

## GOD SMITES MAN AT LOCAL BAR

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Chicago residents were stunned yesterday when God and Jay Smith were found brawling outside of a local bar on West North Avenue. Police arrived on the scene to find God unleashing Holy Wrath upon Smith, a resident of Chicago's north side.

After talking with patrons of the bar, the police discovered the brawl had taken place over a verbal dispute inside the establishment. God was allegedly nursing a drink quietly in the corner seat when Smith arrived with friends and began binge drinking. One patron claimed "Homeboy saw God sitting in the corner and got crazy pissed yo! He went over and started bitchin' about his problems. Shit like 'Its yo fault my wife left me! It's yo fault I lost my job! Why god? Why???' Man, some dudes blame God for everything"

The establishments owner, Chuck Jones, also noted that at one point Smith threw his drink in the Face of God, only to have it miraculously dispersed into dazzling images of Love, Peace, and the Glory of Heaven. "At this point I was really worried." Said Jones, "I just had gotten a bunch of expensive repairs done from a big fight a few months ago, and now Armageddon is about to start in my bar. Great. Just great. I'm pretty sure State Farm isn't going to cover it either."

Patrons became increasingly nervous as the drunken Smith continued his barrage of insults despite the miracle just witnessed. In an amazing act of Infinite Patience, God was seen turning the other cheek and walking out of the bar.

Smith carried the dispute out onto the streets, where it became increasingly clear to passerbys that God was getting annoyed "At first he didn't seem to care. But when that locust swarm busted up the building down the street? I knew better. God was getting pissed!" said a pedestrian who wished to remain anonymous due to the fear of God.

God was heard muttering something about "regretting the 'cosmic creation thing'" and then proceeded to smite Mr. Smith with the Wrath of God. "It was, like, sooooo dope!" said another observer, Jane Gvowski, "God was like, turbo angry! He kept

muttering something about... furious vengeance? I could have sworn I heard him say something like 'Ezekiel 25:17 right here bitch!'"

Soon a crowd of people gathered outside the bar to witness the display of righteous anger. God apparently calmed himself before the police arrived, then turned and addressed the crowd. God was quoted by several as saying the following: "Hey, listen folks, I'm really sorry. I just came by to chill and get my buzz on. The whole promoting peace and love in the world thing is starting to wear on me. It's a lot of stress, I haven't been hitting the gym like I should, and then there is all the... ahhh shit! 5-0!". It was reported he then ascended in a flash of heavenly, ethereal light, but not before giving Smith one last kick in the ribs.

Mr. Smith has been recuperating in intensive care at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital from several broken ribs and a concussion sustained during the fight. Smith, skeptical of God's Word after the fight said, "Sorry my ass! If I had any...owww...fuck... idea God was gonna do that, I wouldn't have... ouch... done shit. What happened to the whole 'forgiveness' thing huh? Ngggh! Damn! Does this morphine button even work???"

Police have posted a \$5,000 reward for anyone who finds God. Police are urging people not to approach the Alpha and Omega, but to instead call 911. God was last seen in Heaven working on his highly anticipated sequel to his book "The Bible", which the latest printing has been on the New York Times bestseller list for over 150 years. Any individuals with information on his current whereabouts are urged to step forward.