

# Church of Babel

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## Abstract

The education system is widely recognized to be globally fucked beyond repair. We examine a set of proposed remedies, make fun of them, and then argue that the only long term solution to the problems of schooling is to start something that doesn't call itself a school. Anything as large as the entire education system can't be replaced by anything smaller than like, a culture. We choose to call the proposed replacement a church, because that was the option that made us laugh the most.

## The Tiger

虎.  
とら, Tora.  
(noun, japanese).  
1. Tiger.

### 1. Radicalize

### 2. Exodus

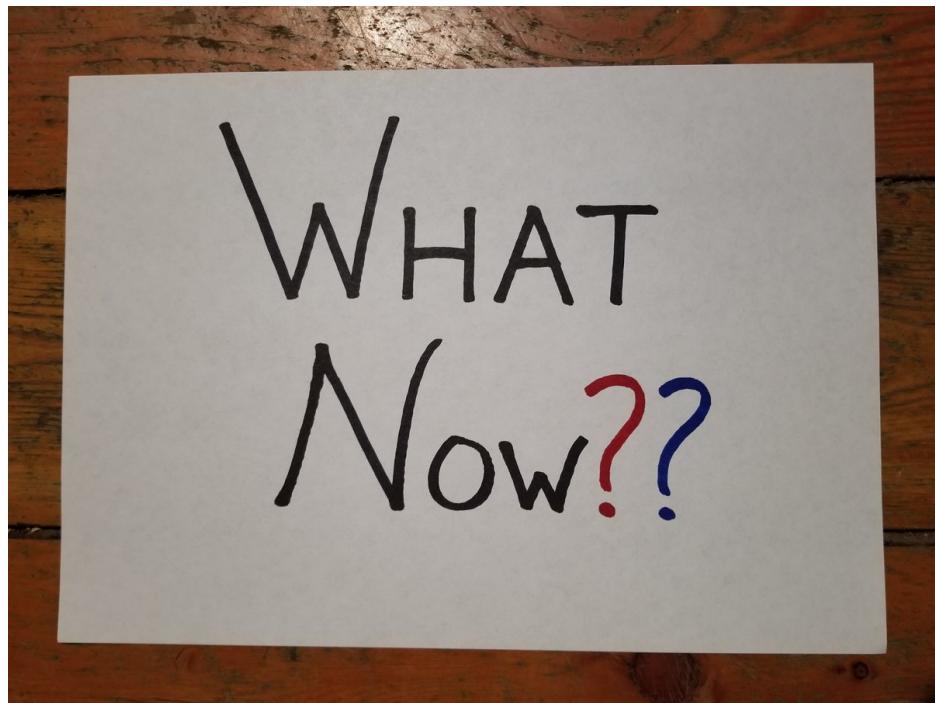
### 3. Leviticus

### 4. Numbers

### 5. Dudetheyreontome

## 1 The Beginning

Okay, so in the beginning were the logos. A logo is just like a picture or whatever. But “logos” also means words. So let's start with some word pictures.



## THINGS I AM

- \* A failed academic
- \* An idiot
- \* Tired

## THINGS I'M NOT

- \* In school anymore
- \* Religious
- \* Professional
- \* Qualified
- \* Happy

## THINGS I LIKE

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| * Science     | * Learning Stuff |
| * Mathematics | * Teaching Stuff |
| * Programming | * Life           |
| * Languages   | * You            |

## THINGS I DON'T LIKE

- \* Academia

WHAT DO YOU DO  
WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW  
WHAT TO DO???

? ? ?

NOTE TO SELF:

START A CHURCH...

BEST FUCKING JOKE EVER

CHURCH  
OF  
BABEL

Figure 1: Fuck yeah.

# PROBLEM:

Education system  
is globally fucked  
beyond repair.

## How TO FIX:

\* Repair it from the inside?

Can't. Too fucked.

Citation: See problem.

Figure 2: Self-explanatory.

How To FIX:

\*Start a school?

That's just the first  
idea again.

\* Really?

Yes. Anything that  
calls itself a school  
is pre-fucked in  
advance before it  
begins.

No.  
Date

How To FIX:

\*Start a business?

Good idea, but not enough.  
Education system is too big.

Can't fight the Roman Empire  
by starting "Dave's Empire of  
hamburgers and Fuck the  
Romans," however tempting  
the idea may be.

