



The gods of darkness vs. the Savior of eternal light.

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A fun one for a change, my brethren!

A new friend of ours, Steve, sent me an e-book that I've been parousing that had a clip in it that I had never heard before, and I realized that it fit in perfectly with something I had been saying to people in response to their atheist-style complaint of a similar ilk.

I think every single one of you will love the little story that I've copied from our friend's book, and I'll summarize how it fits in with how we should all be responding to such people in these worsening times afterwards, Here's the story, and said to be a true story by the way:

In a College classroom, an atheist professor of philosophy says to his students, 'Let me explain the problem science has with religion.'

He then asks one of his new students to stand. 'You're a Christian, aren't you, son?'

'Yes sir,' the student says.

'So you believe in God?'

'Absolutely. '

'Is God good?'

'Sure! God's good.'

'Is God all-powerful? Can God do anything?'

'Yes'

'Are you good or evil?'

'The Bible says I'm evil.'

The professor grins knowingly. 'Aha! The Bible!'

He considers for a moment. 'Here's one for you. Let's say there's a sick person over here and you can cure him. Would you do it?'

'Yes sir, I would.'

'So you're good!'

'I wouldn't say that.'

'But why not say that? You'd help a sick and maimed person if you could. Most of us would if we could. But God doesn't.'

The student does not answer, so the professor continues. 'He doesn't, does he? My brother was a Christian who died of cancer, even though he prayed to Jesus to heal him. How is this Jesus good? Can you answer that one?' The student remains silent.

'No, you can't, can you?' the professor says. He takes a sip of water from a glass on his desk to give the student time to relax. 'Let's start again, young fella. Is God good?'

'Er yes,' the student says.

'Is Satan good?'

The student doesn't hesitate on this one. 'No.'

'Then where does Satan come from?'

The student falters. 'From God'

'That's right. God made Satan, didn't he? Tell me, son. Is there evil in this world?'

'Yes, sir.'

'Evil's everywhere, isn't it? And God did make everything, correct?'

'Yes'

'So who created evil?' The professor continued, 'If God created everything, then God created evil, since evil exists, and according to the principle that our works define who we are, then God is evil.' Again, the student has no answer.

'Is there sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible things, do they exist in this world?'

The student squirms on his feet. 'Yes.'

'So who created them?'

The student does not answer again, so the professor repeats his question. 'Who created them?' There is still no answer. Suddenly the lecturer breaks away to pace in front of the classroom. The class is mesmerized. 'Tell me,' he continues onto another student. 'Do you believe in Jesus Christ, son?' The student's voice betrays him and cracks. 'Yes, professor, I do.'

The old man stops pacing. 'Science says you have five senses you use to identify and observe the world around you. Have you ever seen Jesus?'

'No sir. I've never seen Him.'

'Then tell us if you've ever heard your Jesus?'

'No, sir, I have not.'

'Have you ever felt your Jesus, tasted your Jesus or smelled your Jesus? Have you ever had any sensory perception of Jesus Christ, or God for that matter?'

'No, sir, I'm afraid I haven't.'

'Yet you still believe in him?'

'Yes'

'According to the rules of empirical, testable, demonstrable protocol, science says your God doesn't exist. What do you say to that, son?'

'Nothing,' the student replies. 'I only have my faith.'

'Yes, faith,' the professor repeats. 'And that is the problem science has with God. There is no evidence, only faith.'

The student stands quietly for a moment, before asking a question of His own.

'Professor, is there such thing as heat?'

'Yes.'

'And is there such a thing as cold?'

'Yes, son, there's cold too.'

'No sir, there isn't.'

The professor turns to face the student, obviously interested. The room suddenly becomes very quiet.

The student begins to explain. 'You can have lots of heat, even more heat, super-heat, mega-heat, unlimited heat, white heat, a little heat or no heat, but we don't have anything called 'cold'. We can hit down to 458 degrees below zero, which is no heat, but we can't go any further after that. There is no such thing as cold; otherwise we would be able to go colder than the lowest -458 degrees. Every object or body is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-458 F) is the total absence of heat.

You see, sir, cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We cannot measure cold. Heat we can measure in thermal units because heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat sir, just the absence of it.'

Silence across the room. A pen drops somewhere in the classroom, sounding like a hammer.

'What about darkness professor; is there such a thing as darkness?'

'Yes,' the professor replies without hesitation. 'What is night if it isn't darkness?'

'You're wrong again, sir. Darkness is not something; it is the absence of something. You can have low

light, normal light, bright light, flashing light, but if you have no light, you have nothing, but we call it darkness, don't we? That's the word we use to define the absence of light. In reality, darkness isn't. If it were, you would be able to make darkness darker, wouldn't you?

The professor begins to smile at the student in front of him. This will be a good semester.

'So what point are you making, young man?'

'Yes, professor, my point is, your philosophical premise is flawed to start with, and so your conclusion must also be flawed.'

The professor's face cannot hide his surprise this time. 'Flawed? Can you explain how?'

'You are working on the premise of duality,' the student explains. 'You argue that there is life and then there's death; a good God and a bad God. You are viewing the concept of God as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, science can't even explain a thought.' 'It uses electricity and magnetism, which neither have ever been seen, much less fully understood. To view death as the opposite of life is to be ignorant of the fact that death cannot exist as a substantive thing. Death is not the opposite of life, just the absence of it.' 'Now tell me, professor, do you teach your students that they evolved from a monkey?'

