

Frank Herbert's Dune and Humanity

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"I have the power to destroy the spice *forever!*", Paul
Adreides, Muad'Dib, Frank Herbert

The fictional character Paul was speaking to the Spicing Guild after he had taken the Water of Life and completed his transformation into the Kwisatz Haderach. That's a mouthful if there ever was ;) But we're not here to talk about Dune names nor Frank Herbert's profound philosophical wisdom, no. Nor are we here to discuss power and the wisdom required for it. Finally, we're not here to discuss why knowing *when, not if*, to give in a negotiation is the mark of a wise man/woman. We're not here to discuss wisdom, nor power, nor even difficult-to-spell names; *we're here to discuss the **salvation** of humanity.*

Before you go-off on a soap-box shpeal about this or that Christian saint/Jesus/Underdog,



I need to detail a little autobiography relating to Christianity. My friends and family have known me as a Christian for about 53 years. My best life-long friend, [Dimi Sengos](#), knows the truth: I recently had a **positive transformation** into something beyond due to raised awareness and life-experiences. I still have Christian core values; I'm still the same me. I still speak with my 91 year-old mother, Julie Micheal, from a Christian standpoint. You might ask: "So why change?" Fair question and I'll attempt to answer it. I've **always** had the feeling that Christianity was **incomplete**, my whole life. The existence and growing popularity of Islam should also make ANY Christian stop and *really think* about their faith. Finally, I believe positive transformation is THE **core process** of human life.



my daughter, Hope Caballero Micheal, at around 1.5 years

Hope is the *light of my life*; she inspired MANY beautiful things. My mission to the Philippines to make her and nurture her Filipino family is *epic*. But to return to our theme here in this essay, I realized that the *only true salvation* for humanity was NOT Jesus nor any other particular personality/deity; I realized in my all-too-human journey we call life, that only *teamwork and reason together* will save us.

So let's change Dune a little for this application:

I'm Muad'Dib

humanity is the Spacing Guild

and the quote changes to:

"Now that you know the truth of human existence,
what are you gonna do with it?"



one of Dimi's less popular photographs