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Let’s make ourselves our ultimate refuge.

One of your human fellows
“One light can defy millions darknesses.”
PREFACE

This is the collection of all articles in the website ‘The Dawn of Humanism’ at the address http://homospiritus.webs.com which the author has been writing since the end of 2011. At the present moment the author feels that it finally comes to the wit’s end to add more material to the website. [Anyway the author may once in a while make some minor edits in the website due to the (huge amount of) grammatical and factual errors.] So it is a good time for the author to print those articles to paper and bind them as a book. If this is counted as a written book, it will be the 13th book that the author has written, which may imply the ‘Correction of errors’, or ‘Love’ or ‘Self-sacrifice (or whatsoever the reader might call) for the benefit of all living beings in all realms of reality in this, say, $10^{12}$ galaxies’. So to make it consistent with this numeral implication, the author would like to dedicate this ‘book’ to the all the victims of the tests and the uses of nuclear bombs which has been on this planet since the Manhattan Project (directly and indirectly, humans and animals – actually we all are!).
Lastly, the author thanks the website www. webs.com for providing the place for his website, all the websites that the author has gained knowledge and illustrative pictures, the author’s late parents, brothers and sister, sisters-in-laws, nephews and niece (Taeng-hom) for giving help and encouragement, all other people who have contributed free knowledge to the public and this Mother Earth.

Please receive my bow

One of your human fellows

August 9, 2014

(What did happen in Nagasaki on this day, 69 years ago, remember?

I am not talking about taking revenge or who was guilty but we should prevent that kind of thing not let it happen again, shouldn't we?
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"One light can defy millions darknesses."

"It's already dawn. We don't have to be afraid of ghosts and vampires anymore."

"By exposing to sunlight a vampire might be destroyed. Similarly, by exposing some truths the Cheater* might be de-throne."

- An Imminent Southeast Asian saying

(*Who is the Cheater? - It is highly subjective. An individual can have his/her own answer.)
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The Buddha’s Anatta doctrine has been a controversial topic for thousands of years. Why did Buddha keep on saying that we should not count on our body, feeling, memory, thinking, sensual apprehension (from six sensual bases) or other thing else as our ‘Self’, but when he was asked directly whether there is a ‘Self’ or not, he usually replied somewhat like “We should not talk about it!”? Anyway that was OK for most of his followers at that time. They did what he told them to do and many of them attained enlightenment shortly afterward. Nowadays many skeptics (who mostly never do any religious practice in their lives) ask “If there is no ‘Self’ at all, how does the Law of Karma work? Since there is no doer, there is no deed nor anyone to receive the good or bad results of that deed. Moreover, reincarnation should not exist, since no one has ever died nor any one has ever been born. But, most importantly, why making ourselves in big trouble practicing Buddhism to the highest degree, since, finally, nobody extinguishes (attain Nibbana), nobody escapes from suffering (for good)?” Then, there are always some wise persons who have a lot of knowledge of what Buddha
taught in Pali Canon coming out and explain some difficult Sutras (the favorite ones are about Dependent Origination) trying to connect 'rebirth' with “no one has ever been born”. Their explanations are usually sound and convincing. But shortly after that, for many people, common sense rules their minds again. “Should I believe him that I do not exist from the very beginning?” Many desert the idea of ‘No Self’ since it is against their common sense. Moreover, some Buddhists, pointing to some statements in Pali Canon, says the Buddha accepted the existence of a ‘Self’ as the representative of 5 components that we are composed of. Many scholars from other religions, pointing to some statements in Pali Canon and their religion's Canons, argue that there is some kind of a ‘Self’ in Buddhism that Buddha omitted to speak. The debate among these groups of people has not been settled down yet. Some may think that this is a silly, nonprofitable and time-wasting topic to discuss and there is no end of discussing it. But I do believe otherwise. I believe there is the end to this discussion. I believe that to understand ‘Self’ is to help understanding Nibbana and the whole lot of Buddha’s teachings and the chance for us to attain enlightenment will be possible in this very life.

Firstly, let’s see why this debate has not ended yet. The main reason that I see is debaters of both sides lack of common footholds, neither try to find nor make one. A common foothold in this case means an agreement or a fact that both sides agree to include in their logics for the development of the discussion. We can see that statements in Pali Canon cannot be used here since there are pro and con statements for both sides and we cannot just compare the number of those statements and decide which side have more credit. So we have to find a common foothold from something else. There is one thing which I think can be used here. It is our own common sense or some hard-to-deny facts.
Another topic which I would like to discuss here also is the meaning of Nibbana in Theravada Buddhism. I have found out that to understand Anatta Dilemma, it is very helpful to consider the Noble truth and the true meaning of Nibbana in Theravada Buddhism. And you will find out at the end of the discussion that the later topic can really disturb us much more than the Anatta problem.

Finally, upon pondering on speculations concerning Nibbana, I, unintentionally, came across a conclusion that might be helpful for reconciliation among religions and faiths.

**SOME HELPFUL PREREQUISITE UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. **The sovereignty of Nature**

Many Eastern Buddhists have learned to worship the Buddha like the almighty God since they were very young from their parents and the surrounding society. Any idea not conforming to Pali Canon will be considered heresy and rejected at once. However, the Buddha did not create nature; it was nature that created him. He did not have sovereignty over nature (i.e. truths). It’s nature that has sovereignty over him. He did not make any truths; they were already there, in nature. Truths in nature may be infinite. Buddha never proclaimed that he knew everything. The title the Enlightened One is given to him only because he found the Noble truths. I say this not because I look down upon him. (He will be the last person on earth for me to be able to look down upon.) But I have to say this because I don’t want us to look down upon our own potential. Usually, there are more than one way to find a truth and much more ways than that to understand a truth. Everybody, as a human, has potential to find or understand a truth, whether a material truth or a spiritual truth by using his/her own initiation. But too much faith prevents us from doing that. Who is a Buddha? He is a human who has developed the potential of finding a spiritual truth (the truth of salvation) to the maximum. Even
so, Buddha, himself, said that whether he was born or not, some people could find the salvation by themselves, while some people would never find the salvation, even though they hang around near his robe all their lives. And there were kind of people who were able to reach salvation if only they met him or listened to his teachings. Because of this last kind of people, he had to teach. Now, I think that even if we want to be the last kind of people, once we face a progress-killer dilemma in his teaching, we have the right to develop and use our potential of understanding a spiritual truth to solve that dilemma by our own methods.

2. The meaning of the word ‘Enlightenment’

It is always difficult to find an exact meaning of a religious term which is originated from other language differ from our mother tongue. Enlightenment in an English Dictionary (i.e. Oxford Advanced Learner’s) means “knowledge about or understanding of something”. I think this is not a precise description of the relationship between Buddha (and anyone who attains any level of what so-called ‘Enlightenment’) and truths. In Buddhism, the word ‘Enlightened’ should (seriously) be replaced by the word ‘Self-Realized’, and the word ‘Enlightenment’ should (seriously) be replaced by the word ‘Self-Realization’. If we are self-realized of something, it means we know that thing by ourselves not to rely on or believe other people. For example, we are self-realized of the existence of things in the surrounding by our sensual apprehension, self-realized the happiness or sadness in our mind by our feeling, self-realized our past experience by our memory. From self-realizing of the past we form our own views. Views which are based on one’s own past experience can be called self-realized views which may be called our insights which can be regarded as truths for us. However, different people may have different insights referring to the same subject. So an insight should not be
considered as an absolute truth. One's insight about a subject is continual developed once he/she gain more experience on that subject. I believe that the Noble Truths in Buddhism is Buddha's insight about life (or Buddha's self-realized view about life). Although I think that it give us the most benefit, I don't think that it can be regarded as an absolute truth by the simple reason that no view can be regarded as an absolute truth since there always more than one viewpoint on a subject.

3. Defining and classifying Nature

An important factor that make Buddha so success in establishing Buddhism is that he was able to establish (form new words), define (make understand) and classify nature required for understanding his doctrine and his mind training technique properly and systematically. However, his classification of nature is limited just for reaching the salvation not dealing with worldly subjects or unconcerned philosophies. Sometime it might not suitable to answer some philosophic questions. Actually, Nature classification is a subjective entity which means anybody has the right to classify Nature according to his/her liking for the sake of his/her own benefit. So let’s (re) classify the nature, just to solve the Anatta dilemma, as follows. From all things that exist, let’s classify only 2 types which are concrete and abstract. Concrete entities are substances and things outside our mind which can be perceived by 5 sensual organs. We can regard that all concrete entities are really exist. Abstract is nonmaterial entities which are formed in our minds. Two examples of types of abstract are feeling-abstract (entities which are perceived through sensual apprehension, i.e. hotness, coldness, lightness, darkness, happiness, sadness, etc.) and thinking-abstract (entities which are perceived by thinking, i.e. beauty, ugliness, goodness, badness, intentions, views, ideas, etc.). A feeling-abstract can be regarded as really exist while a thinking-abstract is a subjective entity which means its existence depends on an
individual. An individual has the ability to create, keep or destroy a thinking-abstract in his mind. So, in general, it is improper to say that a thinking-abstract does really exist or does not really exist.

4. Eternal Self Substance

Just before Buddha established Buddhism, northern India was dominated by Hinduism and Jainism. Hindu’s Upanishad philosophy taught about ‘Atman’ which is an eternal Self substance residing in an individual body, representing the ‘Self’ of that person. Jainism taught that a mind is a substance which is eternal representing the ‘Self’ of that person. Buddha, unambiguously, denied both types of these Self substances. So we shall not discuss about this type of self in the discussion to save our mind work.

5. Wordings

Some readers may know some basic Pali. So, I would like to clarify here the interpretations I use in this article.

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\begin{align*}
\text{rūpa} & = \text{body} \\
\text{veddanā} & = \text{feeling (pleasant, unpleasant, neutral)} \\
\text{saññā} & = \text{memory (remembrance, recollection, recognition)} \\
\text{sankhāra} & = \text{thinking (thought, thought formation)} \\
\text{viññānna} & = \text{sensual apprehensions through 6 sensual bases (5 sensual organs + mind)} \\
\text{Self awareness} & = \text{the state of mind (not include thinking) required to realize that we exist such as when we awake or while we are dreaming. It should be more or less equivalent}
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to the word ‘sati-sampajañña’ in Pali or the word ‘Consciousness’ in English.

**DISCUSSION**

While Buddha was still living, he usually told the surrounded monks to be their own refuges. Even though he was in the middle of them, and they respected him whole-heartedly, he could not help them reach salvation. If we want to attain enlightenment it is essential that we have to think by ourselves, see the truth by ourselves. Worshipping Buddha or chanting the words he said with our blank heads will not help us. If we try to think backward time-wisely, the very first thing we got to know is ourselves. That was the moment we got the very first consciousness in this life as far backward as we can remember. After that moment, everything that we have done mostly is to keep ourselves survive, secured, comfort and pleased. So the most important thing in our lives are ‘our own selves’. To adopt the idea that “there is no Self” is a very big issue. We have to think very carefully and make sure that we understand what we are doing.

Let’s consider a ‘Self’ as a thinking-abstract which is a nonmaterial entity. Every entity can be thought as is composed of components or attributes. In turn, each component or attribute can be decomposed into components or attributes and ad infinitum. We can define an entity by enumerating all its important or essential attributes (to enumerate all its attributes is usually impossible). In this case we don’t have to predetermine whether a person has (or, more correctly, should be given) a ‘Self’ or not. We just choose some important attributes that we agree that a (perfect) ‘Self’ should have. Then we consider for each chosen attribute that a person has it or not. If a person has all the chosen attributes, then we can say that there is a ‘Self’ that is perfect in a person. If a person has none
of the chosen attributes, we can say that there is no ‘Self’ in a person. If a person has only some of the chosen attributes, we may say that there is a ‘Self’ but imperfect one in a person.

Buddha has already chosen for us 3 attributes that define a perfect ‘Self’ (i.e. unchanging, not subject to stress, 100% controllable) which nothing in a person has any of those attributes. So we should not establish a ‘perfect Self’ in a person. Anyway we can still find out whether there is yet anything worthy to call ‘a Self’ left in a person. Upon our agreement, I would like to add 2 more attributes to define ‘a perfect Self’. One is uniqueness. For something to be called ‘a perfect Self’, it should contain some quality that makes it differ from all other ‘Self’ in the entire universe, right? And since we live in an ever changing world, for the law of karma and reincarnation to exist, that added attribute should stay along with the rest of all a ‘Self’ attributes. This may be called ‘unique continuity’ and is counted as my second added attribute. Now, let’s see whether there is anything in a person that can hold any or both of these two added attributes. I can see one thing in each of us that has both of these attributes. That is one’s own self awareness. Some may argue that why not using the 5 components (i.e. body, feeling, memory, thinking and sensual apprehension) instead. My argument is the following.

Suppose there is a big white room with little furniture in a hospital where new born babies are kept temporarily. At a time, it happens that a mother just give birth to a pair of identical twin. The babies are brought to that room. Each is wrapped with an identical blanket, laid down on an identical bed. At that moment each of them gains his/her self awareness. What makes them distinctly different from the other?
Their bodies, feelings, memories, thinking’s and sensual apprehensions are almost identical. But their self awareness’s are distinctly different by the fact that each is only aware of his/her own body, feeling, memory, thinking and sensual apprehension. The other reason is this unique self awareness stay along with the rest of a ‘Self’ attributes. It does not change group when time goes by. So every time we wake up in the morning, our self awareness tickles our memory to remember that we are the same person as the one we were yesterday. Or, more precisely, we are the continuation of the person we were yesterday. That’s why the Law of Karma and reincarnation work.

I would like to say that every living creature (a human, an animal, a ghost, an angle has his/her own ‘unique self awareness’ which he/she has the right to establish as his/her thinking-abstract Self for the sake of his/her own benefits. What benefits, some might ask here? …Well, if it makes him/her understand the Law of Karma, Reincarnation and, most importantly, the true final goal in Buddhism. Nobody, even the Buddha has a right to deprive him/her of such benefits. I do believe that the Buddha did not want anybody to be confused but he had to keep the whole religion survive as the best condition as possible and his disciples could compensate the logical discrepancy of Anatta doctrine by practicing.

We can view that the universe is filled with infinite number of unit self awareness’s each of which has 2 common attributes which are uniqueness and unique continuity (but other attributes may be different). The origin of these unit self awareness’s is incomprehensible. Even Buddha implicitly told us that he couldn’t see the beginning of these things. Our unique self awareness put us to this world. Without it, we have no world to enjoy. But with it, we cannot avoid hunger, going to toilet,
taking a bath, striving hard to earn a living, having sexual desire, committing shameful things, getting disappointments, sickness, old age and death. We can see by our common sense that if our unique self awareness ceases to exist, we will no more exist. Certainly, we will no more have to face hunger, going to toilet, taking a bath, striving hard to earn a living, having sexual desire, committing shameful things, getting disappointments, sickness, old age and death. We will feel no loneliness or destitute since our mind will be no more. Definitely, we can see that will be the end of our suffering. The state of extinguishment of our unique self awareness is called ‘Nibbana’. (It is a common Pali term which can be precisely translated to English as ‘extinguishment’.) Some may feel that the Buddha taught about something very frightful. Actually, Nibbana is not a frightful thing, since we all are experiencing it temporarily every night, in our deep dreamless sleep. Some (or many) may think that they do not want to extinguish after they die but they want to go to heaven. The Buddha ascertained us that there are many realms of heaven which one can go if he/she thinks, speaks and acts properly even though that he/she might not believe in the Buddha at all. But the Buddha told us that no one can stay in heaven forever, once their good deeds have yield all their fruits, that person tends to head down to realms of much lesser happiness such as realm of animals, ugly or hungry ghosts or hell creatures. Since it is hardly possible for a person who has to make a living to commit no sin at all. (For most people, the more good deeds they do the more bad deed they are likely to commit. But, people usually show off their good deeds, hide their bad deeds.) There are some people, though, who think that if we die, our minds (our unique self awareness’s) will extinguish naturally. It is reasonable to think this way since none of us can remember our last lives and till nowadays science cannot prove otherwise. However, the Buddha told us that this view is called Annihilationism which is a false
view. If this view is true, then it is useless to practice Buddhism or to be enlightened or to be an arahant (fully enlightened one) or to have a Buddha in this world at all, since according to this view, all of us (including animals) are already destined to attain Nibbana at the end of our lives. Anyway Buddha cannot prove this to us (since he passed away long time ago). But, should we take a risk?

However, many people may not be interested in knowing what will happen to them when they die at all (like animals do). They enjoy their lives, avoid thinking about death, and see all bad parts of lives as acceptable. Buddha realized this fact from the very beginning of his Buddhahood. Stories tell that by realizing this fact, just after attaining enlightenment, he did not want to go preaching at all. Until one of his former friends, Sahaka, who used to be a monk (together with him) in the time of the previous summa Buddha, Kassapa, came down (from his celestial abode) and begged him to go preaching. Even that, every time when the Buddha was going to teach somebody, he would read his/her mind first whether the doctrine of extinguishing of ‘Self’ was acceptable to him/her at once. Many people would accept this doctrine after their minds were induced, cherished and softened by stepwise introductory teachings which usually were teachings about the beneficial effects of alms giving, abstaining from hurting other people and animals (Law of Karma), the existence of heavens (how pleasurable they are and the ways to get there), the bad results of continuation of taking sensual pleasure. (The more we take, the more we want. Envy, jealousy, committing shameful things follows.), The benevolence of abstaining from sensual pleasure (Not doing silly things, keeping our unique self awareness wide awake, perceiving hidden facts of the world around us (which actually are conspicuous for non-pleasure-soak or non-biased minds). Once the minds of the listeners had been induced, cherished and softened, the Buddha, then, started preaching the doctrine concerning the
extinguishment of one’s unique self awareness which is known as the 4 noble truths. The first truth is that as long as we have ‘our existence’ (That is our unique self awareness.), we cannot get away from stressful condition or suffering. Sooner or later, we will definitely face it. The second, the third and the fourth truths are quite tricky. (Not because the Buddha liked to play tricks, but because nature has tricky behaviors.) Instead of saying that the second truth, the cause of suffering, is ‘our existence’, he said the cause of suffering is ‘craving’ or ‘desire’. Some may think right here that this answer does not really hit the bull eye. Many more may think that, “Now the Buddha talks about mental suffering only. Buddhism is nothing more than a set of Psychological advices, logics and techniques to live in this very life.” We can see that they all have a good reason to think such and such. Following the Buddha told second truth, the third truth and the fourth truth should be interpreted as the extinguishment of all desires and the way to extinguish all desires, accordingly. With these interpretations, an enlightened one in Buddhism just barely means one who quenches all his/her desires. And Nibbana just means quenching all one’s desires. Buddha’s formal teachings just end here, not go any further. Anyway, they already implicitly include the way to the extinguishment of our unique self awareness.

To understand this point, we should better understand the nature of all religions in India and the outstanding character of Buddhism as a young-emerging but leading religion in the Buddha’s time.

The main religions in India at the Buddha’s time were Hinduism and Jainism. There were also 5 other prominent schools of different teachings in Magadha, the state in which Buddhism was first established and flourished. The main function of all religions is to create faiths and has speculations as unavoidable by products. Once a faith in a religion which includes speculations is well
established in a believer’s mind, it is very difficult to be replaced with another faith of another religion which also includes speculations (ideas that cannot be proved) since it is usually impossible to prove a speculation whether it is right or wrong. Furthermore, both of other main religions also taught about good deeds and bad deeds, heavens, reincarnations, and salvation from the endless cycle of birth and death similar to Buddhism, and they both came before Buddhism. But there are many stories in Pali Canon tell that the Buddha was able to change many of the strong believers in those religions to be his disciples at once by his intellectually touchy sermons. The Buddha won their minds because they had self-realization (see the truth by themselves) by listening to him, while other religious leaders, at the best, could only make them believe in things which cannot be proved (speculations). So the Buddha used self-realization to help establishing his religion, instead of faith (speculation). So the highest goal in the Buddha’s standard teaching should be able to be self-realized and contain nothing concerning speculations.

However, the true highest goals in almost all religions in India at that time, including Buddhism, were about eternity. Whether they were staying in heaven forever or being united with the supreme God forever or being in blissful state forever or not being born forever are all concerning eternity. Another true inconvenient truth is that anything concerning eternity cannot be proved. The only way to prove eternity is that we have to live forever and never lose our memories, which is impossible. So anything concerning eternity has to deal with speculations. If the Buddha had allowed any kind of ‘Self’ to be in a person, it has to be extinguished once that person attains enlightenment and ends his/her life and never emerges again forever, which cannot be proved. (The relics of an enlightened one will turn to be silica-like substance but this cannot be used as a proof that that person
will never be born again forever.) So, unavoidably, the highest goal in the standard teaching of the Buddha would have to deal with speculations. This is what (I believe) the Buddha did not want it to be. So he called the first truth suffering. In his second noble truth, the Buddha assigned desire as the cause of suffering. And the standard highest goal in Buddhism is to quench all desires in one’s own mind. So, a person can reach the standard highest goal in Buddhism using his/her own realization without having to deal with any speculation. However, for anyone who can quench all his/her desires will also have a self-realization that the living life will be his/her last life, after his/her life ends, he/she will never be born again (forever). Even though there is no way to prove it!

For the thinking-abstract self-awareness-based Self, if we want to tread the path of Buddha’s Salvation, once we understand the law of Karma, reincarnation and the true final goal in Buddhism we should destroy it, not cling to it, erase it from our mind. We can certainly do that if we try hard enough, since it does not really exist from the beginning. It exists only in our mind. It exists because our mind clings to it. For the thinking-abstract self-awareness-based Self, if we want to tread the path of Buddha’s Salvation, once we understand the law of Karma, reincarnation and the true final goal in Buddhism we should destroy it, not cling to it, erase it from our mind. We can certainly do that if we try hard enough, since it does not really exist from the beginning. It exists only in our mind. It exists because our mind clings to it.

I remember when I was young, some first days I learned about subtracting between 2 multiple digits numbers. I did not know what do to when an upper digit had less value than the lower corresponding digit. Then my mother came along and told me that “Let this digit borrow from the digit right in front of it, 10.” I thought that was crazy. How a digit which had no soul could borrow something?! Anyway I
did what she told me and was able to finish that subtraction. So, I would like to call this thinking-
abstract self-awareness-based Self a ‘borrowed Self’ (to remind of my mother). We borrow it from
nothingness, use it to understand the law of Karma, reincarnation and the true final goal in Buddhism,
then we return it to nothingness.

BEYOND NIBBANA AND THE ULTIMATE SECRET OF NATURE

CONCERNING HUMAN’S SALVATION

Somebody might asked (to be honest, that is what I used to doubt) that since there is no way to prove
that once an enlightened person dies, he/she will extinguish, never be born again, that might not really
happen. The unique self awareness of that person might pop up with no or new set of memories as a
new-born baby (losing its unique continuity property) somewhere far away from this galaxy or
somewhere in time-dimensions or be born as a special being beyond Buddha’s ken, so our unique self
awareness’ are destined to exist forever, which means we are destined to suffer forever. … I have to
admit that logically, there is such a possibility! …Some (actually, it’s me again) might argue further
that, then there may be no salvation for any one of us at all, whether stay in heaven forever, or be
united with God forever, or be in a blissful state forever or not be born forever. … Then I had to
accept again that, logically, there is such a possibility! … So, why is Nature so cruel to us??!!? Why
have all religion and faith founders fooled us??!! What should we do??!! … I have to accept that
this kind of questions have nagged my mind for years. Finally, I can come up with a solution. When
we face a hard-to-know-the-answer question and there is no way to prove any have all religion and
faith founders fooled us??!! What should we do??!! … I have to accept that this kind of questions have nagged my mind for years. Finally, I can come up with a solution. When we face a hard-to-know-the-answer question and there is no way to prove any assumed answer, we have the free choice to make up any answer. Which one yields us the most benefit can be considered the right answer for us. Maybe Nature should not be considered cruel at all; problems arise just because we don’t try to understand its way. All religion and faith founders, philosophers should be the first type of people to be admired, and the last type to be blamed. And we all, as humanity, may be more lucky than we think, concerning our salvation, since we have more than one choice to choose. The reasons are as follow.

