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“There is such a thing as righteous judgment, but it seems that lately the word 'judgment' has become a curse word, period. The issue isn't whether or not we're insightful enough to avoid being judgmental, but whether or not we're secure enough to accept being judged. It is inevitable for every conscious human being to judge. It may spring from insight and experience and sincerity, and in such cases, it is quite beneficial on the receiving end.”

– ***Criss Jami, Killosophy***

“Everyone judges constantly: positively judging one person is the same as negatively judging everyone else; it is to say that that person is superior in some sense.”

– ***Criss Jami, Venus in Arms***

“It has always seemed that a fear of judgment is the mark of guilt and the burden of insecurity.”

– ***Criss Jami, Killosophy***

“I think that I am too warm to negatively judge individuals, yet I am cold enough to negatively judge humanity.”

– ***Criss Jami, Killosophy***

“Beware: open-mindedness will often say, 'Everything is permissible except a sharp opinion.’”

– ***Criss Jami, Killosophy***

“Never rebel for the sake of rebelling, but always rebel for the sake of truth.”

– ***Criss Jami, Killosophy***

“Sometimes a people lose their right to remain silent when pressured to remain silent.”

– ***Criss Jami, Killosophy***

“The unteachable man is sentenced to being taught only by experience. The tragedy is he reaches nothing further than his own pain.”

– ***Criss Jami, Killosophy***

“Constantly stopping to explain oneself may expand into a frustrating burden for the rare individual, so ceasing to do so is like finally dropping the weights and sprinting towards his goals. Those who insincerely misunderstand, who intentionally distort the motives of a pure-intentioned individual, then, no longer have the opportunity to block his path; instead, they are the ones left to stand on the sidelines shouting frustratedly in the wind of his trail.”

– ***Criss Jami, Killosophy***

•“Trying to be offensive for the sole purpose of being offensive should always deem one the least offensive of offenders.”

“The greater ignorance towards a country is not ignoring what its politicians have to say, it is ignoring what the inmates in its prisons have to say.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Sometimes it takes a lowly, title-less man to humble the world. Kings, rulers, CEOs, judges, doctors, pastors, they are already expected to be greater and wiser.”

– Criss Jami, *Venus in Arms*

“...There are also those who inadvertently grant power to another man's words by continuously trying to spite him. If a man gets to the point where he can simply say, 'The sky is blue,' and people indignantly rush up trying to refute him saying, 'No, the sky is light blue,' then, whether they realize it or not, he has become an authority figure even to such adversaries.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

•“No man voluntarily expresses his opinion without some intent to make a difference, and even if he does, he shouldn't.”

•“The survival of poor opinions can make a thinker feel as though he is failing humanity.”

“Humility is, in a sense, admitting how egotistical you are.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

•“To be intuitive is to possess a godly characteristic, to be bad at second-guessing the good.”

•“The best people are always the worst. They drive everyone mad by being so good at second-guessing everything bad.”

“A solid answer to everything is not necessary. Blurry concepts influence one to focus, but postulated clarity influences others to disdain truth.” – Bill Foucault

“Being nice merely to be liked in return nullifies the point.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“What makes failure beautiful is that even though you knew failure was possible, you still had enough heart and courage to try.” – Bill Foucault

“Simply minding one's own business is more offensive than being intrusive. Without ever saying a word one can make a person feel less-than.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“I often find that people confuse inner peace with some sense of insensibility whenever something goes wrong. In such cases inner peace is a permit for destruction: The unyielding optimist will pretend that the forest is not burning either because he is too lazy or too afraid to go and put the fire out.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“The first ingredient to being wrong is to claim that you are right. Geniuses have a knack for raising new questions. Hence by the public they are either admired for their creativity or, even more commonly so, detested for disturbing the daily peace of mind.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Love is without a doubt the laziest theory for the meaning of life, but when it actually comes a time to do it we find just enough energy to over-complicate life again. Any devil can love, whom he himself sees as, a good person who has treated him well, but to love also the polar opposite is what separates love from fickle emotions.”

