On religious ~constructions~

All religious, faiths & social creeds endeavor to ~construct~ an intentional social order.

The Biblical faiths appeal to Gods higher love as their primary. They then appeal to reason as their secondary to build a reasoned case as to why we should subscribe to the primary. If these two positives fail, they lastly appeal to fear of consequence for not so behaving. Basically, if you are a bad person we will call the cops & they will deal to you.

Most of the other major faiths in the world appeal to reason as their primary. Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Inca & western civil religions all first construct a reasoned order of things. They then appeal to love as a secondary in support of their various primary reasoned orders. Lastly as a facility of last resort they too appeal to fear of consequence if people do not conform. Again, if you are a bad person we will call the cops & they will deal to you.

What these two groups share in common is both love & reason are constructive positives we can endeavor to build some type of creditworthy society out of. While there are considerable variations in quality, all of them comprise some type of net asset to humanity.

Next I move to the much vaunted ~otherness~ of Islam, as in ~other than~ what all others are.

Islam appeals to fear of consequence as its primary. *First recourse; if you do not submit to Allah he will call out all true Muslims as his agents, & they will deal to you.* It thus demands all submit to the arbitrary edicts of a capricious entity who is not a particularly nice guy. As humans are not naturally inclined to so submit, it first has to incalculate a deep fear of the consequences of not so submitting before it can persuade & compel such submission.

It then appeals to reason as its secondary, utilizing it to construct an extensively developed reasoned case for the benefits of so submitting. Lastly it appeals to love, although this appeal is indifferent or half-hearted, so seems somewhat optional.

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Next the role of ~childhood conditioning~

Parents & immediate family are responsible for installing the ~base soft-ware program~ which shapes a child in the mores of their society.

The Jesuits famously claimed ~give me the child till seven & I will give you the man~ While some rail against the evils of childhood conditioning, the realty is family has to so shape the basic worldview of the child; all the alternates are worse.

Christians will seek to shape a child to venerate & emulate Jesus, Son of God. As all humans are not the same; they will also shape in the image of a range of Saints to cater for individual variation.

A Buddhist family will endeavor to shape their child to emulate the venerable Buddha. *I find Buddha a bit* ***far out*** *& unworkable, but if you subscribe to his basic tenets he is creditworthy.*

A Chinese family will try to shape their child to venerate & emulate the virtuous Confucius.

A Hindu family will raise their child to venerate & emulate Hindu creeds. *I find Hindu philosophy* ***bizarre****; yet Indians are clever & quick-witted people which seem a product of being raised in its complex creeds.*

Western civil religions adulate human achievement & humanism. Thus a Kiwi family might hold Sir Edmund Hillary was both a high achiever & a great humanist. OK we will raise our son to venerate & emulate Sir Ed. *(Humanism is not the higher love of the Biblical God, but humanities* ***self-love*** *for itself. Thus it is* ***inherently sinful****; but civil religions justify it on the basis of caring for our wider humanity)*

For Muslims it is shape the child to venerate & emulate Muhammad, messenger of God.

This poses a problem if you consider the nature of Muhammad… deceiver, fraud; a self-serving person always manipulating & using others in order to advance & profit himself. A seditionist who undermined installed authorities by laying false charges against them. The add thief, murderer, slave trader, rapist, pedophile & all round brigand. To ice the cake add heretic in contriving trance states to claim God was speaking verbatim & exclusively through him.

Muhammad does not have much to recommend him as a formative influence on a young child; but Muhammad is who all Muslims hold their young should be raised ~in the image off~

In reality Muslims give young children a softened fairy-tale version of Muhammad. Only when they grow older do they learn his more dubious side. Yet as mum, dad, grandma & uncle have attested Muhammad is perfect in God in all things, this nasty side must be equally valid.

This results in events as in an internet for sale site in Iraq last year. ~Yazidi girl, 12 years old, beautiful, price has reached US $12,000, will sell soon~

Most of us can only be appalled. This girl is reduced to a mere ~thing~ whose only value is to serve & please those who have power over her. Like any mere ~thing~ she can be tossed out with the trash when she is used up or ceases to so please. She has no **intrinsic worth** as a person in her own right.

Chillingly, this for sale ad could have been written by Muhammad himself.

More chilling is Islam raises all its young to venerate, emulate & ~walk in the ways~ of Muhammad.

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If many of Islam’s problems reduce to the nature of Muhammad, what was Muhammad like as a person?

