

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

As a young Christian I had a problem. The problem I had was concerning the origin of evil. I assumed that since God created all things that exist, he had to be the creator of evil. You could of course say that Satan is the guilty one if you believe there is such an entity. This is what the church taught me. They taught me that God created everything good and that it was Satan who brought evil into Gods creation.

There is however a major problem with this idea. I knew that whatever anyone in Gods creation had done, regardless of whom it might have been, the buck would have to stop with God, because it was God that was responsible for whatever, whoever did because he was the Creator. If I design a building and it's built according to my design and sometime after it's built it collapses who's responsible? No need to for me to answer this question, for the answer is obvious.

Question... could this possibly be the reason why according to the scriptures we are justified by faith? And that even the faith to believe the gospel is given to us by God? *“By grace are you save through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God, not of works least any man should boast.”* Ephesians.

Satan, assuming such a one exists is a creation of God. He would have had to come out of the One just like everyone else. Whatever he did would reflect upon his Creator, just as whatever we do also does.

Whatever I do or have done or will do or whatever anyone else does would reflect upon the Creator. By justifying man, God himself would be justified of any mistake, if indeed there had been a mistake. There has been no mistake! What if he assumed all responsibility for his creation and planned redemption and came into this world and did all he did to rectify what happen out of his love for his creation and his divine integrity? If I have an honest heart I cannot put the blame for the fall on anyone other then the source of all creation, if there were any thing to blame. There isn't!

Hebrews tells me that God found fault with the first covenant and so he established the second. What? Who was it that according to Genesis gave us the first covenant? I won't answer this one either. So Hebrews tells me {putting it into my own words} that after giving the Israelites the law, then realizing they could not keep it established a second covenant. According to what I read this implies that God lacked foresight? Didn't he know the future? Bad translation? Back to

Satan... the scriptures say that at some point after the creation of Satan, that iniquity was found in him.

That I found most interesting, and as a young Christian the question that I had upon reading this is *how* did this “iniquity” get within one that was an issue of God? All creation issued forth from the Creator God, who in turn issued forth from the Absolute, the light that no man can approach unto. Here we have a perfect God who created all that exists and we’re not told how, evil appears within it. This “evil” accounts for the fact that we believed we were sinners. Or is it the other way around? My opinion is the latter. The real sin is my belief in it!

Here’s an interesting thing... God has without any doubt created a perfect universe.

According to Genesis when God created Adam and Eve, Satan was already here. Yet we hear God on the sixth day as he observed all that he had made including man, saying, “very good!” one of the most strongest doctrines in Christianity is that the bible is not only inspired, but that every single word of it is infallible. What I see, is that Christianity has given the bible the place that the indwelling Spirit should have. If I ever so slightly suggest that it was after all, men who wrote it, I am accused of all sorts of things. I would loose a lot of points with most Christians. I was once told by a nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene Oregon that the bible is like a violin, you can play anything tune you want to on it.

I had to agree with her. That’s what’s so neat about it. The scriptures will speak to me on whatever level I’m on. As for the comments I’ve made concerning them, my purpose is never to offend but only to generate thinking along new lines. I’m not for underrating the scriptures nor am I for overrating them, and in terms of overrating them this has been a major problem with Christianity. The typical Christian will often miss something that his spirit {the anointing} would teach him simply because often what is coming to him is contrary to his concept of something the bible is saying.

The Shepherd often reveals things to me that appear contrary to the book. If I reject what the anointing is saying that’s ok. When I create enough crosses due to the un-renewed mind, the humility gained from them is what develops ears to hear what the shepherd is saying. Once I get a real good handle on the shepherds’ voice, I’m on my way to much revelation for then I no longer heed the voice of strangers, for then I know the shepherds voice. It’s that voice that reveals the true nature of God to me.

Once the shepherd reveals the true nature of God to me now, I march to my own drums for now I've seen by revelation that he and I, we are one and not two. "Hearken unto me and I will show thee great and mighty things that thou knowest not," says the scriptures. Once I've heard the voice of the Son of God I'm on my way to those things that Paul spoke of when he wrote, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard neither has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for them that love him." I used to read books written by Walter Lanyon. I recall when I had just begun to read his books I was very offended by a comment he made concerning the bible.

He spoke of graduating from the little A B C book when referring to the bible. It was hammered into my head as it usually is in the church that the bible is Gods infallible word and so every single word of it is straight from the mouth of God. I was also taught that it was Gods up to date revelation and that there is no more revelation and that the bible is all there is. This might be true if God were dead but that's not the case. Gods revelation runs throughout the scriptures and as I grow more and more of it is revealed to me.

There was a time when I practically threw out the entire book, because a lot of revelation that was coming to me was in opposition to it. I was faithful to the revelation. It would be more accurate to say I had no choice concerning what I was being taught. None of us wake up one morning and say oh... I think I'll believe this now, and this, and this, and I'll reject this, and this, etc. NO!! Life is the teacher! Here's how I see that it works... in my ignorance of the truth, I create crosses. The crosses I create tend to correct my thinking, or at least prepare me for a deeper understanding. To me, it's really pretty simple. There are noxious weeds growing within the subconscious. They were planted there by my parents, by my culture, by my peers, by the media, by mass consciousness, by all the information that my five senses have taken in all the years I've lived.

I'm reminded of something Jesus is recorded as saying in one of the Gospels. He said... "Every plant that my Heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up." There is a verse in Jeremiah that says "Thine own wickedness {ignorance} shall correct thee." There are no mistakes in Gods perfect creation. What seems like a mistake is an opportunity for learning. None of the comments I've made here were intended to offend anyone. All I've written was only food for thought, nothing else.

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