

Holy-Whack-A-Moley

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Luke 9.23-24: *If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it...*



1. The Message - 1.2:

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless!”

App 1:

2. The Evidence

Being cool (1.10) – *Is there anything of which one can say, “Look! This is something new”? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time.*

Partying (1.17) *Then I applied myself to the understanding...of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind.*



Pleasure eeking (2.1) – *I thought in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.” But that also proved to be meaningless.*

Working hard (2.12) – *What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.*

Becoming Wise (2.14) – *The wise man has eyes in his head, while the fool walks in the darkness; but I came to realize that the same fate overtakes them both.*



Getting rich (5.10) – *Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.*

Going religious – (8.14) - *There is something else meaningless that occurs on earth: righteous men who get what the wicked deserve, and wicked men who get what the righteous deserve. This too, I say, is meaningless.*

Being optimistic (9.1-5) – *...no man knows whether love or hate awaits him. All share a common destiny — the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad, (the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not.) As it is with the good man, so with the sinner; as it is with those who take oaths, so with those who are afraid to take them.*



App 2:

3. The Truth – 12.13-14: *Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole [duty] of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.*

•New posture



•New practice - Heb 5.8: *Though he was a son he learned obedience from what he suffered.*

•New paradox - 12.13-14: