



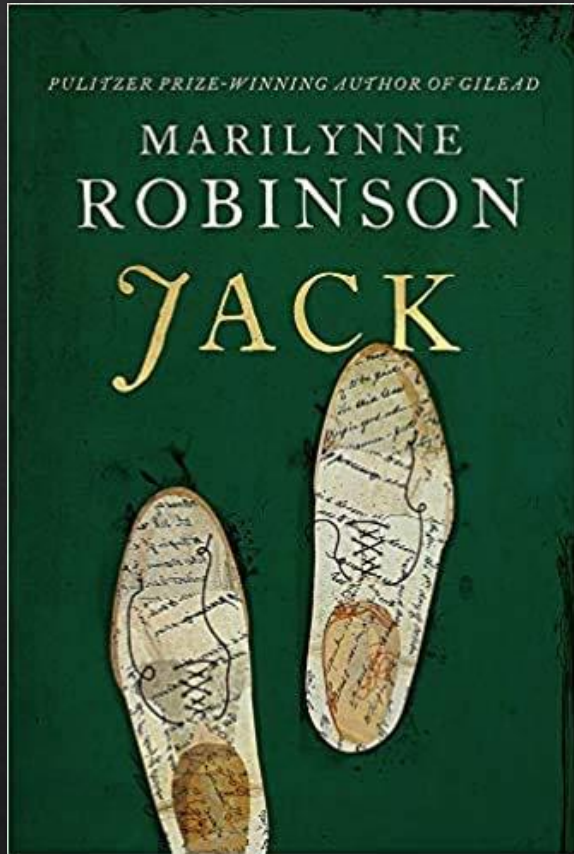


The Good Life

What does it mean to be human in Genesis 1-3?

DISCUSSION

What is a challenge that you have faced in the last couple of years?



16 To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your
pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth
children.
Your desire shall be contrary
to your husband,
but he shall rule over you.”

Genesis 3

17 And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to
the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because
of you; in pain you shall eat of
it all the days of your life;

Genesis 3

18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Genesis 3

Quick Observations

- ◆ The consequence of choosing our own way.
- ◆ “Sorrow in conception”
- ◆ Relational Challenges
- ◆ The struggle of work.

Three Biblical Approaches to Struggle

1. Struggle is an invitation to trust.

La lucha es una invitación a confiar

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

2 Corinthians
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⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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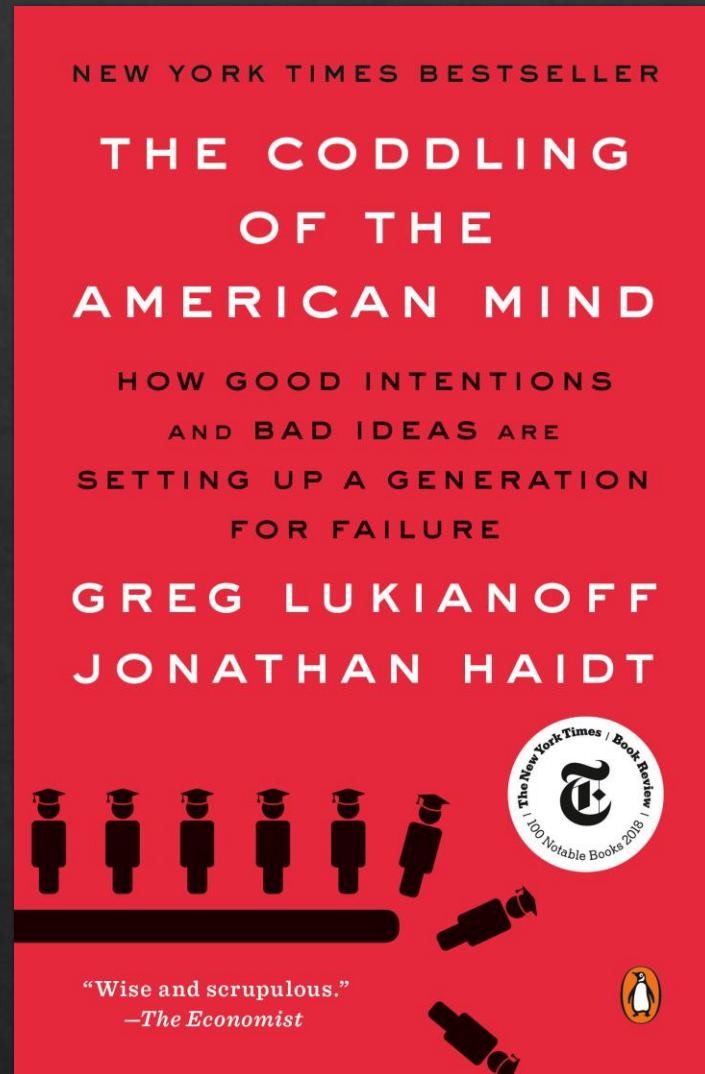
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2. Struggle is an opportunity to grow.

