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It’s a blessing, you know
To be unconventional me
Misunderstood, yet admired
Not afraid to put on make-up or play in the mud
Finding a middle ground, indeed
The love in my heart, determination in my mind,
and seed of life in my womb will show—
This Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!

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after years of Catholic school education,
i still cannot escape “God.”
he follows me everywhere i go.
to work, to school,
and into my favorite works of Literature and Philosophy.
i am trying, “Lord” am i trying, to run away
from “Him” or, at least, the idea of “Him”
so i don’t turn into one of those people who follows
“Him” blindly into the horrors of war,
who forgets to live life because i am so concerned with
what happens afterward,
who uses “His” name as a justification to torture, rape,
and kill whole continents of people whose only
crime was failing to build barriers big
enough to keep the white men
OUT.