'If you are referring to the natural evolutionary process, young man, yes, of course I do.'

'Have you ever observed evolution with your own eyes, sir?' The professor begins to shake his head, still smiling, as he realizes where the argument is going; a very good semester, indeed.

'Since no one has ever observed the process of evolution at work and cannot even prove that this process is an on-going endeavor, are you not teaching your opinion, sir? Are you now not a scientist, but a preacher?'

The class is in uproar. The student remains silent until the commotion has subsided.

'To continue the point you were making earlier to the other student, let me give you an example of what I mean.' The student looks around the room. 'Is there anyone in the class who has ever seen the professor's brain?' The class breaks out into laughter. 'Is there anyone here who has ever heard the professor's brain, felt the professor's brain, touched or smelt the professor's brain? No one appears to have done so. So, according to the established rules of empirical, stable, demonstrable protocol, science says that you have no brain, with all due respect, sir.' 'So if science says you have no brain, how can we trust your lectures, sir?'

Now the room is silent. The professor just stares at the student, his face unreadable. Finally, after what seems an eternity, the old man answers. 'I guess you'll have to take them on faith.'

'Now, you accept that there is faith, and in fact, faith exists with life,' the student continues. 'Now, sir, is there such a thing as evil?'

Now uncertain, the professor responds, 'Of course, there is. We see it every day. It is in the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil.'

To this the student replied, 'Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light.'

The professor sat down.

PS: the student was Albert Einstein

How refreshing that was to hear!! I had never heard that exchange before! I loved it! Thanks Steve!

The further I got through that, the more I realized that it was very similar to the way I answer people's questions about why there is so much evil in our world.

Many many times over the years, and especially more so now in these horrendous times, I have gotten

questions like, "How can there be a loving God with all of this evil in our world!?", or... "Why would your wonderful God let all of this happen to us if He's so loving?", and questions along those lines, and as you might expect, I've answered such questions before in articles and emails many times over those years with as much success as could be expected in such apostate times as these, but...

Not unlike our young student's response above, the answer is essentially the same. We have been given a choice to help put light into darkness, warmth into cold, and good into places of evil, by inviting the God that can provide those things, into our lives. With such a mind as Mr. Einstein backing my basic premise, I can now say with more confidence, that when you shut the door on light, darkness fills the room. When you shut the door on the warmth of God, the room gets bitter cold, and when you shut the door on YHWH's ways of love, evil then fills the room.

Now the way I have always said it prior, was to say that we have kicked YHWH [God] out of our world, where, because He IS a loving and a just God that keeps His word, He must live up to His word. And that word was to not interfere in the lives of those who do not want Him in their lives, families, or nations.

Neither warmth (peace), light (wisdom), or love (an indescribable joy that, when working properly, works in all directions) can be present in any place in the universe that YHWH has been (shall we say...) "unwelcomed". There is no such thing as evil, but the absence of love, etc. And when we have kicked this loving, just, and warm God and His laws of love and justice out of our lives and nation, and instead live our lives alternately (and this means even if just partly), by the gods of darkness and their laws, He is restricted **by His own writings** (until judgment day) to allow us, both individually and/or as a society, to remain "God-free" as we have publicly made it known our choices. (Ref: " *if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*" -Romans 10:9, emphasis mine; meaning an oath, which today can also be a signature, etc, so long as it is a publicly recognized declaration of one's allegiance)

Therefore, if He calls us to seek Him, it means that there must be an absence of Him (and His qualities) in our lives until we do, make sense? This is why He can't even do anything for the thousands of babies slaughtered in abortions every day, because we are all "signed" or publicly professed to, and thereby "marked" citizens (supporters) of, another kingdom altogether other than His own. A true King should not meddle with the lives of those in another kingdom of their choosing, agreed? And YHWH is a fair and just KING of kings that will not interfere in even the most crucial matters with those who have chosen another KING (god) and kingdom. (This includes His stance of promisorily staying out of ALL of our issues, even including the abortion/slaughter of our nation's most innocent lives, see more in this link on infanticide:

<http://www.bcmin.us/articles/infanticide-in-america>)

In America and many other parts of the world today, people have kicked Him, His ways of love, His ways of justice, and His ways of peace, out of our courts, out of our schools, out of our businesses, our families, homes and even our churches. We have replaced Him in every way imaginable, and then arrogantly wonder why He doesn't come and help us when we find ourselves in such cold, unloving darkness as we find ourselves in today.

How many of us are returning to a full trust and welcome of Him in these times, and how many are still yet only halfway through that door, with one half of us in His light, peace, and love, and the other half still in that very same world of darkness that we cry that we want rescued from?

As I mentioned in the KING of kings series, and the part that I found had so happily fit the way Mr. Einstein had put his own defense, but to now take it one step further in this little snippet: Evil is not a

tangible "thing". Evil is just the name that we give to the absence of good or lovingkindness, which attributes can only come from the heart of a loving God, namely YHWH. Whereby love does not, nor can not, exist in any creatures, places, or societies in the universe without YHWH's Spirit to give that love to those who will use it properly, ourselves as mankind included.

I pray that all who welcome Him with the whole of their hearts may be warmed, brightened, and loved by His true presense!

-dwaine

Blessings to all who want HIS kingdom come!