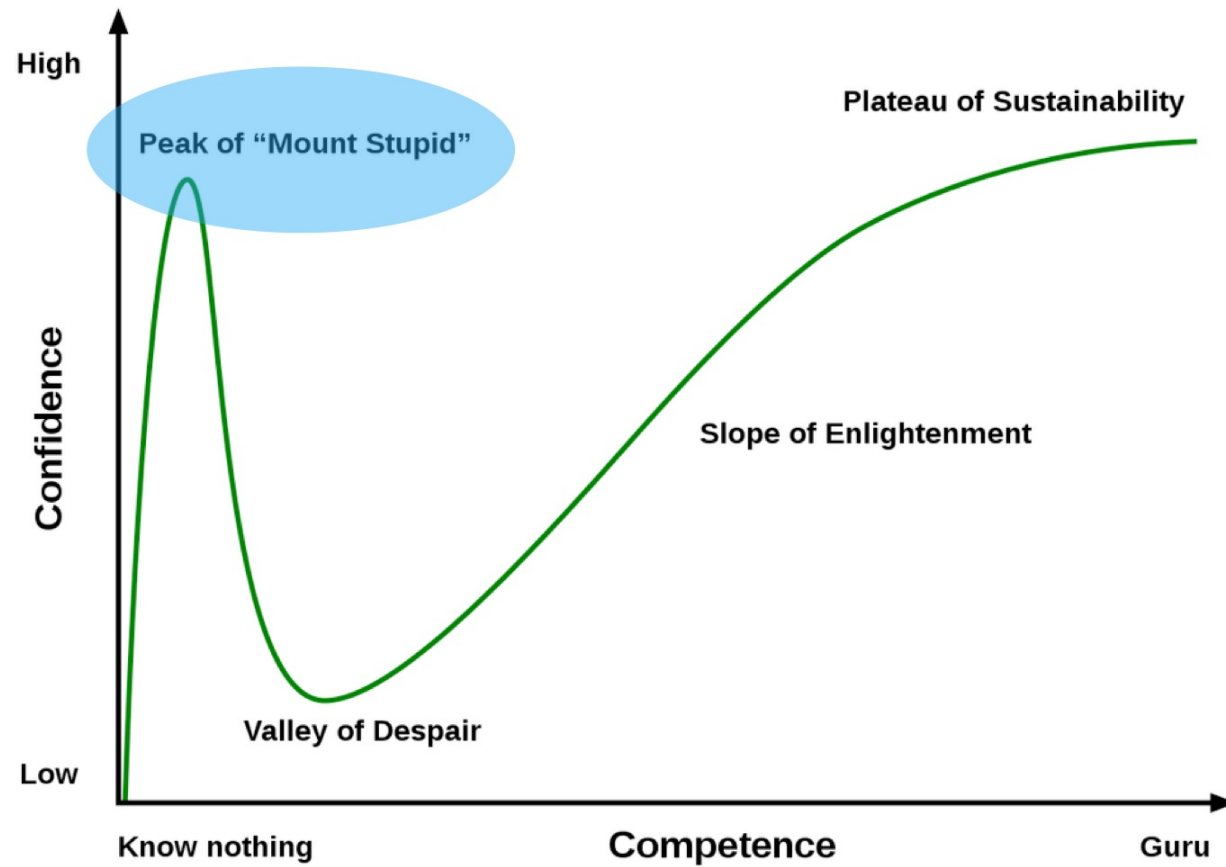




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“A bit of knowledge can be a dangerous thing.
In too many domains of our lives, we never
gain enough expertise to question our
opinions or discover what we don't know.

“We have just enough information to feel self-assured about making pronouncements and passing judgment, failing to realize that we’ve climbed to the top of Mount Stupid without making it over to the other side.”

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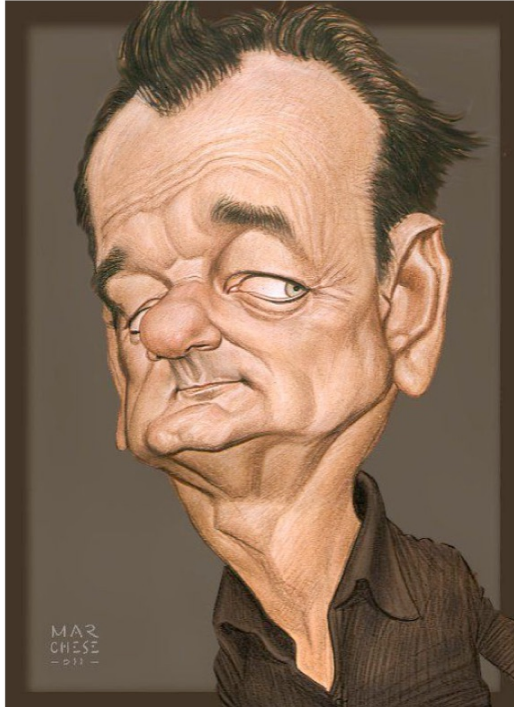
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Samson is a **caricature** of Israel.

1. **Set apart** but **defiled**

Narrative Bondage Freedom Leadership “cried out”	The Six Major Judges					
	Othniel	Ehud	Deborah	Gideon	Jephthah	Samson
	Simple (89)			Complex (264)		
	8	18	20	7	18	40
	40	80	40	40	-	-
	Pure Record			Blemished Record		
	3:9	3:15	4:3	6:6	10:10	-
	Pure Victory  Pyrrhic Victory					

“Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, ‘Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?’ And he said to them, ‘As they did to me, so have I done to them.’”

Judges 15:11

“And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, ‘Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.’

“Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines.”

Judges 13:3-5

Nazirite -

- No **wine**

Nazirite -

- No wine
- No unclean contact

Nazirite -

- No **wine**
- No **unclean contact**
- No **hair cuts**





“After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey.

“He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.”

Judges 14:8-9

1. Set apart but defiled
2. **Sent** but **distracted**

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“And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the Lord blessed him. And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.”

Judges 13:24-25

“But his father and mother said to him, ‘Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?’ But Samson said to his father, ‘Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes.’”

Judges 14:3

“His father and mother did not know that it was from the Lord, for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines ruled over Israel.”

Judges 14:4

“And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, so the Lord gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.”

Judges 13:1

“And he said to them, ‘Out of the eater came something to eat. Out of the strong came something sweet.’ And in three days they could not solve the riddle.”

Judges 14:14

“What is sweeter than honey?
What is stronger than a lion?”

Judges 14:18

“When he came to himself ...”

Luke 15:17

“And the angel of the Lord said to him, ‘Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?’

“So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the Lord, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching.

“And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the Lord went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.”

Judges 13:18-20

“And Manoah said to his wife, ‘We shall surely die, for we have seen God.’”

Judges 13:22

“But his wife said to him, ‘If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these.’”

Judges 13:23

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8:31-32

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises,

“so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

2 Peter 1:3-4



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“Our desires whisper lies in our ears. They gather steam from our culture and shout over any objections Sometimes the voice even comes from those we trust most in this world: those who claim to love God.

“We need God’s words more than ever. He has not abandoned us to be raised in the orphanage of desire.”

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