

# KINDA CHRISTIANITY



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Dear reader,

By purchasing a copy of *Kinda Christianity* and choosing to vulnerably interact with the authentic realness therein, you have begun a journey of missional proportions. You can now begin dancing your way out of the prison cell of propositional truth/reality-based religiosity, and into the comforting moonbeams of openness, doubt, and cutting-edge fashion.

To aid you in your quest, we have prepared this brief, three-stage study guide (or, as we prefer to call it, *reflecting pool*) for personal or community interaction. Our hope is that it will help to lovingly ease you out of your comfort zone and into the wild, unkempt, dirty, but infinitely satisfying world of KINDA CHRISTIANITY.

### **Part 1: Bounded Set** (Reading Comprehension)

1. As a Kinda Christian, how will all men know you?
2. How was your life, cosmically, before meeting Ted and Zach?
3. At that time, through what were bits and pieces of Eastern philosophy drifting?
4. What mustn't your church, under any circumstances, look like?

## **Part 2: Centered-Bounded Set** (Reflection)

1. When you saw the Che Guevara illustration on Page 5 of the book, your first thought was:
  - A. "That guy sat next to me in my Revisionist History class."
  - B. "I have that t-shirt!"
  - C. "That's me!"
  - D. Other (write a poem or produce a short film about your answer)
2. Re-read the foreword by Frank Turk. Meditate on it. How would you describe Frank Turk's mental and spiritual hang-ups? Explain.
3. Which of the Four R's (reduce, reuse, recycle, redeem culture) are you currently engaged in? Humbly draw attention to these things by blogging about them all the time.
4. How close is your hair to being long enough to dreadlock? Seriously...go check right now.

## **Part 3: Wide-Open Set** (Case Studies)

1. You're sitting on the steps of the Postmodern Art Museum in your city. A homeless man sits next to you and engages you in conversation. How do you redeem this situation? (e.g., build a blog post around it, use it as an illustration at next week's "spiritual gathering," make him a "discussion leader" in your cohort). Remember, there is no right or wrong answer. To anything.
2. You're walking out to your garage after reading *Kinda Christianity*. It's like you're seeing your car again for the first time, except this time through emergent eyes. You notice the un-emergentness of it. What do you do? Trade it in for a used Volvo as quickly as possible? Remove all vestiges of pre-emergent thinking (Bush/Cheney sticker, NFL team logo, Jesus fish)? Replace it with a bicycle? Be creative and remember, this is a great chance to implement at least two of the four R's.