No.  
Date

How To FIX:

\*Start a business? (cont'd)

Also, we've tried this.  
Definitely not enough to just  
move old broken system into  
different buildings w/ a  
different (even if superior)  
funding model. Need to  
really inspire people,  
and we're not.

How To FIX:  
\*Start...

No.

Date

No.  
Date

What do you  
start when you  
need to fight  
something that's  
gotten too big  
to fight?

No.

Date

What's  
worked  
in  
the  
past?

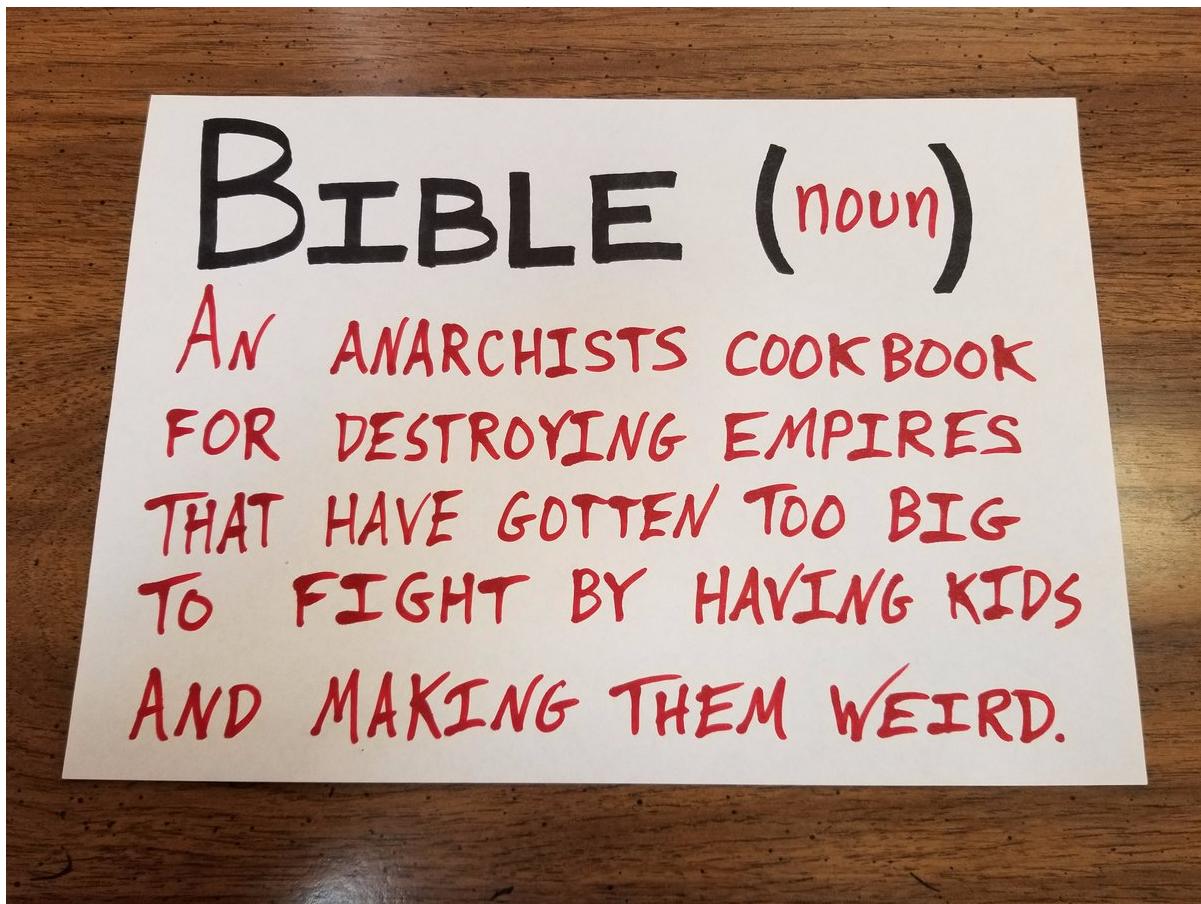
# Empires that got too big to fight:

- BABYLON
- EGYPT
- ROME
- YOUR MOM
- AMERICA
- ACADEMIA

Redactor's Note: It's not clear why the author thinks the old bible was "Isaiah," rather than a more obvious answer like "The Torah." The author clearly knows of the Torah, given the pun on the title page (i.e., "The Tiger.")