La lucha es una oportunidad para crecer.

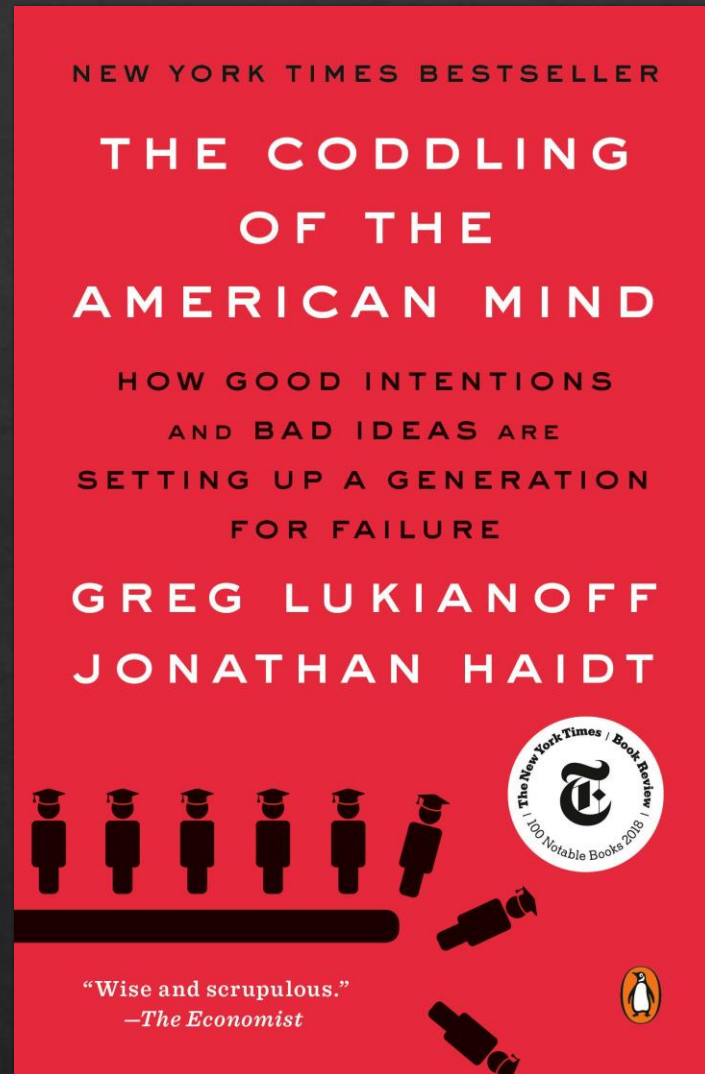
² Count it all joy, my brothers,
when you meet trials of
various kinds, ³ for you know
that the testing of your
faith produces
steadfastness. ⁴ And let
steadfastness have its full
effect, that you may be perfect
and complete, lacking in
nothing.

James 1



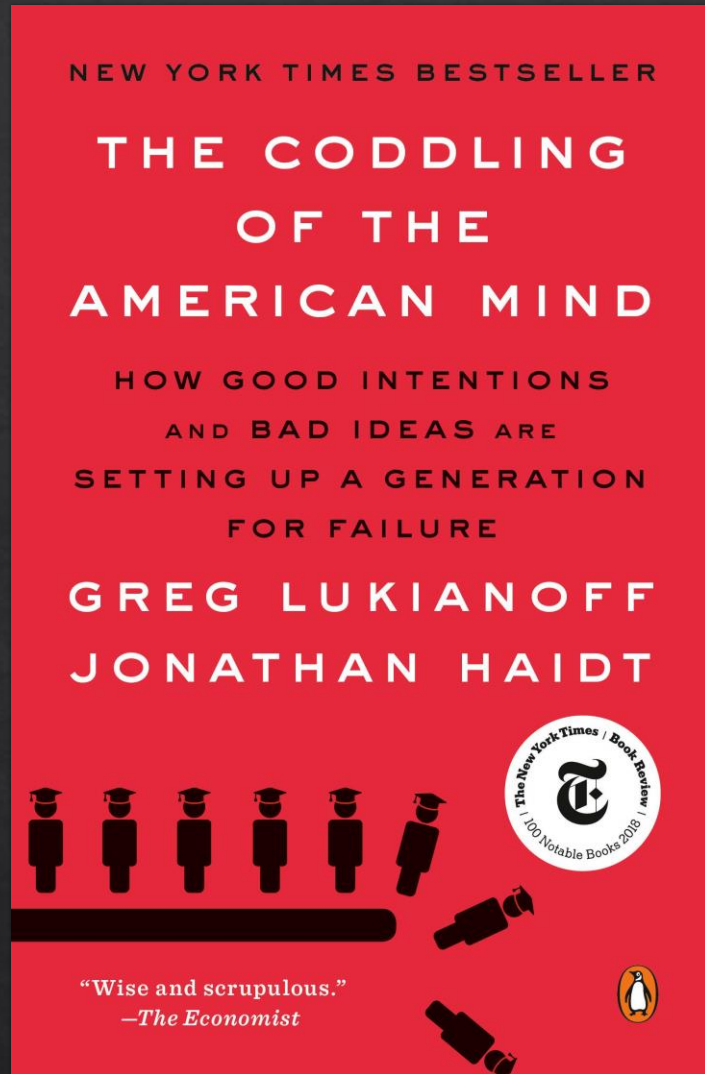
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◇ “From time to time in the years to come, I hope you will be treated unfairly, so that you will come to know the value of justice. I hope that you will suffer betrayal because that will teach you the importance of loyalty. Sorry to say, but I hope you will be lonely from time to time so that you don’t take friends for granted.



