

On the Existence of God and the Need for Salvation

I have read with interest the letters written to this newspaper by P.P. and those who sought to oppose his (or her) views. While I have no great desire to become embroiled in this argument (I'm a lover not a fighter!), I'd like to lay a few facts on the line which might provide food for thought for the parties involved in this dispute and any others who might be interested.

First, let me say that in unearthing these facts I have come full circle from full-fledged Christian Believer to near atheist back to Believer. The journey has been difficult

at times but I fell that I am a better person for having made it and I can't say that I have any regrets. I will not, for the sake of brevity, go into all details of the journey for, this is not necessary. Yes, I was a Believer and Candidate for the Christian Ministry. Then my world collapsed in a nervous breakdown and this made it necessary for me to examine every aspect of the ruins in order to decide what I should include and what I should disregard during the necessary rebuilding process which has followed. Consequently, my Christian beliefs have undergone much scrutiny. Why? Simply because although my life has not cha-

nged radically there have been certain factors which have been introduced, some of which have made this re-examination necessary. If I attempt to go into detail I'll be here all night and since I don't wish to use all the paper's space I'll be vague.

Point one: Man has two basic natures good and evil which are contained in his total personality and are so inextricably related that although each may dominate the other, neither can exclude the other or be free from the influence of the other. You might argue, as I have for some time, that good and evil are moral labels based on a belief in a particular moral code i.e. Christianity. Okay. But

then the only other labels which I could come up with to describe these two parts of man's personality were selfish in place of evil and less selfish in place of good. However, this would then mean that the essence of man's total consciousness would be selfishness. Since I have never met a person who is totally selfish or self-centered and since fields such as psychology and sociology show man to be a social animal, the idea that the essence of a man's consciousness is selfishness, is a fallacy. So, good and evil prevail.

Point two: As a result of the existence of both good and evil being a part of his personality man is involved in a conflict of interest which he can't get himself out of. This point is indisputable. If we accept this situation as fact we can avoid becoming burdened with feelings of guilt about evil we do and hence we remain psychologically healthy, so you may say what's the harm? The harm lies in the fact that if we are free to drift from good to evil, and we are, then we can have no real purpose in our life. For, we will act, think, and speak according to whichever part of our personality is dominant at any given time. We can't deny the existence of good and evil in our personality but we can't serve ourselves from the influence of evil or good because the only way we could do this would be to deny the existence of one or the other. This would result in a conflict which could destroy our sanity. Where do we turn? Indeed is there any solution? Can we indeed rise above this conflict of interest?

Point three: The ultimate proof that there is a Saviour is evidenced by the fact that there are people in the world who have overcome the conflict of interest and have proven it by persuing ways of life which they could not have persued had they not been above this conflict of interest. Jesus is the best example of this for, although the conflict within Himself was great he was able to rise above it through the power he received from God and He did what He had to do. We too can have access to this same power if only we confess our inability to save ourselves, and Believe. There you have it in a nut shell!


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Moral: Don't hold out for the impossible dream.

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