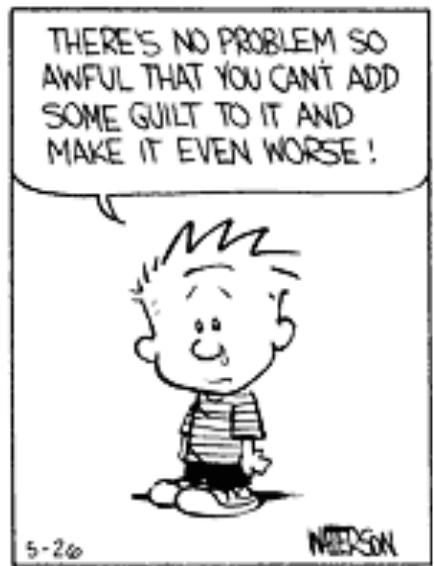


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# The Guilt Book





- *Guilt – the gift that keeps on giving!!*
  - [Erma Bombeck]
- *'Godly guilt brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but false guilt brings death.'*
  - [2 Corinthians 7:10]
- *"Sadly, we do a much better job of making people feel guilty than we do of delivering them from the guilt we create. We need to confess this and change our ways."*
  - [Attributed to Tony Campolo]

# 5 Assumptions

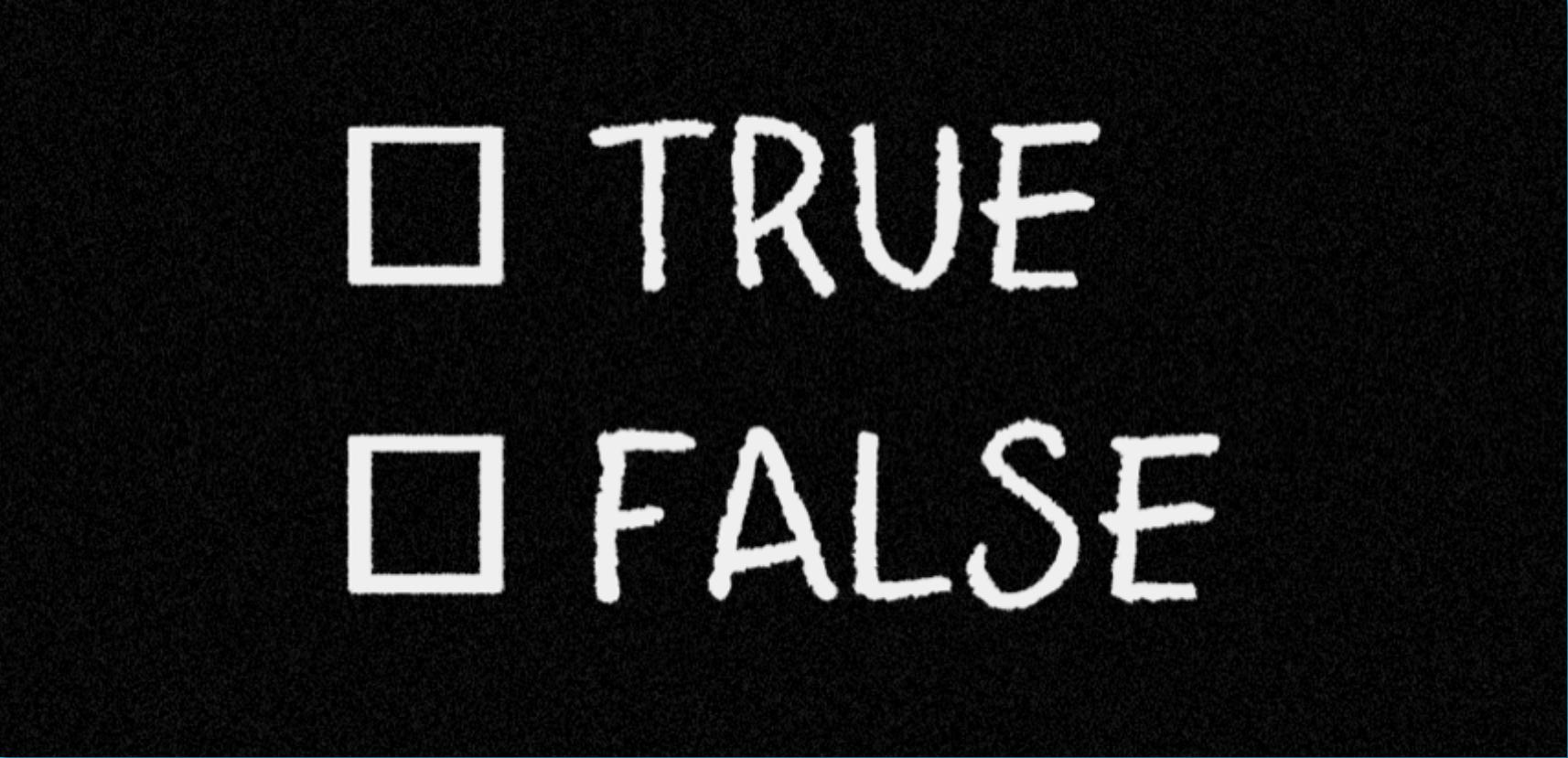


# The roots of guilt

- “Guilt is... a religious problem which interests theologians, a social problem which interests sociologists and a psychological problem which interests psychologists.”
- **“Guilt cannot be dissected...”**



# Two types of guilt



TRUE  
 FALSE



# Getting rid of God?



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## Roots and Shoots

*“Unexpressed emotions  
will never die. They are  
buried alive and will come  
forth later in uglier ways.”*

*[Attributed to Sigmund Freud]*

# Patterns in the Mind

- Psychoanalysis
  - Repression of the Id
- Behaviourism
  - Guilt motivates
- Cognitive Theory
  - Making assumptions
- Clinical Depression
  - Guilt as a symptom



# Psychopath or Empath?



# Guilt and Shame Proneness



# If it feels bad, it must be bad...



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A path to grace and freedom..!

