

第011篇 [ 設想寫給上帝的一封信---談你對宗教的看法。 ]

命題大意： 鼓勵作者以輕鬆書信方式表達人生重大問題的看法

寫作大意： 寫出個人獨特思維和信仰。

ASSIGNMENT 5/22/2002

[Describe your thoughts or feeling about religion in a theoretical letter that begins: "Dear God".]

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Dear God:

The Christian Bible alleges that YOU God created mankind long ago by copying YOUR own body shape. Besides HE also created the cosmos and other creatures. Some other religions have similar allegations. In my mind, YOU are an immense and profound abstract "subtle and truth " existing in an infinitive "four dimensional space", i.e. space (X, Y, Z) plus time (T). To me the saying that we are physically alike is only a fable and a parable, which can be explained that the human shares a portion of your subtle knowledge and have the potential to explore more and more from YOU, while other creatures never have such gift.

Religions, superstitions, cults are basically to implant some kind of beliefs into the brains of some people using YOUR name with hypnotism to mesmerize. The above processes of manipulation under YOUR good name have advantages and disadvantages in different degree from the human's point of view. The chief advantage of the above is to make people living in a more tranquil, satisfied and self-restrained state of mind; while the disadvantage is to mislead the people into wrong directions and cause them wrong doing. Their value and justification depend upon the amount of the advantages over disadvantages actually displayed. Religions are honored in the world because they have most of the advantages and least disadvantages, while cults are generally discarded because of the reversed affect. The superstitions lie

in the middle. The stronger the beliefs in each of the above three categories the more evident are their consequences.

Sages in ancient China like Confucius and Laotze setup doctrines to teach people to obtain ideal tranquility and righteousness without using YIUR name to disguise. That is why there is no religion rooted in the ancient China at their time. Confucius's saying "respect ghosts and gods but keep them away remotely" can prove what I say.

Considering You God the origin of all the know-how in the universe, mankind as a whole is making progress by exploring YOU but can never be to the full extent. Newton's law and Einstein's relative theory were not created, but discovered or explored from YOUR hands. Mankind may still need religions before they know enough from YOU to get ride of them. Thoughts and attitude of the ancient Chinese sages are worthy of deliberation. Am I right?

Yours sincerely and respectfully, Seymour Wen

COMMENTS: You really are improving. Seymour. It's getting to be no more than a matter of using the right words in the right way.