

Thursday digest

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- Lillian Daniel on the [spiritual-not-religious](#): "If we got all these people together, they might find out that most of America agrees with them. But getting them together would be way too much like church."
- Why Suzanne Guthrie has [tea with her demons](#): "I want to arrive at the kind of equilibrium admired by the disciples who broke down the barrier to St. Anthony's fortress. To do this, I have to befriend the demons dwelling in the cave of my heart."
- David Heim on [the memorial that misquotes Martin Luther King Jr.](#): "If you're going to quote MLK, do it right."
- Don Scrooby on [spiritual abuse](#): "Put people who are not encouraged to think and question and who have no confidence in their own discerning abilities together with strong leaders who believe exactly how to "interpret" these rules and impose them, and you have the ultimate recipe for abuse."
- Lou Carlozo briefly [reviews Francesca Battistelli](#), who "has proved to be a refreshing breeze in the musty swamp of the Christian music industry."

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- Rachel Held Evans's [experiment in biblical literalism](#)
- [Seriously, Jon Hunstman is not a moderate.](#)
- [How hospitals harm us](#)