



The Hiddenness of God

Re: "A Civil Blog Conversation"

THE DISCUSSION IS THE SAME as it always has been and always is being repeated ad infinitum. It is impossible to find common ground with agnostics and atheistic human ethicists this way. The reason is that Christians always assume that God is like a human being and intervenes now and then. The fact, according to the Bible and sheer reason, is:

- 1) God is always there, and by his all-mighty power and omnipotence continually controls everything, from the nuclear particles to the mightiest galaxy hosts, from eternity to eternity.
- 2) He is not a human being, but a spirit, according to Jesus (John 4:24). A spirit is not a person. That the trinity doctrine does say something else is not necessarily a truth.
- 3) When things happen, they are in the Bible partly described as an act of God, and partly as an act of Satan. This is confusing, if God is considered as a real person and characterized as a human being, and not as a spirit. A spirit is an abstraction.
- 4) God exists inside our heads, and has no effect on our spiritual and ethical thinking outside of us.

Richard Dawkins accuses us of being victims of an illusion. He calls it "The God Illusion." I say, OK! Everything we see, hear, and perceive is subjective; even colors do not exist outside our heads, but they are real enough for us. Objectively, they are different wavelengths of light, and the beautiful colors are created inside our brains, so they are in fact divine "illusions."

So it is with everything. Immanuel Kant has taught us something of this phenomenon. I will not go into details on that, because I believe that the partakers in the discussion have read Kant already and know this. This is also completely according to Jesus in Luke 17:21, "The kingdom of God is within you." To be a Christian is a choice and a decision, and entails a continuous and living connection with God within oneself and one's fellow human beings.

Atheists, agnostics, and secular ethicists often accuse Christians of not being able to answer the question of why God does not intervene against evil in the world. The question is in fact meaningless because they do not believe that God is a person like human beings; but Christians do. But not all Christians believe that God is a Superman who does not need to follow the laws of nature. Even the laws of nature are unbreakable, according to Jeremiah 32:35–37, etc., and modern science. As long as a medieval dogma is insisted upon in the church, secular ethicists and traditional Christians shall never be able to have meaningful discussions on this vital and painful problem.

Greetings,

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