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Fig. 1. Hieronymus Bosch, Ship of Fools (1490–1500)
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For my parents. Without their support through my illness, this project would not have been possible.
they used brick for stone … they used tar for mortar

Genesis 11:3