

Why Does God Allow Wars to Take Place, and Diseases to Propagate?

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Abstract

Life on earth is governed by an order, we call it: the Order of Creation. God Has devised this Order. Nothing can happen on this planet which defies this Order.

This Order is optimized to help us in spirituality (recognizing that there is only one thing in the Universe, and it is God), and attain a deep and long-lasting happiness.

Human beings are created with a great ability to gradually discover portions of this Order of Creation. With this ability, they have created all the comfort and conveniences which we have to day. Humans are also given the freedom of choice.

All the problems humanity is facing now, including wars, oppressions, famines, draughts, etc. are the response of this Order of Creation to what the people have chosen to do in the past.

The major reason for all these problems, I believe, is the wrong belief of great majority of people that wealth, fame and power bring about happiness.

We need to change this attitude, if we want to bring peace and harmony on earth.

To solve the problems that are driving life on earth to extinction, we need to adapt a new approach for securing happiness. ***We need to develop a belief system that happiness can be secured through giving unconditional love to all beings, by rendering of the most effective and unselfish service to those who need it most, and by cultivating human values in ourselves.***

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1. Introduction

A short review of history shows that there have been many wars (between tribes or nations), and many diseases through which many people were killed, injured and suffered for life.

Many people who believe in God, that He has created the Universe, and is managing all the affairs of the world according to His Order of the Universe, often ask the question: Why does He allow such events to take place? People state that they believe that God loves His creation: people and all other beings. They ask why then does He allow the suffering of people, animals and the entire environment?

We first give some information (found through a Google search) on the approximate number of people killed or injured through diseases and wars, and then make an attempt to provide an answer to the above question (employing the Hypotheses of the University of Life and Happiness).

2. People killed by diseases and through wars.

Diseases. It is estimated that **Plague** has caused the death of more than 200 million people, **Smallpox** has caused the death of more than 50 million people, **Influenza** the death of more than 50 million people, **HIV** the death of more than 35 million people, **Corona** the death of more than 6 million people and **Cholera** the death of more than 2 million people throughout the world.

Wars. There have been many wars through which many people have been killed. I mention a few of them here.

It is estimated that 38 to 60 million people were killed by the Moghol invasion of Iran and other countries, around 17 million people were killed by Teymoorlang invasion of Iran and other countries. During World War One, 15 to 22 million people were killed directly due to the war and 23 million people died due to famine, extreme cold and other causes due to war. During World War Two 52 to 60 million people were killed directly due to the war and 20 to 28 million more people died because of the lack of food, heat, shelter and other causes. (More people have been killed by this war than any other war in history).

The two atomic bombs dropped in Japan by US caused the death of 130,000 to 325,000 people and the injury of 95,000 more people. During the Vietnamese War

about 50,000 Americans were killed and more than 3 million Vietnamese were killed or severely injured.

3. The Order of the Universe

Scientists estimate that the physical world came into existence 13.5 to 15 billion years ago.

I believe before that there was only God and nothing else. God decided to create the universe and all that there are in it. He then devised an order, we call **the Order of the Universe**.

Scientists now estimate that there are 2 trillion galaxies, including our own Milky Way Galaxy, there are 200 billion suns in our galaxy, including our own sun, and there are 8 planets and 146 moons and numerous comets and other objects, in our solar system. They estimate that there are 10^{24} (one Septillion) stars in the universe. The diameter of a hypothetical sphere containing all galaxies, is about 93 billion light years, or 8.8×10^{26} m.

Scientists estimate that planet earth came into being about 5 billion years ago, the first life started on earth about 2 billion years ago, the first human started to walk on earth (somewhere in East-Northeast Africa) about 2 million years ago, and the first human settlement, along with agriculture, started about 12,000 years ago (somewhere in the Middle East, a warm region between the present-day Iran and Iraq).

*All these, including the creation of human beings, with all his/her capabilities and limitations, have been according to **the Order of the Universe**.*

We can say that nothing can happen, not only on earth, but anywhere in the Universe, which defies this **Order of the Universe** or is not according to it.

4. The Order of Creation

That portion of the Order of the Universe that pertains to earth and all the beings on earth, including human beings, we call it the Order of Creation on Earth, or simply the **Order of Creation**.

It is according to this specific Order that we need to learn how to sit, stand, walk and talk, and need to spend time to learn other things in life. We need to spend

time to learn how to read and write and learn a profession—we need to spend many years to study in order to become an engineer, a medical doctor, a nurse, or anything else. All these are needed and done according to the **Order of Creation**. God could have devised this portion of the Order of Creation so that we did not have to spend time to learn all these. But, He devised His Order of Creation and created us the way we are.

