

9 Levels of Purgatory (Dante's Purgatorio)

Purgatorio ("Purgatory" in English) is the second section of the Divine Comedy, which is an epic poem written by the great Italian poet, Dante. It follows after Inferno and tells the story of his climb up Mount Purgatory, accompanied by another Italian poet by the name of Virgil, who serves as his guide. The climb is supposed to teach him lessons about Christian life and God's love and purify him of his sins before continuing on his journey to God.

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First Stage (Stubbornness)

This stage is at the very base of the mountain and is part of what is known as Ante-Purgatory. In it, the two poets encounter the souls of those who delayed their Christian life because of their stubbornness to obey God's laws. They are to remain in here for a time period that is thirty times longer than the period which they exhibited stubbornness. They run into Manfred of Sicily who tells them that a soul's time in Purgatory can be reduced with prayers from Christians who are in good standing with God in the world of the living.

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Second Stage (Repentant)

This is the last part of Ante-Purgatory. In this terrace, they encounter deceased kings who were negligible during their rule, people who never repented while alive, and people who suffered violent deaths but managed to repent at the last minute. That following evening, Dante falls asleep and wakes up at the gates of Purgatory Proper, after having a dream that an eagle carried him during the night. The gates are guarded by an angel, and he carves Dante's forehead with the letter "P" seven times. The angel informs Dante that he is about to go through the seven terraces of Purgatory (each representing a sin among the seven deadly ones) and one of the P's will be erased as he progresses through each terrace as he climbs Mount Purgatory. He then opens the gates.

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Third Stage (Pride)

This terrace that the poets enter first is full of those that were prideful during their earthly lives. The walls of the terrace have sculptures with examples of humility, which is the opposite of pride. The prideful never get a chance to see these sculptures, since their backs are arched due to the huge weights they must carry using their backs as their sins get purged. Dante bends over to converse with the souls and learns lessons from them. When Dante reaches the exit of the terrace, an angel removes the first "P" from his forehead, and the poets move on to the 2nd terrace.

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Fourth Stage (Envy)

This terrace is filled with the souls of envious penitents. Their earthly lives were spent desiring what made other people happy to the point they would even harm them in order to deprive them of this. Soon as they enter the terrace, they hear voices that speak examples of generosity,

which is the opposite of envy, and later on, they also hear the voices speak examples of envy. The penitents wear gray cloaks and cannot see where they are going because their eyes have been closed and sewn with iron wire. As they leave the terrace, the second “P” is removed.

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Fifth Stage (Wrath)

Next, the poets enter the third terrace, which is filled with souls of wrathful penitents. Dante begins to have visions of gentleness, which is an example of the opposite virtue of wrath. The wrathful forever wonder in a cloud of black smoke, which is a manifestation of the anger that clouded their mind and blinded them when they were alive. The souls in this part of the poem do not shout out any examples, but Dante does have a conversation with Marco Lombardo about free will. Dante also has visions about punished wrath. When they meet an angel, another “P” is removed and Dante and Virgil exit the terrace.

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Sixth Stage (Sloth)

The next terrace contains the souls of those who were slothful in their earthly lives. Virgil explains Purgatory’s structure to Dante and how it is determined by love. The wrathful are forever preoccupied with running around the terrace without rest, since they never had zeal (the opposite of sloth) in their earthly lives, especially when it came to acting out of love. All example given in this terrace from the voices is the air are of zeal. Later that evening, when Dante falls asleep, he is haunted by nightmares of a siren, a manifestation of gluttony, lust, and greed. On the next day, the fourth “P” is removed and the poets leave the terrace.

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Seventh Stage (Avarice)

Dante and Vergil enter the terrace of the Avaricious and Prodigal. Their punishment is to lie on the floor, face down, with their hands and feet bound together. The souls are being punished and purged for desiring material goods with extravagance, greed, or ambition. As the poets travel through the terrace, it is shaken by a mysterious tremor, but Dante does not ask Virgil about it, even though he is curious. They run into the Roman, Statius, and he explains the mysterious tremor to Dante: it happens when a soul is ready to move on from purgatory, and he, Statius, was the soul that caused the tremor. He joins them on their journey. It also turns out that Statius is an admirer of Virgil’s work. The next angel they run into removes the fifth “P” from Dante’s forehead.

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Eighth Stage (Gluttony)

The next terrace contains the souls of the gluttonous, and the poets witness their painful punishment: they experience excruciating hunger and thirst while there are plenty of trees with fruit around them. The souls experience this because they can never reach the trees. The voices in the trees give examples of temperance, which is the opposite of gluttony. Dante runs into his friend Forese Donati and his predecessor Bonagiunta Orbicciani (who turns out to be

poetic and has nothing but kind words for one of Dante's poems, "La Vita Nuova"). As the three poets exit the sixth terrace, an Angel removes the sixth "P".

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Ninth Stage (Lust)

As they continue to climb Mount Purgatory, Dante contemplates how the penitents in the terrace of the Gluttonous can be so thin but yet be souls. Statius takes this opportunity, and Virgil gives him the go-ahead, to explain how the body and soul are related. In the terrace of the lustful, the penitent souls must run through a great wall of flames. As they run through it, they call out examples of chastity, which is the opposite of lust. Everyone must run through the wall before they leave, including Dante. Dante is hesitant because he is afraid. Virgil tells him that Beatrice, the love of his life, is waiting for him in the Earthly Paradise. This is enough to convince Dante, who goes through the flames. They all fall asleep shortly after that and in the morning, they all proceed to the Earthly Paradise and the final "P" on Dante's forehead is removed.

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Top 3 Explanations For the Origin of Life on Earth

—Bionic

1.) ABIOGENESIS

It is hypothesized that life arose from inorganic lifeless matter more than 3.5 billion years ago on Earth given its extreme environmental conditions back then.

Abiogenesis proposes that the first life-forms generated were very simple and would only obtain energy from an external source (UV) and through a gradual process became increasingly complex.

Those existing life forms began to reproduce on their own and evolved over time. Abiogenesis then became impossible once the Earth's atmosphere changed into what it is today.

2.) PANSPERMIA

It is suggested that life could have already existed on another planet and it just moved to Earth.

So if that's the case, does that mean we are actually the aliens in this planet?

It is already observed that bacteria can survive the harsh environments of the outer space. Furthermore, there are evidences that amino acids, carbon, or even bacteria itself can be deposited and protected inside of meteorites.

Hence, it is possible that microorganisms may have originated from elsewhere and traveled to Earth via meteorites.

3.) INTELLIGENT DESIGN

What if we were all just created by an intelligent designer? A powerful God perhaps.

This God, with his divine powers created life with their distinctive features already intact, and that biological evolution didn't take place.

The idea is that the functional parts and systems of all living organisms are “irreducibly complex,” in the sense that none of their component parts can be removed without causing the whole system to cease functioning.

Life is so perfect and complex that it is so improbable (next to impossible) for it to exist by chance. Hence, it must have been created.

What do you think is the most possible explanation for the origin of life?

One Heart: Two Lost Lives

—Bionic

Sonny Graham is a professional man, being the director of the Heritage golf tournament at Sea Pines in South Carolina from 1979 to 1983.