– Criss Jami, *Venus in Arms*

“To me it seems that too many young women of this time share the same creed. 'Live, laugh, love, be nothing but happy, experience everything, et cetera et cetera.' How monotonous, how useless this becomes. What about the honors of Joan of Arc, Beauvoir, Stowe, Xena, Princess Leia, or women that would truly fight for something other than just their own emotions?”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“I will never deny that life isn't fair. It seems as though when a woman leaves a man she is strong and independent, but when a man leaves a woman he is a pig and a jerk.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“I'm convinced that most men don't know what they believe, rather, they only know what they wish to believe. How many people blame God for man's atrocities, but wouldn't dream of imprisoning a mother for her son's crime?”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“I would rather have strong enemies than a world of passive individualists. In a world of passive individualists nothing seems worth anything simply because nobody stands for anything. That world has no convictions, no victories, no unions, no heroism, no absolutes, no heartbeat. That world has rigor mortis.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“To be truly positive in the eyes of some, you have to risk appearing negative in the eyes of others.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“It is not true that everyone is special. It is true that everyone was once special and still possesses the ability to recover it.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“When emerging from humble beginnings, those around you tend to underestimate your authenticity because they knew you before you were 'somebody'.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“To seek greatness is the only righteous vengeance.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Don't change your mind just because people are offended; change your mind if you're wrong.”

– Criss Jami, *Diotima, Battery, Electric Personality*

“When you're truly awesome, you know that it's actually a burden and wish day after day to be relieved of such a curse. Think of about 95% of the superheroes.”

– Criss Jami, *Diotima, Battery, Electric Personality*

“The common man prays, 'I want a cookie right now!' And God responds, 'If you'd listen to what I say, tomorrow it will bring you 100 cookies.’”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Time and time again does the pride of man influence his very own fall. While denying it, one gradually starts to believe that he is the authority, or that he possesses great moral dominion over others, yet it is spiritually unwarranted. By that point he loses steam; in result, he falsely begins trying to prove that unwarranted dominion by seizing the role of a condemner.”

– Criss Jami, *Salomé: In Every Inch In Every Mile*

“Seeing the glass as half empty is more positive than seeing it as half full. Through such a lens the only choice is to pour more. That is righteous pessimism.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“The barrier during self-improvement is not so much that we hate learning, rather we hate being taught. To learn entails that the knowledge was achieved on one's own accord - it feels great - but to be taught often leaves a feeling of inferiority. Thus it takes a bit of determination and a lot of humility in order for one to fully develop.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“An encouraged person will eventually get his drive from encouragement; he becomes more dependent. A person that never really receives encouragement learns to move out of spite; he becomes more independent.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“God tests, but he does not tempt.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“If the entire world sought to make itself worthy of happiness rather than make itself happy, then the entire world would be happy.”

– Criss Jami, *Venus in Arms*

“Tell me that the purpose of life is to have fun, and without a care in the world I'll begin wreaking havoc on everything I pass. Now that's what I call pure, honest fun.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“It's much easier on the emotions when one sees life as an experiment rather than a struggle for popularity.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“The humble sinner will sometimes be interpreted as one of the filthiest in the eyes of man yet immersed in the eyes of God, and this is due to the volition of honesty regarding his own corruption.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Feel what it's like to truly starve, and I guarantee that you'll forever think twice before wasting food.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“I write about adversity, I praise adversity, not to be pessimistic, but rather to strengthen myself. The more familiar that you are with it, the less likely you are to have a breakdown when it occurs. You

become more reflective of its purpose, you understand God's reason for it, and are then able to make the best of everything that you are handed. The darkness is only frightening after constant sunshine.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“You can't let the truth bring out the worst and let it get the best of you.”

– Criss Jami, *Diotima, Battery, Electric Personality*

“If you want to find the real competition, just look in the mirror. After awhile you'll see your rivals scrambling for second place.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“For the believer, humility is honesty about one's greatest flaws to a degree in which he is fearless about truly appearing less righteous than another.”

