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This is the reason why the world groans in pain

We are the cause of our suffering.

Someone has been murdered somewhere as you read this. Elsewhere a woman has been raped. About a dozen wars are going on right now across the globe. And in some cave or mountain, terrorists are busy plotting the world's final hour. The question arises: Why does God allow these bad things to happen?

Our first parents, Adam and Eve are the source of wickedness and suffering in this world. The whole story is in the Bible book of Genesis Chapters 2 and 3.

God made them perfect and put them in the beautiful garden of Eden. They were to live happy, beget offsprings and take care of the earth by expanding the borders of the paradise, with a prospect of eternal life.

But take note. All these were not just offered on a platter of gold. There was a condition -- and this is very important -- they were to eat all the fruits of the trees in the garden, except one -- the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and bad. Disobedience would bring death! Simple instruction.

So man was not created like a robot. He was created with the right to make choices, the freedom to make

decisions.

Now this gift of free will --- the right to choose --- either good or bad, life or death, is not to be overlooked. So although we were created free, this freedom is not total, but relative. We are subject to God's laws. And what are those laws? you may ask.

First, we are under the physical laws of gravity. Man may decide to climb the highest peak of Mt. Everest,

ignore this law, and take a giant leap to the foot of the mountain. Or he may close his eyes to all the risks, and go swimming in the angry waters of the Atlantic Ocean. He has the free will.

Also God has moral laws. These involve our life style which includes the use of alcohol and illicit drugs, tobacco and sexual promiscuity. Man may choose to have sexual relations with an AIDS victim with the belief that he will never catch the dreaded disease. He has the free will.

Then there are social laws. Man can choose his type of clothing, art, and music. He also has the right to choose his type of friends and marriage mate. He may decide to live all alone in the jungle, away from civilization, or to walk naked in the streets of New York. That is his free will.

And lastly, there are health laws. A sick man has the right to refuse medical treatment. He can also decide to go on hunger strike --- without food and water. After all, it is his free will.

Now, our being subject to God's laws is similar to our subjection to the laws of the State --- man's laws. The laws of the nations recognize the citizen's fundamental human rights.

A citizen for instance has freedom of movement. But this does not mean that he should drive his car right into the President's bedroom. That is a ride to prison.

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So you can see that there are limits to human freedom — those rights have to operate within the confines of the rule of law.

A man who disobeys the laws of the State is in effect challenging the authority of that State — the sovereignty, which means the right to rule. Now, when Adam and Eve decided to eat the forbidden fruit in exercise of their free will after being deceived to do so by Satan, they were in effect challenging God's legal right to rule. They were effectively saying to God: "We can tell good from bad. It is better for us to be independent of you. We can rule ourselves without you."

That was an affront — a rebellion against their Creator. So God has allowed man the past 6,000 years to see if he can do without his creator. In those years, man has tried every political and economic system. And the result?

Helmut Schmidt, former German Chancellor tells us: "We humans . . . have always only partially governed the world, and most of the time very badly We have never governed it in total peace". Do you agree with him? With all man's best efforts, do we have peace or pieces of peace? (I am not playing with words.)

But how are we the children of Adam and Eve who didn't have a bite at this fruit, concerned in this matter?

It is because of the law of genetics. When our first parents disobeyed, they became sinners — imperfect people. And imperfect parents cannot give birth to perfect children. So we have all inherited the result of sin — suffering and death from Adam and Eve.

Here comes the questions:

Question: Why did God plant a forbidden tree in the garden?

Answer: Because he has the right to so, and nobody can challenge him.

Question: Did he know or not that Adam and Eve would eat the fruit?

Answer: No, he did not know. For God can choose not to know.

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Question: Why did he allow Satan to deceive them?

Answer: God did not allow it. Satan desired worship, and deceit was his tool.

Question: Why did he not destroy the sinning trio?

Answer: Because God's purpose of populating the earth will be defeated, and the sovereignty issue will not be resolved.

Question: And who made Satan the Devil in the first place?

Answer: It was not God, because God made perfect angels. One of the angels made himself Satan, meaning resister, and Devil meaning liar.

Are you surprised to read this, folks? Do not be amazed. That is the Bible fact. The bottomline is the bottomline.

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"WHY". That three letter word is so common when disasters strike. It is the final question when war or natural disasters happen. Or when epidemics exact their toll on humans. Or when a rapist, or robber goes on rampage. Or perhaps when children are abused by persons who are supposed to be their custodians, or when a loved one drops dead.

Sometimes though the "WHY" is elongated to "WHY GOD WHY" That suggests the person acknowledges that God allows evil. If so, why does he permit wickedness and suffering?

If we say we are not victims of wickedness and suffering, then we are deceiving ourselves. For have we not lost someone in death? Or are we ourselves sure we will be around to shoot fireworks at the end of the next one hundred years? Perhaps not.

Man through the ages have resigned to the inevitability of misery and death. A sample of the following quotations will shed more light on this matter.

"For suff'rance is the badge of all our tribe". -- Shakespeare.

"The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness." -- Joseph Conrad.

"Account ye no man happy till he die." -- Euripides.

"Out out brief candle/Life's but a walking shadow". --

Shakespeare.

"Vice increases, and men grow daily more and more wicked."— Berkley.

"To each his suffring: all are men/Condemn'd alike to groan.... " — Gray.

"Death! the poor man's dearest friend, — The kindest and the best." — Burns.

"Death is here and death is there/Death is busy everywhere/All around, within, beneath/Above is death — and we are death." — Shelley.

". . . In this world nothing is certain than death and taxes." —Benjamin Franklin.

"When life is woe/And hope is dumb/The world says, `Go'/ The Grave says, `come!' " — Arthur Gutterman.

"Ask not for whom the bell tolls/It tolls for thee."
— John Donne.

"Pale Death, with impartial step, knocks at the poor man's cottage and the palaces of kings." — Horace.

"Time goes you stay? Ah no! Time stays, we go." — Austin Dobson.

"Life is not worth living. Existence is only a burden." — Mark Twain.

"When the gods want to punish us, they answer our prayer." — Oscar Wilde.

"We men are wretched things, and the gods, who have no cares themselves, have woven sorrow into the very pattern of our lives." — Homer.

"Solomon Grundy/Born on a Monday/. . .Died on Saturday /Buried on Sunday/This is the end /Of Solomon Grundy." — J.D. Halliwell.

The story of Solomon Grundy is the story of us all. Somebody was once asked to define man; and he simply

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said: "He was born, he suffered, he died."

The account of human suffering have elicited different reactions from various victims. Some believe that God is responsible for wickedness and human suffering. As an example , one whose house was shattered by an earthquake in a South American country said : " God, see what you have done to us! ".

Yet, others feel that there is no God, or if he exists, he doesn't really care about us. Asked a World War I victim: "Where was God when we needed him?"

The depth of pain that is caused by the wickedness and suffering in this world cannot be fathomed. Said a Nazi holocaust victim: "If you could lick my wound, it would poison you".

Now the question remains: Why does God permit wickedness and suffering? Does he really exist? When would wickedness and suffering end?

But first, what is the origin of wickedness?

(To be continued)

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