If you or I met him we would find him an interesting person, somewhat odd & always seeking attention while striving to advance himself. Yet it would not take long to decide, ~hey there is something wrong with this guy; **something missing** in this man~

Deeper examination would conclude; the bit that is missing is the capacity to love.

All reading of the Quran plus historical records of his behaviors, plus looking at the Islam raised in his name & applying *by their fruits shall you know them*; attest Muhammad a totally loveless man.

His various wives & others tried to love him; yet it did not penetrate to his inner person; to Muhammad love was literally water off a ducks back. His own relationships with others were all of a nature calculated to advance, profit, serve or please solely himself. Muhammad never loved another human being in his life; all his relationships were manipulative user-abuser & always about him.

The problem is if we do not love, our fellow humans have no intrinsic worth in their own right. All people are reduced to mere things we can demand must serve & please us, or toss in the trash-can as ~useless things~ if they don’t.

Add in Muhammad was a very clever man; you have to be clever to do what he did. I would put his IQ right up near the top of the range. IQ is a natural endowment, you do not need education to have it but you do need formal education to direct it into constructive channels. In primitive societies high IQ often reverts to ~I am cleverer than them, I will outsmart everyone else as I am clever enough to get away with it~ This certainly seems to be the case with Muhammad.

If we do not know love so all people are reduced to mere things to be ~used~ for our own purposes & have high IQ with its capacity to outsmart all others; we have the fatally flawed combination which is Islam…………………………………………….

Lastly can Islam reform itself; or can it be reformed by more enlightened creeds from the outside world?

All the historical & contemporaneous information attests… NO!

Firstly for Islam to reform it must cease submitting to the arbitrary edicts of a capricious & malignant entity. Yet submit is Islam, the word Muslim itself means **he who submits.** If Muslims cease to so submit it is no longer Islam be it reformed or otherwise, but a different faith altogether which is ~other than~ Islam.

Secondly for Muslims to reform they need first reject Muhammad as the self-serving misfit that he actually was, to instead seek other & better mentors. Yet **Muhammad is Islam**; he is the sole architect & creator off it. *Unlike the Bible which is the work of a* ***serial committee*** *of socially responsible people who built the faith one rung at a time like a ladder out of the darkness; as humanity worked its way through the axial-age toward higher development.*  Thus if Muslims reject Muhammad there is no Islam be it reformed or otherwise; but some faith or creed ~other than~ Islam.

While I am clear Muhammad alone invented Islam; I am equally certain he was not the sole inventor of the Allah entity. For all of time humanity has subscribed to the view there is some all-powerful malignant dark-force out there somewhere, which is out to get us. Quite literally demanding submit or die. This dark trend continues in modernity with endless science fictions positing all powerful malignant aliens invading the earth to enslave or kill us; again demanding submit or die.

Thus while Muhammad is the sole inventor of Islam he is not the sole inventor of the capricious malignant Allah entity his creed demands total submission too. Rather he found this established dark-force which exists deep in the human consciousness could be conscripted to serve his purposes; which attests how devoid of love this little man was.

In conclusion I can hold little hope for reform of Islam when this malignant dark-force seems embedded in the human consciousness **for all of time**; *the dark force Muslims call Allah is ~omnipresent~ at some level of human consciousness.* Lord Cromer; British Viceroy of Egypt late 19th century; *~Muslims so deeply fear Allah, at a moment’s notice Islam can generate such a mass of feeling, it breaks the brittle bonds the reformer has so painstakingly established~* Muslims fear this malignant dark-force as all powerful; so will not risk reforming their ways in any manner that might mess with him.

My only hope is in the sheer range of human consciousness which not only bought forth the malignant dark-force Muslims call Allah, but **the transcendent light-force** we call the Biblical God; plus many intermediate faiths at staged levels between these two polarities. It is in this light-force that we must vest our faith; it is the only thing we can build forward on. I can’t do anything with the malignant dark-force called Allah; as if it were reformed or enlightened it would no longer be a dark-force. Thus Islam is beyond hope of reform; Muslim’s can only be reformed or saved by conversion to the other faiths, which offer varying degrees of higher light.

I have long held all religions are man-made, *I can’t see who else would produce them;* therefore they are only as good or as bad as the various people who bought them forth. I myself work in the Biblical tradition of the **serial-committee** who keeps upgrading the Biblical faiths; to address the changing terms & conditions of human existence as humanity develops. I can hardly deny man-made.

All religions seem to subscribe to various levels of consciousness which live in & through us; so are constantly omnipresent over time. Thus they are stable constants reliably there in us; the various faiths can keep building on as we go forward.