Despite of all these seeming limitations, God has created us with an ability to think and discover different aspects of the Order of Creation.

It has been through this capability that scientists, engineers and many other professional people have been able to provide all the comfort and conveniences that we are now enjoying in our life, and enjoy (in a near future) a relatively disease-free world.

If we could learn all aspects of this Order of Creation, and if we were able to express each aspect through a mathematical equation, we could then develop a computer program to explain the response of the immediate world around us. Our thoughts, words and actions will provide inputs to this computer program. We could theoretically run this program and see the results of our actions.

God has also given us, through His Order of Creation, the ability to choose and have the option of choice. He has also created us with the ability of growing spiritually--seeing everything and everybody as the effects, or manifestations of God. It is this aspect of humankind which distinguishes us from many (or all) other beings on earth.

God has also revealed some aspects of His Order of Creation through His prophets

Considering the above points and what little I have learned from Islamic teachings that I can make the following statement:

It is through the Order of Creation that by having respect for all creatures, and by giving unconditional love to all beings, and by rendering of the most effective unselfish service to those who need it most, and through piety (possession of all good human qualities) that we can ascend spiritually (to see nothing but God) and attain the deepest- and long lasting happiness.

5. The Hypotheses of the University of Life and Happiness

The University of Life.

Living on this planet is like going to a university: THE UNIVERSITY OF LIFE.

In this university everyone is both a student and a teacher, and earth's natural resources are the supporting staff of the University.

The University of Life is established for us to learn important lessons. We learn that every one of us is a unique and beautiful manifestation, face, or effect of God: that each of us is playing a very important role in His drama of creation.

Life's important lesson is to teach me to recognize myself as one with everyone, with everything, and with God. I begin to consider everyone as my brother or sister, and every plant, insect, and animal as my cousins.

In the University of Life I accept every event as part of my learning process. I accept the way everyone is learning his or her lessons.

If I find that I can help my fellow students and myself to learn our lessons more effectively, I will do so, yet always with total love for them and myself. This way, hopefully, we can all graduate sooner from **the University of Life.**

Happiness.

We are born to be happy, and we live on this planet to be happy.

God, through His Order of Creation, has provided all the means for us to be always happy.

In securing happiness, mankind has gone in a wrong direction: believing that wealth, fame and power can bring about happiness in his/her life. They can bring physical comfort and conveniences in life, and not happiness.

I believe all the problems humanity is facing today: wars, famines, injustices and so on, are because a great majority of people adhere to the belief of securing happiness through acquiring and building up more wealth, power and fame.

We need to change our approach and belief system of securing happiness if we want to solve the present day calamities in the world, and prevent their future occurrences.

6. What I Believe

There has been a number of investigations by scientists and regular people in the past several years, showing that our thoughts, actions and well wishes (or ill-wishes) can affect the growth and well-being of plants and their performance. These people have just observed a portion of the Order of Creation.

I believe what is happening to me and now is the result of all my thoughts, words and actions that I have put out to the Universe in the past. God, with all His love for me and other creatures, and through His Order of Creation, Has provided what is going on in my life now. I believe the same is true for a society, nation or the whole world. (For my case it is like this. That I am now living in the house that I designed and built before, and through my thoughts, words and actions I am now designing and building the house I will occupy in future).

I believe the same pattern applies to all people, a nation and to the entire world.

I believe the suffering of people, plants, animals and the entire planet in the past have affected the events we are all facing now.

Suffering of people because of oppressions, tyranny, diseases, famine, etc. Have all contributed to the present problems mankind is facing today.

This, I believe, is just a response of the Order of Creation.

It is totally unwise, to expect God not to allow the wars to occur, and not to allow diseases to propagate: *Things just happen through the Order of Creation.*

If we want to solve the problems (which are driving humanity to extinction), and have peace and harmony in the world and in our lives, humanity has to change his belief, and approach, for securing happiness.

We need to disregard the belief and approach of securing happiness through acquiring wealth, fame and power.

I believe all the present day problems of wars, famine, diseases, global warming effects, and many other problems we and the entire planet are facing now will be solved if the people, particularly the people in more wealthy and powerful countries, adopt the following approach of securing happiness:

Deep and long-lasting happiness can be secured by having unconditional love for all beings, by rendering the most effective and unselfish service to those who need it most, and by cultivating human values in ourselves.

References

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These books can be seen in Chapter 14 (and their Farsi versions in Chapter 11) of the Site: **www.shadikadeh.com**.