In 1995, he was on the verge of congestive heart failure. But thankfully, he got a call that a heart was available in Charleston.

That heart was from Terry Cottle, 33 years old, who previously died by shooting himself in the head.

Sonny Graham was so thankful for his new heart that he began writing letters to the donor's family to thank them.

In January 1997, Sonny went to Charleston and met the donor's widow, her name was Cheryl Cottle and was 28 then.

Apparently for some reason, they actually fell in love and were married in 2004, moving to the US state of Georgia.

They were living a happy and comfortable life. Sonny even bought a home for Cottle and her four children.

But then one day, twelve years after the successful transplant operation of Mr Sonny Graham, he was shockingly found dead in the utility building of his backyard.

Later it was reported that there was no foul play, and that Sonny actually shot himself in the throat with a shotgun.

It's creepy that his fate was in circumstances similar to those which claimed Mr. Cottle's life, the previous owner of Sonny's heart.

His friends said he had shown no signs of being depressed and were at a loss to explain his sudden tragedy.

Today, there are more than 70 documented cases of heart transplant patients taking on some of the personality traits of the organ donors. However, medical experts are sceptical about the concept and insist there is little convincing evidence about this phenomenon.

When Religion and Science Meet

—IncubusXXX

In this article, I would like to give an emphasis on Existence, Intelligence, Matter, Opposition, Balance, Time, and Eternity. And I would also like to use some Scientific laws to further define my stand.

Let us first define the key terms I've mentioned earlier.

Existence is defined as the fact or state of living or having objective reality.

Intelligence - 1. (count noun) A person or being with the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills.

2. intelligence (noun)
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Matter - Physical substance in general, as distinct from mind and spirit; (in physics) that which occupies space and possesses rest mass, especially as distinct from energy.

Opposition defines as something that goes against or disagrees with something or someone else.

Balance can be described as having the right amount —not too much or too little —of any quality, which leads to harmony or evenness.

Time - The indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole.

Eternity - Infinite or unending time.

Now that everything has been set on the table, I would like to divide my stand into three divisions. First is the Physical Existence, second is the Intelligence Existence, and Eternal-Perpetual Convergence.

I. PHYSICAL EXISTENCE

I disagree on the concept of "ex-nihilo", a Latin phrase which means "out of nothing". Some theorists say that we, our very existence, just popped out from nothingness; if we are going to take a look at the Law of Conservation Of Matter it says that matter cannot be created or destroyed in an isolated system.

A man has a physical body and it occupies space and has mass, therefore it is a Matter; and

since it is a matter then it should also come from the same component which is from of a matter.

II. INTELLIGENCE EXISTENCE

There are two types of intelligence, the Intelligence that acts and the intelligence that is being acted upon. Also, Intelligences come by degree there is a lower, a higher, and the highest.

The Spirit is an Intelligence. Some critics disagree with this concept and claim that only the physical body is needed to exist in this dimension but let us consider the balance or equilibrium of nature. In order for a FRONT to exist there must be first a BACK. Opposition is absolutely needed to attain balance or equilibrium and it is established by the law of nature thus making this principle unalterable.

We can walk, run, move, and act for ourselves without any help by other people or Intelligence thus making us Intelligences that act while a rock cannot. In order for it to move, it needs an external force from a higher intelligence thus making it an Intelligence that is being acted upon.

The Supreme Being (God) is the and has the Highest Intelligence of all. He gives decrees, laws, and orders that subject the lower intelligences.

We are higher Intelligences compared to those of plants, rocks, and others that are being subjected to us.

II. A. BALANCE BETWEEN PHYSICAL AND NON- PHYSICAL EXISTENCE

Going back to the argument above, we know that everything in this world will somewhat attain its State of Entropy or state of dis order in their respective systems. Our bodies, in the process of its Entropy, will die and decay. To balance our existence, there must be a State of Negentropy or state of order. Life or Spirit is in the state of Negentropy since it has no destructible and changeable components. Combining the material- physical body and the spirit- intelligence body will yield us to the state of equilibrium of our existence.

In the case of non- living things such as water, rock, mountain, etc. they are still intelligence but of a lower degree. Why? Intelligence in general term as what is stated on the second definition above is the ability to apply and acquire skills or knowledge. Do you remember when Moses, through the Power of God commanded the sea to divide hither and thither? The sea listened and obeyed to what is being commanded and it was done. This only shows that even a non- living thing has the capacity to process information from a higher level of Intelligence.

ETERNAL- PERPETUAL CONVERGENCE

In this plane of existence, Time is a fundamental. We cannot exist without time. Some people say that when a person dies then his time is over and it is the end for him.

In this part, a body has to experience Birth and death to have their spirit and body reunited for eternity just like the resurrection of the Lord.

Since we have this physical dimension, there must also be a counter dimension to this. Do you ever wonder where our spirits would go after we die? Corpses are usually buried underground, spirits go to another dimension.

We have to take a look again beyond the spectrum of existence. If we die and we remain as it is, then where is the balance again? Death would take over life. Life and death should Co- exist

eternally. Why?

For the final equation let us make it mathematically simple. Consider the mortal-body as -1, and the Spirit-intelligence as +1. If two opposing elements cancel out each other then equilibrium will be attained. Let us combine -1 and +1 we will have 0 and 0 has no opposite value. Eternal-Perpetual Convergence is the final state of equilibrium of existence after death where there is no start nor end comparable to the Law of Conservation of Energy and Matter where both have no Beginning or End.

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Everything We Know Are All Lies: Earth Is at the Center and That's the Truth

—Caution

Here's a fact, when you go outside early in the morning, you would see that the Sun rose in the east, and then after some time it would set at the west. To us, sitting here on the surface of Earth, geocentrism is a perfectly valid frame of reference. It is our experience, and so this is our reality.

NASA has been brainwashing us, instilling us their so-called "technological advancements" and "discoveries" which were pure lies.

Not convinced?

What if I tell you that the great father of modern Science, Isaac Newton himself believed that the Geocentric model was viable scientifically?

Newton himself wrote on this unpublished "Proposition 43" that in order for the Earth to be at rest in the center of the system of the Sun, Planets, and Comets, there is required both universal gravity and another force in addition that acts on all bodies equally according to the quantity of matter in each of them and is equal and opposite to the accelerative gravity with which the Earth tends to the Sun.

Since this force is equal and opposite to its gravity toward the Sun, the Earth can truly remain in equilibrium between these two forces and be at rest. And thus celestial bodies can move around the Earth at rest.

Notice that Newton specifies that there must be "another force...that acts on all bodies equally." Well, that "force" appears to be "Dark Matter." That universal "force" acts upon every celestial body and keeps them in their daily rotation around the fixed Earth.

Scientists today can even confirm that dark matter may account for the unexplained motions of stars within galaxies.

There are without doubt scientific evidences to support geocentrism, what more do you want?

Point to be taken, you should not believe immediately what NASA says to you. After all, they are unreliable and a fraud agency full of criticisms, known to release space images that are

actually just been captured in a prepared studio.

And how does it feel to be fooled for so many years?

Even the Biblical scriptures appear to show some accuracies that support the idea that Earth is at the center of the universe, and all celestial bodies revolve around it.

