

Q: I posted a picture s of me and my friend on Facebook, and his wife and somebody else had to post spiritual quotes in reply. Does the belief bullshit on Facebook ever get tiresome to you, Robert?

A: Well, I have been wide awake for a long time now. I'm getting near the end of my life, and it's been a fortunate one. I am awake! What could be better?

But there is a price for that good fortune: I have to walk around in a world full of sleepwalkers. Some of them are sweet people with good intentions, and some of them even seem quite bright and capable in a way. But they are hypnotized, and I really have very little to say to them. It's a kind of loneliness that a sleepwalker will never know. So that is the price.