Let’s personify Nature to be a person. Now, what is Nature? It is ‘all that exist’. So Nature sides with existence, does not side with non-existence. But for anyone who want to exist with happiness or be in blissful state forever may ask too much from Nature which Nature cannot provide. So (not to hurt the feeling of those who sides with existence) Nature just does not provide the provability of eternal existence. On the contrary, for anyone who want to go to non-existence means he/she want to go away from nature. Even though he/she might be able to do that, Nature does not like it. So Nature shows disagreement by not providing the provability of his/her eternal non-existence.

Let’s consider the following parable. Once there was a family-oriented rich man, who had total asset of 1 trillion dollars, living in a big house with his 2 sons. One day when his children had grown up enough, he said to them, “Sons!, learn my business, get married, have children and stay with me in this house for the rest of my life. And my entire asset will be yours!” His first son replied, “OK, father, I will stay in this house for the rest of my life. But you have to give me 2 trillion dollars first.
Then, I will do whatever you tell me.” The man, disappointedly, looked at his first son, and said, “Son!, even though I am very rich, and I love you so dearly. But, you are asking too much! I cannot give you that much money. You can stay in this house for the rest of your life. But you will never get that much money.” Then, his second son told him, “Father, I have been living in this house long enough. I want to move out. I want to have my own house.” The man did not want his second son to go, tried to persuade him to stay with him, saying, “You don’t have to move out. Once you have learned my business, this house will be the best place you shall ever live!” However, he could not convince his second son not to move out. Finally, he said angrily to his second son, “OK. You can move out! But I will not support you anything from now on! You will have to make your own living!”

So, in my opinion, Nature wants human to have salvation which is not the eternal happiness or eternal blissfulness in heaven (since it cannot provide) nor the total extinguishment to nothingness (since it does not like) type. Then, what kind of salvation that Nature intends that we have? If it is neither the future eternity in heaven nor the eternal extinguishment after this life, the only reasonable possibility left is the present moment, here, on earth! Anyway, to be able to call each day of our life our salvation, firstly, we have to be able to deal with our greed, lust, passion and anger, not let them cause us trouble. Live each day the best we can, and should realize that each of us is unique, but no one should regard him/herself as special. I believe that is what all religious leaders, faith founders, great sages, philosophers in human history, have been trying desperately to tell their human fellows, either explicitly or through their lips.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2012,

One of your human fellows

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DISCUSSION ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS

CONCERNING THE DISCOVERED EVIDENCES WHICH SUPPORT

DARWIN’S HUMAN EVOLUTION HYPOTHESIS

By A mixed Buddhism-Philosophy viewpoint

“Why do I doubt?

Maybe because I have to think.

Why do I have to think?

Maybe because that’s the only way to my liberation.”

PROLOGUE

“You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time.” This immortal statement said by Abraham Lincoln may be one of the well-proven statements ever said by a human, especially in this 21st century. With the already-accepted physical knowledge of the earth and the solar system, the ever-piling-up evidence supporting Darwin’s hypothesis about human evolution, and the easy-to-access statements in any religious canon via the internet, I believe that there are millions of strong supporters in Darwin’s hypothesis, in all major religions (Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Jainism, etc.) and among nonbelievers. Since Darwin’s hypothesis puts aside the existence of Heavens & hells,
Divine authorities and Divine interventions which are the core beliefs of the people who do believe in any religion and discourages the very basic concept most of the people who do not believe in any religion at all need as the only reason to have morality, that is the thought that, “We should always keep in mind that we are, somehow, different from animals.”, some religious believers, as well as some non-believers, cannot accept Darwin’s hypothesis by those said reasons. The painful thing on their side is that it cannot be wrong to say that, considering the already discovered evidences, definitely, some of us are fooled or there is such a possibility that maybe all of us are fooled to some different extents. But we all believe in the sincere dedication of all religion founders toward the welfare of their believers and the sincere intention of Anthropologists to find truths about how human race has decent on earth. So it is likely that some ones who fool us are nobody but our own ignorance, prejudices and misunderstandings. I believe this is high time we should work together to find out what they are. We also should keep in mind, from the very beginning, that no real owner (prophets and angles who carry messages to prophets should not be counted as real owners) of any religion has ever forced us to believe, and any scientific theory, no matter how well-proven it is, is generally accepted to be changeable without any embarrassment once enough reasonable evidences are found.

I. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS

Ignorance (Pali :Avijā) occurs when we unintentionally miss some important facts while forming a fundamental idea, mostly because we do not think carefully enough. That resulted imperfect idea is called a ‘biased idea’. If we are subconsciously attached to that biased idea as a truth then we subconsciously form a ‘biased truth’ or a ‘false truth’ or a ‘prejudice’. Ideas that based on prejudice(s) can never be absolutely correct or justice and will lead us to imperfect (biased or false)
truths (other prejudices which are usually worse than the previous), misunderstandings, injustice or wrong conclusions. I would like to introduce the reader the following 5 prejudices, and 2 misunderstandings, which, I think, have heavily fogged our clear sight on this subject. Anyway, to read all of them at once, one by one in order, should be too heavy for all readers. I recommend that at the first time the reader read only the 1st prejudice and the 1st misunderstanding, then skip to the ‘Answering questions’ part, choosing to read only the interested question(s) if there is any, then read the final part. The reader can always skip all materials in square brackets. Then the reader may read all the skipped parts later leisurely if interested.

THE 1ST PREJUDICE – EXISTENCE PREJUDICES US AGAINST NONEXISTENCE

Primal dual truths and the origin of the first prejudice

From the previous article about Anatta Dilemma, I assume that the reader now accepts the concept of our unique self-awareness’s as the representatives of ourselves, and I have asserted that without our self-awareness’s we can think that “nothing exists” as a truth or reality. Now, someone else may argue that if we (the author and the reader) do not exist, the rest of the world or the whole universe still exists. At the first thought, I agreed with this argument which would make these primal truths looked like 2 contradictory statements, which are

1. Everything exists if only we exist.

2. Even though we do not exist, everything exists.

Logically, these 2 statements cannot be both correct. But which one is incorrect? Then something reminded me that the 2nd statement is not quite right.
If we believe that Nibbana or Nonexistence is a state that a person can attain, then a person is able to have 2 states of existence, that is, either existence or nonexistence. So the 2nd statement should be rewritten, no biased as, “If we do not exist, everything exists if the observer exists and does not exist if the observer does not exist.”, which is nonbiased but give us no information more than the 1st statement.

However, I think that most of us tend to neglect the fact of the first statement, and subconsciously attached to the second statement, which is a biased idea, that “Even though we do not exist, everything exists.”, as a no-need-to-doubt truth (as I used to do). That makes most of us, subconsciously, be prone to prejudice against Nonexistence with the thinking that “Everything (else, not including us) always exists.” as the primal truth without a slightest doubt. (Even one of all time Western geniuses, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, used to pose a question that he himself could not find the answer that “Why is there something rather than nothing?” If he had not died yet, the reader could have come to see him and said, “Because, firstly, you exist. Secondly, you subconsciously prejudice against nonexistence!) Since the existence of anything (either concrete or abstract) depends on the existence of the observer, there is neither objective truth nor objective entity nor anything able to be called “things in themselves” as Kant postulated. To search for an objective truth or objective entity is to search for something that never exists, but, pitifully, this is the final goal some philosophers as well as some scientists want to find out. Furthermore, since all truths are subjective, “Man is the measure of all things”, as Protagoras said. But ‘Man’ in this saying does not mean a group of people nor people nor Humanity. It means ‘An Individual!’. So truth is something we (individually) believe to be as such. Since we all have freedom to believe, then (the believed) truths should always yield us some
self-benefits. So it is not a shameful thing to change whatever we used to believe once we are ascertained that it no more gives us any benefit. The most important thing that we should never overlook is that, concerning any subject, we, individually, do not have to have the same believe as others’ in order to achieve our own benefits.

So, concerning religious believes, we should never put our faith in objective truths which are something that never exist. Instead, we (after careful considerations or direct experiences) should put our faith in the sincerity and the knowledge ability (to bring self-benefits to the believers) of the Founders and choose whichever satisfies us best or else we can be more satisfied with the one we already have. We should also leave, at least, a little room in our mind to accept the possibility that there are those who can find their own self-benefits by themselves, without resorting to any religious believes.

THE 1st MISUNDERSTANDING: TRUTHS EXIST EVERYWHERE AND ALL THE TIME.

A Primal Misunderstanding which has become a Primal Self-delusion

“Truths (which all are subjective) have never existed where and when there is no (Self) benefit whether in the world of Religions or in the world of Science.”

It is believed that the main reason for every religion founder to give a lecture is for the benefits of humanity with the benefits of those who were listening to him (sorry!, no ‘/her’, since there has not been any female religion founder yet) at that time and that place as the first priority (not for the benefit of those who were somewhere else or who would be born 2,000 years later as the first
priority). The acceptability, so is the truth, of the lecture had to depend on the average intelligence of that group of people and, unless necessary, should not contain anything contrary to the general believes or general desires of the people at that time (whether the belief was true or false, the desire was possible or impossible) since it would have brought unnecessary diversion of interest or negative attitudes toward the lecturer. If the intelligence of that group of people was not enough to self-realize the true goal of the teaching, or to understand the actual reasons for required basic moralities, then faith had to be another added attribute to the truth (teaching). Furthermore, since a religion has definite doctrines for a believer to practice and an advent of any religion usually caused the believers to change the ways of their livings, the concerned politics, etc., and the religion founder was supposed to be well aware and responsible of these results, so the ‘practicality’ should have been another needed attribute of those teachings or those truths. So, looking at the whole picture, there is not likely to be any pure (non-integrated) truth (teachings) in any religion. This happened not because the limit of the intelligence or the insincerity of the founder but because the limit of the intelligence, backgrounds (i.e. prejudices, false believes, ways of lives, etc.) and the surrounded conditions that the listeners had at the time of the lecture (i.e. political interest, etc.). So, I believe that every religion founder, so far, had to make many unavoidable integrations on the core truth he wanted to present by these factors even though he really wanted to present only the pure one without any integration. So, if we want to find the core truth of the teachings of a religion 2,000 -3,000 years later, shouldn’t it be better to try to make multiple differentiations (taking off the effect of those influenced factors) of that whole teaching with respect to those said factors? Above all, we should understand that all religion founders had to do the best they could for the benefits of the ones who believed in them. They should
not be blamed for teaching unavoidable-integrated truths since it was impossible not to do that.

On the other hand, for hundreds of years, people who have worked in the area of scientific researches, especially pure science have usually boastfully presented themselves and their works as having let-humanity-know-the-truth be their first priority rather than their self-benefits or concerning themselves with the foreseeable negative results from their works which would deprive many other from their self-benefits (i.e. losing their moralities). The truth is that almost all of them, how big names they are, have(had) their own self-benefits (fame, honor, wealth, positions, self-satisfaction, etc.) as their first priority rather than let-humanity-know-the-truth. Many of them never really concerned themselves about or accepted or even realized the negative effects of their works that have destroyed many other’s self-benefits. I think I do not have to mention any detail here since many of the readers should know this fact much better than I do. Worshippers of material development usually praise these people highly as God-sent people who were born for only the betterment of all humankind, like the drug addicted praise drug makers. 200 years of rapid advancement of technology have proved that material development has both benevolent and malevolent effects to our lives but its detrimental effects on the environment, our moralities (i.e. shamelessly taking advantages of the weaker or the more foolish, adopting the idea that the one who survive must be the winner only, despising the weak, the more foolish, or the poor, instead of feeling sympathy or trying to help them, etc.) and our contentment in simple life [despise the simple or the natural, prefer the complicated or the artificial, which make us feel that we never have enough intelligence and money, and have to be ever-competitive. So we tend to despise our own parents or our spouses as fools, turn to be greedier, more selfish and do not care for our own families, which finally, we will not find the true happiness
in our lives. (Wow!, typing these statements makes me feel like I am an Amish!]) Some may argue that I propagate this article via the internet; I should be gratitude to technology development. I should praise it! Not blame it! Yes, you are quite right. Now, almost every one of us cannot live even for a day without some technology. (Some Sans people of Botswana may be the only exception.) But, would you like the situation to go on like this, uncheck? As humanity, we all are the master of the technology and it gives us a lot of things that used to be impossible to get. But, as an individual, our lives have to depend on it more and more. Disappointingly, the spirits of some of us have already given their individuality totally to this no-heart boss who has no respect to the individuality at all, like spirits of insects. Actually, it is all things in Nature, both concrete and abstract, that sustain our lives. We should be gratitude to them all, not just one single thing. Our lives may be in trouble if we have no electricity, no cars, no computers, etc., but will be in a much bigger trouble if we do not have enough clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, all natural surroundings and someone who will help us and understand us when we really need.

(for 1st time reading, the reader may skip to ‘Answer questions’ part.)

THE 2nd PREJUDICE: CONCRETE PREJUDICES US AGAINST ABSTRACT.

“You cannot understand calculus, if you do not accept the existence of real numbers and apply it.

You cannot understand the human evolution if you do not accept the existence of abstracts, one of which is the most important is human’s prejudices, and apply them.”
The crudest (most foolish) minds tend to think that things that really exist are only (1) substance or things that can be touched, grasped, have mass or weight, so they form some peculiar words such as ‘illusions’ to deny the existence of the things which cannot be touched but can be seen. (i.e. rainbows, mirages, pictures which appeared to be behind mirrors, etc.) Illusions should be regarded as real as the seeing of things we can really touch such as trees, rocks, desks, etc. [This may result from the fact that the fundamental life forms which have unique self-awareness’s, such as amoebas or paramecium, have touching sensory organs (hairs) as the main tool to sense their surrounded realities.] The more understanding minds realize and accept the existence of (2) things that cannot be touched (or felt bodily), seen, heard, tasted or smelt but can be felt mentally such as happiness, sadness, pride, passion, lust, hatred, anger, etc. The most understanding minds realize and accept the existence of (3) things formed by rational thinking such as truths, reality (ies), self, good & bad, justice& injustice, abstract, benefit, honesty, sincerity, compassion, self-sacrifice, love, gratitude, etc. I will use the words feeling-abstracts to represent the entities in (2) and thinking-abstracts to represent the entities in (3) as in the first article (about Anatta Dilemma).

The non developed minds do not pay any attention to the existence of thinking-abstract entities at all. The little developed minds pay attention the importance of thinking-abstract entities to some extent but see no or little influence of those abstracts on their material (or concrete) - overrule world. The medium developed minds pay attention to the importance of thinking-abstract entities as much as material (or concrete) entities and see the inseparable inter-connections between these 2 main types of entities in their equally-important-abstract-concrete world. The high developed minds give the priority to the thinking-abstracts, even though they are one step higher in subjectivity than the other 2 types of
entities, but overrule all other types of entities (especially substance) in their thinking-abstract-overrule world. To limit the digression, the following is only some arguments to support the last statement.

Let’s apply the same technique we use in the 1st article. Let’s define the word ‘substance’ (or matter) by finding its essential or importance properties (attributes). With the help from an English philosopher, Isaac Newton, ‘substance’ or ‘mass’ is defined as the quantitative ability to retain the effect of all up-to-date applied forces – or can be called ‘inertia’. We can see that a ‘force’ can be both a feeling-abstract and a thinking-abstract entity. And the trick is, with this definition, in real life a substance (mass) can be demonstrated or manifested (i.e. measured). So we should be able to say that 2 of the essential properties of substance is (1) the ability to demonstrate (manifest) the effect of all up-to-date abstracts that have been applied to it, and (2) the ability to retain that demonstration (manifestation) time-wisely.

For better understanding, let’s consider a make-up example. A few days before a Valentine day, a young man of Casanova type had a strong passion toward a young lady whom he saw sometimes at work but never had a chance to talk to. So he sent her a box of chocolate by mail to her house. It took a few days for that mail package to reach the young lady’s. When that young lady opened the mail package she realized of the passion the young man had toward her. However, at that moment the young man forgot about her completely, since he was dating with another young lady.

So, we can say that abstracts can manifest itself and retain that manifestation time-wisely through substance. So, it should not be wrong to say that abstracts overrule substances. Since all abstracts come from our minds, so, it is human minds that we should appreciate, not material things
concocted by human minds. That means we should not appreciate human’s bodies or material civilization more than human minds which is its creator.[A beauty charms us not by her fresh and skin but by the manifestation of her virtues through her fresh and skin.] Moreover, human always have the prejudice (which is a thinking abstract) that he/she is special from other people, and superior than the one who only has something inferior, and, I think, this feeling has played an important role in the history of human evolution. (As will be discussed about in the Extinction of the Homo Neanderthalensis in later section of this article)

So, it is (the evolution of) human mind or human moralities that should receive our privilege to study, not (the evolution of) human body or human civilization.

THE 3rd PREJUDICE: NUMBER PREJUDICES US AGAINST FEELINGS.

The story of time

It is always difficult to define what time is. For most people, who have not realized yet that there is no objective truth, may still try to find the absolute meaning of time. They can never find it since the meaning of time (like any other thing) is a subjective entity. So, for the matter of dealing with ourselves only, it should be fair and wise to refer the length of time with our own feeling. To transfer our feeling of the length of time we have experienced to other people naturally accrues one more level of subjectivity which caused by the capability to perceive the length of experienced time of those people. The capability to perceive the length of experienced time of a person depends on how much that person can remember. For example, it is useless to try to make an Alzheimer patient whose capability to remember last only a few days to perceive the length of time of a month. So we cannot
perceive the length of the experienced time if our memories are so poor which should mean the same
as we cannot imagine the length of time that we, ourselves, will ‘feel’ in the future if our memories
are also so poor. In this case, the numbers of days, months, years or using parables actually do not
help us to perceive or imagine at all.

I, as well as all religious believers, believe that the owners of the teachings in religions (God, Maha
Vera, Buddha, Jesus, etc.) have(had) much better memory than ordinary human beings, so they can
(could) perceive the length of the experienced time much longer than an ordinary human. I think they
also realize(d) that most humans do not realize that(1) a length of time has no absolute
(objective) meaning (So, it can be based on our own feeling.) and (2) humans’ greed for wanting
something beyond their capacity to receive. So they (those masters) use(d) gargantuan number of
years to describe the long stay in heavens & hells or even use the word ‘eternity’ or ‘forever’.
Anyway, we should understand that they (those masters) have done all of this for us to be able to
obtain the maximum benefits that we can possibly obtain which are the possible longest ‘felt time’ of
happiness, blissfulness or no suffering. It should not be appropriate to think that they have cheated us.
To illustrate this point, a parable of an unforgiving patient is given as followed.

There was an serious Alzheimer patient. Although basically he was quite reasonable, grateful and
straight-forward, he was paranoid, liked to look at people only on their bad sides and unforgiving. His
sickness was so grave that he could remember nothing that had happened a day before. A nurse was
sent to his house to take care of him. After the introduction the nurse wanted him to take a pill but
he said, “I am not sure yet that you are really a nurse sent to take care of me. I will take the pill only
if you promise to stay here, not leaving, at least 3 days”. The nurse agreed. So the patient took the
pill and the nurse stayed over his house that night. In the morning, the nurse went to see her patient in his room. The patient yelled out loudly, “Who are you? Why are you trespassing on my house and my room?” After some talking, the patient said, “I am not sure yet that you are really a nurse sent to take care of me. I will take the pill only if you promise to stay here, not leaving, at least 3 days”. Then the nurse thought, “This patient forgets everything that happened yesterday. It is no use for me to stay overnight here again, besides I have a lot of works to do at my house, but he should take the pill.” So, she made a promise. That night when the patient had gone to bed, she went home. However, in the morning, by the effect of the pill that he had taken, the patient could remember what had happened a day before but not further than that. When he saw the nurse coming into his room, handing him the pill, he said, “You broke the promise you gave me yesterday. I don’t trust you nor take this pill anymore. Now, get out of my room and my house!, or I will call a police!”

THE 4TH PREJUDICE: AWAKEN STATE PREJUDICES US AGAINST DREAMING STATE.

The refusal to accept the existence of other realities (i.e. heavens & hells)

The word ‘reality’ has many meanings. However, here ‘reality’ means all things that are actually experienced around us (in accordance with the second meaning of ‘reality’ in Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary, 7th ed.) or the surroundings and their behaviors experienced through our unique self-awareness. According to this definition, dreaming should have been regarded as another reality, as real as the awake state, world widely and long time ago. However, very few (or probably none) of us regard our dreams as a reality when we have already awoken from those dreams.
(if we could still remember them). I think this is due to the fact that even though we all dream every night, we cannot remember those dreams at all, unless we awake during those dreams or shortly after we finish those dreams. So in our lives, what we can remember are mostly the awake state not the dream state (my ratio is probably 10,000 to 1). Another reason may be because we subconsciously tend to measure what is true by using the 3rd person viewpoint as the point of reference (as scientists usually do). While we are experiencing a lot of things in our dreams, the (2nd or the) 3rd person just sees us sleeping in our beds, experiencing nothing. However, to be correct with the definition of ‘reality’, we should accept the state of dreaming as a ‘reality’ the same as the awaken state.

So we all have lived in the (at least) triple-reality world since we could dream [which are awake state, dream state and dreamless-sleep state (nonexistence or ‘temporary’ Nibbana)]. We unintentionally can go from one reality to another, back and forth. (The naturally going from one reality to another reality can be called ‘reincarnation’.) Some might say that, “I don’t care whether dreams can be counted as a reality or not. It has nothing to do with my life”. That should be very true statements for many of us. However, for someone who, sometimes, can remember his/her dream that remembered dream can cause some changes in his/her life and other people’s lives. If we wake up in the morning with some remembered good dream, we may start that day with good temper. All people and events concerning us would be affected by our good temper and affect other people and events and things can go on like a domino effect. We should not think that these effects are small or insignificant since it is usually difficult to perceive all the domino effects which are abstract entities. A good demonstrative example is the life of a French philosopher, René Descartes. Stories tell that he could remember his dreams more vivid and many more times than average people do. So, sometimes he was confused whether he was
awaking or was dreaming. That made him try to find fundamental rules and use them as the base to understand the nature of the only world-wide-accepted existing reality (the awaken state) which resulted in his invention of ‘Cartesian co-ordinates’. Nowadays, it is difficult to exaggerate the impact of this invention on Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering and Social Science which in turn, influence people around the world in many walks of life.

So, it is not incorrect to say that once a person can remember his/her existence in another reality, he/she can affect this reality (i.e. awake state) to some extent. If that person has a great mind (i.e. full of virtue, wisdom or intelligence) he/she can have big and long lasting impacts to this world, especially the way humans think.

I think that most religious believers in all religions have no doubt that Maha Vera, Buddha and Jesus reincarnated from other realities than the already said, awake, dream and dreamless-sleep states. And Moses, Mohammad and other prophets really met or contacted someone from other realities likewise. How many human-remain-fossils are going to be discovered, how many experiments on primate animals such as chimpanzees and gorillas are going to be performed can never disprove these faiths. Heavens and hells exist or not, at present, no one can prove. But the faith of their existences has really existed among people since the dawn of human history and its benevolent effects to humanity has proven its existence beyond doubt.

[ In general India-originated religious believes (mainly Buddhism and Jainism), there are many realms of reality which cannot be perceived by ordinary human sensory organs but once a person dies with little/strong attachment to anything in this world with good/poor self-awareness and
overwhelming with blissful/sorrowful feeling resulted from his/her accumulated benevolent/malevolent deeds during his/her lifetime, he/she may go to the realms of fine desirable sensual pleasures, realms of blissfulness with form (body), realms of blissfulness without form, realm of hungry feeling (hungry ghosts), realm of sorrow/dreadful feeling (ugly ghosts), realms of frightful/painful/anger/hatred feeling (hell creatures), or he/she may reincarnate as a human or an animal circulatory in this 1 - 10 human-living worlds system (Pali: loka dhātu = a galaxy?).]

THE 5TH PREJUDICE: CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE PREJUDICES US AGAINST HAVING SELF-REALIZED REASONS TO HAVE MORALS.