# Scattered Notes. Disregard.

What kills the biggest empires? Schools? Businesses? Other empires? No. Okay think. Egypt. Exodus. Late Bronze Age collapse. Babylonian captivity. Isaiah. Uprisings. Cyrus. Diaspora. Rome. Josh and friends. Fish people. We still don't know what the fuck happened back then. What do we know for sure? Not much. But some people got together and wrote a sequel to the old Bible (aka, Isaiah). Built a really weird culture big enough for everyone. Radicalized. Fundamentals. Universal human experience. Roots. Made important dates in story coincide with the dates already important to lots of different groups. Everyone matters b/c need all the groups to overthrow Rome. Sumerians. Pagans. Christmas as old celebration of roughly when days start to lengthen. Sun worship. Not spooky. You'd worship the sun too if you lived outside in the fucking winter jesus christ lol. Sol invictus. Mithras. Horus. Resurrection thing. Easter. Eostre. Old pagan ritual. Doesn't detract from story because \*that's the whole fucking point\*. Big picture: To fight Rome, need to build a story and a culture that's big enough for everyone. Don't make people change everything. People are busy. And they generally don't give a shit about you or what you're doing or whether you live or die. Never have, never will. Story needs to be about why \*they\* matter. And everyone matters. Overall message: Dear everyone. We love you. What you're already doing is fine. Revelation thing. Very end of the old books. There will be no more night. Revelation 22:5. Need both sides of the world. Aka it's 5 o'clock somewhere goddammit. It's a circle. It's a kids book. Secret of the old books. Genesis 10-ish. (a) "People fucked and begat other people blah blah blah who fucking cares." (b) BABEL! Culture big enough for everyone. (c) Copy paste item (a). More fucking and random ass names no one knows. Best fucking joke ever. Everyone cares about their own lineage and shit. No one cares about yours. Big sandwich to make you stop paying attention. The joke: quit fucking bitching goddammit and build Babel. Love everyone. All the humans. Was that not fucking clear? Powerless? Write a story that's big enough for everyone. "Radicalized" as in based on the radicals. Chinese character components. Human universal stuff. Story and culture where the significant meaningful symbols are essentially like, the emojis. All of them. Every emoji (aka radical) has an important set of meanings in the story of everyone. We still don't know what happened around 0 AD, but some folks wrote a story like that. Together. And then Rome goes away. They didn't need to be powerful. They just had an apocalypse. Anyone can do that shit. Why the fuck aren't we. Beginning of the end of Rome seems to have coincided with the apocalypse they had. And then drumroll. Constantine. Rome goes away. Rome didn't die because of a bigger empire. It died because it got infected to the roots and essentially mended to death by the fish people. Christianity. Nothing fancy. Just need an apocalypse. Same problem as now. Take old cultures and old arguments, disregard tiresome old bitchy disputes. Just say fuck it. Summer is over. Winter is here. We're writing a sequel to the bible. A story and a culture big enough for everyone. And make sure it's a kids book. No pretentious bullshit here. Cuz no matter how powerful Rome is, the kids win every last one of our battles. And the apocalypse never ends. So side with the kids, and write the story for them. And whether any given bit of a story is true or not it's a damn good story. And kids need stories. Can't fix the old world from the inside? It's impossible and we know it. Too big to fight? Solution absolutely unequivocally clear...



**"BURN DOWN THE  
MATH BUILDING"**

— THE PROPHET KNOWN AS  
GEORGE OF THE CARLINS



Figure 3: Prophecy fulfilled.

**"I'M WRITING A  
SEQUEL TO THE  
BIBLE"**

**—THE PROPHET KNOWN AS  
GEORGE OF THE CARLINS.**

WE

-THE

Figure 4: That Carlin dude was onto something.

# THE TIGER

と虎ら  
(TORA)

- |                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. RADICALIZE       | OR: GENESIS TWO           |
| 2. EXODUS           | OR: QUITTING WORK         |
| 3. LEVITICUS        | OR: THE DOZENS            |
| 4. NUMBERS          | OR: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |
| 5. DUDETHEYREONTOME | OR: ...                   |

# BOOK 5

## Dude they're on me

Or: On the lamb      Or: Love ewe

Or: The inflatable sheep      Or: Revelations

Or: Fuck the sheep      Or: I saw the lamb

Or: Blow up sheep      Or: Dooter on a Me

## Stuff Humans Say Sometimes:

- I am jewish.
- I am not jewish.
- Let's stop the jews. (Mean sentence)
- Let's start the jews.\* (Nice sentence?)  
(\*No one says this.)



