

## TOD: LOCAL Open Thread - Shopocalypse Edition

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*New Movie ["What Would Jesus Buy" Starring the Rev. Billy](#) Coming to some local theaters*

With Thanksgiving and Black Friday ([or Buy Nothing Day](#)) behind us, I thought it might be nice to let everyone share their experiences over the holidays.

How did you get to your destination? How far did you go and did you carpool, walk or take public transport there? Was there any talk over the table about oil/gas prices or global warming? What's the general feeling around your area about these issues? Did all your relatives and friends get caught up in the shopping madness looking for the best deals on stuff they need?

And, under the fold, as an antidote to the usual Christmas shopping madness, I bring you [The Reverend Billy](#) and the Church of Stop Shopping...

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As promised, here's an antidote to the usual Christmas shopping madness; I bring you [The Reverend Billy](#) and the Church of Stop Shopping...

### *Shopocalypse*

Will you survive the fire? The Shopocalypse, the shopocalypse!  
Can you feel the heat in this shopping list.  
The neighbors fade into the super mall.  
The oceans rise but I – I must buy it all.  
Shopocalypse, Shopocalypse...  
It aint the blues, it's convenience

Will we drive fast all night - to wilderness, into the wilderness!  
Will we die of fright when the logos hiss  
Can we go home, break in our own front door  
The TV stops to hear our insides roar  
Shopocalypse, Shopocalypse...  
It aint the blues, it's convenience

Will a hard rain we pray confuse the darkest gods,  
confuse the darkest gods!  
Did Jesus buy on time to improve his odds  
The brightest lie it screams into the happy face  
The bluest sky betrays, betrays the human race  
Shopocalypse, Shopocalypse...  
It aint the blues, it's convenience

Will we sit down and write a blood-stained hit  
Will stand and fight, to live without it  
We say no, say yes – I'll love one time well

I take it back, not now, it's a hard hard sell  
Shopocalypse, Shopocalypse...  
It aint the blues, it's convenience

### *Beatitudes of Buylessness*

Blessed are the Consumers, for you shall be free from Living By Products.....

Blessed are you who stumble out of branded Main Streets, for you shall find lovers not downloaded and oceans not rising.

Blessed is the ordinary citizen who holds onto a patch of public commons, for you are the New World.

Blessed is the artist who is not corporate sponsored for you shall give birth to warm fronts of emotion and breakthroughs of Peace.

Blessed are you who confuse "Consumerism" with "Freedom," for you shall be delighted to discover the difference.

Blessed are the advertisers and commercial celebrities, for you are waiting for the remarkable restfulness of honesty.

Blessed are city neighborhoods that people have flown from in fear, for your children shall return to illuminate the dark economy.

Blessed are the workers in the supermalls, for the town your employers' killed shall come back to life!

Blessed is the breadwinner with out-sourced dreams who sits in the SUV stuck in a Christmas from Hell, this year a gift will set you free

Blessed are the young women in sweatshops, for the things you make will fly you like magic evening gowns to the City of Light

Blessed are you who disturb the customers, for you might be loving your neighbor.

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