“Lacking of Morality is the sign of lacking of high level of intelligence or wisdom – that is the self-realization that it is always better to prevent a problem than to solve that problem.”

Suppose you have a big mansion and would like to hire only one person to look after fire safety in your mansion. Finally, you can find 2 diligent and responsible persons. One person is highly knowledgeable, can quench all kinds of fire that break out but never pay attention to prevent fire from start breaking out. The other is much less knowledgeable, cannot even quench any kind of fire once it break out, but surely know how to prevent any kind of fire from start breaking out. Now, which one would you like to hire? Who do you think is cleverer?

So, human evolution theory should deal more with the analysis of the development or degradation of so-called Human Moralities centered on species Homo sapiens sapiens better than paying too much attention to find something that we will never be sure that it is really what we
believe it to be, and has little useful application to solve human problems which keeps on increasing rapidly nowadays due to our lack of moralities.

THE 2nd MISUNDERSTANDING: IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO KNOW A TRUTH.

Let’s consider a parable that once there was a young female adult who was too easy-going about sexual morality. One day she realized that she had a conception so she took a pill to kill the embryo in her womb. However, the embryo did not die and she became worrying about her own health thinking that, “I should better keep the baby until delivery and then I will leave it at some orphanage”. At the time of delivery, the baby turned to be a female with some deformity due to the effect of the pill. However, seeing the somewhat deformed baby, the mother felt strong sympathy to her own daughter and changed her mind to devote her life raising her daughter instead. When the baby grew up to be a little girl, she was usually mocked by some children in the neighborhood about her deformity and her lack of a father. So, one day the girl decided to ask her mother the reason why she had some deformity and where her father was. The woman told her that there had been a car accident which resulted in her deformity and the death of her father. Suppose you were one of their neighbors who knew all along what had really happened. Would you tell the girl the truth?

So, it is not always good for someone to know some truths even though those truths might closely concern him/her. And there are some truths that should never be revealed to humanity as a whole because there are always: some among us who are too greedy or want something impossible (i.e. exist eternally with undisrupted happiness, long sovereignty over all others or perfection in every
aspect, etc.) they may be ever-depressed or may not care for anything if they know that the things they want is impossible to get, some among us who will take advantage of other to the extreme once they are more knowledgeable (i.e. the European settlers and the native North Americans, the conquistadors and the Inca, etc.), some among us are ego-maniac and think their groups (religion, faith, race, country, etc.) should be the leader of humankind or control the whole humankind once they gain the upper hand in knowledge, some among us who never care for anybody and will throw away all moralities if they are sure that they are safe to do that. And, finally, they are some among us with strong self-delusions, who are willing to go to hell rather than accepting some truths about themselves (i.e. it is their self-benefits that they really stick to, not the truth or other’s benefits as they proclaim or think, or each of us is unique, but nobody should consider him/herself as a special person, or all of our problems occur from our own desires and no one can help us stop our own desires, only ourselves can do that). I think that all religious founders (not the no religious believers) were quite aware of these facts, so, none of them told all the truths that they knew. So, even though I agree with Mr. Lincoln’s statement, I would prefer to imitate his statement by the following statement.

“Some truths may be good for all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but not for all the people all the time.”
II. Answering some important questions

1. WHAT DEFINES ‘A HUMAN’?

"Being not a fool, if you respect the Coarse,

it is unlikely that you will not appreciate the Fine."

According to Socrates’ suggestions, to ease the complication of this discussion and reach some mutually agreed conclusions in the whole discussion, we have to start with some mutually agreed criteria’s or a definition to define ‘a human’. In this case, Oxford ALD 7th ed. simply gives the definition of ‘a human’ as, “a person rather than an animal or a machine.” Even though it does not help us much at the first look, it really gives us an important insight which is going to be proven useful. Let’s use the method of finding the definition of a word by finding its mutually accepted essential attributes again. All religious people and ( I think ) also most people are ready to accept the assumption that there is some certain difference between humans and animals as illustrated in a standard generally used dictionary such as the said OALD 7th ed. But Darwin and his idea supporters might not agree with this assumption.

(next 2 paragraphs may be skipped for 1st time reading)

If they do not agree, then, in their thinking, a human is an animal…. Are they wrong to have this idea?… No, they are not…. Since there is no objective truth, everybody has the right to choose to
believe whatever he/she likes for the sake of his/her own benefit. So!, there is nothing wrong with them! … Yes, there is nothing wrong with them. So!, there is nothing wrong at all!!!!??? Emm…. It’s not quite like that. There is something to be cautious with the publication and the introduction of the idea to the youth and the public. Darwin’s hypothesis is welcome by the ones who really do not mind whether they are exactly animals or not. It is definitely not welcome by the ones who think that the thought that they are definitely different from animals are vital for the retention of their own moralities. So, they do not want to be exposed to the idea themselves nor want their children to be exposed to the idea. It is like the controversy about girl teenagers’ virginity. Some may not care much about it, but there might be some who would trade it with their own lives. And some parents do not want their teenage daughters to expose to the idea that try convincing them that their virginity is not important. And I think they have the right to ask for that idea to be classified in public. According to Buddhism, there are 2 moral strengths within each of us. One is the shame to do immoralities; the other is the fear of the horrid results from doing immoralities. These 2 strengths come from the faith in religious doctrines concerning moralities, or our own self-realized views (reasons) to have moralities, or both. But few people have enough self-realized views to abstain from all basic immoralities which are (1) killing (hurting) humans and animals, (2) stealing (robbing, taking advantage), (3) sexual misconduct (without parental consent or adultery), (4)lie (deceiving) and false accuse, (5) drunk or drug intoxicated (intentionally make your self-awareness into poor state for the sake of pleasure), by themselves. We can see that at least the first 3-4 of these 5 basic immoralities are animals’ instincts needed for their own survivals which always exert strong influence on every human mind since a human body is composed of fresh and bones like that of an animal. Most of us
(including me), who have not attained enough self-realizations yet, need self-dignity that is the thought that we are definitely different from animals and the faith in a religion to resist the once-in-a-while animal-like impulses. And we believe that to believe in Darwin’s hypothesis is to get rid of our dignified thought and all religious faith and replace them with the thought such as, “There is no unbridgeable gap between humans and animals.” (from Darwin’s bibliography by Wikipedia) will not do us any good but will uproot ourselves from moralities completely. Darwin’s hypothesis about human evolution should be classified to be in the same category as Froude’s hypothesis about human’s mental development in childhood, which only taught in university level. For me, these 2 hypotheses should be called porno-ideas because they have a possible high potential to molest sexual morality of teenagers as a whole.

Let’s return to the original discussion. There is another way to dismiss the discussion. If Darwin’s supporters do not accept the assumption that there is some certain difference between humans and animals, then, in their opinion, there has never been any human on earth. But, we, on the other hand, believe that there are humans on earth. So, we can regard that Darwin’s hypothesis says nothing about human. we do not have to waste time talking to defend our human dignity at all, and we should warn our children not to read or listen to Darwin’s hypothesis about human evolution lest they misunderstand that it really says something about human.

However, if there are some of Darwin’s supporters ask for us to define the word ‘human’ with intrinsically-but-definitively include the attribute “different from animals”, can we do this? Actually, if we try to do that, soon we will find out that we may be able to give it definitive definition but may not be mutually accepted, or we may be able to find a mutually accepted definition but not definitive.
If we search through all religious bibles, canons, dictionaries or encyclopedias, I believe, we will find the same problem. Actually, Darwin did not have to establish his hypothesis at all to say that, “we cannot differentiate ourselves from animals”, since no one on earth has ever been able to give the definitive and mutually accepted definition of the word ‘human’ that explicitly show the difference from animal...... Oh! Sorry! I forget about the Buddha. Did he say anything about this? ...Ahh! Finally, we all are saved! The Buddha, implicitly, did give us the definitive criteria to define ‘a human’ apart from an animal, in only one place in the whole Pali canon, in Chakkavatti Sutra, Dhiga Nikaya. Let’s see whether it should be mutually accepted or not.

“A human is different from an animal by the condition that he/she will not incest with his/her own mother/father nor his/her own daughter(s)/son(s).”(1)

I do believe that the above definition of ‘a human’ can be mutually accepted by all normal people at the present moment. So, the Buddha used sexual morality to define a human apart from an animal. We may say that a human is different from an animal because he/she is the one who gives priority to sexual morality.(2) And to be safe in human side (not animal side), we should respect our parents, especially our mothers who had to suffer a lot of pain and risk their lives the days we were born. So, we can say in other word that another required morality to be human is to respect our parents. (The ones who look down upon their own parents, have no honor, the ones who kill their own parents, commit the worst unforgivable sin ever.) We also are parents too. And the Buddha told that if parents want respect from their children, they must do beneficial things to them, should be kind to them. So, another required morality to be human is to be kind to our children. Combining these 2
requirements together, we can conclude that a human is one who respects his/her parent and is kind to his/her children. (3) So, thank Buddha, now we have a lot of definitions of ‘a human’ to be the base of our further discussions. One thing we should notice is that all definitions tell nothing about species. So, upon the reader’s agreement, we will add one more attribute to these definitions that is the open-mindedness or no prejudice to accept any one of any species to be called ‘a human’ once that one exhibits the quality comply with any of those definitions. So, finally our definition of a human is,

“the one who will never incest with his/her own mother/father nor his/her own daughter(s)/son(s), or who gives priority to sexual morality, or who respects his/her parent and is kind to his/her children and who accepts any one of any species to be called ‘a human’ any time that one exhibits any of the said qualities, [and who realized that any time he/she does not have all the so far said qualities he/she does not deserved to be called a ‘should-be human’].”

So, extend to the society level, a human society should mean a society where the elder are cared and respected, the youth are protected, cared and educated (to be a should-be human), and everyone should never regard him/herself as more important than others, sexual morality has the highest priority to other moralities, prohibits animal brutality (i.e. killing them while they still have to take care their babies, etc.). (There should be no prostitution in a ‘should-be human society’ nor wars among ‘should-be human societies’.)
2. ARE THE STRONGEST AND SMARTEST BEING THE CHOSEN ONES TO SURVIVE?

“The continual existence of humankind in this world is different from the continual existence of any kind of animals since it should not be described as the ‘survival of the fittest’ but should be described as the ‘survival of the most beloved fit able’.”

The phrase ‘survival of the fittest’ seems to be an immortal phrase, summarizing Darwin’s theory on evolutions of animal species, which finally, he applied to his Human’s evolution hypothesis. Actually, concerning so-called human evolution, this phrase hardly tells anything since the word ‘fit’, for human, has many levels of meaning. In animal world, those who are ‘the fittest’ usually means “those who are the strongest and smartest”. (Am I right?) We can notice that the strongest and smartest among an animal species can survive hunts from their predators and can make successful mating so can transfer their life-blueprints to the next generations. Is this same procedure applied to human world?

When I was in the secondary school, I believed that I was able to be born human because I was the strongest and smartest sperm of my father who was the first to reach my mother’s egg in her womb. Until not long time ago, I have not realized that this idea is quite a misunderstanding. Actually, there are many sperms that can touch the egg at the same time, but usually only one is allowed to mix with the egg. Why? …I think the reason is because Nature would like to show us that we all are able to be born human because we are the most favorable among the qualified candidates. What is the meaning of ‘the most favorable’, and ‘most favorable’ to whom? The ‘most favorable’ means the ‘most acceptable’, the ‘most welcome to receive’ or the ‘most beloved’. To whom? To Nature. What is the meaning of ‘Nature”? It means “All things that exist.” (as defined in the previous
article), such as our parents, all people who are already born or going to be born after us, all animals, birds, fish, insects, etc., all trees and plants, the ground, the mountains, the river, the sea, the atmosphere, etc. Then, what is the meaning of ‘the qualified candidates’? It means we are strong and smart enough to survive in this world resorting mainly to our own strength and our own intuition. So, we are born in human species because we are supposed to be more welcome by all people, all animals, all plants and all natural environment than any other species and be able to survive by mainly resorting to our own (individual) strength and our own (individual) intuition. (This is the difference between a human species and an insect species.) The extinction of a human species, Homo Neanderthalensis, may be used to illustrate this point. They were the inhabitants of Europe around 130,000 – 30,000 years ago. But finally, they lost the survival competition to later comers from Africa, Homo Sapiens, who arrived at Europe around 45,000 years ago. Although the Neanderthals had some advantages about their bodies which had been more suitably adapted to the cold climate but they had one big disadvantage to the Homo sapiens about the diet. Since the Neanderthals had to survive through the last ice-age in the ice-covered land of Europe, they had to hunt as the main method to get the food which makes them finally attached to eating meat exclusively. While the Homo sapiens original habitat was in much warmer climate where plantation was much more plentiful year round, so they had adapted the habit of eating leaves, fruits and vegetable as well as meat. This made the life of the Homo sapiens somewhat less dangerous, less aggressive, and gave them the chance to be more creative. And their skin should have been less hairy and smoother due to the original habitat and the diet. So, they should have appeared to be more intelligence, more moral-oriented and more good looking (more sexually inductive) than the native Neanderthals. [It is also
possible that the Homo sapiens might have learnt to take a bath and brush their teeth (by chewing leaves) so the smell of their bodies and their mouths should have been less than those of the Neanderthals’. This should have made the Homo sapiens differentiated themselves as superior than the native Neanderthals or might even regarded them as non-human. So, it should not be surprised to find out that there was little evidence that they mixed together. The interesting thing is that how could the Neanderthals manage to survive separately from the Homo sapiens in Europe for another 15,000 years. Although the Homo Sapiens were more intelligence, more creative, had more morality concerning killing animals and tended to work together in bigger groups, the Neanderthals, on the other hand, looked like that they were less intelligence, like to live in smaller groups, but it was likely that they were less arrogance (since they should have been the ones whom were looked down upon), less greedy (the native should be less greedy than the new comers), contented with their families, cared for the elder, the disable and gave ceremonial buries to the dead. So, they were really 2 species of human living together in the same time in a small continent. One big difference between them might be that the Neanderthals might have regarded the Homo sapiens as human but the Homo Sapiens might have not regarded the Neanderthals as human. So, there were almost no marriages nor sharing of knowledge between them. And the Neanderthal way of life was not a way of life to gain much knowledge to pass on to the descendants. So, thousands of years went by, they still had as much knowledge as their ancestors did. Finally, the gap between the knowledge ability of the Homo sapiens and the Neanderthals increased more and more and it was the Neanderthals who kept on losing advantage. However, as long as the Neanderthals kept their required-to-be-human moralities, they would never have been wiped out of this earth easily. Any way the areas of their hunting ground
should have gone decreasing and more separated, forced them to live in smaller and smaller groups until inter-marriage between close relatives and, finally, ‘incest’ were inevitable. According to Buddhism, once a human species accepts incest as a norm then that human species is doomed. The thing that will occur to that human’s species after that is cannibalism and the extinction of that human species will follow shortly after that (by madly killing each other). This is the difference between a human species and an animal species (i.e. chimpanzees), since if that species continues to exist with those norms then it is not a human species but it is an animal species. The extinction of Homo Neanderthalensis with high possibility of its acceptance of incest as a norm in its final days, together with some evidence of cannibalism are consistence with the assumption that it had really been a ‘human species’ before, by Buddhism criteria. Some people might say that, “So what? It does not concern us at all. We are the Homo sapiens! Our ancestors are Homo sapiens, besides the Neanderthals have never left anything influential to this world more than their rock tools and their bones [and the lesson that it is a good idea to take a bath or brush our teeth before going to see our girl/boyfriends].” Actually, the Neanderthals should be regarded as our ancestor if we still appreciate the basic moralities such as contentment with the few and the simple, family caring, living a self-sustainable life-style, humbleness, caring for the weak and the elder, and giving respect to the dead. These virtues are all thinking-abstracts that are not transferred by genes but by minds which demonstrate (manifest) or are exposed to and appreciate the demonstration (manifestation) of these virtues. As long as we still respect these virtues, then, the Neanderthals are always one of our honorable ancestors.
3. WHY DON'T THE DISCOVERED FOSSIL EVIDENCES SUPPORT SOME INDIA-BORN RELIGIONS ABOUT THE LENGTH OF TIME HUMANS HAVE OCCUPIED THIS EARTH?

“The history of our ancestors may not concern us at all, furthermore,

The prehistoric human history of this earth does not necessary concern anyone’s ancestors, and lastly,

This earth’s history is not the only earth’s history we have experienced through the not-known-beginning journey of our semi-eternal unique self-awareness.”

According to 2 prominent India-originated religions, Buddhism and Jainism, the meaning of ‘this world’ does not mean this human-living earth alone, but includes 1,000 compatible human-living earths, which is called 1 Loka Dhātту. There are 3 sizes of Loka Dhātту, which are small size, medium size and large size. [SLD = 1,000(Kilo) human-living earths, MLD = 1,000,000 (Mega) human-living earths, LLD = 1,000,000,000,000 (Terra) human-living earths] So, how many human-living earths are there all together? Buddha told us that there are infinite, and warned us that we should not go on thinking about this stuff since it will turn us to be a mad (wo)man. It is categorized as 1 of the 4 unthinkable in Buddhism. A unique self-awareness can circulate (taking a form of life according to it’s karma) among 1 – 10 SLD (1-10,000 human-living earths), but a Bodhisatta’s unique self-awareness will circulate only in 1 SLD for the last kappa (the period from the forming to the destruction of 1 SLD) that he will attain Buddhahood. Believers in these religions all believes in
very long stays in heavens. For example, for the realms of fine sensual (also sexual) pleasure, the 
lowest (quality) level which has the shortest full-life period will last 9 millions human-equivalent 
years, while the highest (quality) level which has the longest full-life period will last 9,216 millions 
human-equivalent years. If they want to go to that highest level, they will not worry that by the time 
they finish the long stay in heaven, there will be no more earth to be born since there are always 1,000 
– 10,000 human-living earths in this 1-10 SLD.

Some of the readers might ask, “Would you like me to believe all of this hocus-pocus?” Well, 
you do not have to believe any of these stuffs. But if we want to judge a person whether he/she is a 
liar or not, we should judge from what that person has really said, not from what we misunderstand 
that that person has said, right? And for those who do not believe in these things at all but put all 
his/her faith in Darwin’s hypothesis, which denies the existence of the continuing soul between lives, 
implicitly, states that our unique self-awareness’s were created either from our fathers(as from one of 
their sperms’ unique self-awareness’s) or our mothers (while we were embryos), or both (2 usa’s can 
be combined into 1 – very advanced theory!) and will extinguished once we die. In other words, 
Darwin’s hypothesis, implicitly, states that all of us, including all animals, will attain Nibbana once 
we die. (Welcome to Annihilationist’s school, all Darwin’s supporters!) That is all right. There is no 
objective truth in this world. We all have the right to believe whatever we want to believe for the sake 
of our own benefits. Anyway, according to the ‘facts’ deriving from this thinking, it is our parents 
(father & mother) that concern us the most for our existence. They are the sole creators of both our 
bodies and souls, so there is no need to respect and obey anyone else as God. Actually, I have found 
out that this is one of the best ideas to keep moralities in this world. Anyway, by this viewpoint,
especially, if we regard the soul as more important than the body, our grandparent should have no
concern or concern us very little in the creation of us. Let’s, generously, give them 10% for the
concern. (We are talking about the ‘concern’ of ‘our creations’ not the ‘respect’ that we should have
to them.) So, our great-grandparent should receive 1% for the concern. If we assume that the average
number of years between each generation is 30 years, then our ancestors who lived 3,000 years ago
(100 generations) have the share in our creation approximately 0.0000000000 0000000000
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0000001%, and for our ancestors who live 30,000 years ago should have the share in our creation
approximately ‘a decimal point followed by 997 zero’s and 1’ %. So, we can say that our ancestors
who lived on this earth 30,000 years ago do not concern us at all. It should be all right either they
were Neanderthals or Homo Sapiens, either humans or beasts, we should not be proud or humiliated,
and should not waste too much time to find out about that since our lives are limited.

[ It is true that we all share some personality and spirituality traits with our parents. If our
souls (spirits) were not created by them, then, how does this thing happen? According to Buddhism,
alike spirits tend to be born in parent-son/daughter relationship, but this is not always be the case.
This things is complicated by the karma of all that are concerned. Another fact is that we all imitate
our parents’ personalities more or less while growing up and some parents teach their children to have
the same spirituality as they have.]
III. Human evolution and Divine interventions

“It is impossible for us to be able to be born human without the helps from uncountable number of people whom we will never know who they were.”

According to almost all India-originated religions, our unique self-awareness can take bodies of humans, animals, angels, gods, ghosts, hell creatures, etc., circulating endlessly, as long as we have attachment to our existence, according to the accumulation of our own ever-doing deeds (Sanskrit: karma) and our unstoppable desires (Pali: tanhā).

I have acquainted with the question, “Why are we born?”, since I was very young, but have never been able to get a satisfied answer. ...Now, I understand why I have never been able to get a satisfied answer. The reason is because the question is incomplete. The complete question should be “Why are we born human?” According to Buddha’s words, once we are born animals, it is extremely difficult to be able to be born human again, since, in animal world, big animals devour small animals for their survivals. There is no chance to do good thing or to have moralities. Buddha compares that the chance (to get back to be born human) is much less than the chance that a blind turtle living in a vast ocean who pops its head up from beneath the water once in a hundred years will put its head through the hole of a lone wooden yoke which floats freely on the surface of that ocean. So, why are there so many people born to this world every day, and there are almost 7 billion people on this earth nowadays? I would like to say that, usually, the things that we can perceive are incomparable far less than the things that we cannot perceive. Now, we know that in each of our stomachs, there are more
bacteria than the number of the human population of this world. Each of the bacteria processes a unique self-awareness (soul), even though its quality is very poor, so, bacteria can be counted as animals. So, it is still true that only a very tiny fraction of the total number of world creatures is human. We all may consider ourselves as ones of the luckiest. But is it only a matter of luck or chance that makes each of us be born a human? As a Buddhist, I do believe, “Nothing has ever happened by chance.” And we all realize that inside each of us there are always strong forces to pull our minds down back to animal level, since the instinct to survive and the ego (self-important feeling) are usually as strong within each of us as in any animal species. Even though the mystery of how an animal spirit can gain its virtues to be able to be born back to human level may be worthy to think, but the mystery of how our present human race is still able to retain its virtues as a human species deserves much more immediate attention from every one of us. Without all personalities such as Moses, MahaVera, Buddha, Jesus, Muhammad, Guru Nanak, etc., even more importantly, without faith in moralities in every one’s heart, our species might have already been extinct or turned to be an animal species long time ago. It is high time that we all self-realize the necessity of having needed-to-be-human moralities by ourselves. It is high time that each of us should be able to stand by him/herself morally, no more having to be supported by blind faiths, laws or authorities. It is high time that the word ‘a human’ should have the meaning that “the one who can stand by him/herself morally” or ‘a Homo spiritus’, which I believe this is the real goal that all religious founders have been helping us to reach. So, we should be able to stand and walk on this earth morally by ourselves respecting all religion founders that this world has ever had as our mutual spiritual parents who have been teaching parts of us how to stand and walk on this earth morally by themselves.
To tell you a truth, being a Buddhist, it hurts me quite a lot to have to Assume (in the previous topic) that Buddha might be a big liar. [It might deprive me of living in the world of fine sensual (sexual) pleasure!] Anyway, that makes me think that only truths and justice might not be enough to bring peace to our society. We need acceptance in others’ good sides, sometimes overlooking some of others’ bad sides, sometimes forgive, and sometimes, even self-sacrifice. And these things are not supposed for us to ask for but to give.

*Thinking without an aim is a wasteful thought.*

*Aim without self-benefits is a useless aim.*

*Self-benefits which destroy other’s benefits should not be acceptable.*

*One who thinks with his/her aim for his/her self-benefits and includes all other’s benefits, Nature will give that one the ‘noblest blessing’, which is the ‘unsurpassed wisdom’.*

*One who, knowingly and without lust, passion nor self-adoration, sacrifices all of his/her benefits for the sake of all other’s benefits, even though ‘a real fool’ he/she may be, Nature will give that one ‘the dearest blessing’.*

*That is to let that one know what really ‘Love’ is.*
P.S. However, the author does not have to beat the brain to get the
‘unsurpassed wisdoms’ since the author think they are already there in Buddha’s
words. Moreover, the author does not want to be a fool of any kind (whether ‘a
blessed fool’ or ‘a damned fool’), so the author has never known what really
‘Love’ is like. Anyway, the reader, if interested, may try to have some
experience of it, which cannot be reached by just thinking.

