

Difficulties? Or is it Confusion?

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In reference to: http://www.vinnomot.com/Anika/NurulIslam_files/SetaraComplex.htm

Dear Ms. Hashem:

I appreciate your response, but it did not address the issues I raised. It is my understanding that one can not be an ardent believer of materialistic dialectics while being a follower of any religion, simultaneously. Are these two not mutually exclusive of one another? Seems to me that accepting both of these at the same time is almost like the term they say in Bengali “Sonar-Pathor Bati” (golden earthenware). Now, you know that it has to be either gold ware or stone ware, can’t be both at the same time. Likewise from the human perspective, good and bad are not scalable parameters of a yard-stick. The lack of goodness doesn’t automatically measure up to something bad, and vice-versa. A good example can be the proliferation of virus. This may be good for the virus cells, but is not necessarily good for the host. Therefore from the host’s point of view the virus is bad, period. One can not argue that the existence of less amounts of virus is somehow good.

Again, I do not agree with your contention that “**holy books were occurred in real world**”. There is nothing inherently holy in those books, none of which are but second or third hand narrations and/or imaginations of individuals who had vested interest in propagating those mythological comedies, or tragedies as I see them. You can not convince me or anyone else that the so-called “holy books” are authentic statements from any higher authority. You will agree that neither god or Mr. Moses, Mr. Mohammed, Mr. Christ, or Mr. Krishna were the authors of those so-called “holy books”, nor can you establish through any specific proof that those stories reflected factual events that took place during the era reflected in those mythological narrations. For example, the existence of flying chariots in the Hindu mythology Ramayana, or the episode where flocks of ravens threw stones upon the enemies of the believers, to see god’s chosen one win a victory in a battle.

I did not quite understand why you took the liberty of posting Mr. Mick Brooks’ article. I find nothing in that piece that upheld your belief that materialistic dialectics and religion are somehow congruent. Besides, nothing I wrote in my earlier piece contradicted what Mr. Brooks had to say in his essay. Both you and I are well aware knowledgeable regarding these elementary concepts, which squarely puts me in league with you as politician of the garden variety.

Ms. Hashem, unlike many others, I consider you to be progressive individual, and I certainly believe that you are not an Islamist. By the way, I would like to make a distinction here that all Muslims who believe in Islam are not Islamists. I can understand the reason for confusion because of the way the term “Islamist” is used to designate the hard-core fundamentalists of the Muslim faith. You, sir, are not one, I assure you.

I am still waiting for an answer from you regarding your core belief, are you a follower of materialistic dialectics or are you a believer of man made religion?

Sincerely,

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