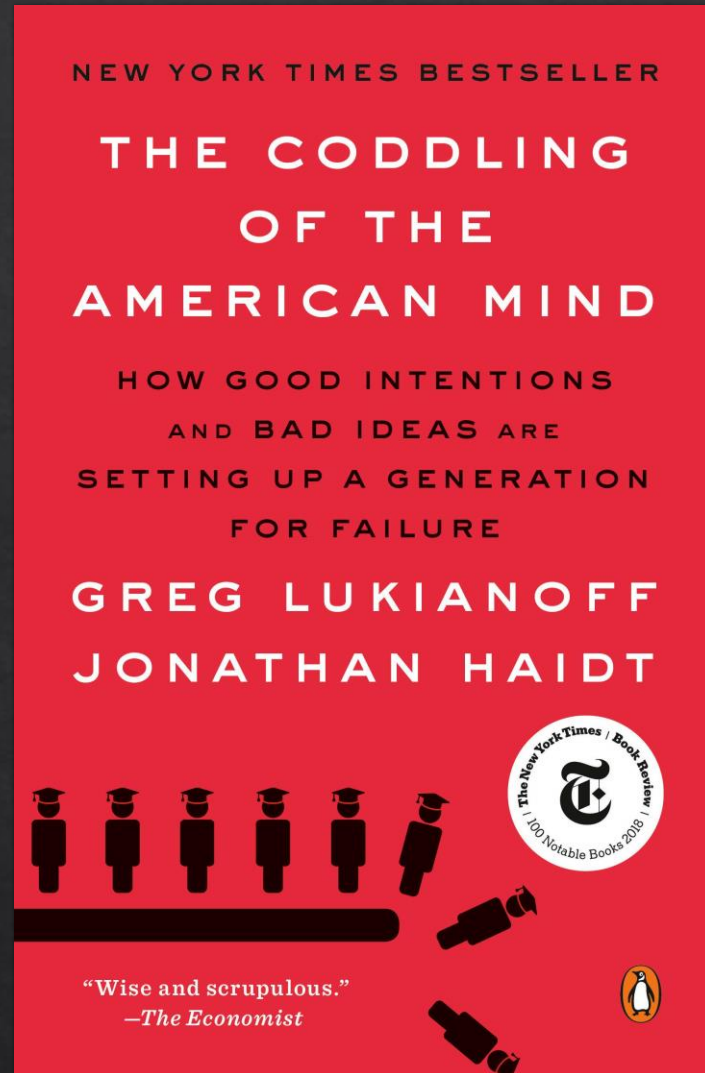
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◇ I wish you bad luck, again, from time to time so that you will be conscious of the role of chance in life and understand that your success is not completely deserved and that the failure of others is not completely deserved either.



Haidt and Lukianoff

◆ And when you lose, as you will from time to time, I hope every now and then, your opponent will gloat over your failure. It is a way for you to understand the importance of sportsmanship. I hope you'll be ignored so you know the importance of listening to others, and I hope you will have just enough pain to learn compassion.



Haidt and Lukianoff

◇ Whether I wish these things or not, they're going to happen. And whether you benefit from them or not will depend upon your ability to see the message in your misfortunes.”

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3. Struggle is a call to return.

La lucha es un llamado a volver.

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