Happy the coming Valentine Day

One of your human fellows


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[ It is very embarrassing, there are still many grammatical errors and I have returned quite a few
memories about English grammars to my teachers already. The reader can copy the whole article and
make his/her own corrections or even some modifications. Then the results are the reader's ideas, since I
believe that our ideas are the ideas we choose to believe. And I will be happy to have you as my similarly-
think friend. Anyway to quote someone else’s idea (not mine) we have to give them the credit.

I would like to thank the website provider without whom I will never have a chance to share my ideas
with the rest. Thank you.]
1. **WHY Couldn’T ACHILLES TAKE OVER THE TOrTOISE?**

A sentence always tells us more than one fact. Considering this statement,

“Mike is reading a book.”

The above sentence also tells us implicitly that (1) Mike knows how to read to some extents, (2) his eyesight is good enough to read a book (whether using eye-glasses or not), (3) he is awake, etc. These are examples of some implicit or untold facts of the sentence. We might be prone to think that Mike is a knowledgeable or a scholar-oriented guy, which might or might not be true. He may be reading a text book or an entertainment book. And there are some facts that cannot be true, such as he cannot be playing football or be totally blind, etc.

Now, let’s consider Zeno’s statements about the race between Achilles and a tortoise. “With the tortoise has the head start, every time Achilles reaches the point where the tortoise used to be, the tortoise would have proceeded further from that point a little bit.” So Achilles should never be able to catch up with the tortoise, which is contrary to what should really have happened. So, what is wrong with the underlined statement? With some careful examination we will see that nothing wrong with the underlined statement, only it, either explicitly or implicitly, does not contain the fact that Achilles runs faster than the tortoise. So the underlined statement can be sufficiently used only if Achilles
runs as fast as or slower than the tortoise. To reach the right conclusion in this race, some more statement containing the fact that Achilles runs faster than the tortoise must be added (i.e., For a given time period, Achilles can cover more distance than the tortoise does.). So we can see that a single reasonable statement may not be enough to reach a right conclusion in explaining a situation; enough reasonable statements are needed. The usual-arising problem is, in any situation, sometimes we, mistakenly; think that we already have enough reasonable statements to use as the premise to reach a right conclusion.

2. WHY CAN'T ANYTHING LOGICALLY CHANGE POSITION? (DICHTOMY PARADOX)

"That which is in locomotion must arrive at the half-way stage before it arrives at the goal."

(From Zeno's paradoxes, Wikipedia)

If we would like to move an object from one place to another, Zeno (or Aristotle) said that logically we can never do that since we have to move it to half way first, then half way of the rest and so on, ad infinitum. So we have to do infinite number of ‘tasks’ before reaching the desired position which will make us ever occupied, not be able to reach the desired position. In fact, by this way of thinking nothing can move at all. (It looks like Cinderella had no chance to finish all the house-work tasks assigned by her step-mother to be in time for the dancing party.) So, what is wrong with this way of thinking? If we use some careful consideration, we will see that the problem just arises because inappropriate wording. Usually, a task (i.e. a house-work task) can be divided time-wisely into small tasks. But there are some tasks which should be regarded time-wisely as just single tasks
only (i.e. mopping the floor, cleaning windows, etc.), if once divided time-wisely, the divided parts should not be called ‘tasks’ but should be called ‘developing stages’ (of that task) instead. A task of this type can be said to be composed of ‘many-at-will developing stages’. When an object changes its position from a former position to a new position, it should be regarded time-wisely as performing just a single task. So, if we divide this task time-wisely into as many parts (each of which is called ‘a developing stage’) as will, even close to infinity, it will not affect the time duration to complete the task (this changing of its position) at all. So, by this right way of thinking, an object can logically change position and Cinderella had a chance to finish all her assigned house-works in time for the dancing party.

This dilemma teaches us that it cannot be too careful to choose the appropriate wording to use in our logic.

3. *WHY DOES AN ARROW, LOGICALLY STAY MOTIONLESS IN FLIGHT?*

*“If everything is motionless at every instant, and time is entirely composed of instants, then motion is impossible.”*  

*From Zeno’s paradoxes, Wikipedia*

Here Zeno defined a time instant as duration less, so the fetal error in this logic is that, actually, time instants by this definition (how many they are) cannot form any duration of time. Instead, we need short time durations to form a duration of time, like points (how many they are, even infinite number of them, cannot form a solid line segment. We need shot line segments (no matter how short they are) to form a solid line segment.

This dilemma teaches us that we have to be very careful when we define a word used in our logic.
It is very interesting to consider the reasons why Zeno’s paradoxes have bewildered the Homo sapiens (not a single Homo spiritus like the reader and the author, of course) for more than 2,400 years. Other than the virtue of Zeno’s gratitude to Parmenides, his teacher, I think it is because the power of the truth of his teacher’s famous cognito, “All is one.”, which (I think), means that all that exist [ all things ( whether concretes, abstracts, etc.) that exist including nothingness (Nibbana)] each has influence on the rest (i.e. time-wisely, space-wisely; etc.). So, everything that exists is all interconnected. There are 2 things directly concerning this which I think are very important in solving Gordian knot- like problems arising in (1) world’s environment, and (2) human politics nowadays. These 2 problems, which are obviously interconnected, arise from human ignorance, prejudices, greed and human’s changing behavior to be more like an insect species by adopting the idea that once we throw away all our individuality by unthinkingly comply with social norms and totally obey the societal authorities no matter whatever they want us to do (i.e. killing some ones we don’t even know their names, etc.) then we are good humans and are safe, (which is the idea mostly established and propagated by those who selfishly and/or self-delusionally enjoy controlling a society, and/or those who enjoy taking advantage or privilege over many other in a society, and are supposed to be adopted mostly by the ones whom are unknowingly taken advantages (by those 2 types of the previous said people) since they are brainwashed by controlled false education and controlled biased medias in that society.

For the world’s rapidly deteriorated natural environment problem, I strongly agree with many concerned ideas which have been propagated through the internet for quite a while that we should
regard ourselves as (free-of-payment) tenants of this world not the owners, so we should treat the natural environment of this world with the sense of gratitude and protection, should not think that we have the right to own or freely make use of it. I think that almost all native North Americans have known this fact for a long time considering their remained proverbs and sayings. In Buddhism and Jainism believes, there are noble or benevolent spirits residing in all herbs and trees (Pali: Gandhabba). Thales, one of the most intelligent humans that this earth has ever have (maybe only second to the Buddha) believed that there are god-like spirits residing in all natural environments. Shinto, the Japanese traditional religion, believes in the spirit of Nature, called Kami, residing in all natural environments. Furthermore, for a long time there have been many folktales in many parts of the world telling their folks to respect natural environment, not to make excessive use of it. But since the advent of the industrial revolution, out of greed, many of us have regarded themselves as the sole owners of all natural environments and abused them tremendously during these past 200-300 hundred years. For the past 30 years I have never experienced the should-be year round weather pattern in my home town as I used to experience when I was young. The overall condition of the local climate has been changing to be worse and worse from one year to another. However, lately I have learnt that the situation like this has happened world-widely. I think that one reason to make this happen because we have deprived so many noble or benevolent spirits of their habitats (by cutting trees, flooding dry land which has a lot of plantation, pollute land, water and the atmosphere by trash, plastic bags and toxic chemicals, etc.) so they are angry with us and make the weather and the climate chaotic. Some may think that this thinking of mine has no reference. But, actually, originally this is not my idea at all but what is (deduced to be) said in Pali canon. Then, later, I agree with it. There are some people in some societies, out of foolishness and/or wanting their self benefits (greed), assume that some ones have
the right to be the owners of the whole lands and the natural environments. And some of those assumed ones are finally foolishly attached to that assumption and do something inappropriate to the environment which finally put those corresponding societies as a whole in perilous states.

To solve human politic problems, each of us should keep in mind that everything that exists contributes to our survival in some different way, more or less. We should be gratitude to them all not just one single person or thing. So, it is foolishly wrong to think that just one person or one thing owns our lives, and it is a false attitude to try to make someone else’s life depend on us alone. We, individually, should never think that we are a special or essential person. We should not want to be superior or inferior from other but a friend to other. We should not want other to regard us as a master nor a servant but a friend. We should not encourage either the one who tries to be superior than others or the one who acts so inferior in front of others.

“It is only for humans, not animals, to be able to solve the conflicts arising among them peacefully, and it is only worthy-to-be-called a real divine person who sacrifices all* his/her own self-benefits for everyone in that society to be able to obtain equality, self-dignity, self-reliance, freedom, peace and true wisdoms.”

(* sometimes it means only his/her prestigious status in the society)

Until the extinguishment of our unique self-awareness’s

One of your human fellows

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MY DAYDREAM OF WORLD’S PEACE

“We all are one nation.”

A Muslim proverb

“Those who use swords will perish by swords.”

A Christian proverb

“Revenge can only be stopped by not taking revenge.”

A Buddhist proverb

“There is no good war as well as there is no bad peace.”

Benjamin Franklin

“The ones who try to bring peace to the society, even though they may be only commoners and not successful in their strife, are worthy to be called ‘people of the light’, while the ones who, want only to preserve their self-benefits and their self-importance, want wars to happen, even though they may hold much more prestigious status in the society than the first group of people and usually get what they want (wars), they should be called ‘people of the darkness’.”

Anonymous
I wonder if there are some people who can make any of the following things happen.

1. The US parliament adds this statement to the US constitution.

   “It is illegal for the US government to declare war or use armed forces against any country,
   and the US government is prohibited to use soldiers or weapons (i.e. knives, guns, bombs, etc.)
   against its own people.”

2. Other super power countries (Russia, China, Europe Union, India, England) do the same thing.

3. United Nation declares that the government of every member country has to do the same thing in order to retain the membership to the United Nation.

4. By these doings, there will be no wars between nations and no need for any country to have soldiers anymore. Young men can still be recruited temporarily to be national guards doing beneficial thing to the society in which they live (helping society in time of wide-scale emergency, supplementary force for police and fire fighting, helping children and the old-age cross the street, etc.)

5. It is illegal for a government to make weapons, or buy/sell weapons from/to other country.
6. No citizen of any country is allowed to have weapons. Bare hand defensive martial arts (wrestling, sumo, kung fu, judo, aikido, etc.) are encouraged to be trained and used instead.

If there are some ones among us trying to make any of these things happen, please add me as one on your side.

“To attain the better state of our lives, we should do the good thing that we have planned to do it tomorrow today. (If we can.)”

A 7 year-old kid named Sambhava

(From Dhamma Yaga Jataka, Khuttaka Nikaya)

Until the extinguishment of our unique self-awareness

One of your human fellows

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THE DAWN OF HUMANISM

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Relativism and Absolutism

“Mind (thought) is the fastest thing in the universe.”

Buddhism

“Fast is the speed of light.
Faster still is the speed of thought.
Still faster are the days of our lives.
Since they mostly go by, unused to reach our salvation.”

Anonymous
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A Buddhist Viewpoint about Einstein's Relativity

By a Buddhist

"The limit of one's own Universe is limited by his/her own perception. The limit of one's own Perception is limited by his/her own awareness. The limit of one's own Awareness is limited by his/her own self-awareness. The limit of one's own self-awareness is limited by his/her mind frequency. (the higher the better) The limit of one's mind frequency is limited by his/her own scope of viewpoint toward this world (the wider the better). The limit of one's own 'Scope of Viewpoint toward this world' is limited by his/her realization of the existence of other's self-awareness and the thought 'not to be special from other'"

Anonymous with a Buddhist point of view

1. Is it so special that "Light always travels at a constant speed."?

The sentence, "Light always travels with a constant speed." is a colloquial language used in daily life, not suitable to be used as a sentence to start a formal scientific discussion. We should better use a more academically precise meaning sentence such as, "Light propagates from its source in an isotropic medium with a constant speed regarded that the source stays still with respect to the inertial reference frame at the moment of the propagation." We can see that the sentence is "classical Physics", which scientists have believed for hundreds of years, and is also true for all electro-magnetic waves, sound waves and all material vibration waves.

2. Should we believe that light from any light source has the relative speeds to all observers in any platform equally?

Werner Heisenberg, a late German Physicist, used to say an undeniable statement that Nature (i.e. light) will exhibit its property (i.e. as waves or particles) depending on the method that we use to observe it." So we have to be very careful when we have to make a conclusion on an experiment about the nature of light, whether in that experiment we should regard it as waves or particles, since if we assume the wrong side of the coin, it may cause us a lot of
confusion afterward.

Figure 1.

Albert Abraham Michelson (1852 - 1931)

Figure 2. The interferometer that Michelson used in his experiment
In 1887, Albert Michelson, an American Physicist, made an important experiment concerning the properties of light. The 'fringe shift' which occurs when light exhibits its wave-like property was used to validate his hypothesis (about the existence of Aether - with a disappointing result) and it also could be used to make a conclusion that light (beams) from different sources with difference relative velocities to an observer actually have the same speed, which is extremely contradict to commonsense but was the conclusion that Albert Einstein used as the base of his Relativity theories. That was him!, but how about us!? Should we make the conclusion of this experiment like him (Uncle Einstein) or should we conclude that Michelson's experiment is a good example that if we regard light as wave sometime it will bring us to an extremely illogical conclusion which we can regard it as a false conclusion? So, I think, in Michelson's interferometer experiment, light behaves as particles so we cannot use 'fringe shift' to differentiate a beam of light formed by 2 beams of light from which sources have relative velocity to each other. [Actually, I feel sympathy for the 2 Albert's since the Relativity theories were declared in 1904 and 1915, many years before Heisenberg said the smart sentence. Anyway, it seemed like Heisenberg himself never said anything against Einstein's Relativity theory. This may imply that "Politics prevails everything even modern Physics." or "Our words usually appear to be smarter than our own selves." (Now many Germans may want to kill me!)]

3. If there is no aether we cannot find the absolute velocity of anything in this universe.

Ever since James C. Maxwell, an English mathematician, discovered equations describing the propagation of electro-magnetic waves, scientists have been searching for the substance which acts as the medium in space for the propagation of electro-magnetic waves to be possible in space [with the Philosophy "Waves travel by the vibration of the medium.", and "'Medium' is something rather than 'nothing'(or nobody means 'no messenger')".]. Scientists used to believe that there is some kind of substance called 'Aether' filled all voids in this endless universe. So if the Aether really exists, we may think of it as a light weight substance which is everywhere and we can assume it to be
motionless. Then we can define the absolute velocity of an object as the velocity of that object relative to the aether. After Michelson failed to find a proof of its existence in his experiment in 1887, most scientists has been disheartened to continue the search. [Anyway nowadays there is another hope arising to find the unseen filler of the universe, but this time people call it 'Higgs field' or 'Higgs bosons'. (Even though I am an old, out-of-date man, I still try to keep up with the young!...A-hemmm!) Anyway (again) in 1904 and 1915 Einstein proposed his Relativity theories as if he said that we do not have to waste time to find the ideal inertial reference frame to find the absolute velocity of an object or the absolute point of time or the absolute time interval that an event happens anymore. There is no way to find the non-biased judge in this universe (as the politics of some country has already demonstrated for years). Every event is judged by the observer. There are only 'the observer' and 'the observed' in an event. There is no (need for) the 3rd person. Anyway each of the 2 sides in an event is both 'the observer' and 'the observed' simultaneously with no discrimination. But in real life when we see someone acting toward us the same way as we do to them we might not see it as justice. This is usually caused by our self-delusion that we are special from all others and with the thought that they should act toward us much better than we act toward them. When we have to live in a society full of people with different ways of thinking, it should be a good idea to always keep in mind that what that person will think if we act toward him/her such and such. Naturally, it requires a lot of attention to live among people. (That is why I prefer to live in solitude for most of the time.)

4. From pure reason deducted from the commonsense, 'Twin Paradox' dues to motion only should never happen.

There are some ones saying that according to Einstein's theories of Relativity, if there is a pair of twins parting from each other, the (few minutes) older gets on a comparable-to-speed-of-light fast space ship while the younger stays on earth (Gaia), when the older coming back from space after years of space exploration, he/she would be looked much younger than his/her brother/sister, just due to the merit of having been moving much faster, because from Einstein's theories, the closer to the speed of light one travels,
the slower the second hand of his/her watch ticks according to his/her pair observer. In this case, I think that we do not have to use any complicate Mathematic calculation (which I try to avoid at all cost since my childhood), just by using sheer commonsense, we will see that it cannot be true. The reason is as follows. If we think of a relative motion between 2 objects, say 2 people only, there will be no difference in speed and direction (inward or outward) of the observed by the observer at any instance (short period) of time during the whole motion if both of them turn their faces toward each other. (It may have to corporate with turning of their bodies also, lest they break their necks.) Let both of them wear wrist watches and attach big dial clocks to their foreheads (using string of course, not glue) and all the watches and the clocks be set to tell the same time in the beginning of the movement. If they start at the same point, move away from each other and end up meeting each other again, then it is possible that during that period of time they will see that the second hand of the other's clock moves (angularly) slower than the second hand of his/her watch when they are moving apart and vice versa (faster) when they are moving toward each other. Anyway, when they end up at the same point (not necessarily to be the starting point), due to the fact that 'Nature' is non-biased (unlike human ...oh sorry! ...unlike homo sapiens!, and not include 'Nature' at Mystery Spot, Santa Cruz Ca., USA), all 4 watches and clocks should tell the same time. However, there were experiments about Time dilation in 1971, 2006, 2010, etc. which turned out finally that the clocks told different times. The difference in time readings at the ends of those experiments should have been the results of some other effects other than the identical histories of the relative speed between those clocks (i.e. electromagnetic field, gravity field, etc.) Moreover, when the readings of the clocks were different, why was it interpreted as "The time was faster or slower than normal." which hardly anybody knows the exact meaning and no one could be sure whether it did really happen? Shouldn't have it been interpreted just only "The atomic clocks told the faster or slower time than normal"?

5. Is it reasonable to believe that "Nothing can travel faster than the (established) speed of light."

Firstly, we should convert the colloquial statement "Nothing can travel faster
than the speed of light." to be a suitable junior high school Science class statement such as, "The relative speed between 2 objects cannot exceed the speed of light." To see how this statement cannot be true, we have to always keep in mind that Nature, or God, or Brahma, or Heaven, etc. does not create us to be the only person in this world (like a quotation in a Chinese legendary novel about the Age of 3 states - "Heaven lets Jew-Yee to be born, why lets 'Kong-Beng' to be born also!?" Or 'Kong-Beng' himself might have asked, Heaven lets 'Kong-Beng' to be born why lets 'Soo-Maa-E' to be born also!?"), nor creates only 2 objects. So if there is an object in front of us moving away from us more than half the speed of light, it does not rule out the possibility that at that moment there can also be an object at the back of us moving away from us more than half the speed of light. So, to make the hypothesis that "Any 2 objects cannot have the relative speed between them more than the speed of light." will have to be followed by one more hypothesis stating that "Any 2 objects cannot have the relative speed between them more than half the speed of light.", and still one more hypothesis stating that "Any 2 objects cannot have the relative speed between them more than one-fourth the speed of light.", ...and so on. Finally, we will end up with the same conclusion as Zeno of Elea had about 2,500 years ago that there cannot be any motion (since there cannot be any speed). Motion is illusion. (...or is it?)

6. Can we go backward in 'time'?

"We should not grieve for what has already passed. We should not keep on wondering about the future."
"We should diligently do our mission (working out our own salvation) today. Who can be sure that this is not the last day of his/her life?"
"No one can bargain with Death who has a big number of agents."

"The one who works diligently to reach the goal of his/her mission both day and night is called The one to be called 'noble' even though his/her life may last only for one more night."

Some selected sentences from Battekaratti Sutta, Majjima Nikaya, Sutta Pitaka
"Space is limitless. 
There are infinite human occupied earths. 
Time neither has the beginning nor the ending. 
But all of these things exist as long as our unique self-awareness exists."

Fundamental teachings of Buddhism

Buddha told that there are 3 sizes of 'Loka Dhattu' or 'Human living world'.

1. **Small size human living world**, which is composed of about 1,000 human living earths. Small size human living world has a life period which is called '1 kappa'. When kappa is ending (Buddha said) there will be 7 suns in the sky of a (this?) planet (Gaia?) at which time there are no more living things left. (Their spirits will have been transferred to other higher realm of reality or other human living worlds according to their karma already.)

   Then the whole planet will be burnt. That makes me think that a 'small size human living world' should be equivalent to a 'galaxy'. (I may be wrong.)

   In this Milky Way Galaxy some say there are about 200,000 million stars.

   So, lives are rare in this Universe, still there are infinite of them. Some day this galaxy may shrink, and all human living earths in it may be burnt.

   Anyway, we do not have to worry much about it since we will know how to increase (the frequency of) our self awareness by practicing non-sexual love (compassion) and mindfulness training techniques which can be found by searching through the internet and will go to higher realms of existence (which also means higher quality of sensual pleasure or blissfulness which is above the finest sensual pleasure) after this life.

2. **Medium size human living world**, which is composed of about 1,000,000 human living earths. I think it should be equivalent to a cluster of 1,000 galaxies.

3. **Large size human living world**, which is composed of about 1,000,000 million human living earths. I think that should be equivalent to 1/80 of the scope of the universe that human can perceive through their equipments nowadays which has the radius of about 45,700 million
light years, containing about 80,000 millions galaxies. According to the Buddha’s words, there should be infinite number of large size human living worlds.

from Loka Dhattu Sutta, Majjima Nikaya and Wikipedia about Astronomy

It is not logical at all to form a hypothesis that there was only one big explosion in a specific point in a limitless space and no-beginning time which resulted in everything coming out from it (i.e. space, time, concrete, abstract, etc.) including all of our unique self-awareness. The only logical reason which I can figure out is that this idea is formed by ignorance-filled, ego-maniac minds thinking that they (individually) are special from other spirits and have the right to think that they (individually) alone exclusively are the center of everything. It is this kind of people who create omni-potent, omni-science, omni-presence, free-will dictatorial God who is the supreme creator of everything which actually is their own reflection of what they want to be, and want all other people to be subjugated to this they-create God. (If people of this kind are Buddhists, they will regard Buddha as God, not as the bygone Truth Finder.) So they form a hypothesis with an illogical premise that before a certain period of time there were no time and space. To be consistent with their own illogical premise, after the assumed explosion they have to mix space and time together in a peculiar way using fantasy Science, occult Mathematics and scientific Witch crafts so that ordinary sane people will never be able to understand and be sure whether they are dealing with geniuses or idiots (or both!) to be exposed to the idea that we can go back and forth in time. People of this kind (self-deluded, ego maniac) when they look into the Universe through a telescope will think that they have seen all that exists. But if they open their minds to accept the possibility, which most sane people believe, that "Space is limitless and Time neither has the beginning nor the ending", with some simple calculations, they will have to accept the fact that humankind on this or any planet can never know everything in this Universe! (The ones who think they know everything in this Universe are the nearly sane people.) Anyway, even though we cannot learn to know
everything in this Universe, all great ancient sages told that we can still be called 'a knowledgeable one' once we have learnt to know ourselves (i.e. be able to tame our greed, lust, passion, anger, fear, sorrow, etc.).

"Knowledge and Skills are what we have to seek or create by ourselves, So it is wise to be diligent when we are young."

"Common sense is what 'Nature' (or God - for Christian, etc.*) has given to us, So it is wise to use it when other resources (knowledge & skill) cannot make it."

(* Some Native American tribe, uses the word 'Konkachila'.")

Anonymous

This article is dedicated to all of those who were victims of the nuclear bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 & 9, 1945

"May the fates of these innocent people help us realize that In order to have the long lasting Peace in this world, There should be no wars, no soldiers, no weapons, No patriotism, no leader idolatry, no brain-washing mass media, No dictatorial governments or dictatorial leaders."