On page 4 above I believe I have identified the omnipresent level of consciousness living in & through us, whom Muslims call Allah. If like Trinity, this **malignant entity** also constantly abides in us *( is continuously omnipresent in our own natures)* Then Islam has grounds to believe it does work from a platform common to all of humanity; so its Jihad campaign of conversion x deception x coercion may indeed take over the whole world. As all Islamic states are failed; that is the end of humanity.

For myself; I will continue to develop & foster the positives of a modernized form of the Biblical Trinity. I do not believe modern humanism is up to the job of containing Islam; indeed it seems a roll-over for it. *The modern secular-humanist west vests its faith in modern development which is a credit to the western world as* ***the prime agency*** *off said development. Yet modern secularism is too dependent on material/technical/practical advance; & that is not enough.*

Over time I have concluded all of our various religions determine to commit to & build a working social structure, out of one of the various levels of consciousness which **indwell** in us. Having selected a specific concept they commit to it as their ~primary~ while regarding other concerns of humanity as ~secondaries~ As such they do not totally ignore our other perceptions or understandings; but expect the selected primary to reign over them & control them. Thus secondary concerns are reduced to servants or ~subjects~ of the installed primary.

The Biblical faiths commit to the three persons of Trinity as **the highest light-force** available to us. We then seek to build out of this primary; while exercising considerations to our other lower natures as secondary.

Most of the other major faiths *(the various tribes & nations of Ishmael)* which include western civil-religion; commit to a selected aspect of our more aggregate level of consciousness; then treat to both higher & lower concerns as secondaries.

Whereas Islam has committed to submit to the most malignant dark-force which also **constantly indwells in us**; then seeks to destroy all higher creeds so this Allah becomes sole ruler of the world.

My deepest concern is this ~indwelling~ *(omnipresent)* Allah entity would seem to give Islam an internal connection to the more darkly fearing natures of humanity as a whole. One which if worked consistently, single-mindedly & relentlessly; could succeed in taking over humanity as a whole.

On page 5 above I hold I am certain Muhammad did not invent the Allah entity, as he has existed in primal form for the whole of human time. I might add that I hold the same for the Biblical Trinity, as these three entities too will pre-date the bringing forth of the Bible.

Both Bible & Islam claim they subscribe to the pristine Original God, who existed from the beginnings. Which raises the question, *from the beginnings of what exactly?* To which I can only answer; from the beginnings of conscious human capacity to know such things.

If we go back to early man; we find his was a world of complexly varied spiritual forces; *Indigenous societies still subscribe to such today.* Some were held benevolently good, others presided over limited fiefdoms, yet others were held darkly malignant; but all exercised various powers.

As humanity moved forward to start developing beyond the Stone-age it needed to simplify this matrix in order to obtain control of its own self-management. *(In order to self-determine)* Thus the previous matrix of puny light-forces were combined into one **Biblical Supra-light force** humanity could build & develop forward out off.

The Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit would have originally been three constructively benign spirits which lent themselves to ~constructing~ better societies. A serial committee of Prophets & Apostles worked them up through-out the Axial-age; as the base for building better societies as humanity developed in other practical fields.

Thus the Biblical God was not invented by Biblical writers; he has indeed existed *from the beginning*s *of man’s conscious awareness;* but was refined over time by the Biblical writers to become the foundation for more developed societies; that were constructively & positively benign.

Like-wise humanity has subscribed to a variety of malignant dark-forces out to get us, from the beginnings of human conscious capacity to envisage such things. Human desire to use this force resulted in Witch-doctors placing a curse by pointing a bone; so causing those cursed to wither & die. *Muhammad did not invent the Allah entity; he too has existed as some type of pristine Original God, from the beginnings.*

Given Muhammad’s defective character & desire to subjugate others to his writ, these forces lent themselves to his purposes. Muhammad’s interest centered on the Kaaba in Mecca, a temple dedicated to a multitude of Gods, many of them relatively minor malignant dark-forces. He threw all of them out; to combine their energies into one Supra-malignant dark-force to pit against the Supra-light forces of the higher religions; then demanded all ~submit~ to his MISRULE.

*Thus Islamic Jihad reduces to the most primitive elements; the tribal witch-doctor pointing the bone of malignant dark-forces ~submit to my demands or die~*

Our Gods cannot exercise Godly power & influence over us, unless they first **~connect~ to you & me** in some meaningful way. It seems initial connection was deeply embedded in the human psyche by the various light & dark spiritual forces of the animistic-polytheistic world of somewhere between 20,000 - 40,000 years ago.