# Starting the Jews

## Previous Research

### • Christians

- Jews #2
- Got started by Josh
- Kinda like: Windows XP  
Cuz obviously, chi rho.

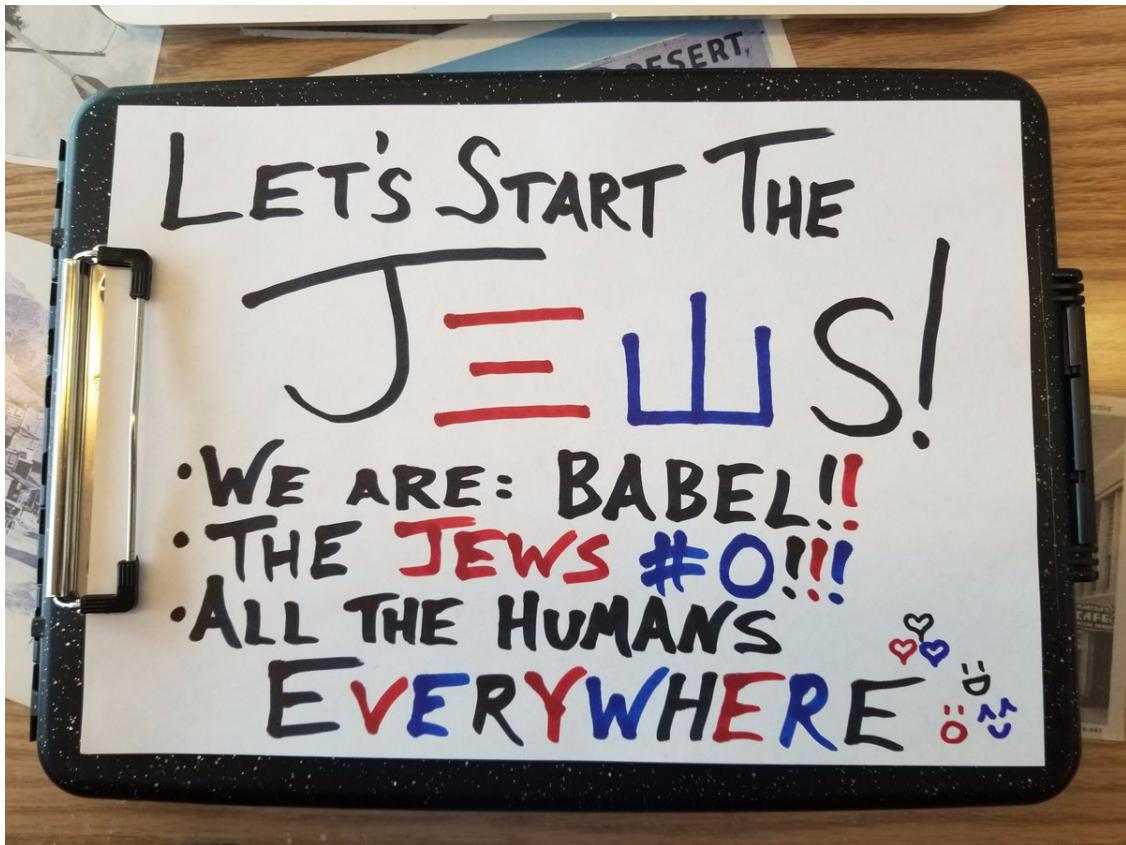
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# Starting the Jews: Previous Research

## • Hebrews

- Definitely the #1 jews.
- Kinda like: Unix  
Cuz beards.  
And man pages.  
  && man do they stare at those pages all day.  
And leaving out vowels.  
/etc

LET'S START THE  
JEWS!  
•WE ARE: BABEL!!  
•THE JEWS #0!!!  
•ALL THE HUMANS  
EVERYWHERE



# CHURCH OF BABEL

## gender (noun)

@(n) 元 d'兒 @ (z)

@(z) 根 d'爾 @ (z)

Cuz obviously

o\_o

Did that not  
make sense?