Psalm 104:5 He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.

Psalm 93:1 The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

1 Chronicles 16:30 Tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Ecclesiastes 1:5 The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises.

You see, truth is just a matter of perspectives, there is no unique definition for any kind of truth, anyone can judge a thing for himself as a truth. As far as we know, we perceive the Sun and all celestial bodies revolving around us, and that is our absolute truth.

Top 5 Most Evil Villains in the Bible

—Bionic

Not everyone might believe in the Bible, but certainly we cannot deny how compelling are the stories written in it. Filled with adventures of amazing heroes together with their triumphs and defeats.

Of course these won't be as interesting as it is without the roles of the wicked, evil villains who play a vital part in creating the stories and lessons in the Bible which a lot serve as Christian doctrines today.

So here are the top 5 most evil villains in the Bible:

5.) Cain

Cain together with his brother Abel was the first two sons of Adam and Eve.

Cain was a farmer, and his brother Abel was a shepherd. These two brothers made sacrifices to God, each of his own produce, but God for some reason favored Abel's sacrifice instead of Cain's. This made Cain extremely jealous to the point that he killed Abel. God then punished Cain to a life of wandering.

Cain wandered so far and eventually ended up building a city in the land of Nod and fathered the line of descendants beginning with Enoch.

In the Bible, Cain was the first ever murderer in the world.

4.) Delilah

A cunning woman who was loved by Samson, a Nazirite who is blessed to possess great strength. But sadly, Delilah turns out to be an evil woman who has a love for money.

She was bribed by the lords of the Philistines to discover the source of Samson's strength. After three failed attempts at doing so, she finally convinced Samson into telling her that his unbelievable strength is derived from his hair. As he sleeps, Delilah orders a servant to cut Samson's hair, thereby enabling her to turn him over to the Philistines.

Delilah of course walked away from the whole debacle rich with gold.

3.) Abimelech

He was an ambitious person. Abimelech was the son of a king in Shechem but her mother was only a whore of the said king.

He claimed that he should be the only ruler over his mother's brethren and the men of Shechem and not his brothers.

The original plan was to let all his 70 brothers rule the kingdom. But out of envy, he and his men went to the house of his father which is in Ophrah to kill all the seventy sons of the King, Abimelech's brothers.

They were killed on the same stone, but only one had escaped, Jotham. Despite that, Abimelech was declared king since he was the only one left who can inherit the crown.

2.) Pharaoh of Egypt

He was the Pharaoh who Moses confronted. He had one of the hardest, most stubborn hearts in the Bible. He repeatedly challenged God's authority and refused to release the Israelites from slavery.

This pharaoh seeks to oppress the Hebrews, forcing them to work long hours without break and killing their children to reduce their numbers.

The Israelites generally had been in Egypt for generations, but now that they had become so numerous, the Pharaoh feared their presence. He feared that one day the Israelites would turn against the Egyptians. That's why he forced them to become his slaves.

He even ordered a terrible punishment that all the first-born male babies of the Israelites were to be killed.

1.) Satan

Satan is the true definition of a villain. Evil is what he is made of.

Satan was once the highest of all the angels of God, but he wasn't happy about the idea that everyone should only worship God. Satan wants to be worshipped too.

Pride, jealousy, and discontent arose in the heart of Satan. He began to desire to takeover God.

Satan was so motivated by this that he deceived a third of the angels in heaven to cause a war.

However, God cast Satan out of heaven as a fallen angel. And all his allies in the war were made into demons.

Dante's Inferno: The 9 Circles of Hell

Circle 1: Limbo

Dante's First Circle of Hell is resided by virtuous non-Christians and unbaptized pagans who are punished with eternity in an inferior form of Heaven. They live in a castle with seven gates which symbolize the seven virtues. Here, Dante sees many prominent people from classical antiquity such as Homer, Socrates, Aristotle, Cicero, Hippocrates and Julius Caesar.

Circle 2: Lust

In the Second Circle of Hell, Dante and his companion Virgil find people who were overcome by lust. They are punished by being blown violently back and forth by strong winds, preventing them to find peace and rest. Strong winds symbolize the restlessness of a person who is led by desire for fleshly pleasures. Again, Dante sees many notable people from history and mythology including Cleopatra, Tristan, Helen of Troy and others who were adulterous during their lifetime.

Circle 3: Gluttony

When reaching the Third Circle of Hell, Dante and Virgil find souls of gluttons who are overlooked by a worm-monster Cerberus. Sinners in this circle of Hell are punished by being forced to lie in a vile slush that is produced by never ending icy rain. The vile slush symbolizes personal degradation of one who overindulges in food, drink and other worldly pleasures, while the inability to see others lying nearby represents the gluttons' selfishness and coldness. Here, Dante speaks to a character called Ciaccio who also tells him that the Guelphs (a faction supporting the Pope) will defeat and expel the Ghibellines (a faction supporting the Emperor to which Dante adhered) from Florence which happened in 1302, before the poem was written (after 1308).

Circle 4: Greed

In the Fourth Circle of Hell, Dante and Virgil see the souls of people who are punished for greed. They are divided into two groups – those who hoarded possessions and those who lavishly spent it – jousting. They use great weights as a weapon, pushing it with their chests which symbolizes their selfish drive for fortune during lifetime. The two groups that are guarded by a character called Pluto (probably the ancient Greek ruler of the underworld) are so occupied with their activity that the two poets don't try to speak to them. Here, Dante says to see many clergymen including cardinals and popes.

Circle 5: Anger

The Fifth Circle of Hell is where the wrathful and sullen are punished for their sins. Transported on a boat by Phlegyas, Dante and Virgil see the wrathful fighting each other on the surface of the river Styx and the sullen gurgling beneath the surface of the water. Again, the punishment

reflects the type of the sin committed during lifetime. While passing through, the poets are approached by Filippo Argenti, a prominent Florentine politician who confiscated Dante's property after his expulsion from Florence.

Circle 6: Heresy

When reaching the Sixth Circle of Hell, Dante and Virgil see heretics who are condemned to eternity in flaming tombs. Here, Dante talks with a couple of Florentines – Farinata degli Uberti and Cavalcante de' Cavalcanti – but he also sees other notable historical figures including the ancient Greek philosopher Epicurus, Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II and Pope Anastasius II. The latter, however, is according to some modern scholars condemned by Dante as heretic by a mistake. Instead, as some scholars argue, the poet probably meant the Byzantine Emperor Anastasius I.

Circle 7: Violence

The Seventh Circle of Hell is divided into three rings. The Outer Ring houses murderers and others who were violent to other people and property. Here, Dante sees Alexander the Great (disputed), Dionysius I of Syracuse, Guy de Montfort and many other notable historical and mythological figures such as the Centaurus, sank into a river of boiling blood and fire. In the Middle Ring, the poet sees suicides who have been turned into trees and bushes which are fed upon by harpies. But he also sees here profligates, chased and torn to pieces by dogs. In the Inner Ring are blasphemers and sodomites, residing in a desert of burning sand and burning rain falling from the sky.

