?”

But:
***What new god have we allowed to take
His place?***

Context is Crucial

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