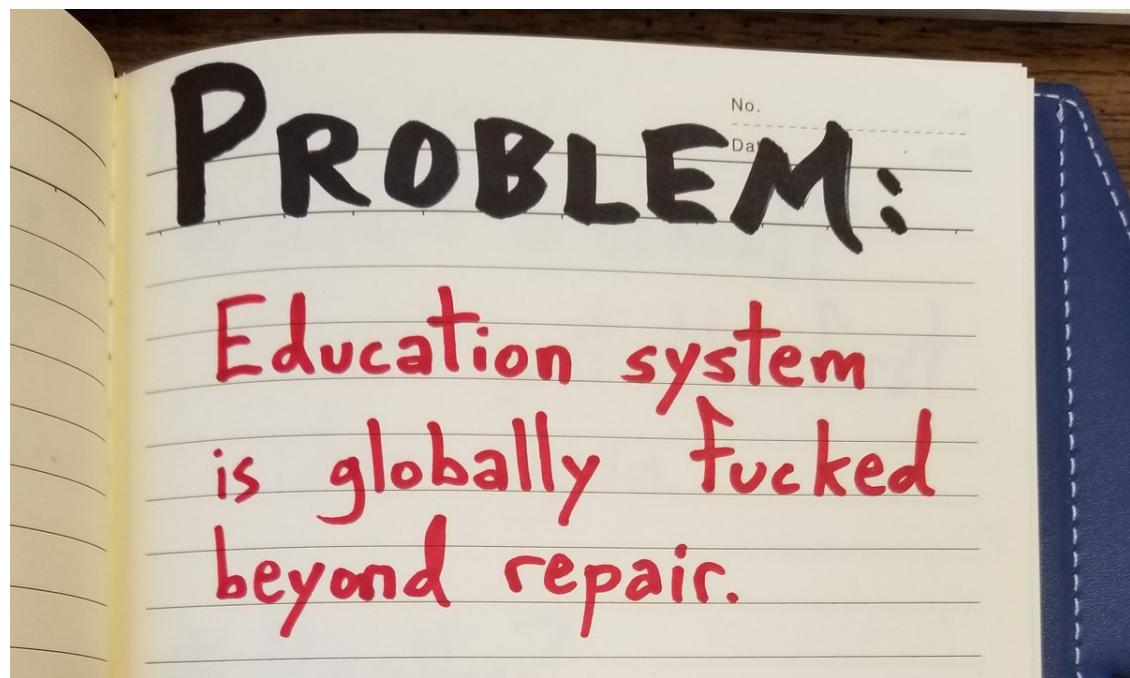
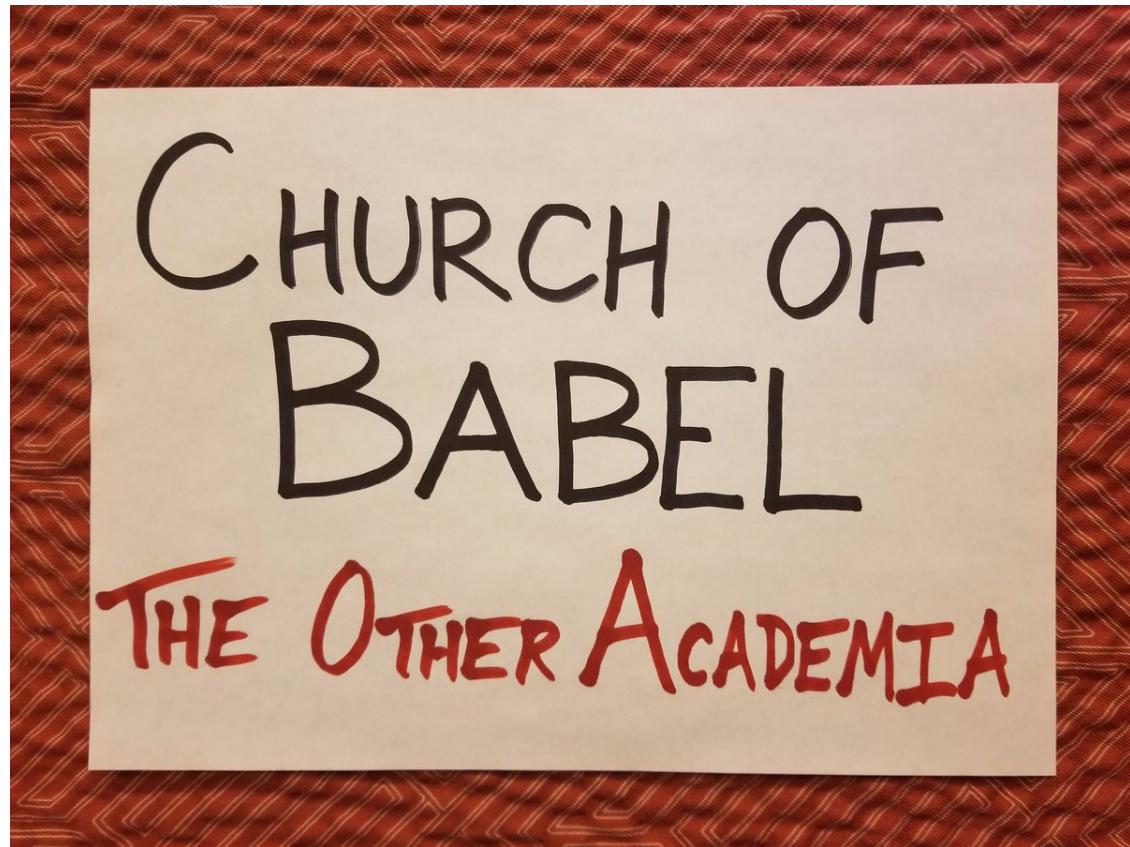
# THE TWO TOWERS