Circle 8: Fraud

The Eight Circle of Hell is resided by the fraudulent. Dante and Virgil reach it on the back of Geryon, a flying monster with different natures, just like the fraudulent. This circle of Hell is divided into 10 Bolgias or stony ditches with bridges between them. In Bolgia 1, Dante sees panderers and seducer. In Bolgia 2 he finds flatterers. After crossing the bridge to Bolgia 3, he and Virgil see those who are guilty of simony. After crossing another bridge between the ditches to Bolgia 4, they find sorcerers and false prophets. In Bolgia 5 are housed corrupt politicians, in Bolgia 6 are hypocrites and in the remaining 4 ditches, Dante finds hypocrites (Bolgia 7), thieves (Bolgia 7), evil counselors and advisers (Bolgia 8), divisive individuals (Bolgia 9) and various falsifiers such as alchemists, perjurers and counterfeits (Bolgia 10).

Circle 9: Treachery

The last Ninth Circle of Hell is divided into 4 Rounds according to the seriousness of the sin though all residents are frozen in an icy lake. Those who committed more severe sin are deeper within the ice. Each of the 4 Rounds is named after an individual who personifies the sin. Thus Round 1 is named Caina after Cain who killed his brother Abel, Round 2 is named Antenora after Antenor of Troy who was Priam's counselor during the Trojan War, Round 3 is named Ptolomaea after Ptolemy (son of Abubus), while Round 4 is named Judecca after Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

The 5 Best Reasons, Atheist Don't Believe In God

—Grimlocker

1.) No evidence

Most things which we accept, we accept on the basis of proof. That proof is not always rock solid but there is a standard to which we hold most of our beliefs. Things that don't meet that standard – the Tooth Fairy, let's say – we discard as not impossible, but extremely unlikely.

God, however, many people accept with no proof at all. Belief in God is a product of upbringing, societal and cultural convention, a desire for comfort and intellectual laziness.

There is no evidence that God exists. You may have had some kind of personal experience – what we “anecdotal evidence” that has convinced you personally that he's out there. But most people would concede that that kind of evidence is not evidence at all. It can't be repeated under test conditions and there are other possible explanations for what may have happened.

2.) It's illogical

In the absence of evidence, some people try to argue that there “must be” a God because nothing else makes sense.

3.) The existence of suffering

What kind of God, has created a world in which children die in floods, starve to death, perish in agony from TB and malaria? What kind of God allows people who worship and adore him to be murdered, raped, tortured and come to countless other hideous ends?

4.) We don't need him

This isn't exactly an argument against the truth of God, but it is a reason to stop worrying about him. We don't require God – he is an unnecessary addition to the universe, and it can get along perfectly well without him.

5.) Life's better without him

Religion is about control and limitation. Rules, laws and rituals that restrict and govern behaviour. In some cases – say the genital mutilation of infants in barbaric rites of passage practised by religions such as Judaism – they actually persuade nice people to do awful things.

Which is to say nothing of the countless other horrors committed in the name of God and religion. Suicide bombings, torture, genocide, forced marriages, unwanted babies, war – the list is endless.

A life without religion and without God thus offers freedom from all of these miseries. It offers a person the opportunity to do what they like, in line with their own moral code, within the parameters of the society in which they live. Each decision to be taken is evaluated on its own merits, weighing up the pros and cons, and is not forced down a path by a pre-existing code of conduct dating from a time of ignorance and superstition.

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The Forbidden Land of Agartha: The Secrets of the Inner Earth

—Grimlocker

According to Giannini and Palmer, Vice Admiral Byrd announced on February of 1947, just before venturing into a 2,750 km journey across the North Pole, “I like to see the land beyond the Pole. That area beyond the Pole is the center of the Great Enigma.”

According to some, it is believed that during Vice Admiral Byrd’s flight over the North Pole that took place in 1947, he said via radio that beneath was not snow but huge areas of land with mountains, forests and vegetation, huge lakes and rivers with animals that resembled mammoths.

Before his death, he had said there existed a land beyond the Pole that was “an enchanted continent in the sky, a permanent mystery of Earth.” That land, according to other theories, was the legendary Rainbow City, home to a fabulous lost civilization.

The possibility that the earth is hollow, and that it can be accessed through the North and South poles, and that secret civilizations flourish within it, has spurred the imagination of people through centuries.

Evidence of this we find in the history of countless ancient civilizations. The Babylonian hero Gilgamesh visited his ancestor Utnapishtim in the bowels of the earth; in Greek mythology, Orpheus tries to rescue Eurydice from the underground hell; it was said that the Pharaohs of Egypt communicated with the underworld, which could be accessed via secret tunnels hidden in the pyramids; and Buddhists believed (and still believe) that millions of people live in Agharta, an underground paradise ruled by the king of the world. So just when you think that these theories could be nothing more than excessive imaginations, you actually come across evidence in ancient history pointing towards the possibility of a world inside Earth.

The idea that the Forbidden Kingdom of “Agartha” actually exists was not only said to have been supported by Admiral Byrd but by other explorers around the world. A Map made by cartographer Heinrich C. Berann is believed to show an entrance to the inner Earth, the Kingdom of Agartha. In that map, the Antarctic continent can be observed without its thick layer of ice.

But the most intriguing detail are the presence of underwater passages spanning across the entire continent and seem to converge at the exact location which is identified as the opening towards the Hollow Earth or Inner Earth. Leonard Euler, a mathematical genius of the eighteenth century, concluded that the Earth was hollow, containing a central sun and was inhabited; and Dr. Edmund Halley, discoverer of Comet Halley and Royal Astronomer of England also believed that the Earth was hollow on the inside with three “Floors”.

Some also speak about Operation Highjump and Admiral Byrd’s journeys where extremely advanced airships were seen flying around and exploring new territories. Not long ago, we discovered a map of the third Reich in which there are several secret passages depicted which were used by German U-Boats to access mysterious underground regions, as well as a complete map of both hemispheres and the mysterious kingdom of Agartha.

A letter, supposedly written by Karl Unger, one of the crew members of a German Uboat states

that they had reached the interior of the Earth, and that they did not consider returning. All of these stories seem to be backed up by numerous discoveries and recently, scientists discovered a large ocean of water inside the mantle of Earth, and they point out that it is a large water “tank” that could fill the oceans on Earth three times. This incredible discovery suggests that the surface water of the planet came from within Earth, as part of a “complete water cycle on the planet” instead of the dominant theory proposed that water arrived to Earth by icy comets that passed by the planet millions of years ago.

The Nazis were also extremely interested in the Inner Earth and myths associated with it. It is believed that Antarctica is the entrance to the lost Aryan homeland of Thule. Even though Antarctica has been linked to the lost continent of Atlantis, the linkage to Thule is less apparent. Thule (also known as Thula, Thyle, Thila, Tila, Tyle, or Tylen) was first mentioned by Greek explorer Pytheas after his travels between 330 BC and 320 BC. But in 150 AD, Greek writer Antonius Diogenes wrote *The Wonders Beyond Thule*. In the distant past, Thule was believed to have been a distant place located beyond the “borders of the known world.”

Interestingly in 2001 the U.S. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Support Office for Aero-geophysical Research discovered the existence of a magnetic anomaly believed to be on the eastside shore of Lake Vostok in Antarctica, the anomaly is believed to be consistent with a man-made construction.