# A ladder of techniques

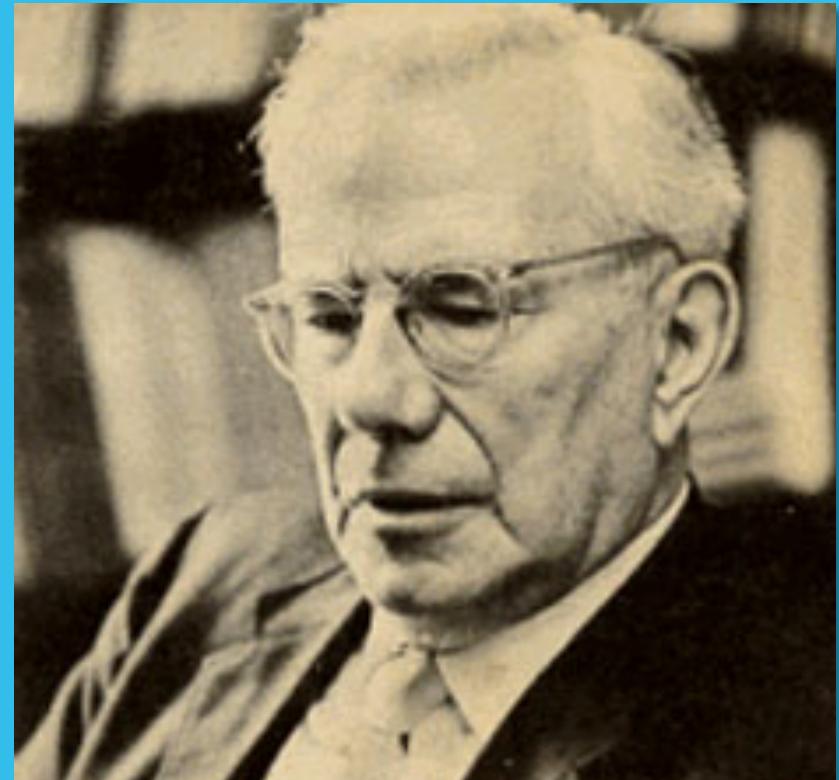


- ① Guilt Spotting
- ② Making new appraisals
- ③ Behavioral Experiments
- ④ Compassion

# Accepting Forgiveness

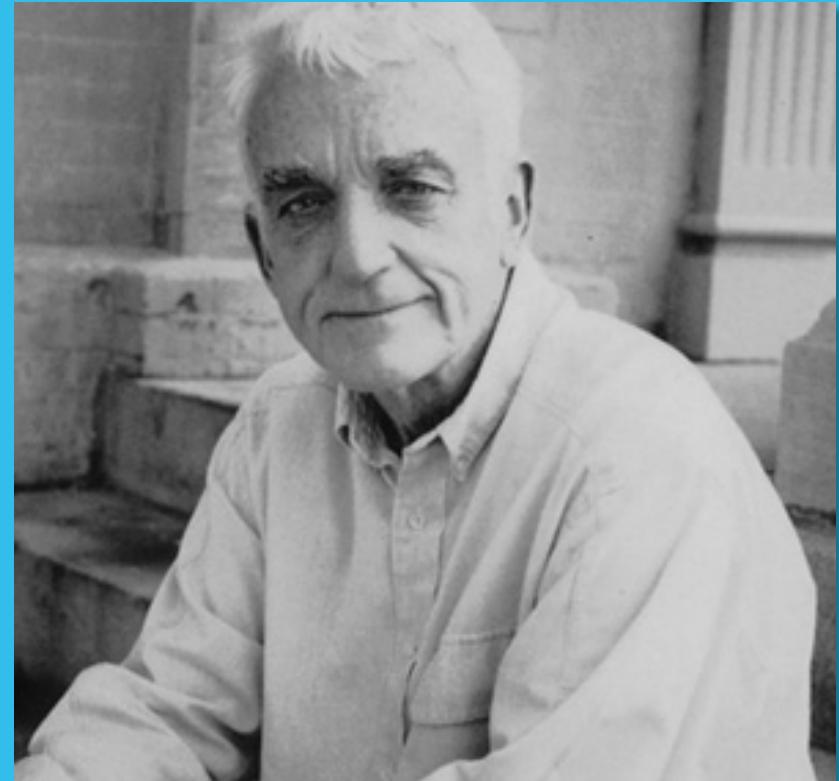
‘The courage to be is the courage to accept oneself, in spite of being unacceptable.’

*[Paul Tillich, *The Courage to Be* ]*



# Brendan Manning [1934-2013]

- To live by grace means to acknowledge my whole life story, the light side and the dark.
- In admitting my shadow side I learn who I am and what God's grace means.



Manning B (1990) The Ragamuffin Gospel. Multnomah



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