Please receive my bow One of your human fellows August 3, 2012

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Gödel's Incompleteness Theory and the Theory of everything in a Buddhist viewpoint*

*(This Article may be too difficult for many readers if they have not read Gödel’s Incompleteness Theory in Wikipedia.)*

By a Buddhist

"Everyone, including 'Nature' likes 'Simplicity',
But 'Nature' does not create only one unique self-awareness,
And usually a unique self-awareness thinks it is
The only unique self-awareness created by 'Nature',
So, 'Complexity' is created by this misunderstanding."

Anonymous

"We should not use the word 'to prove' to the thing that we all have already Seen, or perceived, or agreed upon, or understood without doubt.
'To prove the already revealed truth' has no meaning.
To say that 'The accepted truth is not provable.' is misleading.
We should say, 'The accepted truth does not have to be proven.'
The problem is some ones might accept something as a truth,
While we might think that it should not be accepted as a truth yet."

Anonymous

1. Some Fundamental truths that we should agree upon from the very beginning

1.1 numbers are a kind of words which each has the least meanings comparing to other kinds of words we use in our daily lives,(may be except number '0' and '1'). Usually a number represents a quantity and that quantity-ness only.

1.2 A Set is a comprehensible and manipulate-able (mentally included) entity, so a set with infinite members is not defined. [This may be contrary to conventional Mathematics, but we are entering the world of Homospiritus' Mathematics! (quite superior)]
1.3 A complete Mathematic expression is equivalent to a self-meaningful statement. (The statement, "That I have told you is proved to be true.", is not a self-meaningful statement since by this statement alone, no one knows what that 'I have told you' is. Another example is, "This statement is false.", since with this statement alone no one knows what the context of 'This statement' is, so the statement is not a self-meaningful statement. With some consideration, we will see that a complete Mathematical expression should be equivalent to a self meaning ful statement which the listener (reader) can consider its trueness by its own context. So a complete Mathem atic expression should be equivalent to a Mathematic equation.

1.4 A sentence that is not self-meaningful cannot be considered true or false by considering only its context. Equivalently, an incomplete Mathematic expression cannot be true or false nor can the negative of that Mathematic expression. We should not say that a sentence that is not self-meaningful cannot prove itself whether it is right or wrong the same as we should not say that a non-equation Mathematic expression cannot prove itself whether it is right or wrong.

1.5 An axiom is a self-meaningful sentence and can be written in a Mathematic equation.

1.6 No statement can verify (prove) an axiom, even its own self. (i.e. we cannot say that “this statement is true because it is an axiom.”) It is the one who read that axiom who can judge that axiom by his/her own consideration.

1.7 A Mathematic (i.e. algebra) function is an incomplete Mathematic expression by the definition that we have just developed, so it cannot be judged as true or false in daily conversation sense.

1.8 When looking at the whole, a computer program is not an equation but an incomplete Mathematic expression or a Mathematic function so we cannot judge it (i.e. by considering only its output) whether it is true or false without referring to other resource(s) (i.e. our own calculation or our own common sense), so no Mathematic program in this or any other world has ever been able to justify or prove its own validity from the beginning of time.
2. The intention, statements, meaning and validity of Gödel’s Incompleteness Theory

Figure 1. Kurt Friedrich Gödel (1906 -1978)

In early twentieth century, there were attempts to compile all numerical theories from various Mathematicians and make them (those theories) consistent with all others. Kurt Gödel, a late Austrian-American Mathematician, has found a theory which implies that we cannot do that. The simplified saying of his first theorem is "Every consistent numerical theory contains some axiom(s) which cannot be proved whether it(they) is(are) true or false." And his second theorem implies that "If there is a numerical theory which has all its axioms are true, its statement might not be consistent." (We can see instantly that the second statement makes Einstein's Relativity theory possible, since Einstein's Relativity theory lacks consistency in its statements.) Anyway, I think that, there are some weak points in the making of Gödel’s Incompleteness Theory. (Sorry for all Einstein's fans, but a Homospiritus is a non-biased, poor politic humanoid!) Firstly, it looks like Gödel deals with sets of infinite number of members (the use of indicia i and j with not enough restriction) which may possibly cause the outcome to be anything (any false conclusion). Secondly, incomplete Mathematical expressions (functions) are used to represent axioms instead of should-be complete Mathematical expressions (equations). I think just 2 reasons is enough for now. (Actually, that is where my wit ends!)
3. The Philosophical implications of Gödel’s Incompleteness theory

"Pythagoras said, "Numbers rule the Universe."
I say, "Words (Statements) rule the Universe."

Anonymous

"In the beginning was the 'Word', and the 'Word' was with God,
and the 'Word' was God."

John (1:1)

Usually, 'Words' are smarter than 'Numbers', while 'Numbers' are more honest and more straight-forward than 'Words'. (That is why many honest Mathematicians have turned to be Philosophers while many world-oriented Mathematicians have turned to be politicians, later in their lives.) Who can be sure of the truth of anything outside him/her self in this infinite time and space? Both 'Induction' and 'Deduction' methods of finding truths can never have 100%-false-proof results. The only truths we can know are the degrees of desire (greed, lust, passion, etc.) and attachments in our minds which need no verification from others. So, it is left to us alone (individually) to be the only person who can subdue or control them.

Lastly, many thinkers have been using the result statements of Gödel’s Incompleteness Theory to form many abstract conclusions. That paves a way to link Mathematics with abstract entities. I, myself, have discovered a proof that we all have 'Love' as a part of our 'Self'. This discovery has made me so proud that I am no more jealous of Newton or Columbus. (The only guy left to be jealous of, for me now, is 'Mr. Tiger Wood'!) This proof makes use of Geometry and Language (English) to link 'Ourselves' to 'Love', as you can see below.

Figure 2. This picture is the proof (1st time ever on this planet!) that we all have 'Love' as a part of us!
We can notice that 'Love' gives us a nose to breathe, a mouth to speak (which is more than enough - Do you agree?) but only one eye to see. But to be able to solve the problems in this world we also need to see the 3-dimensional reality of this world, so we need one more eye which, I think, is the knowledge of the Reality around us.

Please receive my bow

one of your human fellows

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SOME 2012 REVEALATIONS

by a Buddhist's viewpoint

There have been a lot of progresses occurring lately concerning human's conceptual knowledge about Nature and their own Spirituality. Here, I would like to share with the reader some ideas that might give the reader more insight of some problems that the reader might use to tackle.

1. Copernicus is not quite correct.

   If we are in a ship sailing in an area in an ocean where no land can be seen, we can say that "we are in the middle of the ocean". After days of sailing, if no land can still be seen we are still able to say that "we are still in the middle of the ocean". By this analogy, anywhere in the Universe can be said to be 'the
center of the Universe’ since we cannot (can never - might be the better word) see the edge of the Universe (yet). So, it is correct to assume that the earth or the sun or anything else is the center of the Universe.

Copernicus might have argued that he meant only the solar system since if we let the sun to be the center, then the motions of all other planets and all phenomena in the sky can be computed analytically and correctly. And Meteorologists will assert the reader that the earth must turn around itself to make the global winds’ patterns be as they are. Furthermore, Geologists will assert the reader that the earth should turn around itself so the equator part protrudes from the center of the earth a little bit more than the polar parts do. If we regard that the earth is the center of the solar system, then, naturally, we will assume that the ground stays still, the sun, the moon and all planets and stars revolve around the earth. The trajectories of planets appear in the sky are, however, not possible to formulate mathematically and there is no explanation of some aspects of the global winds' patterns and the oval shape of the earth. However, in ordinary human life, these things hardly cause us any problem. Until the time of Copernicus, human civilization had evolved in prosperity and happiness without knowing these things. To assume that the earth revolve around itself and around the sun as the center had made a lot of natural phenomena easy to understand. But there are always some basic rules of Nature that we cannot understand (i.e. why is there gravity?) The more we understand Nature scientifically, the more doubts we have about the new-found rules and the more we forget to pay attention to our own selves not to cause troubles to ourselves or others. So, if we choose 'Self-benefit' (either of our own or others’) to be the top hierarchy, regarding this earth, which means ourselves, as the center of the Universe and the solar system should not be a wrong idea. (Anyway, we should always keep in mind that other people also have the right to regard themselves as the center of the Universe.)

2. 2012 Apocalypse

I used to think that conventional Science, Histories, what most people believe and our own rational thinking in accordance with the said things are always reliable. But the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami and the Flooding of the central part of a country in Southeast Asia (where I resided) near the end of last year have changed my way of thinking forever. I do not trust the conventional Science, Histories or mass media anymore. For the things that have some possibilities to happen, while they are not due to happen yet, all have the real possibility to happen 50%, no more, no less. There may be no big planet coming near the earth by the end of this year but it is still possible to have some catastrophic event (i.e. like Tunguska
event) that many ones may lose their lives. The main point is, ultimately, an Apocalypse is a personal event. Actually, Apocalypses have already happened to many people since last year. Nobody can be 100% sure whether a fatal event will happen or will not happen to him/her even today. If we die today, the world of tomorrow will be undefined (that means not exist) for us. So, it should be a good idea to repent today which means to get rid of our self-delusion that we are special from or superior to other people while we still have a chance if you believe that the spirit that thinks it is superior to other spirits is unlikely to go to heaven or any likable place.

3. Numerology

I have wondered for long time that why every Buddha is born (as a last-life Bodhisatta), attains the enlightenment and dies (with the total extinguishment of his unique self-awareness) on full moon of the 6th month of the (Asian) Indian lunar calendar (which is composed of 12 months). I do believe that each number somehow is connected to Nature. The followings are what I think.

0 - Death, Extinguishment, Enlightenment, Nibbana, the End, Nothingness
1 - Unique self-awareness, Self, Ego, the Beginning, Universe, All that exist, the inter-connectedness of everything
2 - Duality of truths, Inter-mingle of Masculinity and Femininity, etc.
3 - Minimum required factors for the establishment of an entity
4 - Minimum required factors for the sturdiness of an establishment of an entity
5 - Completion of a material entity
6 - Completion of a soul-resided entity
7 - Completion of Life [which is composed of work and rest (entertainment)]
8 - All planar Directions (Fame?)
9 - Nearly Completion
10 - Completion or Perfection of Virtues (10 factors of the Path of Virtues, 10 factors of the Path of a Bodhisatta, the 10 Commandments in Judaism, Christianity and Islam)
11 - Nearly completion of a cycle
12 - Completion of a cycle
13 - Love (Compasion and Self-sacrifice), Correction of the error
If the number is beyond 13, its digits will be grouped as a group of numbers between 1-13 or the multiplicity of those numbers. For example, the number 2012 will be grouped as 2, 0 and 12, which means Duality of truths, Enlightenment and Completion of a cycle.

**4. The final answer to "Which comes first - a hen or an egg?" problem**

Some statement of a problem has a problem by its own self. Usually we cannot make a conclusion for anything pertaining to eternity or infinity. A problem such as "Which comes first - a hen or an egg, or - a tree or its seeds?" requires more restriction to be added to the statement of the problem. For example, the question should be "Which state of a hen comes first, the state of being an egg or the stage of being a fully-grown hen?". And the answer is "the state of being an egg". (Do you agree?)

![Figure 1. Moment of Clarity](image)
5. Another day dream of World Peace

"We should stop a fire when it is still small."

A Kalenjin's proverb (Kenya)

I think that this period of time is a good chance to get rid of all nuclear warheads in this world, if the leaders of the USA, Russia, China, France, India, Pakistan, North Korea, Iran and all other countries which have nuclear weapons sit down and talk together for the benefit of all the population of this world most of which are ordinary people who never get any benefit from wars or nuclear weapons. Anyway, we may preserve some amount of nuclear weapons in some neutral country (such as Switzerland- if her citizens allow) to fight rogue meteorites which might have catastrophic impacts on earth.

"Tomorrow will be too late. It's 'Now' or 'Never', my love won't wait."

From the song "It's now or never",
Sung by many well-known singers, i.e. Elvis Presley

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

August 24, 2012

(There may be still many wording and grammatical errors due to my very limited English language capability. The reader has to make the corrections and the resulted articles on this 'Page' will not be the reader's eye-sore and I will give them to the reader's credit.)

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THE QUANTUM CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE REAL NUMBER

By a Buddhist

"The worst teachers make understandable things not understandable.
Bad teachers make easy things difficult to understand.
Average teachers make understandable things understandable.
Good teachers make difficult things easy to understand.
Great teachers make never-before understandable things understandable."

Anonymous

"Exactness is imaginary.
Approximation is the reality."

Anonymous

According to Buddhism, during the awaken state, our minds turn on and off with a very high frequency. So do our self-awareness, perception of the surroundings through 5 sensual organs, feeling and thought. We perceive the reality around us quantum-time-wisely. The next thing that we should accept is that from what we have known by ourselves so far (not to rely on other people), our minds have limited ability to remember, perceive, comprehend, and imagine finite number of events and entities. So we should accept that both eternity and infinity cannot really be comprehended by our minds. Moreover, the Buddha has warned us not to think about 4 topics, lest we become mad. One of those 4 topics is about eternity or infinity. However, many mathematicians and scientists who have strong faith that our perception of time is continuous and they can comprehend eternity or infinity, have formed the Real Number system which can be represented by a solid line. In reality the Real Number line can never exist or even be imagined by the following reasons.

Conventionally, the left end of the assumed Real Number line is supposed to go to negative infinity, the right hand to positive infinity (which definitely can never be constructed or comprehended). The number 0 is marked as the middle. The line is equally spaced to the right and the left, marked with positive integers on the right, starting from 1, 2, 3, ... and negative integers on the left starting from -1, -2, -3, ... and, in practice, ends up with the sign infinity at the right end, and the sign minus infinity at the left end. I think the
first mistake they have made here is that they should put a symbol such as $N$ and $-N$ at the right end and left end of the line instead, and say that $N$ is a very big but comprehensible integer. Another mistake is that they hypothesize that any interval on the Real Number line can be divided to be minute line segments infinitely which will result in the assumption that there are infinitely many points between any 2 points on the Real Number line and each value of a point in the Real Number line should be represented by a number with infinitely many digits behind the decimal point. So even in our imagination we cannot really comprehend the Real Number line (that is the so-called 'solid line') no need to say anything about (exactly) drawing it. (To draw the exact solid line we have to have a microscope with infinite zooming capacity and the technique to fill the ink in the area no matter how small it is. All solid lines we see in our daily life are approximately solid relative to our visual perception.) I think we should only say that a real number line segment can be divided into $M$ minute indivisible partitions (ranges of uncertainty) where $M$ ranges from a very big but comprehensible integer to a small integer such as 1 or 2. Or, in other word, loosely-speaking, we may say that a point has dimension(s) of length or has area or even volume - which in this case it should be called 'a dot'.

**Figure 1.** The former accepted Real Number line and the going-to-be-accepted-soon Real Number line
With these not-comply-with-practicality ideas about time and space, some philosophers and mathematicians have spent too much attention to not-so-important things (in my view), made peculiar conclusions which hindered the appreciation of the simplicity of Nature as a whole or formed false funny conclusions. I would like to illustrate these points to the reader here with 3 examples as follow.

1. Gauss’ 17-equal-sided polygon

![Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777 - 1855)](image)

With the belief that there are such things as solid (Real Number) lines, many Mathematicians and Geometricians have been enchanted by the beauty of computing or drawing some things exactly accurate. Carl Frederick Gauss, the great German Mathematician, was no exception. He, being a Mathematic genius, invented a way to draw a 17-equal-side polygon with a compass and a straight edge (of course there must be a pencil and a piece of paper also). In his life he invented many useful Mathematic and electromagnetic theories (i.e. the Least square method, Gaussian distribution, Gaussian surface etc.). But it looks like he preferred his finding about constructing the 17-equal-side polygon with a compass and a straight edge to many other findings so he ordered it to be engraved on his tomb stone. However, I think that in daily life, no geometrical shape or object is accurate (say, to be within 0.01% error).
Moreover, many high school students can draw a decent 17-equal-side polygon with a compass and a ruler and some simple Arithmetic calculations on a piece of paper or with some trials and errors without much difficulty. And even though we follow Gauss’ method of constructing a 17-sided polygon on a real piece of paper, the result figure is naturally unlikely to be accurate (say, within 0.01% error). The main idea that I think Gauss missed here is that in wide angle view, Mathematics is the art of finding the decent approximation (without wasting too much time or thought) not finding the exact solution (and wasting too much time or thought on it).

2. Weierstrass' function* (*This topic requires that the reader has taken Math 101.)

![Karl Theodor Wilhelm Weierstrass](image)

*Figure 1-c. Karl Theodor Wilhelm Weierstrass (1815 - 1897)*

"We cannot solve a problem by the same way of thinking that creates it."

*Albert Einstein*

[Even though I do not agree with Albert Einstein about his Relativity theory, I agree with his statement above. (This may teach us a fact that no one can be right or wrong in everything or when someone's idea about something is
acceptable to us, it does not guarantee that his/her idea about something else will also be acceptable to us.)

A function \( f(x) \) is said to be continuous at a point \( x_0 \) if

1. \( f(x_0) \) is defined, so that \( x_0 \) is in the domain of \( f \).
2. \( \lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) \) exists for \( x \) in the domain of \( f \).
3. \( \lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = f(x_0) \)

**Figure 2.** The standard calculus statement of the continuity of a function

In modern day Calculus, which is taught to every first year Science and Engineering student in all universities around the world, a continuous line segment (function) is supposed to appear as a solid line segment with no break, no sudden jump and no point that the line goes up(down)ward to infinity. These characteristics of the continuity of a line (function) is supported by the theory concerning the concept of ‘Limit’ (as shown in Figure 2.) which is based on the assumption that we can divide the Real Number line to get an infinitesimally small interval, or in other word, we can divide a segment of the Real Number line infinitely many times and still get a solid line segment (which I do not agree with, as explained earlier).

**Figure 3.** Weierstrass' function

Weierstrass' original function was defined by

\[
f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n \cos(b^n \pi x),
\]

where \( 0 < a < 1 \), \( b \) is a positive odd integer, and \( ab > 1 + \frac{3}{2} \pi \).
Generally, when we see a so-called continuous line drawn from left to right, there should be some perceivable (by naked eye) portions of the line, even though may be very short, that look like a slant or horizontal straight line segment or a smooth curve enough to draw a touching tangent line. In rigor calculus language, it says that the line (or function) should be differentiable at some points. However, in 1872, Karl Weierstrass, a German mathematician, published his paper about a function which is supposed to be continuous at every point but not a single point of the function (the line) is theoretically differentiable (as shown in Figure 3). Weierstrass’ function has bewildered not only ordinary people but also some Mathematic geniuses such as Gauss since then.

I think the phrase "Continuous everywhere but nowhere differentiable" that describes Weierstrass' function is somewhat biased, we should not take it seriously. Personally, I think it is still right to think that no one can draw (whether by hand or using Electro-Mechanical devices) a line segment that "continuous everywhere but nowhere differentiable". Moreover, I think that it is actually appropriate to think that that kind of function does not exist, by the following reasons.

Firstly, let's consider about the meaning of 'continuity'. From what we have discussed so far, there is no such thing as a solid Real Number line segment. An appeared-to-be-solid Real Number line segment is actually composed of many but finite number(s) of ranges (lengths) of [as you wish (will)] denotable points (have finite amount of digits behind the decimal points) and (consequently) finite number(s) of gaps. Or, if someone insists that a Real number line segment must be composed of infinitely many points, then that person should accept that it is also composed of infinitely many small gaps. So, in the strictest accurate saying, there is no continuous Real Number line so no continuous function. But when we loosen the exactness of Nature a little bit to establish something useful for our daily life, can we accept this fact and still establish some rules about continuity of a line (function)? If we look backward into the history of Calculus, one of the mathematicians who helped establish a widely-accepted definition of the continuity of a function was Weierstrass himself (as seen in Figure 4). And, strangely enough, his definition of the continuity of a function (line) works even with our dashed Real Number line segment.
Weierstrass' definition of the continuity of a function

\[ f(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = x_0 \text{ if } \forall \varepsilon > 0 \ \exists \ \delta > 0 \]

such that for every \( x \) in the domain of \( f \),

\[ |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon. \]

**Figure 4.** Weierstrass' definition of the continuity of a function

Weierstrass' definition of the continuity of a function at a point \( x_0 \) may be translated to ordinary language as - a function is defined as continuous at point \( x_0 \) if a small change of value \( x \) (not bigger than \( \delta \)) around \( x_0 \) causes (only) a small change of the value of the function (not bigger than \( \varepsilon \)) around the value of the function at \( x_0 \). Weierstrass' definition of the continuity of a function not only allows some gaps to exist on the Real Number line around \( x_0 \), but also allows the value of the function to have a small 'sudden jump' around point \( x_0 \) with a value not bigger than \( \varepsilon \). Since there is no given definite relationship between \( \varepsilon \) and \( \delta \) or the value of the function, the value of \( \varepsilon \) is arbitrarily assigned. It should be acceptable if we deal with a 1-kilometer-long line segment of the graph of a function and let our \( \varepsilon \) at any point on that line be 1 centimeter. If we scale the whole curve down into a piece of (A4) paper we will not see any 1-centimeter jump at all. So, according to Weierstrass' definition, the continuity of a function is scale dependent which makes it the matter of approximation and subjective to the judgment of the observer. Some reader might argue here that why don't we use the standard definition of the continuity of the function which allows no jump as stated in Figure 2? The reason is because if we assume that the Real number line is a dashed line, the 3rd condition might not be true.

If any so-called continuous line is officially allowed that each point can have a small jump from the adjacent point(s), then the differentiability must also be the matter of approximation. So the differentiability must also be scale dependent and subjective to the judgment of the observer. If the observer sees
any portion of the graph resembles a slant or horizontal straight line or a smooth curve which he/she thinks that it can be constructed by using at least 3 dots with comparable size with the thickness of the line connected together, then that portion of the graph is differentiable. Being honest to ourselves, we can see that the shown graph of Weierstrass' function in Figure 3 can be considered differentiable in many locations.

[By the way, the repetition of the graph pattern appears when we keep zooming to 'a small portion of' the graph (we cannot zoom into 'a point' and get a picture of a graph) is due to the fact that no matter how small the interval of x is, the value of \( \cos(b^n \pi x) \) in Weierstrass' function (see Figure 3) in that interval will keep fluctuating between -1 and 1 indefinitely since the value of n goes to infinity. Moreover, the reason that, theoretically, we can zoom into the graph infinitely many times is due to the fact that we assume that the graph is a solid line. There is no special magic about the graph other than ordinary Math tricks.]

3. Another explanation why Achilles should win the race against the turtle

We can use another way of thinking to solve this Zeno's paradox other than using the linguistic analysis. The sentence "With the turtle has a head start, every time Achilles reaches the point where the turtle used to be, the turtle would have proceeded further from that point a little bit." is based on the assumption that our perception of time is continuous and a distance is represented by a solid Real Number line segment. If we discard these old assumptions and make use of the more reasonable assumptions of the quantum-time perception and finite-points-contained distances, then a motion to a distance in a period of time can be represented by a series of definite amount of static pictures. Even though 2 objects do not move in a static picture but between 2 successive static pictures those 2 objects can jump to a new relative position. So Achilles should have no problem to overtake and outrun the turtle even though he starts behind the turtle.

"Those who want to find the exactness of things are likely to end up in mad houses."

Anonymous
Figure 5. An eternal Loser*

*(For saving the sea birds, please watch the video clip 'Midway' at the website http://www.Darwiniana February 2013 archive.)

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

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PRIMES AND GOLDBACH’S CONJECTURE
(PLEASE DO NOT READ THIS ARTICLE. IT'S TOO FAULTY!)

by a Buddhist

"Mathematics is the queen of science and number theory the queen of Mathematics."

Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777 -1855)

Figure 1. Leonhard Euler (1707 - 1783)

Figure 2. Christen Goldbach (1690 - 1764)
A prime is a positive integer that cannot be factored out as a product of 2 integers other than itself and 1. Euclid has proved since 300 BC that there is no largest prime (from Wikipedia). Gauss has known that when the value of N is very large the number of primes approaches \( N / (\ln N) \).* (if this is too difficult for the reader, please don't pay much attention to it.) And in 1742, Christen Goldbech, a Prussian Mathematician, wrote his conjecture in his letter to Leonhard Euler (a famous Swiss Mathematician: 1707-1783) that every even integer \( 2N \) can be written as a sum of 2 primes. I think I have a simpler way to understand this prime stuff which I would like to share with the reader as follows.


Firstly, if I write down prime numbers, it will begin like this: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, ... There are some noticeable things concerning 1, 2, 5 and 9. Both 2 and 5 are primes but no other prime ends with 2 or 5, and even though 1 and 9 are not primes, some primes end with 1 or 9. So the candidate numbers for primes are

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11 & .
13 & .
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41 & .
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61 & .
63 & .
67 & .
69 & .
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73 & .
77 & .
79 & .
81 & .
83 & .
87 & .
89 & .
91 & .
93 & .
97 & .
99 & .
\end{align*}
\]

(and the list will go on and on)

Let's call the (dotted) line that is composed of the sequence of these numbers the 'prime candidates' line'. We can see without much difficulty that when \( N \) is a reasonable big number, the number of primes up to that value \( N \) is never up to 0.4N.
*[A better approximation is

0.4N - number of terms in the sequence i times j where both i and j are values of points on the prime candidates' line and,

- i starts at 3, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19 ..., and ends at the last value that makes i times j not bigger than N,
- j starts at the value equal to i, and ends at the last value that makes i times j not bigger than N.

In writing down the terms of this sequence (to be subtracted from the prime candidates' line), firstly, i will be fixed until the value of j has incremented (shifts to the next value on the prime candidates' line) to the last possible value. Then i will be incremented. The process will be repeated until no value of i makes the term of the sequence possible (not bigger than N).

I have to stress here that the result is still not exact, only a better approximation than the upper bound 0.4 N.]*

*(Math hater may neglect the above part in square bracket.)*

Now, let's discuss about Goldbach's conjecture. Since everything in this world is subjective including all the contemporary mathematic theories, let's make our own Number Theory so it might make our world more understandable for us mathematically. Let's classify the positive integers (the Natural Numbers) to be composed of integers of many 'prime orders' and define that

"if an integer can be written as a product of a number of (smallest possible) integers (not including 1 and itself) as many as possible, n, then we say that that integer has 'the prime order' = n."

We can see that from our definition, the prime order of numbers starts from 2, 3, 4, ..., which gives 1 and 0 no attention. Since it is quite pitiful not to make use of 1 and 0, we assign that all prime numbers have the prime order = 1 and for the 1 on the Natural number line we assign that it has the prime order = 0. And since we are kind-hearted people, we allow that in some thinking we may regard a number of the prime order n as also counted as (a) lower prime order(s) than n (say, n-1 or n-2) but not 1 or 0, and not higher (such as n+1 or n+2). Now, we can establish our first theory, which says,
"A number of prime order n can be written as a sum of at least 2 numbers with lower prime order.". (NEED PROOF!)

We will not prove this theory here, since we think that it's better to leave it for some Homo sapiens mathematicians (so, they will have some work to do, not be unemployed). (A dishonest statement!) Now, let's consider the positive integers (Natural numbers) sequence 1, 2, 3, 4 (2x2), 5, 6 (2x3), 7, 8(2x2x2), 9 (3x3), 10 (2x5), 11, 12 (2x2x3), 13, 14 (2x7), 15 (3x5), 16 (2x2x2x2), 17, 18 (2x3x3), 19, 20 (2x2x5), ... We can see that all points in the Natural number line are filled with numbers with different prime orders.

Now, back to Goldback's conjecture, 2N is definitely at least of prime order 2, so it must be able to be divided into a sum of 2 numbers with prime order 1, which means 2 (conventional) prime numbers.

So, now, we do not have to spend too much time thinking about this prime stuff anymore and be able to spend our time on something more worthy instead (i.e. learn to gain more insight for our enlightenment or else how to win the heart of a beautiful and rich single woman, etc.).

"The wiser choose the simpler."

"Today may be the last day of your life."

"Do your best, the rest will be acceptable."

"If you can finish it now, why not do it now?"

"No good people want to be kings or queens, only evil people do."

"If you want the people to honor you all the time, finally, you will not get their sincerity or friendship."

Anonymous
"The truly intelligent people abhor attachment in anything."

Buddhism

Please receive my bow.

one of your human fellows

January 31, 2013

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I have to apologize the reader that when I reconsidered the theory that I had proposed in this article, I could not prove it. The theory should say only “A number of prime order \( n \) can be written as a sum of identical numbers with prime order \( n-1 \).” And the most that I can say about \( 2N \) is that it can be written as a pair of identical numbers with prime order 1 less than the prime order of \( 2N \). I am sorry if I have confused some readers, please forgive me. I also have to apologize Mr. Goldbeck and Mr. Euler whose picture is in this article. Anyway, I would like to keep this article unerased to remind me not to rashly present my idea again and curb my arising arrogance. Mathematically, I am not even a good student, so it is out of question to compare with standard world’s Mathematicians such as Gauss, Euler, Weierstrass or Goldbeck. So, in summary, I cannot prove Goldbach’s conjecture.

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

March 28, 2013

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THE PENALTY OF ACCEPTING FALSE PROPOSITIONS AS TRUTHS

By a Buddhist

We have already seen some examples that once some illogical or false statements are used as the base statements in developing some Logics or Mathematics or Physics theories, the final result will be erroneous. However, in Logics, Mathematics and Physics the penalties of making this kind of mistakes are considered limited to the academic communities, not so serious and not unethical. But in other areas, such as Laws, Politics and Life Sciences, the things are tremendously different. With some (existing) false legal propositions some bad guys always have more advantage than many others and gain the upper hand to rule the society and always be able to get away with their crimes. For example, the statement in the constitutional law in some country in SE Asia, "The king can do no wrong." is conventionally interpreted as the king is too smart or too good to do some mistake (i.e. committing crimes) so no one can accuse him of committing a crime, which is certainly contradict to the reality. (In my thinking) It should be interpreted as if the king does a wrong thing (i.e. committing crime), then he is no more a king (getting out of office). Or the statement that a king in SE Asia used to say when he went to the throne that, "I will rule the land righteously for the benefit of the Siamese people," should have been regarded by the public as a wrongly said statement or a false proposition or an illegal statement, since he had no right to rule the country at that time. The power to rule the country had been already given to the people. But with the help of decades of series of dictatorial governments, nowadays this statement shows itself elegantly in public and in all levels of state-provide educational institutes in that country. Generally, all the world's dictatorial leaders arise from the (their) proposition that their unique self-awareness is special to other and only them have the right to think that they are special from other. Switching to the world's environmental problem, I think the false proposition that many of us have in mind is that this world belongs only to human (especially the strongest) and the better human civilization means the better comfort of living or better technology not concern about morality, self-dependence, spiritual liberation, the livability of other animal species and the cleanliness of the environment at all.

"Respect is what we should give equally to everybody, or else it will not be called ‘Respect’."
"If the false premise is not corrected, how can we expect to get the right answer; if the subtle and profound mistake at the top (of the society) is not corrected how can we expect that many difficult problems at the bottom (of that society) which are the results of that false premise can be solved."

"The first step to solve any complicate problem is to find its primal cause and get rid of it."

"If we dare not get rid of the primal cause that has long been undermining the society, we all are guaranteed to face the apocalypse finally."

"Anyone who promotes patriotism and leader idolatry commits crime not only to humanity but also to all beings in the spiritual worlds."

"Concentrating only on the comfort of living and better technologies, humans keep on losing their self-dependence, are farther away from their spiritual liberation and become more like insects on an unhealthy-environment planet."

Anonymous

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

March 11, 2013 (Last edit: November 1, 2013)

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THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE

By a Buddhist

"The other side of the coin for the 'Simplicity of Nature' is 'Un-understandable'."

"Nature has endowed every one of us with enough wisdom (commonsense) to understand it. The problem is most of us scorn this precious gift from nature since it usually gives simple answers. Even though most of those answers are correct and straight-forward, many people still keep on trying to find highly complicated and stupid ones."

Anonymous
"Mind is the entity that comes before any other entity."

The first statement said by the Buddha in the first 2 stories in Dhammapada

花鳥風月

(Kachou Fuugetsu)

Flower, Bird, Wind, Moon

Experience the beauties of nature, and in doing so learn about yourself.

(A JAPANESE SAYING - FROM LINGUANAUT JAPANESE SAYINGS AND WISDOM WORDS)
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"Give me the freedom of my spirit or never let me exist."

“If we do not discriminate realities, we will not attach to any entity."

“If we do not attach to any entity, no one can fool us.”

“If we are not fooled, no one can rule us.”

“So, some ones are always able to rule us as long as we believe that all the things around us is the absolute reality or the only reality that exists.”

Anonymous

Usually we regard the awaken state (of us) as the only true reality. But if we make a careful consideration without sticking to what other people think, we will see that we all have been living in at least 3 realities since we began dreaming. These 3 realities are 1) the awaken state, 2) the dream state, and 3) the dreamless sleep state. These 3 realities are exactly equally valid. If we regard the awaken state as real or true, we have to accept the dream state and the dreamless sleep state as real or true also. If we regard the dream state as illusion, we, then, can also regard the awaken state and the dreamless sleep state as illusion. If we regard the dreamless sleep state as non-existence, we, then, can also regard the awaken state and the dream state as non-existence. The main reason that makes most people regard only the awaken state as real or true is because we can remember our experience mostly in our awaken state, very little in our dream state, and none in our dreamless sleep state. Anyway, each of these 3 realities has different good points and bad points as follows.
(1) **Awaken state**

Good points: (1) We can realize the 3 universal truths which are 1) Ever changing, 2) Impossible to be completely controlled, and 3) Have to finally be in the state that we dislikes. With the realization of these truths, we will be able to attain the Enlightenment or the Salvation or the Liberation of our souls.

(2) We can practice all kinds of virtues to the maximum, gain knowledge of truths in Nature better than we can in other 2 states.

Bad points: (1) There is an earthly body, so we have to eat coarse food, excrete, make a living, compete for material things, social status, sex mates, etc., which are never-ending tasks. Moreover, it is impossible for us to be the winner all the times and not taking advantage of animals or people or not committing any sin.

(2) It is impossible to live by our own selves, we have to depend on somebody or the society more or less, so it is impossible to have 100% freedom.

(3) We are likely to have more attachments, more false views, or unknowingly commit grave sins by being brainwashed or intimidation from the ones who rule societies.
(2) **Dream state**

Good points: (1) No earthly body, so no coarse food, no excrement [neither liquid nor solid nor (unintentionally or Intentionally) gaseous state], no sickness, no getting old(er).

(2) Newtonian Physics does not apply, so we can go from one place to another instantly without walking or taking a bus.

(3) It is no need to earn a living, so we just 'live' to enjoy our lives.

Bad Points: (1) We have to wake up finally.

(2) Usually, we learn nothing during the dream state.

(One obvious reason is because usually we forget all our dreams once we wake up.)

(3) Sometimes, it is not a good dream but a nightmare.

(3) **Dreamless sleep state (Temporary Nibbana)**

Good points: (1) There is no body nor mind, so no suffering neither bodily nor mentally, which can be regarded as the ultimate happiness.

(2) It can be considered to have the perfect freedom.

Bad Points: (1) It is gruesome for anyone who dislikes 'Nothingness'. (2) If we have to wake up again (which is the most of the cases), we might have lost some good opportunity in the awaken state.
These 3 realities are important to the health of our spirits. To live peacefully in this multi-reality or the Multiverse, we should respect these 3 realities equally, which means we should not attach to any one reality more than the other 2. Usually, the dreamless sleep state causes no attachment since very few people pay attention to it and almost none respect it as a part of their lives even though it may be vital to the health of their spirits. A few people regard the dream state as a reality that has some influence on their awaken state. But most people tend to regard only the awaken state as the only reality. Beside the amount of memories we have about it as mentioned earlier, rulers in societies tend to force us to regard only the awaken state as the only reality since they are the ones who gain the most benefits from the awaken state of other people. So most of us have been injected with Leader Idolatry, Patriotism, Racism, Religion-label ism, Materialism, Science-only (not spirituality) Idolatry since we were very young in schools. Moreover, mass media are always side with rulers of societies. They try to persuade us to have (much more than) enough attachment, or greed or delusion to do foolish things for them. They always want people to respect established institutions more than the people’s own families (i.e. parents). They always want regulations and technologies to keep on increasing, since they never really want people to be self-dependent lest they cannot control their spirits.

"We should value (development of) Virtues higher than (d.o.) Material Things. We should value Self-dependence higher than Materially Comfort ability. We should value Freedom higher than Wealth. We should value Morality higher than Health."

A homospiritus proverb

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"If abusing of natural environment is still authorized by Laws (i.e. the use of herbicide, insecticide), there should always be famines.

If greed is still authorized by Laws (i.e. No upper limit for someone to gain wealth), there should always be poverty.

If social classes is authorized by Laws (i.e. Ruler class, Commoners), there should always be injustice. (It is legal for someone to take advantage of someone else.)

If mass media are still promoting ego maniac people to power, there should always be wars."

Anonymous

"There is no sincere politician, but there may be a statesman.

There is no non-biased statesman, but there may be a betrayer of all governments."

Anonymous

"Beauty is a lass who is ashamed of explicitly expressing herself sexually in public.

Beauty is a wife who is loyal to her husband.

Beauty is a mother who is kind to her child(ren)."

A stray thought of a homospiritus

"The fear of painful death is as real and strong both in our nightmare and in our awaken state. Daring to face a horrid death without taking refuge in any person (i.e. God, Buddha, etc.) or thinking of hurting somebody in our nightmare, sometime makes us wake up from that nightmare. By this same analogy, daring to face a horrid death* without taking refuge in any person (i.e. God, Buddha, etc.) or thinking of hurting somebody in our awaken state might help us awake from the 'Samsara', our endless nightmare."

(* caused by some sickness or someone does to us)

An often-dream homospiritus
Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

September 11, 2012

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SOME SAYINGS

"Good people explicitly deny the benefit and fame in the level that (they think) they do not deserve.

Foolish people unknowingly accept the benefit and fame in the level that they do not deserve.

Evil people self-deludedly cling to the benefit and fame in the level that they do not deserve."

"Benefits and Wealth destroy the Greedy.

Beauties destroy the Lustful.

Fear of Death destroys the Coward.

Praise and Fame destroy the Self-deluded.

Prejudice, Fear and Ignorance destroy the Justice (Buddha’s word).

Power destroys anyone who keeps on holding it.

The Foolish destroy themselves as well as anyone around them."
"We will know a person whether he/she is foolish or wise, good or evil
By the people whom that person praises or condemns. Anyway, Buddha
Told that we must be the Wise ones or else everything is vice versa."

"When living in a society which the majority is foolish,
The Foolish praise the Foolish in public,
The Wise praise the Wise behind public."

"By praising the Unworthy, condemning the Worthy,
The Foolish destroy themselves." (Buddha's words)

"Only when the Worthy come, the Unworthy will be recognized."

"According to the Buddha, the best lies in the Middle and the present moment.
So, to achieve the best happiness in our lives
We neither need to know anything about the edge of the Universe
Nor keep on thinking about the glorious past or the promising future.
But understand ourselves and concentrate on what is 'Here' and 'Now'."

A Buddhist’s thoughts

Please receive my bow

One of your human fellows

September 26, 2012

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"Since 'Eternity' cannot be proved,  
it's the 'Way', not the 'Goal' that we should stick to."

"A ship in the ocean can reach its destination in the North  
by locating the North Star, while never has to aim the bow  
to the star all the time (i.e. when there is an obstacle in front)."

"Living in the world which has more than one religion,  
we should pay some attention to the 'Way' we should live  
among people with different believes, rather than  
paying all attention to our religious goal which concerns 'Eternity' only."

"Not greedy, no arrogance, no violence, not taking advantage of  
others, not intimidate nor dominate others and having sexual  
morality is the common 'Way' to all religions and nonbelievers."

Please receive my bow  
One of your human fellows  
September 29, 2012  
[September 12, 2013]
A REFLECTIVE THOUGHT

A sailed-ship in the middle of the ocean with no rudder always has to follow the direction of the wind. It can never reach the destination.

If that sailed-ship has a rudder but there is no intention to go to any destination ashore it is very likely that the people on that ship will be in that ocean forever.

As long as those people are in the ocean, they cannot avoid facing dangers.

So there must also be a purpose to go to some ashore destination in order to avoid dangers from being in the ocean.

Comparing to our lives, if we do not have enough consciousness or self-awareness we will behave according to our feeling and emotion only like a sailed-ship with no rudder has to always follow the direction of the wind.

If we have enough consciousness or self-awareness but have no purpose to live our lives to be far from sorrow or also help other people's lives to be far from sorrow, it is unlikely that our lives will be far from sorrow.

So it should be wise for us to live our lives consciously and purposefully.

Please receive my bow

One of your human fellows

November 13, 2012

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"Considering all that exist, there is more than one reality. They are all interconnected to, and influenced by, one another. So, there is no 100% cause-and-effect wise validity of a phenomenon observed in a reality using rules which are established by observations in that reality only. Another important result is that there is no perfect natural system in any reality. (A perfect natural system can sustain itself eternally.) In turn, an imperfect natural system will be off-balance sooner or later. So, all natural phenomena in all realities are subjected to change, experiencing birth, growth, decay and death. Moreover, the essential thing required for an individual to live in any reality is to have moralities toward all their fellows and to be gratitude to the surroundings. So, the highest knowledge in all realms of reality is the knowledge about moralities or virtues (That's why the Buddha or Jesus did not come down to this earth to teach Physics, Mathematics, Medical knowledge or Technologies to humanity.), and the noblest living beings are the ones who have the best morality or virtue and the most civilized place is the place where most of its population know and have moralities or virtues (that place is called 'Dusita' in Pali, and probably is the place where the headquarter of 'the Federation of Light for the Galactic Redemption' situates.)"

- A Buddhist's viewpoint
Figure 1. Plato, a 2-reality believer

He believes that we are living in the world of inferior reality. We should behave ourselves morally, so that once we die, we will live in the world of perfect reality.

Figure 2. Aristotle, an only-1-reality advocate

He did not deny the possibility of the existence of another reality. But he thought that we should emphasis on the reality of this word only.
Figure 3. Isaac Newton (with his wig off), who believed in the absoluteness of this reality (Universe)

He believed that this reality (the universe) is a perfect mechanism.

Figure 4. Gottfried Leibniz,

also a believer in the absoluteness of this reality

Anyway, he thought that the universe is not a perfect mechanism.
Figure 5. Albert Einstein, a believer that Concrete (space) and abstract (time) are tightly related

Anyway, he still believed in only one (material) reality.

"Speaking of living in this same material reality, one's observed truths depend on the locations and directions of his/her own viewpoints, which cannot be counted as absolute truths. Problems have arisen in this world because some ones declared their observed truths as absolute truths instead of (should be) relative truths or their preferred truths. There is no absolute truth but one that if our unique self-awareness does not exist, there can be nothing for us, including all kinds of our sufferings."

A Buddhist's viewpoint

For a few hundred years, there have been many disputations between those who prefer to put the sun as the absolute center of the solar system and those who prefer to put the earth as the absolute center of the universe. And there are some who try to reconcile by saying that we can choose either one according to our liking. It will make us happy and it will hurt no body. Both viewpoints are equally true, like Figure 6A on next page, we can choose it to be a picture of 2 human faces or a grail.
Figure 6. The credit of 2 opposing viewpoints about the (absolute) center of the solar system (C is what is judged by using Newtonian Physics principles nowadays.)

Anyway, there are some ones saying that if the earth stands still, then all the motions and appearances of the moon and the planets are commonsense-wisely unexplainable, including the global winds pattern and the protrude of the equatorial part of the earth. (Actually there are many more, i.e. the Coriolis effect, the observations of other planets through telescope, etc.) So, by Newtonian Physics supporters, to assume the earth as the absolute center of the universe will inhibit us from truly understanding this universe. So, the idea should be publicly regarded as a false viewpoint or a deformed picture of reality. While the viewpoint which regards the sun as the absolute center of the solar system accepts the absolute truth of Newtonian Mechanic principles which will lead human to more understanding of nature both on this earth and out there in the sky. These people have had strong influence on public education and mass media for a long time. That has made the viewpoint that the sun is the absolute center of the solar system acceptable and the viewpoint that the earth is the absolute center of the universe a deformed truth which should not be accepted. It is like what is illustrated in Figure 6B,
only the picture of human heads should be accepted. The picture that seems to be a grail is too off-balance or unsymmetrical. (And no merchant will sell, or no customer will buy, or no knight will fight for a grail like that.)

Anyway (again! - since I cannot think of a better word), some ones have tried to say that we can scientifically (using Newtonian Mechanics) prove that the idea that the sun is the absolute center of the solar system is too faulty to be accepted. The interested reader can find the detail of their arguments when typing a phrase such as "the proofs that the earth stands still" in the Google search box. I have briefly scanned through some of their arguments and think that they really get some points. For example, if we regard that the sun is absolutely the center of the solar system then, by a Newtonian Mechanics model, the earth will be a solid sphere coated by gaseous atmosphere which has the thickness roughly 0.2% of the solid ball's radius, spinning with the tangential speed at the ground level at the equator about 1,600 km/hr and moving along an elliptic path around the sun with the tangential speed of about 100,000 km/hr. (Having taken a course in Fluid Mechanics with Professor H.B. Atabek at the Catholic University of America) I have a hunch that the earth's weather should have had much more turmoil than this if the sun is absolutely the center of the solar system. Anyway, I do not have to work this problem (or others) out academically since I have already had my own logic which I will explain in the next section, (Anyway, the true reason is that I cannot work this out academically. - poor me!)

**NEWTON’S LAWS OF MOTION REVISITED**

Newton wrote his 1st Law of motion in his ‘Principia Mathematica’ in Latin that "Every object in a state of uniform motion tends to remain in that state of motion unless an external force is applied to it." (From a website named 'Newton's Three Laws of Motion') This statement sounds authoritative like a statement spoken by a religion founder, which will be regarded by his followers as an absolute truth (that means it will hold its trueness independent of anybody's viewpoint). However, Newton's statement does not
concern about morality or virtues. It is only a conclusion of Newton's observations of physical phenomena on this earth or in the sky. So, it needs to include the phrase "with respect to an observer" or anything like this into the statement to make it an honest and correct statement of a physical law of motion. The other 2 statement of Newton's laws of motion are also lack of the phrase "with respect to an observer" or anything alike. Things get worse when in reality, there is no mutually respected observer as the final (or the ultimate) observer. So, actually, Newtonian Laws of motion only give a relative truth with respected to the observer whom can be arbitrarily assigned and, consequently, the resulted truth can be contrary if the observation is made by a different observer. Usually we are not aware of this dilemma since we mostly use Newtonian Laws of motion to solve mechanic problems on the surface of the earth and unaware that truly the surface of the earth cannot be regarded as the final observer but we unconsciously think that we are dealing with absolute truths and the answers we get are the only absolutely right answers. A good case to demonstrate this is about solving a high school Physics problem about a player in a round-about or merry-go-around play thing. If a student uses the player as the observer instead of the ground, the teacher will mark the student's answer as 'wrong' (unless the student makes some double mistake). Actually, we can choose either to be the observer since Newton's laws say nothing about the observer that means they do not dictate us to choose a specific point of reference in observing a physical phenomenon. And since they say nothing about the observer which is the vital part of the appearance of any physical phenomenon, they are losing ground to Relativity and quantum Physics in the area of out-of-daily-life Physics nowadays. (English Physicists, Mathematicians or Philosophers need not to be upset. They can help upgrade Newtonian Laws of motion, for the sake of the glory of England!, by just adding the phrase “with respect to an observer”.)