– Criss Jami, *Salomé: In Every Inch In Every Mile*

“Confidence turns into pride only when you are in denial of your mistakes.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“A pure heart does not demean the spirit of an individual, it, instead, compels the individual to examine his spirit.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Wise men are not pacifists; they are merely less likely to jump up and retaliate against their antagonizers. They know that needless antagonizers are virtually already insecure enough.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“A sign of power in a man is not only when people follow what he suggests, but also when people make a conscious effort to do the exact opposite of what he suggests.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“When most of the greatest individuals in history were misunderstood and you've spent so much of your own adult life misunderstood, you can't help but believe that the majority of people know very little worth knowing.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“The reality of loving God is loving him like he's a Superhero who actually saved you from stuff rather than a Santa Claus who merely gave you some stuff.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“At first, they'll only dislike what you say, but the more correct you start sounding the more they'll dislike you.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“True rebels hate their own rebellion. They know by experience that it is not a cool and glamorous lifestyle; it takes a courageous fool to say things that have not been said and

to do things that have not been done.”

— [Criss Jami](#), [Venus in Arms](#)

“It's not about going around trying to stir up trouble. As long as you're honest and you articulate what you believe to be true, somebody somewhere will become your enemy whether you like it or not.”

— [Criss Jami](#), [Killosophy](#)

“Popular culture is a place where pity is called compassion, flattery is called love, propaganda is called knowledge, tension is called peace, gossip is called news, and auto-tune is called singing.”

— [Criss Jami](#), [Killosophy](#)

“Love is as simple as the absence of self given to another. God, when invited, fills the void of any unrequited love; hence loving is how one is drawn closer to God no matter its most horrific repercussions.”

— [Criss Jami](#), [Venus in Arms](#)

“A young outcast will often feel that there is something wrong with himself, but as he gets older, grows more confident in who he is, he will adapt, he will begin to feel that there is something wrong with everyone else.”

— [Criss Jami](#), [Killosophy](#)

“Creative people are often found either disagreeable or intimidating by mediocrities.”

— [Criss Jami](#), [Killosophy](#)

“In order to share one's true brilliance one initially has to risk looking like a fool: genius is like a wheel that spins so fast, it at first glance appears to be sitting still.”

— [Criss Jami](#), [Venus in Arms](#)

“I imagine that the intelligent people are the ones so intelligent that they don't even need or want to look 'intelligent' anymore.”

— [Criss Jami](#), [Killosophy](#)

“Just because something isn't a lie does not mean that it isn't deceptive. A liar knows that he is a liar, but one who speaks mere portions of truth in order to deceive is a craftsman of destruction.”

— [Criss Jami](#)

“To share your weakness is to make yourself vulnerable; to make yourself vulnerable is to show your strength.”

— [Criss Jami](#)

“To say that one waits a lifetime for his soulmate to come around is a paradox. People eventually get sick of waiting, take a chance on someone, and by the art of commitment become soulmates, which takes a lifetime to perfect.”

– Criss Jami, *Venus in Arms*

“To share your weakness is to make yourself vulnerable; to make yourself vulnerable is to show your strength.”

– Criss Jami

“Never hide things from hardcore thinkers. They get more aggravated, more provoked by confusion than the most painful truths.”

– Criss Jami

“Listen to God with a broken heart. He is not only the doctor who mends it, but also the father who wipes away the tears.”

– Criss Jami

“Telling an introvert to go to a party is like telling a saint to go to Hell.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Man is not, by nature, deserving of all that he wants. When we think that we are automatically entitled to something, that is when we start walking all over others to get it.”

– Criss Jami, *Diotima, Battery, Electric Personality*

“If love is blind, then maybe a blind person that loves has a greater understanding of it.”

– Criss Jami, *Salomé: In Every Inch In Every Mile*

“When you're the only sane person, you look like the only insane person.”

– Criss Jami, *Diotima, Battery, Electric Personality*

"If you were the only insane person, how would you know it. If you were the only sane person, how would anyone else know it." -Bill Foucault

“I would rather a romantic relationship turn into contempt than turn into apathy. The passion in the extremities make it appear as though it once meant something. We grow from hot or cold, but lukewarm is the biggest insult.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“If you build the guts to do something, anything, then you better save enough to face the consequences.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“A lonely day is God's way of saying that he wants to spend some quality time with you.”

