

in a fight with a stoner? Stoners don't like to fight. It's all good. A live-and-let-live mindset is in stark comparison with your average heavy drinker who's ready to dropkick your face because you stared at his wife too long.

Medical marijuana patients are stoners, so a shift upward in the collective ego's perception is *always* needed — not just some of the time. And don't expect stoners to sell out; stoners aren't rats in a cage. We live in a world that embraces stepping on each other's backs to get to the top. You know, grabbing that brass ring at all costs. Isn't it nice to know some people (you can say stoners) are just fine watching the wheel go round and round.

Stoners, also known as medical marijuana patients, keep it simple. A happy stoner wants very little in life. I know I don't require all the silly attachments of a materialistic society. I use what I need sparingly, but comfortably. I was a tune-up happening within me. I want a tune happening within me. My external world is reflected by my internal world. Present moment awareness — nothing like it.

There is a price to pay for this freedom fighting. I lived in ShelterCare for more than two and a half years and am now getting raked over the coals for smoking pot in my apartment, when I have been doing it for two and a half years. Stay tuned, boys and girls.

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MAKING MASSACRES EASY

Following the Charlie Hebdo massacre, every news network brought on terrorism experts to discuss and analyze the event. These discussions illuminated an inconvenient truth about the state of the union.

These terrorism experts were asked many of the same questions. One being: "How vulnerable are we here in the U.S. to religious terrorist attacks like we saw in Paris?" Most experts answered by providing a couple basic facts about America.

On one hand, America's Muslim population is much more moderate and less likely to commit acts of terror than the

European Muslim population. However, there's something fundamentally different about America, which makes it much easier to carry out these types of mass shootings: easy access to weapons of war.

In America, there are hundreds of millions of guns, i.e., killing machines, strewn throughout our neighborhoods. Under these conditions nearly any idiot, child or mentally ill person can get their hands on one and slaughter large numbers of people in a very short period of time with little thought or effort required, e.g., Sandyhook.

Great thanks to the GOP, the NRA and their minions for helping to create a more dangerous and destructive society. Heckuva job!

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THE TRUE CRIMINALS

I don't mind the random homeless, buskers and street poets downtown. If the police really want to enforce some laws in a way that would improve my quality of life, they can strictly enforce the "Do Not Call" regulations and anti-phone-scamming laws! I'd like to see them go after Carmen from Cardholder Services so that skank isn't robo-calling me every few days to offer my last chance (oh, don't I wish!) to reduce my interest rates (translation: have my accounts hacked, if I were to be so stupid as to give any account info to random telemarketers). At least the Microsoft tech support weenies from Mumbai are actually real people, instead of recordings, so I can cuss them out for the lying scam artists they are before slamming the phone down.

Seriously, we are the ones paying for our phone service. Why can't the phone companies serve us rather than making it easy for scammers and phone spammers to target us and impossible for us to stop them?

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