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1. The Checklist:

- (a) ✗
- (b) ✗
- (c) ✗
- (d) ✗
- (e) ✗
- (f) ✗
- (g) ✗
- (h) ✗
- (i) ✗
- (j) ✗

Alternately, all checks. I don't have feelings on whether these things are keeping me from Jesus, as my main objections are with the concept of the Christian theology rather than things holding me back from faith.

2. A haiku:

love is that which those
who find themselves in it
find it is to them

2 Page 197 A Family of Humanity

1. Generally speaking, America as a whole have trouble with Muslim people, especially those of middle-eastern descent. Racism against black people is also still a strong thing in America, if a bit better hidden than it used to be. In my school, viewpoints on those who are not Catholic are better than expected (though of course there still is a bit of prejudice) but the viewpoint of people with sexualities outside heterosexuality (homosexuality, bisexuality, pansexuality, asexuality, etc.) tends to be more negative than it ought.

2. Technically, of course I've been discriminated against. I would not say that as a white man from an upper-middle class background, however, that I have faced anywhere near as much discrimination as many others, especially in that I come from a non-judgemental family and have decent people for friends.
3. Laws cannot do much on their own. In order to change opinions, there must be a shift in culture around those with prejudice. This can be seen very well in the improvements of our society's view on gay rights. Specifically, gay marriage. That is, marriage as defined legally, in the context that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion," and not sacramental marriage which has no influence on over half of all americans anyway (assuming that only the Catholic Church can administer "true" marriage.
4. I call people on things like that. When "gay" is thrown as an insult, I make a point of it to speak up. When racist slurs are spoken, I try not to let it slide.

3 Page 201 Peace Begins With Me

1. Aggression among teens leading to school shootings comes from very unwell individuals hurt deeply by the society they proceed to slaughter. The behavior is inexcusable, but it also comes from a place of very unsound thought. Those willing to shoot up a school are probably insane in some form, if for nothing other than how poor a decision it is.
2. Perhaps a reform of the school system to help people not feel like they are drowning if they make a mistake. Perhaps a reform of school policy so that teachers can afford the energy to care about the individual student. Perhaps a means to prevent bullying. The system in its current form is horribly broken and I have a lot more I could say but I need to finish this sometime tonight.

4 Page 217 Sex Attitudes

Preface: This will be fun.

1. 5 — Depends heavily on the individual, far more so than based on the gender (or, for that matter, biological sex) of the person.
2. 4 — In its current form, the porn industry is pretty messed up, and supporting it is not really morally sound. This does not mean that the viewing of *any* pornography is immoral, just the support of the industry that produces commercial porn is not an easy thing to defend in my eyes.
3. 5 — Sex is meant for two individuals who consent and whatever purpose they feel it serves. I am not much of one to decide another's life for them.
4. 2 — Humans are sex-obsessed in general, and our society has the interesting bonus of using sex as marketing. Adding to the obsession with sex is our bizarre view of the human body as inherently powerfully sexual and even wrong to be seen.
5. ? — I know for a fact my definition of responsible is different from that of the church, but going by my definition absolutely. It's not even difficult, you just have to know what you're doing and be a little careful.
6. 1 — Isn't it obvious?
7. 3 — It is absolutely acceptable and the couple does not have to be in love. All that is required for it to be reasonable is communication between the partners.
8. 1 — I could rant for a solid half hour on double standards and if you would like to hear I can come in after class some day. It's a topic I feel strongly about.
9. 4 — "Prepare for marriage?" What even does that mean with regards to chastity? If you can't get married to someone because they had sex—even a lot of sex—in high school or college, and they test negative, then you have some serious issues going on independent of them.

10. 5 — The fact that there will be men who answer 1, 2, or 3 on this, hell, that it even has to be included, makes me furious about the state of our society.
11. 5 — Sex ed has been proven to decrease STI transmission and teen pregnancy dramatically as compared to abstinence-only or no sex ed at all. Teens will still have sex if you don't teach them about condoms, they will just be having unprotected sex instead.
12. 5 — See above questions. Sex can mean something outside of marriage, between two people of the same gender, just the same as it can inside a marriage.
13. 1 — I don't believe in the sacrament of marriage, I believe in the secular institution of marriage. Which should allow gays the same rights as anyone else.
 - Men are expected to have lots of sex and be straight if they want to be "Masculine." Women are expected to withhold sex or they are considered "sluts." Who are the men supposed to be getting with, anyway?
 - Literally half of all advertising, most big movies, much of TV, the list goes on. This is demeaning to women because media is viewing them as good only for sex and not for all the other things people tend to be good for. Like science. More girls in science, less in skimpy outfits. You have my campaign slogan.
 - Men treat women with aggression and from a perspective of perceived superiority from this macho image. It's ridiculous.

5 Page 222 A Case to Discuss: Changed Vows

1. I don't view civil marriage as permanent, only long-term, and I'm not exactly sacrament of marriage material. I feel like the society implies the allowance of divorce by how it happens so often, but I don't really have a problem with this change. It's just kind of unnecessary and I think it sounds a bit dumber.

2. True unconditional love is a myth. Functionally unconditional love is the willingness to love another regardless of their actions. It is the form of love given from parent to child in most parent child relationships.
3. Ooh.
 - Continue dating the person.
 - Firstly, people's viewpoints on whether to have children change, and secondly I currently don't want a kid and never see myself wanting one, so I can sympathize.

6 Page 239-240 What Is Your Honest Quotient?

1. 5
2. 4
3. 5
4. 5
5. 3
6. N/A so 5
7. 3
8. 5
9. 5
10. 5
11. 4
12. 2
13. 5
14. 3
15. 4
16. 4

17. 2

18. 1

19. 2

20. 5

Grand Total: 77. Not the worst.

1. People are very underhanded. The stereotype is that it applies to girls but in high school (and in a different sense in society at large) most people will lie to your face and talk smack behind your back. This is not a simple situation to fix, but in no small part it comes from corporate culture in the world at large.
2. Technically, it would be wrong, but the ends (not ruining one's chance at college and thus at a good career and thus at not being impoverished for the rest of time) can be seen as justifying the means. When you subject the individual to great worry over a subject for years, to expect perfectly honest behavior is unlikely. It would, however, be lying.
3. The lovely concept of constructive criticism. Tell her what's good about the essay, and then hand her some edits to make it, you know, not the worst ever.
4. Usually it's pretty simple. Anyone I trust gets the whole truth, and anyone I don't gets the portion of the truth I'm willing to tell them, but it's not hard to avoid outright lying in most cases.
5. HONESTY IS ALWAYS THE BEST POLICY— ok fine. Any of my good friendships and especially any good relationship must be built on communication and trust. So all of those I suppose.

7 Page 253 The Epidemic of Cheating

1. Cheating is fairly prevalent at Watterson, though a significant portion of my friends are the honor student types who wouldn't be caught dead cheating. Interestingly enough, I

think cheating was more rampant at St. Charles than it is at Watterson, but that makes sense considering the difference in workload.

2. Zero for the class for the year or some similar thing. I don't keep track of it, because to be honest I'm not worried about being caught doing a thing I don't do. It's theoretically enforceable, but it doesn't get enforced much because it's so harsh and cheating is so common.
3. Depends on the parents. My parents certainly value honesty and integrity, but I know of less strict parents.
4. If this question is involving cheating via plagiarism, it's very easy to deal with. Just google a couple of consecutive sentences in quotes and see if anything comes up.
5. Don't think so. People would cheat anyway. They do now and I have the sneaking suspicion that without significant overhaul of the educational system they will keep doing so.