By the above discussion, it is very likely that whether we form the hypothesis that the earth is absolutely the center of the universe or the sun is absolutely the center of the solar system, we will find out that there are some (perhaps all) phenomena do not totally comply with that hypothesis, like what
illustrates in Figure 6C. Not only the grail but also the human heads are also disfigured (except for anyone who does not mind the nose). And since there is no final or ultimate observer, we can make ourselves the final or ultimate observer if it will benefit us the most. We should also be open-minded to accept that other people have their right to make themselves the final observer for their own benefit. So, finally a Geocentrist (one who believes that the earth is absolutely the center of the universe) and a Heliocentrist (one who believes that the sun is absolutely the center of the solar system) can be bed-fellows. [There is only one political problem left, one of my Catholic fellows (his real name is Benedict or something - I am not sure) suggests that if the 2 decide to be spouses publicly, they should have different gender!]

**GOING FROM ONE REALITY TO ANOTHER**

*Figure 7. A regular loop and a Möbius loop*

A Möbius’ loop can be made by attaching the 2 ends of a paper strip with one end half-turn twisted.
It is very likely that nowadays the majority of people believe in only one reality that is the awaken state. The lesser portion might accept that dream state and dream-less sleep state are also other realities. And only a little fraction of the people who believe in this kind of multi-reality may believe in the existence of spiritual worlds taught by founders of all religions and some sages (i.e. Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, etc.) So, for the believers, the reality of this material-prevail world is connected to the spiritual-prevail realities by death and birth (which can be combined using the word 'reincarnation'). The thing that really concerns the believers is which kind of spiritual worlds will they go, blissful ones or sorrowful ones. That depends on that their spirits will connect smoothly (at time of death) to which spiritual-prevail reality, like a small ball rolling from one side of a paper strip to the other side when that paper strip is twisted and end-connected to be a Möbius loop (as in Figure 7.)

"If the mind is blissful, going to a blissful spiritual world is expectable."

"If the mind is sorrowful, going to a sorrowful spiritual world is expectable."

- Buddha's words in Dhammapada

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

December 2, 2012

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"Day and night cannot dwell together."

Duwamish, a native North American tribe

"To have happiness from gaining comfort ability, wealth and fame is one way of life. To have happiness from gaining spiritual liberation is another way of life."

Dhammapada

“We have to choose whether to live comfortably technologically or to live virtuously and be friendly with the environment."

Anonymous
MY PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING OF CHAKRAS

By a (Theravada) Buddhist

"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand."

An unknown tribe of North America

1. Crown Chakra
2. Head Chakra
3. Throat Chakra
4. Heart Chakra
5. Hunger Chakra
6. Sexual Activity Chakra
7. Toilet Chakra

Figure 1. Locations of Chakras in a human body
'Chakka' is a Pali word, while the corresponding Sanskrit (another ancient Indian language) word is 'Chakra'. Both mean 'a wheel'. By evolution of a language, when one of its words has been adopted and adapted by other languages and different ways of life through thousands of years, nowadays, 'Chakra' in the mixture of religion, Science, Astrology, Ancient Medicine, Popular interests, etc. in many cultures may be regarded as means 'the center of Inner Energy' or 'the Area (Point) of Active Energy' in our bodies. One good place to acquire the knowledge of 'Chakra' is the Wikipedia and many websites in the internet, by just typing the word 'Chakra' in the Google search box. (Why do I have to say this anyway, you have already known it.!?!) However, the whole business about Chakras is highly subjective which means each of us can define and develop our own understanding of it for our own benefits. In my way of thinking, we all have 6 - 7 areas or points of 'Inner Energy' in our bodies which are as follow.

1. **Crown Chakra** is the location where our 'Pure Unique Self-Awareness' situates which is about an inch above our head. Ordinary people (including angles, ghosts, demons, aliens, etc.) do not have this chakra, only enlightened ones have it. [According to Buddhism, there are 6 levels of enlightened people which are 1) Sodapana (Stream enterer), 2) Skatagami (One more time returner), 3) Anagami (No-more Sex Lifer), 4) Arahat (the Ego-less, the Taintless, the Extinguished), 5) Pajjeka Buddha [Self-enlightened, but cannot establish Buddhism as the World's (galactic) religion], 6) Summa Buddha (Self-enlightened, and establish Buddhism as the World's (galactic) religion - i.e. Gautama Buddha and the coming Metraiya Buddha)]

![Figure 2. Buddha's Crown & Head Chakras](image)
2. **Head Chakra**, locates in our head, usually is the center of our unique self-awareness and our thinking. This point, projecting onto the Buddha's forehead, appears as a bunch of white, soft, right-handed curl hairs between his eyebrows.

3. **Throat Chakra**, locates at our voice cords, is the source of our voice transmission. It can be considered as the center of our verbal communication with others. Some scientific people believe that in the beginning there has been 'the Sound Wave' or 'the Vibration' that created and has been sustaining everything in this Universe since then. This belief coincides with Hindu's belief in Brahma's creation of this Universe, by emitting the sound, "OMMMMM..............", from His throat. (I used to try to produce this sound impressively by digging my head into a water-jar and produced this sound for almost half a minute - of course I had to make sure that my nostrils were above the water level.) John, one of the disciples of Jesus (or anyone writing the Gospel in his name), believed that in the beginning there was 'Word' or 'Sound' too. Moreover, Nichiren, a Japanese Buddhist sect, teaches that by pronouncing (also, unavoidably - listening) some words, which even though have no meaning, will calm our minds and bring us to enlightenment.

4. **Heart Chakra**, locates at our heart, can be considered as the center of our life since the heart pumps the blood to nourish every part of the body and beats independently, free from the brain's control. It is also the center of our
feeling and emotion (i.e. love, hate, pity, etc.) and the steadfastness to our determination (courage).

5. **Hunger Chakra**, locates at our stomach. Eating is a never-ending activity and finding enough to eat is our main burden throughout our lives. Hunger is also a primal drive that makes animals harm or kill one another. Moreover, Buddha once told us that, "Hunger is the biggest sickness."

6. **Sexual Activity Chakra** locates at the sexual organ of both sexes. As we have already discussed in the first page of this website, "sex drive is one of the strong primal drives in nature." (Sigmund Freud also guaranteed this statement.), and almost in every religion, "Sexual Morality is used to define 'a human'." So, we have to be careful to keep the balance of this force inside us. ["Tolerating the hunger of cooked rice may kill us, but tolerating the hunger of sex(ual activity) will not kill us." - an almost forgotten old Thai saying.]

7. **Toilet Chakra** locates at the rectum and the bladder. (We all know this !)

All of these chakras are essential for the well-being of our lives. Each chakra has influences on other chakras (the stronger heighten or suppress the weaker) and how we think or make decisions. The interesting relationship is between the Head chakra and the Heart chakra. With the appropriate co-working, they can create the Crown chakra, which, once created, will always rein the 2 chakras and all the rest chakras benevolently. The good doses for Head chakra are having right viewpoints which are Liberation viewpoints (i.e. It is ultimately us ourselves who will be responsible for everything we do to other people. All happiness cannot endure when time goes by, we cannot have what we want all the time. Being someone's servant or slave will not change these facts. We are in debt of everything in nature for our present well-being. No one can claim to be the sole owner of all Nature and our lives. The most beneficial individuals in this world whom we should always respect the most are our mothers. The most beneficial male individuals in this world whom we should respect the most are our fathers. Only those who do not rule, control or intimidate or take advantages or cheat others deserve to have the true and lasting Liberation of their souls.), Non-Attachment viewpoints (i.e. We live in more than 1 reality. An event is the result of too many causes to know all of them. Everything is transitory, cannot be always controllable and tend to be in the state that we dislike. Our youth life is very short. So are our carefree joys, innocent romantic loves and sincere friendships. To earn a living, beside hard
works and ever-going on competitions, it is difficult to avoid committing some sins, taking advantages of other people or animals or spoiling the natural surroundings.) and Non Self-deluded viewpoints (i.e. We should not think that our unique self-awareness is special or superior to others' since others can think the same as we do. The idea to rule or govern or to be number 1 all the time is the idea of Mara or Devil or Satan.) Finally, the good doses for Heart chakra are Compassion (or Non-sexual Love), Trying to understand others, Charity, Truthfulness, Endeavor, Patience, Forgiving and, if our heart is strong enough, Self-sacrifice.

If we continue to take good care for the Head and Heart chakras, sooner or later, hopefully, our Crown chakra will be created. Anyway, while we are still working on this path, we are sometimes influenced by hunger and sexual desire, the same as all other animal species. These basic drives for a life are usually very influential from time to time and can pull us down to animal level if our head and our heart are not strong enough.

Lastly, but not least, the Toilet chakra is also an important one. We should take care of it when our body tells us that it's time for toilet. Tycho Brahe a famous Danish astronomer died because he valued social politeness higher than his own toilet need, (from David Ellyard's 'Who discovered What When'. I had referred to Joy Hakim's "The Story of Science - Newton at the center" by my misremembering. Anyway her book tells a lot of details of lives of many famous astronomers and scientists. - I have to apologize both of them)

THE 4-CHAKKA DOCTRINE

In Buddhism we can move forward to the better state of our lives which is the Salvation or the Liberation of our souls if we apply the 4-Chakka (4-wheels vehicle) Doctrine which is composed of the following.

1. (Choose to) Live in a suitable place [i.e. Where the rulers and the majority of the citizens are spiritually intelligent (i.e. No ego-maniac rulers nor hopelessly materialistic, brain-washed citizens) or else where we can avoid or cope with their harassment.]

2. Make friend with (or learn their ways) those who tread the path of Salvation or the Liberation of the soul.

3. Make a determination to live a virtuous Path.
4. Be among the first ones who do good things to other people (i.e. charity, protect the environment, etc.) - Be the first to give, not the first to receive.
   Adapted from Anguttara Nikaya, Tripitaka

**Figure 4.** Use the 4-wheels* vehicle to reach our destination.
 (*The steering wheel does not count.)

"Force, no matter how concealed, begets resistance."

Lakota, a native North American tribe

Please receive my bow
one of your human fellows

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"Do not attach to this body and mind as 'Self'." - The Buddha

"If there is no controllable 'Self', there is no 'God'." - Commonsense

“We should live our live in such a way that our wisdom will keep on increasing.”

“To have wisdom is definitely better than to have power, since those who have wisdom will never do evil things while those who have power are likely to do evil things and go to hell after this life because of those evil deeds.”

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"If there is no us, individually, there cannot be anything for each of us. So, if the God exists, indisputably, each of us is 'the Sole Co-creator' together with Him/Her."

"The real God never proclaims that He/She alone creates all things, since no creation can exist without the observer which is us individually. Anyone who proclaims that he/she creates everything for all living beings, owns everything on earth and in heaven rules over all human and animals is a Cheater or Mara or Satan, including any human being who has the like habit. They are ego-maniacs who enjoy enslaving human souls."

"If the God creates our soul individually, then He/She also must create other soul individually. What reason should He/She prefer our soul to others? Then, isn't it a good idea to make our 'Self' the caretaker of our own soul, not Him/Her? So, which is more important, worshipping the God or (we ourselves) taking good care of our soul (not to have false attitudes, narrow viewpoints, misunderstandings or think evilly)?"

"Only those who want to enslave people's spirits worship the God (or the Buddha) like slaves do to their bygone master (i.e. by only praying or worshipping images or performing ceremonies). They usually pay much less attention to their taking advantages of people or animals or exploiting natural surroundings."

"The fundamental components that create this universe are not countless stars and planets or space or time which expands endlessly or eternally. All of these things are created afterward. The very first things exist that create this universe are uncountable number of unique self-awareness. The origin of these unique self-awareness (When, Why and How) is unthinkable* (Buddha implied)."

(*I have formed a new theory about the origin of these usa recently in my recently finished book 'Personification'.)

"I think the world that is worth living is the world that we have the free choice to think, believe, find truths and lets us behave accordingly to the
truths that we have found. Even though sometime we may have to trade it off with our happiness, well-being and security in life. True tyrants (or Mara) are those who try to make us not have that free choice or limit our ability to think or intimidate us not to speak the truths that we have found publicly. They are afraid that once people's eyes are opened, they can no more cheat and take advantages of them."

"Conflicts among religion believers mostly occur by 3 basic causes. The first cause is the misunderstanding that there are objective or absolute truths. Actually, all truths are subjective or relative because they can exist if and only if there is an observer which is us individually. The second cause is a believer misunderstands the subtle teachings of the founders and strongly attached to those misunderstandings. (i.e. God is a Person. Actually God is the Personification of Virtue or Morality. Or make Buddha the Ultimate refuge. Actually we should make ourselves the ultimate refuge not the Buddha, etc.) And the third cause is the lack of the realization of the fact that anything concerning 'Eternity', which is almost every religion's goal, cannot be proved."

"The greatness of humanity is not measured by the comfort of the living in the society but by the morality of an average individual in that society."

"The Bible asserts from the very beginning that every human being is the image of God."

"Riots and wars occur because some humans want to completely dominate their own human fellows.

Climate changes and all natural catastrophes occur because humans want to completely dominate all animals and the surrounding. Once some humans completely dominate all their own human fellows, all animals and the surrounding, all humans might be extinct from this planet like dinosaurs used to be in the past, once they had successfully dominated all other animal species on this planet."

[* An Anonymous will forgive all wrong doers as soon as they stop their wrong doings and will respect any of those who repents or publicly accepts and apologizes for all his/her past wrong doing(s).]
Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

October 19, 2012

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IGNORANCE AND LEADER IDOLATRY

By a Buddhist

"Ignorance is the root of all false beliefs. False beliefs are the cause of all evil deeds."

Buddhism

“We should also include irrational thinking to be in the same category as false beliefs (i.e. someone has the right to own all the natural surroundings or people’s lives), since as long as they exist as the postulates of our thinking the corresponding problems, especially social problems and justice, can never be solved or obtained."

"From histories of humanity, leader idolatry began when mans accepted abusing of natural resources, race superiority, social injustices and wars as the righteous things.

"In reality, 'Leader Idolatry' is the only religion and the system of political powers of a country with dictatorial government and (mostly) brain-washed population, not Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Judaism, Sikhism, Communism, Socialism or Democracy."

A Buddhist's viewpoint
Figure 1. The Buddha is dying (age 80) in a forest near Kusinara with full self-awareness.

Figure 2. When the Buddha died, his unique self-awareness annihilated, his body was left lifeless.

Firstly, let's look at the last day of Buddha's life, which will give us a lot of insights about the main topic we are going to discuss.

After eating his last meal offered by Junta who was a son of a goldsmith in the morning, the Buddha suffered severe bleeding in his stomach and intestines (partially as the result of his 6-year extreme austerity). The blood came out with his excrement many times until he lost all his super-human
strength. He then walked wearily to Kusinara, a small city (in bare feet). He had to rest many times during the walk due to his tiredness and reached a sala (a kind of woody trees) forest near the city of Kusinara in the evening. Then the Buddha lay down on a wooden bed (borrowed from someone in Kusinara). An old monk (a fully-enlightened one), Upavana, who closely took care of the Buddha once in a while, sat in front of the face of the Buddha and fanned the Buddha. The Buddha then expelled him away. Ananda, another Buddha's close attendant asked the Buddha the reason why he expelled Upavana away. The Buddha said that he had to expel him away because he hindered the view of the Buddha's face from many devas (angles and gods) from 10 worlds (A 'world' here means a system of 1,000 human occupied earths.). The Buddha told Ananda that within the radius of 12 yojanas (1 yojana is about 16 kilometers, so 12 yojanas is about 190 kilometers.), there was no vacancy to be able to put a pointed tip of a needle. And within an area sized as a pointed tip of a needle, there were about 30 - 40 devas. Orchestra sound was heard everywhere and flowers were falling both from the pair of sala trees where the Buddha lay underneath and from the sky. The Buddha told Ananda that that should not be regarded as the right way to pay respect to a Buddha. Instead, anyone who made him/herself his/her own refuge and worked out his/her own salvation diligently would be regarded as paying respect to a Buddha correctly.

Most of the Indian people in Buddha's time were strongly instilled to believe in the caste system which classified people according to their parents. The caste system was established by the Brahman caste, people who lived a semi-priest livelihood, establishing themselves to be spiritual teachers and regarding themselves as the holy caste. They assigned the ruling class people (which mostly came from warriors), 'the Kasatriya class', to be the divine class who have exclusive politic and civil rights apart from other people. Even though the Buddha was born as a prince in a Kasatriya clan, the Buddha denied the caste system and the divine status of a king. While the Buddha was living, all kings and people of Kasatriya class lost almost all their divine-like respect from the people. However, once the Buddha died, they tried to regain their divine-like respect from the people immediately. Began right after the Buddha died, his body was confiscated by the ruling class of Kusinara so that no ordinary lay people could pay homage to the Buddha's body before cremation. Once the Buddha's body was cremated, leaving only silica-like relics, those relics were confiscated and shared among kings from other cities. Maha Kassapa, a senior monk (at age 64) whom the Buddha had ordained by himself (at age 20), exchanged his robe with, and praised highly among aggregations of monks of having the same ability in mind manipulation as the Buddha, selected 500
fully enlightened monks to collect the complete teachings of the Buddha in a cave in Magadha county and told other monks whom were not selected to leave the area so that the selected monks would have enough begged food from the local people. However, Ajatsatru, the Magadha's king (who had killed his own father) tried to be the sole supporter of this 1st establishment of the complete collection of Buddha's teachings and finally it was recorded in the canon that he was the sole supporter (instead of the local people).

When the Buddha died, not only kings and ruling class people but also the believers in other religions especially those who were favored before the Buddha came, who mostly were Jains and Hindus, wanted to gain their credits back. They tried to convince kings and influential ruling class people to be their patrons. This also included Buddhists themselves. Although Buddhism might be the most reasonable, logical religion of all but it does have a fatal drawback. The highest goal of Buddhism is to anihilate or extinguishes one's own unique self-awareness for good or "to reach Nibbana". This is really against what most people especially ruling class people or kings want. So, the teaching of all religions in India were likely to be changed after the Buddha's death, for other religions, to make them sound more reasonable, for Buddhism to make it more acceptable to a worldly mind in order to gain favor from kings or ruling class people. It is too innocent to assume that Buddha's teachings have not been substantially influenced (i.e. changed, truncated and added) by kings or some greedy monks. So, it should not be so surprising if we find that some statements in Buddhism literatures say some things contradictory. For example, a standard literature in one country may say that king Asoka, an important Buddhist patron, turned to be a Buddhist after the war in Kalinga where he slaughtered about 300,000 people, while there are some documents implying that he was already a Buddhist before that war. Anyway, what should really matter is that the statements in the Theravada Tripitaka are supposed to be the genuine speeches of the Buddha. I am convinced that they cannot be 100% genuine Buddha's speeches due to the fact that before the 1st written Theravada Tripitaka was made in Sri Lanka, Buddhist monks who wrote the 1st written Tripitaka had involved politically with Sri Lanka's kings and much more after that.

Due to the influence of kings and the ruler class people, for some other sects of Buddhism rather than Theravada, the highest goal that is to attain Nibbana which means the extinguishment of one's own unique self-awareness at the end of this very life, instead of being the first priority is shifted to a lesser priority. But what is really matter is that the meaning of Nibbana looked like it
is deliberately made confusing. In my personal opinion, to change the goal from attaining Nibbana in this very life to be a Bodhisatta is OK (Although I think that it is very risky that finally that person may get no benefit from the advent of the Gautama Buddha on this earth at all.), but to deliberately make the meaning of Nibbana confusing or misinterpreted is to destroy Buddhism. (Anyway, anyone who has done that unknowingly or unintentionally can correct him/herself at once with no offending.) The influence of kings (queens) or rulers on the teachings of the Buddha can be seen more easily in China. That’s why we see some Shaolin monks (actors) use swords and all kind of weapons fighting bad people (also actors) in some Hong Kong movies nowadays. (I, myself, like to watch them sometimes.)

When we study the history of many countries, we will see that many religions have been controlled and used by dictatorial rulers of the countries from the beginning of the recorded History. Besides using the military forces, police forces, Laws and mass media, the dictatorial rulers of a country control the religious authority of that country so that most of the population in that country would respect them only second to or even equal to some religion founders such as the Buddha or God. They try to divert people’s awareness from the fact that the Buddha (or some other religion founders) urged people always not to hurt any living being (no need to say about killing humans), abstained from sexual pleasure and lived one of the poorest ways of life. For example, the Buddha earned his living as a beggar, would receive food from every class of people, ate only once a day and would not keep the left-over. He dressed with only 3 pieces of cloth, did not have a substitute or an extra garment and always walked in bare feet. He never traveled by cart, riding an elephant, a horse or a donkey, not even wearing shoes. Sometimes he spent the 3-month camping period during the rainy season under a tree. He was not proud that people respected him but urged that everybody should resort to his/her own self as the ultimate refuge. He always taught that the person that we should respect as ‘God’ is not the God in any religious book or any king or queen but 'our own mother'. We can see with our own eyes that all rulers of any country on this earth nowadays do almost everything contrary to what the Buddha (or some religion founders) did. Yet, in some country which the majority of people are Buddhists, the mass media and the elementary education still promote them to be respected as their spiritual leaders much more than the Buddha (or all other religion founders), or be respected more than the people’s own mothers!

"Disasters await those who keep on worshipping the unworthy."

A Buddhist’s viewpoint
Figure 1. Insects such as bees are supposed to be perfect social animals.

I used to think that humans are inferior to insects when considering the responsibility toward the society that we live. We tend to devote ourselves only to our family, sincere only to our relatives and close friends but not to others in the society in which we live, unlike insects. Just recently I have realized how stupid I have been. A whole society of insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.) has only one mother. Actually, we can regard that most of the insects devote themselves only to defense their own mother, do the things essential only for their real brothers and sisters. They should not be honored as the noble social animals. But then should they be respected as the noble family-oriented animals?
Even though each insect can be considered that it devotes its self to its mother but the moral or sentimental tie of their mother toward each of them (for me) seems not to exist. The type of animals which the mothers seem to have the most moral or sentimental ties to their young are mammals, since their young fully evolve within their own bodies (compared with insects, reptiles or birds) and the mothers' breasts provide milk for their babies. Of all the mammals, human mothers seem to devote and risk themselves for their babies the most.

Human mothers have to raise their babies as fetuses inside their bodies for 9 months. [As a Buddhist, I think there is something very special about this 9-month period of human embryo-hood which I would like to share with the rest here. According to Theravada canons, any Bodhisatta who will attain the Buddhahood in that life will be born as a mammal called a human with the period of being a fetus always equals to 10 months. The canons say about many Buddhas who have been born in various Ages when human life periods varied from 100 - 100,000 years. Since a Bhodisatta should spend only a little time in his mother's womb more than ordinary people of that Age. So, according to the canons, it is likely that for the mammals to be called humans, whatever length of life-span they have, will be in fetus state in their mothers' wombs for 9 months. - I realize that this is just a sheer speculation. But if we admit that there are some ties between numbers and the things or phenomena in nature (as I have said in some previous article, and I will say it again.), I think that 9 has the meaning of 'almost perfection' and 10 has the meaning of 'perfection' (of morality or virtue).] When human mothers deliver their babies from their wombs they have to suffer pain and risk their lives more than all other mammals. Due to human are the only mammals that stand by 2 feet all the time, so their pelvis are too small for delivering in-born babies and the size of their babies' head is proportionally bigger than that of all other mammals. Also a human baby in its mother's womb has to change position from being head upright to being head downright before the delivery. If a baby fails to do this completely sometime it costs both the mother and the baby's lives.
Figure 2. A human mother has to suffer pain and risk her life more than any other mammals to deliver her baby.

So each of us has a personal heroine on the day each of us was born which is our mother. In the old days before Caesarian deliveries were safety and affordable enough for many mothers, a child birth was a painfully, horribly risky event for all mothers. There is a Thai folk tale of the old days about a pregnant woman, Ms. Nark, who died with her baby when delivering her first born child. Being lonely away from her husband during that period, together with worrying and attachment, she turned to be a horrible phantom. This story might be just a tale, but I think it has turned some people to pay more attention to the safety of child birth in public level since then. In wealthy western countries nowadays, many people have realized that both the mothers' physical and mental health are equally important for safety and healthy child births which the husbands are urged to participate.

