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When I Feel Afraid

Psalm 11

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When we feel afraid, there are always two implicit questions:

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Where is persevering courage to be found?



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2. Am I going to stand on the foundations of courage?

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3 Foundations of Faith-filled Courage

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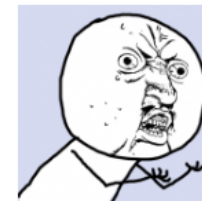
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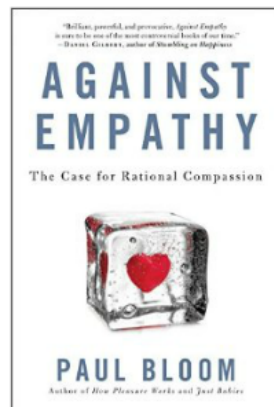


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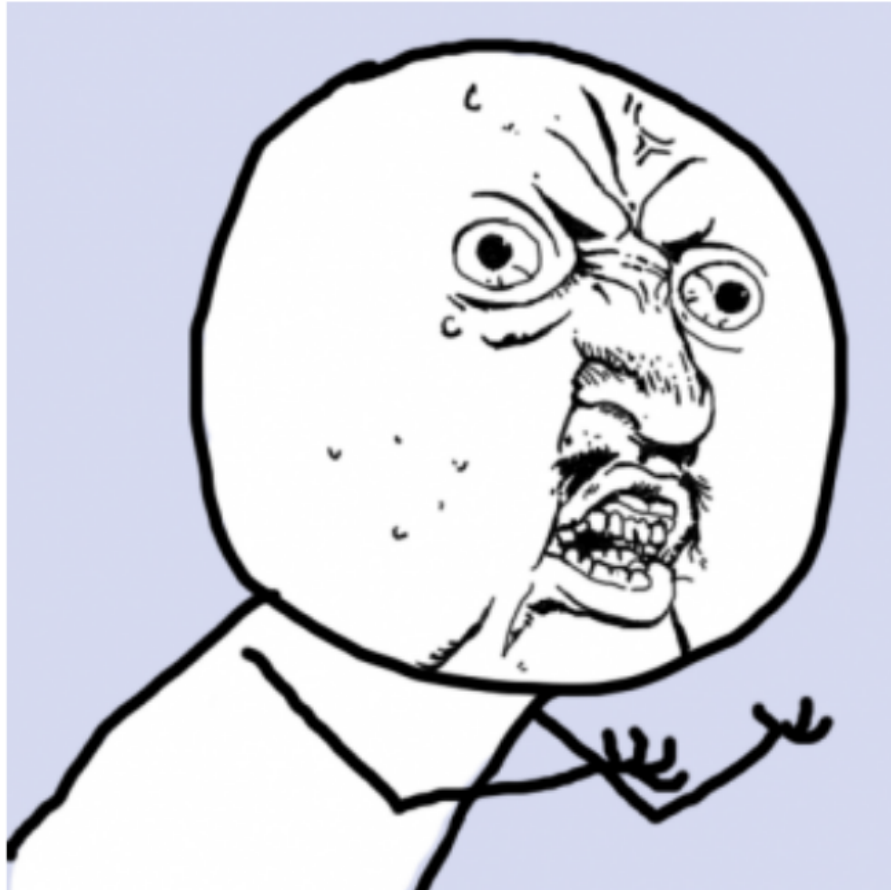
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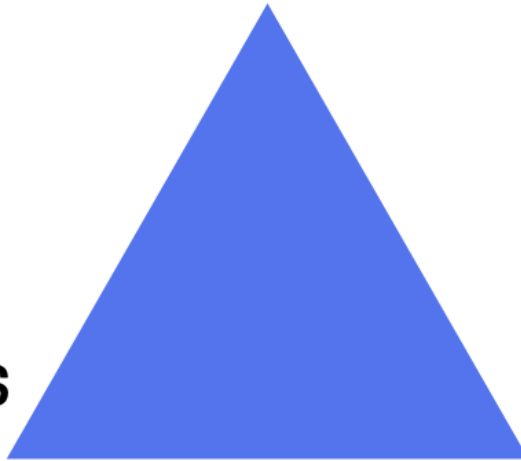
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