PLDT—An Unsurprising Crappy Service Provider

—Caution

PLDT might be considered as the O.G. that pioneered internet services in the Philippines, but numbers don't lie. Poor internet performance is still shown in the archipelago.

It's no secret that all internet providers in the Philippines including PLDT are at the low-tier with regards to international standards.

Even social media has been seeing a never-ending flood of complaints about PLDT's services. Whether it's internet or phone service problems.

Customers are paying for a promised internet speed but in reality, what they receive doesn't even come close. If only their internet speed is as fast as how they send bills to their customers.

Imagine, getting an internet outage today in which it would take weeks for them to resolve only to experience the same problem again after a few days. It's so frustrating!

But it's not just the costumers that have problems with PLDT, even the workers themselves have issues with the service provider too.

Just about last year, it has been reported that PLDT terminated thousands of contracts from its workforce, causing many homes and offices with internet problems to be put on an indefinite hold.

The Department of Labor and Employment even said that PLDT's workers are “employed by

unqualified service providers"

Although sometimes, the workers are also a pain in the butt. There are numerous reports about PLDT's technicians being observed to take advantage to the customers for money. Wherein they will make an excuse that they are currently busy or the customer's house is too far to go and resolve their internet issues and the only way to make it possible is if they would pay the technicians a certain amount of money. Cases like these are uncommon, but it's a real thing.

Given all these, PLDT is without doubt garbage in terms of being a service provider. We could only hope that all TelCos, not just PLDT would improve their services through the years, of course for the betterment of it's customers. Although 5G connection is on the horizon in the Philippines which promises an improved internet performance, are you somehow convinced by this?

Certainly you also have other things to say with regards to your internet service experiences, care to share some of them.

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The MUST TO KNOW about Area 51”

—Caution

I'm pretty sure that the [#StormArea51](#) is familiar with you. Saying no means “FULL ATTENTION” to this article.

Beyond a MILLION FB users sparked their interest on an online event asking them to march and storm in a “MYSTERIOUS SITE” on September 20, 2019 to "WITNESS ALIENS".

Questions I want you to answer on the comment section:

- How much do you know about AREA 51?
- What extraterrestrial and other anomalies are happening there?
- Why are we attributing aliens with AREA 51?

AREA 51: OVERVIEW

A HIGHLY CLASSIFIED US Air Base, popularly known to locals as the “Homey Airport”. The codename “AREA 51” was derived from a Double Classified CIA document.

Its existence is not officially publicized but it's extremely guarded and totally restricted.

Trespassers can face BIG FINES and LONG IMPRISONMENT PERIOD, if they set foot (even an inch) within its secured radius.

LOCATION AND SECURITY

This high grade military base is sited deep in the remote desert of Nevada, USA. An unmarked

road covers the pathway leading to its gate.

It is protected by a mirage-like linked chain fence, a boom gate, and intimidating signages of — NO TRESPASSING!!

It's not as heavily guarded as you might think especially when you're there but don't pretend you're just a traveler because they are STEALTHY WATCHING YOU!

THE GATE

Beyond the gate, there are numerous: high grade, 360 degree and identity-scanning camera strategically installed.

In a distant hilltop, there's a white pickup truck, with tinted windshield peering down on everything that has motion.

BOTTOMLINE: It is impossible to sneak in the air base facility without getting caught.

TRESPASSERS' VERDICT

What will happen when they caught you?

Primarily they will interrogate and detain you. Then you will be imprisoned indefinitely for violating military facility privacy. The worst part is —you will disappear without a trace.

YES YOU READ IT RIGHT.

They can legally eliminate you!

Area 51 is under strict and extremely strong protocols to protect its secrecy and ELIMINATE any element of threat that will be detected within or will enter the radius of its territory.

HOW SCARED ARE YOU NOW?

BOTTOMLINE: YOLO —the risk and sacrifice are worth it if you can witness real life extraterrestrial entities.

HOW DO WISH TO PROCEED NOW? Let's dig some historical facts.

HISTORY

Within the zone, there had been reports of extraterrestrial paranormal activities and U.F.O. sightings since early 1940s.

Reports keep on pouring, years after the rumored U.F.O. crash in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, which the Roswell Army Air Field later cleared that it was just a weather balloon.

Just 3 weeks ago, there were reports that in Nellis Air Force Base, 130 miles South of Area 51, U.F.O. sightings were spotted.

The Air Force Facility (within Area 51) began investigating accounts of U.F.O. sightings in 1947, later on, the campaign became the, "PROJECT BLUE BOOK" in 1952. By the time Project Blue Book ended in 1969, the Air Force had investigated over 12,000 claims!

BOTTOMLINE: Documentaries which they made for years, are now 'declassified' or AVAILABLE due to data leakages.

TODAY: AREA 51

So if the UFO & extraterrestrial alien investigation is over, what is the purpose of Area 51 now? Why is it still extremely restricted?

According to sources, the entire site is currently used as a testing ground facility for aircraft prototypes, advanced weaponries and various experiments.

THE STRONG CONFIDENTIALITY of Area 51 created conspiracy theories that the US restricted facility is keeping EXTRATERRESTRIAL & PARANORMAL SECRETS!

Re: FB EVENT

Do you think STORMING the site is worth it or just a juicy fallacy Witnessing aliens is a rare experience, right?

So what's next?

PS: If you're serious in visiting Area 51 as per the event invitation, the nearest airport is located in Las Vegas.

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GOD IS A PSYCHOPATH

—Grimlocker

God love us so much that he gave us his only begotten son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Oh, my mistake, what I meant to say was;

God love us so much that he gave us war, famine, pain, torture and endless suffering. If God is real then he's a psychopath.

You pray for good health God gives you cancer. God is a psychopath, he loves watching children die from war, famine and poverty.

God loves humanity too much that he threatens anyone who don't worship him to be burnt eternally in a lake of fire.

God is a psychopath, he's the master of jealousy. According to the bible, God killed some of his followers for not worshipping him enough.

God killed more people than Satan, that's real talk.

I am sure all those religious people if they get sick would go to the hospital and pray to God for healing. And if the hospital cured them, to God they will thank.

There is no God, if I am wrong then he's a psychopath.

Millions of people was slaughtered in the name of God.

God blames Satan for the bad things that happens here on Earth, if he's all powerful then, why wont he stop the devil from corrupting humanity?

Or were we deceived and the real fallen angel who fell was God and the real God portrayed as bad is Satan?

You die for Christ

Die for Allah

Die for Jerusalem

Die for Torah

Father and son marching in rhythm firing bullets to the skulls of the children.

Holy war, mortars and martyrs.

Holy war, unholy followers .

Holy war, brainwashed wash with death.

Holy war, unholy mess.

Armies of guardians, servants of bibles. Reciting verses as they stand before rifles. Millions of lives erased, hatred marked as madness. Violence in leaves of scripture, a world a flame with malice.

We will all die for nothing because there is silence in the house of God there is only the cry of hell. (MURDER THY ART)

Well, if I am wrong and God is real and good then I am probably gonna regret that I ever wrote this sh*t.

Maybe it's not me, but the devil's work.

