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My internet is being lame, and it's been unusable all day, and I thought I'd write some thoughts and post them to my blog.

Umm, let's talk religion. So a few months ago I proclaimed myself agnostic. But recently, I've found myself in a position against the LDS church and I've identified more with Atheistic and Naturalist beliefs. But in doing so, I've cut off a lot of valuable time studying morality, learning how to make good choices, and being social. I consider myself a good, moral person. Improving and making virtuous choices are a huge part of who I am and are very important to me. But that's one thing I've stopped working on as often since I've become inactive. I still help in my community, and actively do good for others in my work and travel… but I'm not gathering every Wednesday and Sunday to strengthen my impact on others.

I know. Shame on me, I could be doing more. But if I went back to the church… I would be stuck with that awful feeling. Knowing that the lessons were so good and inspiring, but based on unlikely stories about deities, prophets and the one true way to live your life. I really can't wrap my head around all the supernatural stuff. It's all based on people's narratives that I'm supposed to just have faith in. Yeah, I've tried praying… but like sugar pills in an experiment, the placebo loses the effect once you become aware of it and stop believing.

I could also be more active in community service, but there's also the factor of I'm kind of alone here. My social circle is very small, and I'm stuck with self-motivating. Kudos to those who are super productive on their own! Mad respect. When I'm on my own, I usually succumb to comfort or beat myself up for not doing enough. Cool projects get done every once in a while, when through sheer determination, I sit down and code.

I've learned a lot about myself, that I am a much more social person than I originally thought and that there is a lot of stuff I don't know.

Socrates said: "Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers."

So… This week I'm going to actively look for opportunities to be more social and learn something new. We'll see how it goes.