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Days to Prepare: 6,387

Days to Cook: 791

Number of Servings: 1

Ingredients

122 lb. of pure compassion

626 Ehrhardt Southern Methodist Church sermons (divided)

162 Southern Methodist Camp sermons (divided)

1 cult-follower father (pound Calvinistic doctrines and Judaist traditions with hammer)

1 black hand-me-down laptop and a catchy, social justice pop song

1 seed of skepticism and introspection

56 Joshua Tongol YouTube videos contradicting Fundamentalist Christianity

1 ½ spiritual awakenings (divided)

3 tons of depression

-3 friends

4 subscriptions to Atheist Facebook pages

2 Atheist friends

1 Power-Point presentation on Hinduism at Winthrop University

1 Wikipedia article on Panentheism

3 Tbsp. of hope

1 tsp. of faith

A decision

Directions

(Baker's note: do not begin this recipe if unwilling to complete every step. All parts must be mixed in proper order, without ceasing. If not willing to dedicate 7,178 days, go no further! Do not risk eternal damnation by stopping in middle.)

Pre-heat summers to 97° Fahrenheit, autumn and spring to 70° Fahrenheit, and winters to 45° Fahrenheit.

1. Lather brain muscles with pure compassion until soaked with a natural red color.

2. Embed Judaist traditions into brain. Never remove.

3. Siphon 260 church sermons through ears into brain once a week. Drop in 3 childhood friends after each sermon for thirty minutes, then take them out. Siphon in 10 camp sermons about original sin. (Brain may blacken some.)

4. In order, add 52 more church sermons, 10 more camp sermons, 52 church sermons, 14 camp sermons. Nail father's Calvinistic doctrines into frontal lobe with hammer.

5. Add 52 more church sermons, 28 camp sermons, 52 church sermons, 38 camp sermons, 52 church sermons, 48 camp sermons, 32 church sermons.
6. Place 1 black laptop in front of eyes. Add 10 more church sermons. Play “Same Love” by Macklemore into ears. (It should attach to and mix with the compassion in the muscles. Brain will grow redder.) Grow skeptical of religion.
7. Play 56 Joshua Tongol videos in front of eyes. Think for self. Care. Open mind to a God who is in all humanity. (Brain should be a normal red color again.) Sit amid 16 church sermons then 14 camp sermons with this open mind. Openly reject labels and love humans equally. (3 friends should stop appearing after sermons around now.)
8. Inject every brain muscle evenly with 3 tons of depression. Poke earlobes with 7 sermons while depression is in bloodstream. Use skeptical mind to point out all contradictions in following 41 church sermons. Cultivate Atheistic thoughts as eyes scan Atheist Facebook pages. Meet 2 Atheist friends who cultivate more atheistic thoughts.
9. Remove brain and its body from all sermons. Pull out thoughts and lay them on classroom table. Remove prayer, hope, faith, God. Reinsert thoughts into brain.
10. Research Hinduism and make a PowerPoint on it. Present in class. See and think and hear.
11. Research all the theistic belief systems on Wikipedia. See need. Pull thoughts out of head. Lay them on desk. Sift 3 Tbsp. of hope and 1 tsp. of faith on top of them. DO NOT REMOVE SKEPTICISM! Reinsert into brain, which should be bright red now.
12. Enjoy life.