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...my husband?"
...my kids?"
...my parents?"
...my neighbors?"
...my workmates / classmates?"
...those in the LGBT community?"
...the Muslim and Hindu on my block?"
...the guy who is a different color than me?"
...the person so seems to persecute me?"

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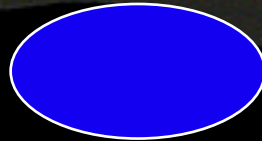
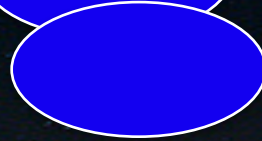
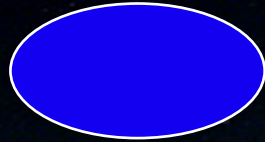
Why ask the question?



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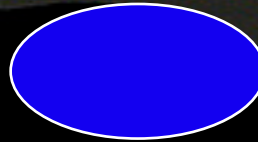
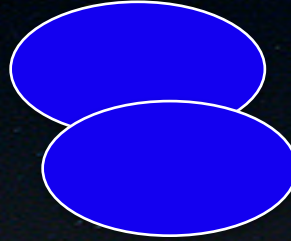


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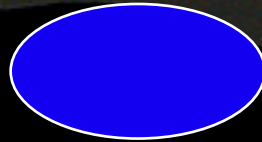
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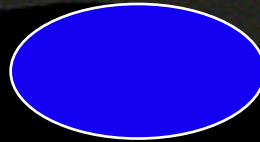
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with the comfort with which we ourselves

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verb

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Is He really?

God is love.

"...and what if I'm wrong?"

Scott Clifton (Snyder)

-Actor

-Musician

-Video Blogger

Theoretical Bulls***

Video

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Philippians 2:7-8

Christ, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be held onto, but ***emptied*** Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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John 1:1-5; 9-13

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.**
- 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him wasnot any thing made that was made.**
- 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**
- 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

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9 The true light, which gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

11 He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

12 But to all who did receive Him,
who believed in His name,
He gave the right to become children of God,

13 who were born,
not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man,
but of God.

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