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Why are Indian Men Always H*my on the Internet?

—Bionic

"Hi deAr"

"NicE pic"

"Send bobs and vagene"

Ahh yes, Indian men. Probably one of the weirdest people in the internet world. As soon as a typical Indian sees a fairly beautiful picture of a woman on the internet, he'd go crazy over it. He

would express his unconditional love and care, filled with lovely compliments and admirations.

But basically it's just s*xual harassment to us.

How can you possibly be asking for nudes to a woman who is a total stranger?

Well yes of course it's not just Indians, but it's generally agreeable that they are the ones who are consistent with such behaviors.

So why? Why are Indian men always h*my on the internet?

Sadly I don't have any scientific studies to back up my specific claim, but I do have some significant information which are still relevant.

India was named as the world's most dangerous country for women in a survey of global experts in 2018 by Reuters, an international news agency in London.

It was stated that India ranked as the most dangerous on three issues —the risks women face from s*xual violence and harassment, from cultural and traditional practices, and from human trafficking including forced labour, s*x slavery and domestic servitude.

Furthermore, a local magazine claimed that Indian men get the fewest s*x in their entire lives compared to any country.

The managing editor of the magazine which is Men's Health India, said that many Indians do not have enough privacy to have s*x as often as they might want to because they live in noisy "joint family" homes with their parents and adult siblings. The taboo against s*x outside marriage may also explain the finding.

He also said that s*xual frustration among men could be a factor in the recent rise in s*xual assaults on women.

Truth to be told, Indian men are also not used to looking at faces and bodies of women that are not totally covered with cloth, so I guess it's only fair they learn to socialize with women on the internet who are quite pleasing in their eyes.

Given all that, is it possible that Indian men are just always horny simply because they have poor s*x lives?

It may. But we can only assume. One thing's for sure is that Indian men are bold and brave who aren't afraid to speak what's on his mind.

Imagine being totally honest to a woman about what you feel only to get rejected in the end. Doesn't that hurt?

Nonetheless, Indian men won't stop and will always keep on doing what they do in the internet for a quest to seek the perfect bobs and vagene.

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FOUR SAD DOWNSIDES OF RELIGION THAT YOU WOULD AGREE TO

—Bionic

Hey, do you have a religion? Are you by any chance a Roman Catholic? Perhaps you are a Muslim? Or maybe a member of Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church of Christ)?

You'll probably agree that religion has indeed brought a great impact to humanity throughout history. It helped us uncover the mysteries of the world and brought morality to us, giving us sense what is right and what is wrong. However as time passed, we are gradually learning that religion is not what we really think it is, like a man hiding his secrets, it awaits from a far corner to show its true colors. Like life as it is, it has its own downsides. So what are those downsides?

Here are the four sad downsides of religion that you would agree:

1. RELIGIONS OBSTRUCT US FROM UNITY

- The most obvious downside. The existence of various religions had always been dividing us. Ethnic Filipinos for example have long been segregated due to the country being separated by different islands, and each inhabited island had Ethnic people with their own pagan religion. Ethnic wars due to conflict in beliefs happened back then. Now, we have modern wars brought to us by the same reason, diversion because of religion.

Back before the Bangsamoro Organic Law was implemented, it was so mournful that most of the existing civil wars in Mindanao and some parts in Visayas exist because of deep-rooted discrimination against minority of Muslims.

We are supposed to be united, but here we are shedding blood with our fellow countrymen.

It is so dreadful to think that the Philippine Military is fighting against local Filipino "terrorists" which are asking for an independent state on Mindanao. They want the government (which are mostly run by Christian laws) to respect them as a people with their own religion and their own traditions. In the areas that are predominantly Muslim, they want to live their lives by following Islamic Laws so they could mold their lives in their own political, economic and cultural ways.

2. RELIGION CAUSES DISCRIMINATION

- In your whole life, have you ever seen a female priest before? No? Have you asked yourself why?

Prejudice or any acts of discrimination towards women is misogyny.

Apparently in the Catholic Church, they won't allow ordaining women to become a priest. However it is certain that woman's abilities are not in question since a lot of them could even be better orators than some priests and provide more consolation within the confessional, so what's keeping the Church from ordaining women?

Well the Church would want us to know that Jesus did not ordain any women. He himself selected all of his apostles, and not one among them is a woman.

This accuses Jesus of sexism and it reflects an inaccurate image of Christ, who had no intention about shattering the cultural norms regarding interaction with women.

Another issue is about the LGBT community. Sadly, religion treats the LGBT community with disdain, many of which would go to a point where some countries prescribe death sentence to a person who doesn't follow the religion's definition of how a particular gender would look like.

Here in the Philippines, the LGBT community is still discriminated for not giving them their civil rights of legally marrying the love of their life, which is the same sex as theirs. It is good for you if your religion works well with you, but how about the LGBT community? All they want is civil rights. Property inheritance, deciding the fate of one's partner and possible adoption rights.

If the basis of opposing them to have their civil rights is purely on religion, then wouldn't you agree that religion causes discrimination?

3. RELIGION HAS HYPOCRITE LEADERS

- Yes, nobody is indeed perfect. Everybody sins, but isn't it just frustrating that our religious role models, the persons who are supposed to apply doctrines are actually not following it?

For decades the Roman Catholic Church has exposed sexual misconduct of its priests. Many people now believe that "pedophilia" and "homosexuality" are rampant within the walls of churches and rectories globally. What's even more disturbing is that there's even a lot more pedophilia cases that haven't been brought up due to the church secretly hiding it.

"Files that could have documented the terrible deeds and named those responsible were destroyed, or not even created." German Cardinal Reinhard Marx stated in a Vatican summit regarding pedophilia cases.

But it's not just the Catholic Church who has hypocrite leaders. Sadly, we have local hypocrites as well.

Just recently, the president of KAPPA Community Ministry International Inc. Pastor Joel Apolinario and all its officers, directors and partners have been filed with syndicated ESTAFA cases.

THE Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) also has issued a cease and desist order against them for they have been illegally soliciting investments from the public in exchange of a promised big returns.

Religion sure is a good business.

Here's another one. Do you know Eli Soriano? He is the leader of a Christian Evangelical group called "Ang Dating Daan (ADD)."

He's been known to be a critic of Pastor Quiboloy (The owner of the universe) and Eduardo Manalo (Head of Iglesia Ni Cristo).

Did you know that he has a gay rape case? The Department of Justice (DOJ) filed two counts of rape against Eli Soriano before the Pampanga regional trial court (RTC) for allegedly

sodomizing a male ex-member of the Christian evangelical group.

Sick hypocrites. Who are you to hold religious beliefs when you yourself are not consistent with the claimed beliefs?

4. RELIGION CAN BE USED TO CONTROL BELIEVERS FOR EVIL REASONS

- Another sad thing about Religion is that it can be used by leaders as a tool to control believers.

An example would be terrorism.

ISIS, Al Qaeda and Taliban. They are just examples of some popular terrorist groups that used Islam to justify terrorism and motivate individuals and groups to carry out violent acts.

Terrorist leaders would misuse Islam to control its army. They would teach a simplified understanding that all non-believers of Islam should be seen as complete enemies of Allah that deserve only death.

