

DEFORMED, RETARDED, FAMINE-STRICKEN CHILDREN

This is a common question posed by atheists, as well as multitudes of people who confess belief in God: "If God is just and merciful, why does he afflict innocent children?" Obviously, these people do not understand that Satan is solely responsible for such calamities; they reflect Satan's incompetence as a designated temporary ruler of this world. Satan is trying very hard to make his kingdom, this world, perfect, but he just can't do it. And this is the whole idea. His ancient claim that he can be an independent "god" is exposed as a lie. God never inflicts an atom's weight of injustice (4:40).

To comprehend the role of deformed, retarded, and/or children who starve to death, we must go back in history all the way to "The Great Feud in the Heavenly Society" (38:69). Billions of years ago, there was God and His creatures. Death had not yet been created (67:2), and everything was just perfect. Then, one creature became infatuated with his God-given powers and entertained the thought that he can run a dominion as an independent "god." This triggered varied opinions among God's creatures. As illustrated in Figure 1, the vast vast majority of God's creatures knew that Satan's supercilious thought was blasphemous, that it was due to arrogance, ego, and ignorance.

THE ANGELS

The creatures who disagreed with Satan and upheld God's absolute authority became classified as "angels." Their number is so huge, only God knows their number. Even the angels do not know how many of them there are (see Figure 1).



Figure 1: The white area represents the creatures who disagreed with Satan (angels). The shaded area represents the creatures who agreed with Satan.



Figure 2: The grey area represents the creatures who denounced their crime and submitted (animals, children). The black area: the stubborn criminals

THE MOST MERCIFUL

The angels suggested that the rebels (Satan and those who agreed with him) should be exiled from God's kingdom, i.e., thrown in Hell. But the Most Merciful told the angels, "I know what you do not know" (2:30). God willed that all the rebels should be given a chance to reconsider their blasphemy and repent. God knew that some of the rebels were possibly swept in the crowd, and deserved another chance. We see this second chance in 33:72. Thus, those who refused to repent and submit to God's absolute authority are the worst criminals.

THE SUN, THE MOON, THE STARS, THE TREES, THE ANIMALS, & THE CHILDREN

If you look up 55:6, you will see that "The stars and the trees prostrate." When Almighty God, the Most Gracious, Most Merciful offered the criminals a second

chance, the vast majority of them agreed to repent. In return for agreeing to come to this world in a submissive function, they are redeemed back to God's kingdom. When you and I were asked to repent, kill our egos, and come to this world as horses, or dogs, or deformed children, we refused. That was a stupid mistake on the part of most humans (33:72). Thus, the afflicted children are luckier than millions of "physically perfect" humans. They perform the function of testing and/or punishing their parents, then go on to Heaven.



WE DECLARED WAR ON GOD NOW WE MUST REPENT AND ATONE

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The Quran informs us that the "great feud in the Heavenly Community" (38:69) was a "Great Event." Indeed it is the most significant event in our existence, period. To fully understand the purpose of our life in this world, we need to study that great feud, and put it in the right perspective.

Let Us Face It

Billions of years ago, when Satan promised a better place than God's and more power, all humans and jinns went to war against God and His angels, with Satan as our commander-in-chief. There was, thus, a physical battle; we actually fought against God on Satan's side. God,

being God Almighty, overpowered us most efficiently and took us all as P.O.W.s (prisoners of war). He could have destroyed us, burnt us in Hell eternally — any of these ends would have been quite appropriate, since we had failed to uphold His absolute authority. The angels expected Him to do exactly that. They were shocked that He could give these traitors another chance (2:30).

God gave us another chance because He knew that some of us rebels were swept with the crowd, but really, truly believed in Him. He willed to save those among us who deserved another chance.

I have written about this is to remind us of the horrendous crime that we committed. Most people think (when & if they think) that their fault was quietly believing that Satan could be a god. They do not have any recollection that they physically did battle with God and His angels on the side of Satan.

Therefore, we need to wake up, realize our mistake, and spend every minute of our lives asking God for forgiveness, thanking Him, and imploring Him for mercy. We should constantly and actively strive with our lives and our money in His cause, in order to be redeemed.

Mohamedans Question God's Wisdom in Sending A Consolidating Messenger

"The Message" (Journal of the Islamic Circle of North America) of December 89 has published an article by Omar Afzal titled "What Islam Says About Prophethood" (Page 23). Although Mr. Afzal did not say that the Prophet Muhammad was the "Final Messenger," the magazine's editor could not resist the tragic human tendency to bestow finality of messengership (40:34): he added a subtitle stating that the Prophet Muhammad was also "The Final Messenger."

The Quranic truth is that God's Messenger of the Covenant is very clearly prophesied in 3:81; he is commissioned by Almighty God to purify all the scriptures, including the Quran, and to consolidate and unify all religions under the banner of worshipping God ALONE. From 33:7, we learn that the Prophet Muhammad was not God's Messenger of the Covenant. God has provided overwhelming Quranic and physical evidence spelling out the name of God's Messenger of the Covenant as "Rashad Khalifa." Anyone who rejects these Quranic truths is no longer a Muslim (3:82-91).

Obviously Mr. Omar Afzal did a good job researching his subject. This is why he reiterated the Quranic truth that the Prophet Muhammad was the Final Prophet (33:40). He was the final prophet because he delivered the final scripture. The same verse (33:40) tells us that Muhammad was not the final messenger.

Why Another Messenger Now?

The editor of "The Message" rejects the idea of sending a messenger after Muhammad, and the article writer, Omar Afzal indicates that since the Prophet Muhammad delivered the Final Scripture, the Quran, there is no need for another messenger! He thus questions God's wisdom.

THE FACTS

Our Creator's decision is to send a consolidating messenger after all the prophets have come to this world and have delivered all the scriptures (3:81).

No one can deny this Quranic fact and continue to claim that he or she is a believer in the Quran.

A true submitter, a true Muslim, would look at the matter from the basic conviction that God will send His Messenger of the Covenant to purify and consolidate all the scriptures. The true Muslim would ask: "When will God's Messenger of the Covenant arrive? What does he look like? What is his name? How am I going to recognize him? How can I support him and participate in his sacred mission? Will I be fortunate enough to be one of his contemporaries, or associates?"

DO WE NEED A MESSENGER?

Omar Afzal questioned God's wisdom when he stated that we do not need a messenger after the Prophet Muhammad. Since we have the Quran, perfectly preserved, we no longer need a messenger, he thought.

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But a careful, or even a not-so-careful look at the Muslims, proves that everything they do is wrong. Therefore, if they continue to practice the corrupted religion they inherited from their ancestors, they will positively end up in Hell. Do we not need a messenger? The Most Merciful, out of His immense mercy, grace, and infinite wisdom has willed that a messenger should come now to save us from Hell. The last few issues of SP have pointed out in detail that the Muslims are doing everything contrary to the Quran: their ablution, Salat, Zakat, fasting, & Hajj are all wrong. We need a messenger.

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