

The Philosophy of Contradiction

F O son! Is there anything new?

S Yes Dad! I've thought too much about the purpose proof, which we talked about... I've tried the a question "why", but that led me to many questions, which I couldn't find answers to, and I fear that I would disturb you by asking you for more explanation.

F No, it's not disturbing at all. Ask whatever you want and don't hesitate.

S So, Dad... Why has God created both Heaven and Hell and didn't create Heaven only? Why have He created pain, evil, death, disasters and disease? Why have He created tyrants, wicked people to hurt innocent and weak people?

F Do you know son, that you've answered your questions in your question unintentionally?

S How is that, father?

F You said: why were the Heaven and Hell created? You also said: why were evil, tyrants, diseases and disasters created? Didn't you?...

S Yes Dad! This is the question, which preoccupied my mind recently.

F OK! Let me describe the problem or the problems on condition that you fully pay attention to what I say.

S I'm attentively listening now, my dear father.

F First of all, listen to the following poem and memorize it by heart:

*If there was no ugly, there would be no beauty
If there was no imperfection, there would be no perfection.*

S Yes Dad! I've memorized it. It's easy-to-memorize, but what do you mean? Or what do you want to

convey by this poem? It's a nice verse of poetry.

F Of course! Don't you believe that if all the ladies were beautiful and charming to the same extent, there would be nothing called beautiful on the Earth at all and there would be no beautiful and charming lady!

S How is that, Dad? Let me think... Yes!... Right! If all the ladies were beautiful... Or, if there were no ugly (or less attractive) lady, none would be more beautiful or beautiful at all...

F Exactly! If, say, blue eyes were beautiful and all ladies on Earth had blue eyes, there would be no preference for having blue eyes over those who have black eyes (or vice versa). The same rules apply for height, nimbleness, countenance, nose or any other feature that is beautiful in a human body.

S Yes, if all ladies were beautiful, there would be no meaning for beauty at all.

F On the other hand, ugliness makes beauty beautiful... Also, imperfection means that there should be perfection, shouldn't it?

S But Dad! What is the fault of a poor one who is ugly or less beautiful?

F She has no error... The reward will be given in the hereafter, when she will be granted with the most beautiful eyes. That is if she takes good care of her role and submits to God's will... On the other hand, other ladies who are proud of their beauty [insulting other less beautiful ladies, directly or indirectly] will be given ugly eyes or less attractive eyes in the hereafter. It's on that Day, justice will be applied, when each one will be held responsible for their conduct, intentions and activities... There would be no injustice, oppression or impartiality...

S Yes! It's correct philosophy... and the same rule applies to those who are brave, noble, generous etc... we can say that: if there was no greediness, there would be no generosity; also if there was no cowardice, there would be no bravery; similarly, there would be no nobility, if there was no lowness... the same logic continues for all contradictions...

One poet said:

Antithesis unveils the mask from its antithesis

It's with contradictions that things are distinguished

F So it's the battle of noble antithesis to unmask the imperfection from perfection and ugliness from beauty... Human beings are happy with this unveiling process. By this process, they feel proud if they are worthy of real success, not a false success or pretension.

The same rule applies for the rest of imperfections and

pains... an hour of patience could result in years of happiness and pleasure... Everything could be

endured if compared with another thing which has superior value. So disease is a way to have a better health; danger is a way to have better appreciation of security; recognizing the necessity of existence of these diseases for employing doctors, chemists and nurses and the necessity of buying clothes to have textile companies functioning; the perishable property of plants and absorption of nutrients enables agriculture to live and grow, bear fruits etc.

The demolition of the old gives birth to the new which takes over. This process continues in all aspects of life. If the laws were not so, life would not function in way we are familiar with. Then there would be no meaning to death, pleasure, hope, wonder, taste and surprising events...

S Tell me more, Dad! Your speech is nice and the talk about philosophy is more interesting...

F O son! The subject of contradiction, ugliness and beauty is so wide that a mind can easily scout through and hardly touch that concept. It's from there that the philosophy of Heaven and Hell came... or the world and hereafter. Without the difficulties of worldly life, we won't be able to taste the pleasure of the hereafter... if there was no hereafter and Heaven, life would be completely meaningless.

The existence of this two-sided concept (that is ugliness and beauty; Heaven, life and Hell; world and hereafter) has a very useful meaning. The taste of, say, fresh water is known; the taste of hunger; the pleasure of sleeping; the suffering of thirst; the pleasure of being healthy and so forth can be experienced when there is its opposite...

How pleasant is sleep after spending many hours without sleep, and how pleasant is fresh water when feeling very thirsty.

S God bless you, Dad!

If there were no black eyes, then blue eyes would not look beautiful!

F Maybe on the contrary... If there were no blue eyes, then black eyes would not seem beautiful; if there were neither, then yellow eyes would not have seemed beautiful and vice versa. So ugliness is relative as well as beauty...

The son went on repeating the following verses of poetry in rhythm:

S *If there was no ugliness, there would be no beauty.*

If there was no imperfection, there would be no perfection.

Thank you, for these nice verses of poetry, wise proverbs and rational philosophy.

F It's better to say: Thanks God for His high Wisdom, beautiful creation and magnificent Will...

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