That is just sad and sick at the same time. But religion isn't just used in terrorism. It is also used in politics.

In the recent 2019 Philippine national midterm elections, Iglesia Ni Cristo practiced bloc voting. Just like what they normally do every election. The members of the INC are taught who to vote in the senatorial elections so that they all could perform a so-called "Unity Vote".

They will vote for anyone whoever the church wants, and I mean anyone! It is so sad that they would vote for plunderers and murderers just because the church says so.

An INC member would argue that they still have freedom who to vote. While it is true, we cannot still deny the fact that they have already been influenced by their Church leaders who uses INC doctrines as basis for who to vote.

The only assurance they ever give is that they had to trust in the church administration, because they are appointees of God.

So there you have it! Those were 4 sad downsides of religion that you would agree.

Did you really agree in some of those? Let me know.

THE FIVE RIVERS OF THE UNDERWORLD (GREEK)

—Alf Seidr

Yo! Have you ever wondered how and what would the 'land of the dead' look like?

Death is inevitable. The idea of death co-exist with mankind and that there is a place for afterlife. For Christianity, it's Heaven or Hell; while there are doctrines, afterlife really vary with different organizations and religions.

According to some accounts, there are beliefs that present a very detailed image of the Underworld of the Greek Mythology. The Greeks have rich text about mythology and history, so I decided to sum up this article.

Hope in on my magical carpet, together we will fly to witness the body of water in the realm of: Hades, the God of the Underworld; and Tartarus, the eternal deity of the dark void-like world beneath the Underworld.

STYX

River Styx, “the River of Hatred”, is one of the most popular river in the Underworld, it has appeared several times in Greek manuscripts. It is described as the most sinister of all the rivers; it circles around the world for a total of seven times. It is presided by Styx, an Oceanid who has aided Zeus during his fight against the Titans. “Styx is known as the river where sworn oath are not meant to be broken.”

In Percy Jackson book series, Rick Riordan added that the river has a jet black flowing waters contaminated by things of mankind that have been important in their life like graduation toga, stuffed toys, diplomas etc. Styx is also the river where Tethys, a sea nymph dipped Achilles, giving him immunity against any weapon.

In the fifth book of Percy Jackson, Percy bathed in the river, he described his experience as painful beyond measures which almost ripped his sanity. He needed to anchor himself with what keeps him mortal in order to gain invincibility.

LETHE

River Lethe is also known as the “River of Forgetfulness.” It flows across the plain of Lethe and pass around the cave of Hypnos, the Greek God of sleep.

A minor Underworld goddess named Lethe is the personification of this river. Those souls who were doomed to live in the Asphodel Meadows would drink to the River Lethe in order to forget their previous life.

In the Percy Jackson's series, Nico di Angelo and her sister Bianca, children of Hades, were brought to the river by the Furies to forget their previous life when they were targeted by the wrath of Zeus.

According to the myth, it is also the river where Percy manipulated, with the help of respective powers of Thalia and Nico, to defeat Titan Iapetus.

PHLEGETHON

Also known as the River of Fire and the most turbulent among the five. This river travels deep to the Underworld to the realm of Tartarus, even deeper than the other four rivers. With boiling temperature, it punishes most evil souls.

In the book, “House of Hades”, the fourth installment of the Heroes of Olympus series by Rick Riordan, Percy Jackson and Annabeth Chase, drink the water of Phlegethon to stay alive until they reach Tartarus to find the Doors of Death.

COCYTUS

Known as the “River of Wailing.” It carries cries, suffering and lamentations of the dead. It flows to the depths of Tartarus, a place where murderers are punished. The lost souls who were not

given proper burial and cannot afford to pay the ferryman Charon are said to wander the banks of Cocytus.

In the book, “House of Hades”, Percy Jackson said that the river is alive, the wails of the souls invite any mortals and monster to join them in the river flow.

When Percy manipulated the “veins of water” of River Cocytus, anyone who gets touched by the ‘water’ will cry uncontrollably on their knees.

ACHERON

The most prominent and the most important of all the rivers according to the ancient Greek texts.

Also known as the “River of Pain” or “River of Woe.” It serves as a physical barrier between the living and the dead. Mortals cannot cross it to enter the Underworld and the dead cannot cross it to escape their fate.

It is one of the rivers together with River Styx, where the boat of Charon passes to transport souls.

What's interesting about this river is that—it is also a real river in Greece.

You may have noticed that I have inserted Percy Jackson stuff because I am a big fan of Rick Riordan's Greek Myth inspired books. Next time, I'll take you to the division of lands where the dead will reside based on Greek Mythology.

Until next time elves. Ciao!

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Ferdinand Marcos: Hero or Villain?

—Caution

Technically he's both by definition whether you like it or not.

The issue that needs confrontation is "Is Ferdinand Marcos more of a Hero, or more of a Villain to the Filipino people?"

In this article we will define "Villain" as—An extremely depraved person, or one capable or guilty of great crimes.

Now many would very well argue that Marcos is indeed a villain mainly due to the dark ages of

Martial Law in which he declared.

Although Ferdinand Marcos made an excuse providing the reason behind his declaration was the need for extra power to put down the rising wave of violence allegedly caused by communists.

The declaration was also intended to eradicate the origins of rebellion and promote a rapid trend for national development.

The problem with Martial Law is that he used his extended powers to do acts in which is generally seen in the public as depriving and violating human rights.

With his special powers, he kept himself in high ranked and protected his allies in the business world (Cronies).

He dissolved Congress; suspended the rights of Habeas Corpus, Freedom of Speech, Press and Assembly; and imprisoned the opposition Liberal Party leaders.

Marcos' Martial Law also made way for abuse of powers. The army and police were notorious for their use of torture. The victims which included political oppositions and suspected drug dealers were beaten, flogged and given electric shocks.

About 50,000 of Marcos' opponents were jailed, exiled or even killed.

Democracy was totally felt absent towards the Filipinos during these dark times.

What makes Ferdinand Marcos also a villain is that he is seen by many as a corrupt leader to the people. Taking advantage of his extended powers to benefit his own and for his close allies.

And amazingly as of now, the Presidential Commission on Good Government has recovered about over 170.45 BILLION PESOS ill-gotten wealth amassed by Marcos, his family, close associates, and his cronies.

Now, what makes Ferdinand Marcos a Hero to the Filipinos?

The definition of hero used in this article is—
somebody who possesses great bravery and carries out extraordinary deeds.

Ferdinand Marcos had numerous outstanding achievements, no debate about that. However what notable deeds did Marcos achieve to make him a hero to the Filipino people?

Well, Ferdinand Marcos is believed to be a hero even before he was a president since he was an officer with the Philippine armed forces during World War 2 and he played some parts of anti-Japanese activities during 1942–1945. He even fought in Bataan and was one of the victims of the infamous Bataan Death March.

As a President, Marcos led his country in its post-war reconstruction arguably making him a hero for saving Filipinos from poverty during his early years in term.

Under the Marcos regime, Filipinos saw the establishment of never before seen infrastructures and the majority still stand proudly today, servicing the needs of the Filipino people.

The development of high quality roads and transport systems, bridges, hospitals and schools

was vital both for economic growth and improving the quality of life of citizens.