– [Criss Jami, *Killosophy*](#)

“To be heroic is to be courageous enough to die for something; to be inspirational is to be crazy enough to live a little.”

– [Criss Jami, *Venus in Arms*](#)

“It often occurs that pride and selfishness are muddled with strength and independence. They are neither equal nor similar; in fact, they are polar opposites. A coward may be so cowardly that he masks his weakness with some false personification of power. He is afraid to love and to be loved because love tends to strip bare all emotional barricades. Without love, strength and independence are prone to losing every bit of their worth; they become nothing more than a fearful, intimidated, empty tent lost somewhere in the desert of self.”

– [Criss Jami, *Killosophy*](#)

“When a man is penalized for honesty he learns to lie.”

– [Criss Jami, *Salomé: In Every Inch In Every Mile*](#)

“The harder you fall, the heavier your heart; the heavier your heart, the stronger you climb; the stronger you climb, the higher your pedestal.”

– [Criss Jami, *Killosophy*](#)

“When good people consider you the bad guy, you develop a heart to help the bad ones. You actually understand them.”

– [Criss Jami, *Killosophy*](#)

“Good works is giving to the poor and the helpless, but divine works is showing them their worth to the One who matters.”

– [Criss Jami, *Killosophy*](#)

“The motive behind criticism often determines its validity. Those who care criticize where necessary. Those who envy criticize the moment they think that they have found a weak spot.”

– [Criss Jami, *Killosophy*](#)

“There are two circumstances that lead to arrogance: one is when you're wrong and you can't face it; the other is when you're right and nobody else can face it.”

– [Criss Jami, *Diotima, Battery, Electric Personality*](#)

“When you're socially awkward, you're isolated more than usual, and when you're isolated more than usual, your creativity is less compromised by what has already been said and done. All your hope in life starts to depend on your craft, so you try to perfect it. One reason I stay isolated more than the average person is to keep my creativity as fierce as possible. Being the odd one out may have its temporary disadvantages, but more importantly, it has its permanent

advantages.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Every job from the heart is, ultimately, of equal value. The nurse injects the syringe; the writer slides the pen; the farmer plows the dirt; the comedian draws the laughter. Monetary income is the perfect deceiver of a man's true worth.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“Everyone has a sense of humor. If you don't laugh at jokes, you probably laugh at opinions.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“I don't pretend to know everything; I just only speak on matters I know I'll win.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“What is a genius? A person who demands little to nothing from others, but is often found extremely difficult to have around.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“What is hard work? It takes strength, energy, and stress to truly care about others enough to place oneself last, but it is easy to wrap oneself up and selfishly scramble on the heads of others.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

“A rumor is a social cancer: it is difficult to contain and it rots the brains of the masses. However, the real danger is that so many people find rumors enjoyable. That part causes the infection. And in such cases when a rumor is only partially made of truth, it is difficult to pinpoint exactly where the information may have gone wrong. It is passed on and on until some brave soul questions its validity; that brave soul refuses to bite the apple and let the apple eat him. Forced to start from scratch for the sake of purity and truth, that brave soul, figuratively speaking, fully amputates the information in order to protect his personal judgment. In other words, his ignorance is to be valued more than the lie believed to be true.”

– Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

• *“It is a harsh reality that some of the most important and respectable jobs which deserve high salaries might be better off with low salaries. A politician, or a minister, or a teacher is sure to be working sincerely and selflessly for the good of the people when through and through there is little monetary reward guaranteed. This is how the charlatans are weeded out of the field.”*

• *“Mankind, in all his lusts, punishes himself. The gods have to do very little.”*

• *“The wrath of God is never an evil wrath. God gets angry because he loves people like a mother would love her child if someone were to harm it. There is something wrong if the mother never gets angry; it is safe to say that that is the unloving mother.”*

•*"The Bible does not say money is the root of all evil; it says the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. A poor man who, in his heart, worships the idea of being rich is more vulnerable to its evils than a rich man who has a heart to use it all for the Lord."*

•*"I appreciate a book intended to be judged by its cover. The insincere readers are often weeded out while the sincere readers remain curious."*

•*"My confidence is in the idea that I may be wrong on this or that. No man in this life should ever have to bear the burden of perfection."*

•*"Some people are ignorant of the world but educated in Scripture, and are therefore prone to missing the relevance of Scripture - these sometimes, later, amidst life's challenges and doubts, turn from the faith; other people are ignorant of Scripture but educated in the world, and are therefore prone to missing the truth of Scripture - they are often those who ridicule the faith. The apologist stands somewhere in the center. He articulates where some are prone to understanding the truth in beauty, others the beauty in truth - that of a spiritual Creator in relation to his scientific creation."*

•*"The last thing Scripture should do is make you blind in the world. Instead, you hear everything, see everything, and feel everything because everything just so happens to point right back to it."*

•**"What men classify as living is often but the discontentment of making oneself itch just to enjoy the scratch."**

•"God wants us to humbly and sincerely ask him things. How often do you enjoy people talking about you without taking the time to get to know you?"

•"Where everyone wants to be a leader, it makes one a follower to want to be a leader, and a leader to know what to follow."

•"God judges men from the inside out; men judge men from the outside in. Perhaps to God, an extreme mental patient is doing quite well in going a month without murder, for he fought his chemical imbalance and succeeded; oppositely, perhaps the healthy, able and stable man who has never murdered in his life yet went a lifetime consciously, willingly never loving anyone but himself may then be subject to harsher judgment than the extreme mental patient. It might be so that God will stand for the weak and question the strong."

•"The evangelist is the world's hopeless romantic, and just like a hopeless romantic, he must hope for the miracle of God more than the romance itself."

•"Friends ask you questions; enemies question you."

•"Love without humility results in the inclination to act as everyone's parent, humility without love results in the need to be everyone's child, and love with humility results in the desire to be a friend."

•"What I admire about the modern atheist is not at all his logic, but rather his gift of imagination. There will always be the cartoon versions of Christianity further perpetuated by the extremist atheists who do not possess the humility to ask real scholars and theologians its difficult questions. There is little doubt that the atheist has the bigger imagination: the first reason is due to his persistent caricatures of what constitutes a Christian; the second because of

his belief that most of his questions are actually rhetorical. From this I can infer that, instead of laughing at one another - the Christian at modern atheist immaturity and the modern atheist at Christian stupidity, we would have a better chance at productivity laughing with one another as we all dumb down what we don't understand."

- "The wrong approaches to faith and to skepticism are equally detrimental to the path. For the former declares its answers too soon and is later found false; the latter rejects sound answers altogether and hashes itself useless."

- "Goodness is sparked by a caution for the sake of what is good, not fear of what is bad."

- "It is so easy at times for a lonely individual to begin fantasizing about what the people outside are saying about him and, in result, irrationally and fearfully, and sometimes angrily, fancy himself a villain."

- "Reason begets honesty, and honesty, if given its head, begets confidence; so consequently, there is a sort of grand authority in the stances of those who know why they are standing."

Naturally, I always place my word over anyone else's simply because I know why I said what I said."

- "Never take advice about never taking advice. That is an old vice of men - to dish it out without being able to take it - the blind leading the blind into more blindness."

- "Look for the person everyone hates, and love them."

- "Angels are good not simply because they see bad as bad, but also because they see bad as corny."

- "Unprovoked hostility is often but displaced self-defense: 'I must stop him before he stops me.' In many of such environments, nobody is really hateful so much as they are just fearful

"Men seek a great deal, but fatally close, albeit very different, is one's pride in proving oneself with one's zeal for finding the truth." – *Criss Jami, Killosophy*

"Your love is as stable as you are: It's not about how good a person makes you feel, but rather what good you can do for them." – *Criss Jami, Killosophy*