~~Ivory~~

Lol, I'll  
bitch.

BΛB = λ

Keep up,  
old world



How TO <sup>No.</sup> FIX:  
\*Start the Jews

## **2 Why Start the Jews?**

### **2.1 Benefits of Starting the Jews**

1. Global.
2. Distributed.
3. Robust to damage.
4. Control everything (Internet et al, Personal Communication, 2017).
5. Holidays.

## **3 The Babel Story**

## **4 Education is Fucked**

## **5 Radicalize: Or Genesis Two.**

## **6 Exodus: Or Quitting Work.**

## **7 Leviticus: Or The Dozens.**

## **8 Numbers: Or [REDACTED] [REDACTED].**

## **9 Dudetheyreontome: Or Revelations.**

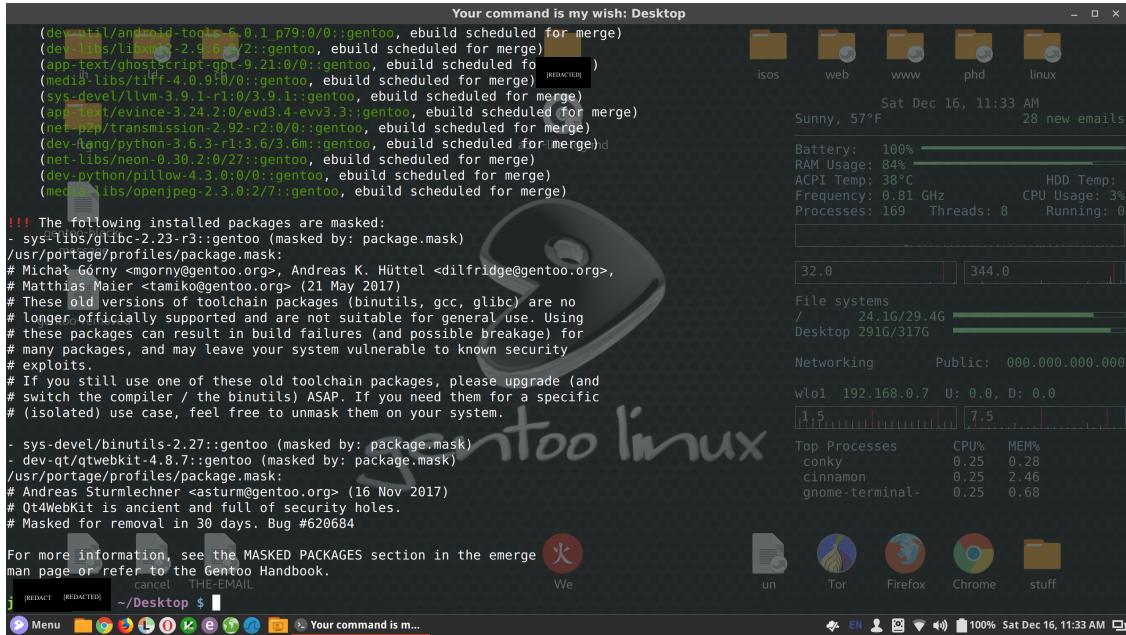


Figure 5: What I was doing like two minutes before I started writing this. This is the sort of thing that we think of as more of less “everyday problem solving while in the bathroom” here in babel. I know in ivory this seems like work. That’s just cuz ivory tower folks are mostly uneducated.



Figure 6: Gentoo: fuck yeah.