Yet as humanity moved forward, these forces proved individually **too puny** to build anything bigger or more advanced out-off; they were also too fragmented & too many so got in each other’s way. All these constructively benign forces were **localized**, exercised dominion over limited fiefdoms & held insufficient capacity to expand their dominions or be taken up as ~universal~

The result is the Bible collated the mixed collection of constructively benign forces into the Trinity. Thus forming a **universal entity**; one powerful enough to be effective in larger societies advancing higher development in some creditworthy manner; coherent enough to be manageable.

The Trinity is comprised of three Divine Persons assuming different roles & functions; each **benignly constructive**. They have to be benign to be caring; they have to be constructive to build any social order *soundly crafted enough* for us to depend on. The three combine within the greater body of the one God *(in secular terms a division of powers & functions within the greater body of the One Constitution)* in a manner which is interactively supportive & considerate of each other.

Muhammad seems to have held some deeply entrenched grudge against humanity; *perhaps due to being cast out of loving home to suffer the fate of an orphan in a primal & uncaring society.* He also found the disparate collection of *pre-existent* minor dark-force deities inadequate to his purposes. He collated them into some type of supra-malignant dark-force; so he could take on the higher religions head to head, so compelling all people to ~submit~ to his own MISRULE.

Off note is both have capacity to exercise some Godly power & influence over you & me; due to deep human ~connection~ to each, established tens of thousands of years ago.

The Biblical God is deeply caring & intimately inter-relational; **in some way the success of the human experiment is essential to his own happiness & fulfillment**; so he is benignly encouraging of our every constructive endeavor. By comparison Islam’s Allah entity is remotely indifferent. He has the same relationship with humanity as you or I might have with rats in the basement. So long as we don’t bother him our existence may be tolerated; if we in any way bother him he will lay rat poison everywhere. Humanity has no future living in fearful ~submission~ to the arbitrary edicts of such a capricious, remotely uncaring & malignantly ~indifferent~ entity.

Father, Son & Holy Spirit… yours is the light of love & truth that shines in the darkness.

Lastly, for humanity a state of perfection is NOT an option! Humanity is an independently deterministic progressively developing species. In a state of perfection we would be like the cow; a state of ~arrested development~ unable to develop in any new field of endeavor.

We have to be able to commit errors, harms & wrongs *(be humanly fallible)* in order to learn & develop anything. That is simply the base cost of our unique humanity. Fortunately, going out into the world seeking to do some good is also not optional but a requirement; be grateful for that small blessing.

The other thing we are stuck with is the law of money; which states every time the head side of a coin grows; the tail side of the same coin grows proportionately on a ~pro-rata~ basis. Every time we increase our ability to do good in the world; our capacity for error, harm & wrong increases proportionately, again on a pro-rate basis.

Big strong developed societies may do more good in the world, but also do greater harms. This is a reality all faiths & creeds have to deal with. The only way to stop such is to desist from further development at all, which is contrary to human nature; so the issue reduces to ~best-managing~ this troublesome & deeply challenging condition.

This raises the question how does God balance the books on the basis of our goods & wrongs come Judgement Day? The answer is simple; the first must exceed the latter.

The Biblical faiths, the various tribes & nations of Isaac go out into the world & do both good & harm. Yet the sum of our good most often exceeds the sum of our harms; so we constitute **a net-asset** to humanity despite harms done. This is best-managing the human condition. Being a net asset in black-ink on the budget sheet is one of the reasons Christian wrongs are amortized or redeemed in Christ; while the wrongs on non-Christians are not.

The various tribes & nations of Ishmael which comprise a loose confederacy of other developed faiths, also do both good & harm. As the sum of their good seldom exceeds the sum of their harm, they are not a net-asset to humanity. Yet as the sum of their harm rarely exceeds the sum of their good, they hardly comprise a net-liability to humanity either.

Islam is a faith in a class of its own; it ventures into the world to do both good & harm as we all do. Yet the sum of its harm consistently exceeds the sum of its good; making it an ongoing **net-liability** to humanity for every day that it operates; despite any good that it does.

Thus I do not subscribe to Muslim’s claims because Christianity commits some harm & wrong as we all do; Islam holds an **open-license** to do ever greater harm & wrong if it so chooses.

The balance between good & wrong is deeply challenging for all of us; yet the Biblical faiths best-manage the condition; Islam worst-manages it; the other major faiths are somewhere in-between.

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