Even in the energy sector Marcos made a huge impact, imagine 20 power plants were successfully completed in his regime to counter the 1973 global oil crisis.

But where are these power plants now? Go ask his successors.

After Marcos was ousted from power, not only did his successors fail to build a single power plant; but more devastatingly, the nation also saw the aggressive privatization of the energy industry.

In 1968 the Philippines became self-sufficient in rice, the first time in history since the American period. The Philippines even exported rice worth US \$7 million!

In 1975, to address the influx of people migrating to urban centers from the countryside, a total of 230,000 housing units were constructed for the poorest of the poor Filipinos.

The Primary Health Care (PHC) Program in the Marcos regime made medical care accessible to millions of Filipinos in the remotest barrios of the country.

With PHC life expectancy increased from 53.7 years in 1965 to 65 years in 1985.

To make the long story short. Marcos had numerous good and evil deeds. He is technically both a Hero and a Villain.

But I'll leave the answer to you, do you think Ferdinand Marcos was more of a Villain or a Hero?

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"The Human Evolution and Human Creation Debate: Why Evolution is More Likely"

By Bionic

I'm guessing that you're a Creationist? Or as what we define a person who believes that the universe and all living organisms including us humans originate from specific acts of divine

creation, as in the biblical account.

Considering that our country is dominantly filled with Christians, it is very likely that you firmly believe about the biblical explanation on how God created us into existence.

How about human evolution? Do you believe in it? What would you feel if a Scientific version of the creation of man was presented to you?

Albert Einstein once said, "Science without religion is boring, Religion without Science is blind."

It's a very short but concise statement. Basically, it says that religion that doesn't even recognize science is just blinded by its one-sided belief. There is no problem about people who are knowledgeable about the scientific explanation in the origin of man and yet you still chose to believe in your Religion. However if you lack knowledge about it, then I hope you would spend time in reading critically this article.

We all know about the the biblical story of the Creation of man.

The LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)

However Adam was lonely, since he didn't have any companion.

So Then God removed a rib from Adam's side and from it He created a woman, who Adam named Eve. When Adam saw her for the first time, he recognized that she was not like the animals—she was a person like him. And Genesis affirms that like men, women are fully created in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26–27)

And so since then, Adam and Eve began reproducing. Later in time, a worldwide flood destroys all life except for Noah and his family and representatives of the animals, and Noah becomes the ancestor of the 70 "nations" of the world; the nations live together until the incident of the Tower of Babel, when God disperses them and gives them their different languages.

There you have it. The Biblical explanation of how the first humans were literally created and how we ended up here today.

Let's now go on to the evolutionary version of how the first humans were created.

In Biology, evolution is the change in the characteristics of a species over several generations and relies on the process of natural selection. The theory of evolution is based on the idea that all species are related and gradually change over time, that includes the human species as well.

Evolution occurs when there is change in the genetic material (DNA) which is inherited from the parents, and especially in the proportions of different genes in a population. These are caused by environmental changes, mating preferences, population immigration or genetic mutation.

Scientists say that human evolution is a very lengthy process of change in which humans originated from apelike ancestors. Scientific evidence shows that the physical and behavioral traits shared by all people originated from apelike ancestors and evolved over a period of approximately six million years.

One of the earliest defining human traits, bipedalism (The ability to walk on two legs) evolved over 4 million years ago. Other important human characteristics —such as a large and complex

brain, the ability to make and use tools, and the capacity for language —developed more recently.

So that's the scientific explanation of how we humans came to be. We evolved from an apelike ancestor due to certain factors over a long period of time.

Now that we know about the versions of the two sides. Let's now go to the question, "Which is likely? Evolution or Creation?"

Whether you like it or not, both are theories. There is no direct evidence to prove whether Human Evolution and the Biblical human creation are true. We cannot empirically recreate humans the same way God did, there was also no one to witness that Human Evolution took place. So we just ask, which is likely to be true?

Now to determine that, we need to have good basis and grounds to support the two theories.

In the Biblical Human Creation, the only basis for it is, well, the Bible itself. It's the Bible who claims that God created humans the way he did, so to determine whether it is likely to be true or not, we'll first prove that the Bible itself is reliable. How do we do that?

Many Christians would argue that the Bible is reliable because the Bible was written over many centuries by different writers, the messages it contains are coherent and consistent. The Bible presents a coherent theology and worldview and presents this material consistently. So the Bible is very reliable.

However, the Bible isn't actually that consistent as they say. Even philosophical scholars agree with that. There are numerous verses that contradict to one another. You can see them for yourself in this link:

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You can review them in your own Bible if the contradicting verses given are correct or not.

So given that, we cannot objectively say that the Bible is reliable for us to use it as evidence, and whether we like it or not, the Biblical Human Creation and any Christian religion is all about faith. It's a dogma. We just accept it to be true without evidences or empirical scientific facts. You grew up believing in the literal text of the Bible by faith, that you truly believe in your heart that it is true without question about it's reliability and basis.

How about evolution? How is it reliable? What is it's basis?

Biologists have discovered tons of evidence concerning human evolution, and this comes in various forms. Thousands of human fossils significantly help researchers and students to study the changes that occurred in the body size and brain, locomotion, diet, and other aspects relating the way of life of the early humans over the past 6 million years. Millions of stone tools, paintings and figurines, footprints, and other traces of human behavior in prehistoric time record tell about how and where early humans lived and when certain technological innovations were invented. The study of human genetics would also show how closely related we are to other primates. Making the idea that they too evolved together with us from a common ancestor.

Despite all these, Human Evolution specifically is still just a theory. Evolution of other organisms on the other hand have been proven to be a fact now. Example?

Did you believe in your parents when they said that you should not intake medicines all the time when you are sick or having a fever? Because they say the medicine won't cure you anymore in the long run for the reason that your body got used to it? Do you believe in that?

Well if you say yes then you should believe that evolution exist because the reason why those medicines won't work on you anymore is because the bacteria that caused you that disease had became immune to it.

A decade ago most antibiotics were very effective in inhibiting growth of bacteria, however numerous research found out that bacteria have now rapidly evolved to resist it. Bacterial evolution is that heritable genetic changes that bacteria accumulates during its whole life time, which can arise from adaptations in response to changes in the environment or the immune response of the host. Because of it's short generation times and large population sizes, bacteria can evolve rapidly for us to study them.

You see? Evolution outweighs Creation in terms of evidence and good grounds.

However, take note! In the end, proving that the biblical creation is false doesn't mean you should be an atheist. You can still believe in a God without believing in the Bible, or, you can believe in God without believing LITERALLY most of the contents of the Bible.

Are you a Roman Catholic? Do you wholeheartedly have faith in your religion? Well, did you know that Pope Francis himself wants you to believe that Evolution is real?

"God is not... a magician, but the Creator who brought everything to life," Francis said.

"Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of creation, because evolution requires the creation of beings that evolve."

Pope Francis doesn't want us to literally believe in the Book of Genesis but wants us to believe in Human Evolution, but God is the one who supplied everything in order for evolution to happen.

So ask yourself, which is likely to be true? The literal Biblical Human Creation? Or the scientific Human Evolution?

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