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THE VICTIMISER AND THE VICTIM

Conflicts

Only Homo Sapiens know of hatred.

Other life-forms kill, for the most part, in order to ensure that their territories remain inviolate against all incursions by other, deemed to be unwanted life-forms; in order to copulate with select female partners so as to pass on their genes and, by so doing, ensure procreation of their species and, as such, proscribe others the same or equal opportunities so to do within their determined realm and, especially, with a temporary selected partner; and, as Nature determines, to obtain adequate sustenance.

The word, 'hatred', prejudiced hostility and/or animosity, is not found in 'Words and Phrases Legally Defined', in 'Black's Law Dictionary' or, for that matter, in any other compilation in printed versions of any attempts to define the term as a means to be a guide in matters of a legal mien.

But hatred is a well-accepted concept, said to be present in all Homo Sapiens to a greater or lesser degree.

Hatred, only too often, leads to extreme acts of violence between members of this primate species; and violence has the ability to take life, willy-nilly, nolens volens.

All of the above are, for the most part, well known and are said to be well understood, with or without the requirement to consult to reference books and/or a lexicon.

But, in all members of societies that live upon this planet, when discovery does not satisfy their requirements, then they tend to turn to fabrication.

A society is defined, generally, as a group of people, in which they share a common or similar goals, in which there is an interaction between members; and, an acceptability in respect of codified rules of behaviour.

With regard to 'made-up' concepts – such as the existence of a god(s), angels, demons, bogeymen, Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, etc – many have come to be acceptable, especially the idea that there 'is' an almighty 'God' that has been responsible for the

creation of the entire world, in which all manner of life-forms live and share the Godgiven bounties of the earth.

When a clergyman/clergywoman asks a question to one of his/her flock, the wrong answer could well result in him/her, taking to task the flock's member who did not give that which the clergyman/clergywoman determined was the correct reply to the interlocutor's query.

If the member of the flock, asks the clergyman/clergywoman, by means of an antithesis:

'But you have always taught us, all, that God is all-love! Is that not correct?'

To such an utterance, there are well-known (all too often, simply trite) replies that have been ingrained into the thinking of all those who are empowered to talk with authority on matters in relation to the teachings of monotheism, replies that have come down through the ages and, should the interlocutor display non-acceptance to the stock reply(ies), then a clergyman/clergywoman can always fall back on the cliché:

'I shall pray for you!'

It is noted – though rarely admitted openly by clergymen/clergywomen, who habitually don the traditional 'uniform', signifying that they are sufficiently learned on matters of (monotheistic) religions to lead whomsoever they select to expound the true meaning of the 'word', as it is written in holiest of holy books – that God and his son, Jesus, (the latter-named came to earth to save mankind) are, indeed, should they determine to make themselves recognisable in human form, anthropological.

Jesus, according to the St James's version of the Holy Bible, was made of flesh and blood; he was said to have been the birth child of a virgin Jewess.

And, it is accepted that Jesus must have been a Jew, by birth, according to Jewish reasoning: He could not have been born a Christian.

However, Jesus, according to monotheists, far and wide – with the lone exception of devout members of the Jewish faith – is the rightful and only son of God.

Rabbis maintain that they await the arrival of the (real) Messiah, according to the Torah, the promised deliverer of the Jewish Nation.

What About Satan!

If man's current belief that an all-powerful force – God – had been responsible for the creation of the earth, as well as all the creatures that roams it, then what about Satan?

One has seen, in nearly every Christian Church, the world over, alabaster and/or wooden images or paintings that are said to depict Jesus, having been crucified at the behest of Pontius Pilatus, the Roman Prefect of Judaea (26–36 C.E.), who presided at the trial of Jesus and, ultimately, gave the order for his crucifixion.

A Roman soldier, it is written in the St. James's version of the Bible, hastened the death of Jesus by stabbing him with a spear in the stomach, or the lower abdominal area of the accused's torso, as he suffered, pinned, as Jesus was, to his wooden cross by iron nails, hammered into his hands and feet so that, as one would be left to believe, to help to cause the accused to bleed to death.

How should one evaluate, or try to estimate, the nature of the act of that alleged Roman soldier?

Was it, at the rescript of Satan, who urged the Roman soldier to carry out Satan's command: Stab ... stab ... stab!

Or was it Jesus's 'father', who did not want his son to suffer unnecessarily, and, as a consequence, he caused the Roman soldier to hasten the earthly death of his son?

Satan, the Devil, Lucifer, Shaitan, Iblis, and a multitude of other names, all of which suggest a force that is completely evil, as is defined by modern-day laws that make the determination of that which is right, in accordance with existing statutes, and that which is wrong, being contrary to statutes as they are written.

In some societies, today, acts are either contrary to, or in accordance with the teachings of the monotheistic God of Abraham.

With regard to Abraham, he is the common patriarch of the Abrahamic religions, including Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

In Judaism, Abraham is the Founding Father of the special relationship between the Jews and God.

In Christianity, Abraham is the spiritual progenitor of all believers, be they Jewish or gentile.

In Islam, Abraham is a link in the chain of prophets that begins with Adam and culminates with Muhammad.

While effigies of Jesus adorn churches, round the world, there has never been concocted any attempt to present an effigy of Satan.

That must be so, that while Jesus and God are taken to be in the form of anthropological likenesses of Homo Sapiens, in accordance with their limited mental visions, in respect of Satan, and suchlike, man has trouble in depicting likenesses of these figments of imagination.

This must have been a popular (and, perhaps, convenient) oversight of Homo Sapiens of days of yore because, amongst other things, there is no concept in the mind of this species that roam the world that is anything close to the image of an anthropological representation of evil: The term, evil, has no known form other than that which abides in man's very deficient imagination.

No other life-form has ever attempted to depict the all-giving/all-loving/all-powerful anthropological image of a god or, of its opposite number: A Satan, a cacodemonic, egregious, flagitious, facinorous entity.

Evil, one is led to believe, abides in the very depts of the earth, where fires and brimstone (the archaic name of sulphur) torment the nonbelievers of monotheism ... for eternity.

It has been suggested that the very torments of burning in hell for all eternity was merely a concept that was so appalling to prospective evil-doers that it has been used to keep non-believers on the straight and narrow path to the acceptance of the teachings of the Church.

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