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The Curse or Blessing of Curiosity and Free Will

When God created the first human being, that is Adam, he was created with the sense of wonder and curiosity. What a blessing that was and is because it causes us to ask questions. Not only do we enlarge our own knowledge and understanding, but oftentimes it helps others. It is this blessing which encourages discovery, but discovery must always be within the governmental legislation of God.

It was the curiosity of Adam and Eve, with a degree of egotism, that resulted in sin and death coming into this world. However, it was not curiosity which resulted in sin's bondage, but the fact that they disobeyed God's governmental legislation. God had told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for the result would be death (Gen. 2:17). However, Adam made the decision to ignore what God had said and did that which he wanted.

Curiosity will cause us to ask many questions such as:

- a) If God is as He professes to be love, why does He allow such suffering such as malnourished little children?
- b) If God is all powerful and knows everything, why did He allow Adam and Eve to eat the fruit of the tree?
- c) Since we are in this state of death, addiction, deformity, what future is there for humanity?
- d) When an individual dies, is that the end of life, I mean permanently the end?
- e) If God is love why did He not do something to show mercy on us who, through no fault of our own, were born afflicted with permanency of a moral distance from Him?

The answer to each question is easily explained.

- a) God created man with a free will. He can choose to obey God or disobey and as we all know, there are consequences for disobedience. By disobeying God Adam brought death and the curse of sin on all his family. That is why we have disease, deformity and death today.
- b) God knew man would sin but He did not make us like robots that respond mindlessly to commands as my computer does. It has no free will, it does what I want it to do. God desired the very best for man, for He was put in a garden with the best of everything, but having a free will he could choose to try and find out what death was. God had said that is the result of disobedience. What is death? Man was never made to die, he was made to live in fullness of happiness, but his own will brought disaster. Could God have stopped Adam and forced him to obey? Of course He could, but man would have been nothing more than a robot.
- c) God could have made man like an animal that just functions and does not know why it does what it does. We could have been made like that but God gave us a free will.

- d) In love, God still gives human beings the right to choose their eternal destiny. They can in this life choose to obey God who commands all men to repent, or they can decide not to repent. The choice is 100% theirs and God does not make them decide one way or the other. No one dies and ends in Hell because God willed it. It is because they decided to disobey the command of God to repent and thus reap the consequences.
- e) I love my son and daughters and would give my life for them because of love. This is a pale picture of the love of God. He loved each human so much that He gave His beloved Son to suffer on the cross of Calvary. During the three hours of darkness on the cross at Calvary Jesus suffered the full wrath of God. He was forsaken by God and He bore the penalty for man's sins. For 180 minutes Christ was literally God forsaken. The horror of the lake of fire, the unending fierceness of God's wrath will be the result of man's sin. The waves of God's righteous execution of judgment that I deserved, that every one of us deserved, was vented on Christ. God has done something but more, God has done everything that man needs for to be restored to God and live in fellowship with God for all eternity.

Today I saw a list of the 100 billion club, financially and merchandise. Elton Musk 198 billion, Jeff Bezos 194 billion, and Bill Gates 149 billion. It is as if they never had a serious thought about preparing for eternity, instead of preparing for time. Those who prepare only for time ignoring eternity will die in their sins. Throughout eternity they will be spiritually bankrupt, broke, without Christ as Saviour. They decided to get wealth, magnificent yachts, rich and powerful friends, mansions to live in, and multiple homes but when they die what have they? In the last moment of life, bereft of everything which gave prestige, power, and position, as life ebbs away they will get a box just like the rest of us. The body will start to decay in minutes, a fancy funeral with those from the entertainment world etc. will be there, but as they gather the individual will not be resting in peace but languishing in the darkness of eternal night under the wrath of God.

- (a) God in love calls us to repent of our sins. He pleads with us as individuals to accept His free offer of rescuing from the judgment to come. He implores the individual to be wise and consider their latter end. There is no purgatory, no nothingness, no escape, just the reality of Heaven or Hell for eternity. The decision is the individual's choice and God will accept their decision. Because we are not robots, He must accept the decision we make.

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