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GEORGE CARLIN

GC: "My attitude in school was that as long as I wasn't going to get an education, why should these other children get one?"

"If God is so powerful, can he himself make a rock that he himself can't lift?"

"Belief in God is a form of mental illness."

AB: "Do you wonder about after you die – whether there will be anything or nothing?"

GC: "Well I do wonder about that. And I also wonder why there isn't just nothing now? Why are there things at all?"

"I root for big problems all the time. I root for disasters ... I think we're already circling the drain as a species."

AB: "So you're rooting for disasters?"

GC: "I do sort of for my own entertainment – it's a very selfish thing. ... I love an earthquake. I love a bigger earthquake. They're never as big as I'd like ..."

AB: "Have you ever been in one?"

GC: "You know what we need – a 25! [on the Richter scale] ... Think of it as an amusement park ride ... really! ... It's such a wonderful thing to realize you have absolutely no control! ... To me it's a very exciting thing ...!"

AB: "George, a 25 would turn entire continents over!"

GC: "Now you're talkin', Art! ... It's just wonderful to consider!"

"I do enjoy big disasters, and I always hope they're going to be a little bit bigger!"

AB: "The only reason for that is you've more or less given up on the human race."

GC: "The problem is when you scratch a cynic, you find a disappointed idealist underneath."

If the Anarctic ice shelf breaks off, you'll have all new beachfront property.

I found Sitchin's book *The Twelfth Planet* very stimulating and potentially believable.

"The only things I believe in – because I don't believe in my country, I don't believe in religion and god ... I don't believe in commerce – but I believe in friendship, romantic love, and family, of course."

"I think there's a place for people [e.g., Ted Kaczynski], who take life in order to make a point."

"I think it's kind of wonderful that the arrogance of this species [humankind] is what will bring it down."

AB: "And I think we're fully capable of that."

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GC: The loner is someone who longs to belong to something, at least in my case.

"The two most uncompromising positions in human experience are going to the bathroom and having sex. And these are the two things that are obscene, not the taking of human life ..."