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1. You can be as "God"
2. You shall not surely die
3. No one cares about you
4. Real fulfillment is in sin
5. The pleasures of sin outweigh the wages of it
6. You are good enough (without Christ and His salvation)
7. You don't need to go to church
8. You don't need to pray, read Bible, etc.
9. The grass is greener on the other side
10. The key to greatness is being served
11. You have something to be proud of
12. Salvation is by works
13. Knowing the Bible is as good as obeying it
14. God does not really love you (if He did, He would not allow this to happen to you)
15. (Financial) success in life is proof of

divine approval (God is pleased with you)