Figure 3. A caring husband is an important factor for a safety and healthy child birth.
I write this article to assure some reader that if there is really some God besides our mother, respecting our mother as the God will not make us sorry later in our life, since she is certainly the worthy person to receive that honor from us.

*Figure 4. A case of a scary phantom in a puzzling land*

*(The detectives in this case were Mr. Swagelock House and Miss Ning Ding.)*

Please receive my bow.

one of your human fellows

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"The best thought about the sky of a fish cannot be equal to the best thought about the sky of a high-flying bird."


"Lust-free minds beget lust-free thoughts. Passion-free minds beget passion-free thoughts. Self-aware minds beget self-aware thoughts. Considerate minds beget considerate thoughts. Liberal minds beget liberal thoughts. In summary, the minds that do not want to dominate anybody should beget the thoughts that lead to equality and freedom of the whole."

"Those who, consciously or subconsciously, want to dominate others, usually want to get what they want without considering the feeling of others, and do not want to be responsible to all the evil things they have done or are doing beget the idea of the self-created, almighty-spirited God as a divine person who can prevent them from the results of their evil karmas."

"One thing that all evil people hate is to be rational."

Anonymous

Recently, I have come across a video clip in Darwiniana homepage, June 2013 archive with a face of a young man pops up on the screen and says earnestly that what would someone who does not believe that God exists feel if he/she dies and faces God in (at the door to) heaven? I have to admit that I was a little bit scared by the question and his fixed staring eyes and low voice. He quotes Pascal's (a famous French mathematician, inventor, Physicist and
Philosopher) reason to believe in God that, “It is better to be safe than sorry. The believer will lose nothing." The first thing I would like to deal with is the wording. The word 'atheist' is used to designate anyone who does not believe that God exists, while the word 'agnostic' is used to designate anyone who think that it is impossible to prove whether God exist or not (from Oxford Advanced Learner dictionary, 7th ed). Generally, Buddhists should not be counted as atheists or agnostic. Buddhists believe that there are gods who have bliss with sensual pleasure and without sensual pleasure (higher level). Sometimes, some gods with sensual pleasure exert their mind power upon human minds and natural surroundings benevolently when human behave morally, and malevolently when humans behave immorally or are destroying the environment. This kind of divine interventions can be in a big scale such as the whole country, the whole continent even the whole earth or in a small scale such as an individual affair.

Anyway, these gods, except the ones who control the climate, are not interested to track down human activities all the time whether in a big scale or an individual level. Only when the majority of humans or a powerful individual does extremely good things or extremely bad things, they might intervene. The Buddha taught us that we should not take refuge in these gods since our good deeds and bad deeds would bear fruits by their own accord without having to ask these gods for helps. Moreover, these gods cannot help us deal with the result of our own karmas or reach salvation (the extinguishment of our unique self-awareness when we die). However, if someone argues that the word 'God' means the only one God who is the almighty spirit, the creator of all things, the owner of all things, the supreme judge who metes out rewards and punishment for those who accept (obey) or deny (disobey) Him/Her, then I have to say that (real) Buddhists, including me, cannot avoid being counted as atheists. So, if you cannot avoid it, why not jump into it? So, the next thing I would like to do is to deny the existence of such God by using some reasons that an (ordinary) atheist should use (which means not referring to the faith in any religion, including Buddhism).

1. The believers in this kind of God declare themselves that they would rather die than accept the idea that someone can be put into existence without having the single creator. Then, should they meet someone at the doorway to heaven (whether to be there to interview them, or to judge them or just to intimidate them), surely, according to their own belief, that person cannot be the ultimate creator, since there must be someone else who has created that person. (If that person claims that he/she is the ultimate creator then that one is a cheater, don't believe him/her!)
2. Pascal said that, "If one believes that God exists, he/she loses nothing." Whether I will or will not agree with this statement depends on the meaning of the word 'God' in the statement. If it means the almighty divine spirit who can really think, speak and act exactly as a person, I, then, cannot agree with the statement. Since we can see how this faith has made many powerful people did many horrible things (i.e. killing a lot of innocent people, etc.) all along in human history till present time. (especially in the Old Testament, Crusade wars, all other religious wars and suicidal bombers, etc.) Moreover, for anyone who want to grow up to be spiritually adult (known and attained by ourselves the virtues in nature - nonviolence, justice, honesty, patience, tolerance, forgiveness, compassion, carefulness, considerateness, etc.) the idea that we have to be responsible for all our deeds should be more helpful than the idea that there is someone almighty backs us all the time. (Like children who will hardly grow up mentally to be perfect adults if they never stay away from the close supports from their parents.) However, if the word 'God' is the personification of some virtues or morals (i.e. compassion, justice, Self-sacrifice to help all living beings, etc.) or all that exist, I, then agree with the statement.

3. Atheists are usually labeled (at least behind their backs) as immoral people by those who believe in one almighty God. I think this is unfair (even though I don't care), since many so-called atheists believe in doing good deeds, avoid doing bad deeds. Furthermore, many of them (i.e. Buddhists, Jains, etc.) believe that heavens and hells exist, and this kind of belief in heavens and hells might have been born back in history of humanity (i.e. in India, China, etc.) longer than the age of any known monotheistic religion nowadays.

"If we have not done anything wrong no God has the right to punish us.
If we have committed some serious sin (i.e. killing our own parent) no God can save us from hells.
If we do something virtuous we will be rewarded finally even though no God might pay attention to it.
So, it is the good deeds and the bad deeds that we should pay attention to, not the existence of, or how to gain the favor from, the almighty God."

Anonymous

Please receive my bow

one of your human fellows

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SELF – RESPECT

By a Buddhist viewpoint

The first person we should learn to love is our mother.
The first person we should learn to respect is our father.
The next person we should learn to respect is ourselves.
The next person, still, that we should learn to respect is all other people.

If we do not know how to respect ourselves, it is impossible that we know how to respect other people.

Cheating and taking advantage of other people are the signs of lacking self-respect in ourselves,

Arrogance and wanting to dominate other people are the signs of lacking self-respect in other people.

Self-confidence and Considerateness will be achieved once a person has self-respect both in his/her own self and other's.

Prying to someone's private affairs is to have no self-respect neither in his/her own self nor other's.

If we do not respect someone, it is impossible, if that one knows this fact, that he/she will respect us.

So if we do not respect someone, do not expect that that one will respect us.
If we do not respect their father, do not expect that they will respect our father.

If we do not respect their God, do not expect that they will respect our God.
If we do not respect their Faith, do not expect that they will respect our Faith.
If we do not respect their dignity, do not expect that they will respect our dignity.

Only respect begets respect.

Only mutual respect among all people in a society can bring friendship, justice and peace to that society.

Only mutual respect among all countries can bring peace to this world.

Lastly, but not least, we should respect all other animal lives and the natural surroundings too.”
"The very first thing that we should give to all other people is 'respect' not 'help'."

(I have said this, and I will say it again and again!)

Please receive my bow

one of your human fellows

August 4, 2013

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SOME INSPIRATIONAL SAYINGS

"Impossible is what we cannot imagine."

"When you can figure out what is the exact thing that you want to do for the benefit of all, however impossible it may seem, you have already done half of it."

"When you have decided to be a giver to all, from then on you can be anything but a loser.
Since while you are trying to make all people to be winners those who try to oppose you have already marked themselves as losers."

"Never expect to get, so there will be no disappointment when not given."

"Always expect the least when given, so we will always be happy for whatever we are given."

"Never expect our happiness or beneficial condition to last long, so we will not grieve too much when it suddenly ends."

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one of your humans fellows

August 9, 2013

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"How many bloody roads must humanity walk down before they are worthy to be called 'human'?"

Adapted from the song 'Blowing in the wind'

Дурак завяжет — и умный не развяжет.

Durak zavyazhet — u umnyy ne razvyazhet.

[If] the fool ties [a knot] - even a clever one will not be able to untie it.*

“Most of the wars start from selfishness, greed and coldbloodness of a few ego maniacs who believe that their believed almighty God will free them from the sin of killing (innocent) people." — Anonymous [* From Wikipedia]
The ones who are intelligent scientifically are not necessary to be the ones who are intelligent Spiritually.

Werner Heisenberg, a famous German Nuclear Physicist, who discovered the Uncertainty principle about a dual property of atomic particles and stated it in a profound statement which nowadays is still widely accepted as true, had been accepted as a Scientific genius since his young age. However, it looked like that he agreed with Hitler's extreme patriotism and used to persuaded Einstein who at that time stayed out of Germany to come back and work on Hitler's atomic (bomb) project with him. (And Einstein, in turn, later persuaded US president to initiate the nuclear bomb project.)
Josef Goebbels, the Minds Controller of the 3rd Reich,
A patriot who brought his beloved country to a complete disaster.
(1897 - 1945)

"He was ... but highly intelligence figure with a genuine interest in mass
psychology and an undisguised contempt for the critical faculties of public
opinion. He was not the inventor of censorship, lies and dirty tricks, but he was
one of the first politicians in the age of mass media to make systematic use of
psychology in the pursuit of power. In that sense, he was indeed a pioneer." He
once said "It was a mistake to conduct propaganda in such a way that it will
stand up to critical examination of intellectuals". The target group of Goebbels' method was ordinary people on streets who mostly did not have enough time to analyze the creditability of news received nor had access to news of a different side, which was the most influential group in his society at his time.
..."

(By David Benn, quoted from Financial Times)
Goebbels successfully diverted public attention from German’s Warsaw Ghetto massacre to Russian killing of Polish officers in Katyn, West Russia. I think Goebbels’ methods have been used in all dictatorial governments in this world to control the minds of their people since the first time it appeared (especially in the country where I live).

Many scientists who helped make this thing happened were honored with the Nobel Prizes! (???)

After Japanese aristocrats’ government deployed dominating neighboring countries with military forces policy, Japanese soldiers and people had been sinners and losers until the end of WW2. Even today the tragedies and unethical treatments that they received have been overlooked by people all over the world because of their past government. In my eyesight, Japanese soldiers and people were the most pitiful victims of WW2. Their fates were caused mainly by their leaders who were self-deluded, ego-maniac and idiots.
A typical US World War II poster

For a not-brain-washed mind, this poster says, "I WANT YOU TO KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE AND GO TO HELL! FOR ME (RULING CLASS PEOPLE) AND MY FRIENDS (WAR PROFITEERS)."

(The guy in the poster intimidates us with his wizard like dressing, grave wicked face, staring at us with his Rasputin's eyes, pointing his finger at us to force us to do evil things. He looks and acts like a man from Hell!)
Soldiers and people of both sides of a war are always the losers.

When a war ends, there are 3 groups of people. The first group is 'the winners' which is composed of the aristocrats, high-rank military commanders and rich businessmen of the winning countries. The second group is 'the defeated' which is composed of the aristocrats, high-rank military commanders and rich businessmen of the defeated countries. The third group is 'the losers' which is composed of soldiers and ordinary people of both sides of that war. Soldiers of both sides have to commit grave sins during the war. Hatred, hardships and decline in moralities arise in people of both sides even after the war ends. As soon as a war ends, most people and soldiers of the winning countries may think they are the winners but not long after that for the ones who are not brain-washed will find out that they are actually 'the beguiled losers'.
WW2 caused more than 55 million human deaths and drastic decline in moralities of humanity as a whole. Right after it ended in 1945, many people thought that humanity had learnt enough lessons, there should be no more war in the future. But after that there were Korean war (1950-1953: death toll 1,600,000), Vietnam war (1955-1975: death toll 1,200,000), Gulf war I [1990-1991 death toll 140,000 (mostly Iraqi civilians)] and Gulf war II (2003: death toll has not been revealed officially but estimated to be in order of hundred thousands, mostly Iraqi civilians)

“When will they ever learn? ...When will they ever learn?”

From the song "Where have all the flowers gone?"

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October 20, 2012

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SOME SAYINGS

By Anonymous

"There are always wars together with humanity as long as there are some ones who get benefits from them (wars) and some ones who think they are the winners when a war ends."

"By winning an outside war (win someone in a contest or fighting), we gain hatred, revenge and hell afterward.

By winning an inside war (overcome our own greed, passion, anger and delusion), we gain love, peace and heaven afterward.

So, which war should we fight?"

"We will never truly receive some ones' friendship by winning them."
"The best way to stop a war is to never let it happen.

"The best way to never let it happen is to illegalize wars, destroy all stocked weapons, abolish all armed forces in every country and not promote egomaniac or self-deluded people to be leaders."

"To accept to be the loser to avoid endless fighting is to be a monk. To be the winner by fighting and dominate others is to be a Mara (Devil or Satan)."

(A good Thai saying)

"To accept to be the loser to avoid endless fighting is to be a monk. To be the winner by fighting and dominate others is to be the abbot."

(An evil Thai saying)

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October 22, 2012

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YODHAJIVA (WARRIOR) SUTRA*

Once a head of a village who used to be a warrior went to ask the Buddha, "Your Blessing, I have heard from my teachers and the teachers of my teachers who all are warriors that, "Any warrior who fights bravely in a battle field and is killed by the opposite side warriors will go the heaven named 'Sorachit'." What does Your Blessing say in this matter?" The Buddha answered, "Please, head of the village; do not ask me this question."
Then the head of the village asked the Buddha the same question for the 2nd time.

The Buddha still answered, "Please, head of the village; do not ask me this question."

Then the head of the village asked the Buddha the same question for the 3rd time.

Then the Buddha said, "Head of the village, I have warned you not to ask this question but you insist on knowing the answer. OK, I will tell you. Any warrior who fights bravely in a battle field has set his mind (intention) wrongly in the beginning that "these people must be killed, must be pierced through, must extinguish, must be destroyed or be no more". While thinking like this, he is killed by other side warriors. He will then go to a hell named 'Sorachit'. If he (in other time) has the idea that any warrior who fights bravely in a battle field and is killed by the opposite side warriors will go to a heaven named 'Sorachit', he then has a false view (misunderstanding). And I say that anyone who has the false view like this one either will be born in a hell or the animal realm of existence.

When the head of the village heard this, he cried tearfully, so the Buddha said, "That is why I have warned you not to ask this question."

The head of the village said, "Your Blessing, I do not cry because your answer is not pleasing to me, but I cry because I have been cheated by the warriors who are my teachers and the teachers of my teachers. Your explanation is so clear and beautiful like turning upside-down thing bottom up, showing what is always hidden, telling the way to one who gets lost or putting a light in the darkness with the intention that anyone whose eyes are good can see the way. Please remember me as one who takes refuge in Your Blessing together with the Teachings and the monks from now on through the rest of my life."

Kamani Samyutta, Samyutta Nikaya, Tri Pitika

(*This Sutra has always been banned by the authorities in every country.)

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October 22, 2012
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"History is the lie commonly agreed upon."

Voltaire (from http://allforthegreatergood.com)

"(Bad) history will keep repeating itself until we have learnt to be better people than our ancestors."

"In the 15th century, it was the Mongol empire which threatened this world with their horses and arrows, spreading their military dictatorship preference.

In the 21st century, it is the American empire which threatens this world with their aircraft carriers and drones, spreading their Consume-ism preference.

Anonymous
Jin Yong is a Chinese romantic martial art novelist. When I was about 18, I read his novel, 'The Condor Hero'. I was quite obsessed with it. And once I saw a movie about its 3rd episode, 'The Heavenly Sword and the Dragon Saber', I was impressed that the hero had 4 beautiful lovers but lost all of them at the end. Almost 30 years had passed by, and then I finally watched the 3rd episode again. This time it was a TV series which had more details. I, then, want to know whether there was anything in the movie in the real history of China. I then made a study about Chinese History about that period of time and found the following interesting facts. 1) There is no unique detailed history concerning a single event. Usually, different sources describe that event differently. 2) There were some similar persons and events, comparing the novel and the histories. 3) I think the novel subtly teaches a profound Chinese philosophy concerning the path of Salvation of the individual and of the society.

Let's start at the first episode. The story concerns about one of the highest martial art canon which is called 9-Im or 9-Earth. Whoever understands it thoroughly will be the most powerful fighter. 9 is the number which means 'almost perfection'. It can be considered to be the highest level of learning attainable from the text but still lacks of perfection. Im or Earth represents Yin or Femininity which in turn represents power or energy. The hero of the 1st episode is a virtuous man but a little bit stupid though. (He is a swan type.) Luckily, his lover, a clever but mischievous one, helps him almost throughout the story. Anyway, they are not successful in their mission, which is to resist the Mongol invasion to China and at the end they both die in a battle and the town they defend is seized.

The 2nd episode talks about other highest martial art canon which is called 9-Iang or 9-Heaven. Whoever understands it thoroughly will be the best self-guard fighter. Iang or Heaven or Divinity represents Yang or Masculinity which in turn represents Virtue or Morality. The hero of this episode is a very clever and talented man but his morality is not perfect (He is a dragon type.). However, it looks like his lover is more morality-oriented and helps him balance his behavior. (I admit here that I have not read this episode, just have seen 1
and half hours movie about it a couple of times.) They also cannot complete their mission, which is to get rid of the Mongol dynasty.

The 3rd episode, 'The Heavenly Sword and the Dragon Saber', tells about when the 2 said canons are read and understood by 2 persons, separately. One of the heroines studies the 9-Im canon. She, then, becomes a formidable fighter, but it turns her to be an evil person. The hero, being a kind-heart and intelligent person, studies and understands the 9-Iang canon thoroughly which makes him a best defensive fighter and have the highest masculine power that means his virtues and moralities are unbreakable (He becomes a kirin type.). Anyway he does not have a will to take the mission to correct the society, so he leaves the society to live in solitude with 1 (or 2, or 3, or 4)* of his lovers at the end of the story. ... (*If it is the last number, I really worry about his health!)

According to the Chinese history, and referring to this novel, the mission to expel the Mongol (Yuan) dynasty from China was passed on to one who had lower quality than the hero. This person, Joo Yuan Chang, was a real and very important person in Chinese history. He was the 1st emperor of Ming dynasty. Anyway, according to many records, he was very selfish and ungrateful. When he became the emperor he got rid of all his military commanders whom he had assigned to be rulers of various counties as their rewards during the Expelling Mongol from China campaign and substituted them with his own sons and closed relatives. And near the end of his reign he turned to be a paranoid tyrant who ordered the killings of many high rank officers without reasons and destroyed all Ming cult members who used to help him to get to the throne.* [From 'Chinese History' by Taveep Voradilok (in Thai language)]

Reading between the lines from the novel, what should have happened is that the one who thoroughly understands the 9-Im canon should also study and thoroughly understand the 9-Iang canon, so that person will be both powerful and virtuous. That person can find his own salvation and change the society to be a better place. Anyway, there is a rumor that, finally, after 600 years of the dissolution of the Ming cult, a diary which tries to combine the understandings of the 9-Im and 9-Iang canons has finally written. The writer is an un-employed loser who lives in a hut, in a peninsula named anciently as 'the Golden Land', in a country which its name means 'Land of Freedom' or 'Land of Liberty', in a province which its name means 'the Primal City', in a town which its name means 'Virtuous Victory', in a village which its name means 'Divine Crystal Ball'. The writer dares not publish his diary publicly at least for the time being due to a political reason. Anyway, it looks like many
spies have sneaked into his hut and made copies of it. The writer tells me that he does not care who reads it, just pretends that he/she does not know anything about it. He hopes that it may help someone who reads it reach his/her own salvation and help make the society a better place to live which is the mission that none of Jin Yong's heroes and heroines has ever succeeded.

Please receive my bow.

one of your human fellows

October 25, 2012

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Some debates between some Homo-sapien Philosophers and a Homospiritus

"In logic, there are no morals." - Rudolf Carnap (German: 1891-1970)
"In logic, the propositions that solve a social problem are called morals." - A Homospiritus

"The individual's only true moral choice is through Self-sacrifice for the community." - Tetsuro Watsuji (Japanese: 1889-1960)
"Self-sacrifice for the community is the noblest choice but it is not the individual's only true moral choice since sometime some community never gets better no matter how much sacrifice one puts to it."- A homospiritus

"Every lover is mad." - Roland Barthes (French: 1915-1980)
"The word 'mad' is only used by the one who is not in love" or
"If he/she is not mad, he/she is not worthy to be called 'a lover'." - A Homospiritus

[Thanks to ‘The (DK) Philosophy Book’ by W.Buckingham, D.Burnham,
Different viewpoints on some French Proverbs

One of your human fellows

(The upper statements are French proverbs.)

"With enough 'ifs' we could put Paris into a bottle." - A French proverb

"Why not? If Paris is a commercial name of French Champaign."

(I use the French most adorable liquid to disagree with a French proverb, so, hopefully, I do not humiliate French people.)

"When we cannot get what we love, we must love with what is within our reach."

"We don't have to love with what is within our reach, just stay neutral."

"No one is expected to achieve the impossible."

"It is the impossible because no one expects to achieve it."

"When a man begins to reason, he ceases to feel."

"When a man begins to reason, he begins to understand his feeling."

"Love teaches even asses to dance."

"Love teaches even intelligent humans to dance like asses."
"We must learn from life how to suffer it."
"We must learn from sufferings in our lives how to live our lives."

"There is no pillow so soft as clear conscience."
"There is no pillow so soft as no conscience (no self-awareness which means Nibbana)."

"Whoever profits by crime is guilty of it."
"Whoever profits by crime should feel ashamed of it."

(This is actually my favorite French proverb, but we should give a wrong-doer a chance to repent, shouldn’t we?)

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October 27, 2012

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"To live a peaceful life, we should not think fancifully. But Nature overwhelmingly affects our lives, and Nature is so fanciful."

"We should not use technologies as the measure of the humanness of species; instead we should use the morality of the average common members of that specie as the measure of its humanness."

The number of unique self-awareness and human living earths are uncountable. Time exists as long as there is an observer. Infinity cannot be comprehended. Eternity cannot be remembered or conceived. No creation can be made by a single creator. The purpose of our lives is only us individually to assign.

- Anonymous
WE ALL ARE ALIENS

By a Buddhist's viewpoint

Figure 1. Metraiya Buddha

(Attends Buddhahood at age 8,000 years, when human maximum life span is 80,000 years at that time)

Ht. 88 units (heel to forehead), trunk'width 25 units
Heel to Kneel 22 units, Kneel to Navel hole 22 units
Navel hole to Shoulder 22 units,
Shoulder to Forehead 22 units,
Face diameter 25 units,
Circumferential of forehead 25 units,
Eye 7 units, Eyeball 5 units, Eyebrow 5 units,
Between eyebrows 4 units,
Lips(both upper and lower) 15 units,
Nose protrude 7 units,
Ear 7 units, extended lobe 5 units, etc.
(1 unit is about 1/2 meter)*

* He is obviously not a homosapien and he does not look like a serious Buddha.
He may not be born on this planet but on some other human-occupied earth in this Milky Way Galaxy in the future. (The same as all of us)

From 'Buddha Wongsa', Tripitaka, by Maha Boonyarit Asoko (in Thai language).

Dr. Michio Kaku, a world's renowned 'Esoteric Science for Home Entertainment' promoter (Anyway, anytime I see his face I don't think about Science, but can't help myself thinking about Japanese Sushi instead. – Please forgive me.), has spoken a very (maybe his best) thought provoking statement in one of his YouTube movie scripts that, "There are billions of stars in this galaxy (now believed to be about 25,000 billion in the Milky Way) and there are
billions of discovered galaxies out there in the universe (The latest number is about 8,000 billions.), so we would be extremely arrogant if we think that we are alone in this universe". I totally agree with him that only ego-maniac people stick to the idea that there is only one (this) human-occupied earth. (And they also think that only tail-less mammalians with their species' names begin with 'Homo' are counted as human. Actually, many other species such as elephants, gorillas, pandas, whales, dolphins and swans should be counted as human too. These self-deluded people usually think their unique self-awareness is special or superior to other unique self-awareness. And God, preferring them or their species more than all others, makes this earth to be theirs to make use and rule.) The fundamental believes in Buddhism are that there are infinite human-occupied earths and there is no one (even the Buddha) to be excluded from the Laws of Nature (i.e. once be born cannot avoid death, sometimes wins sometimes loses, having more or less suffering as long as exists, etc.), in other word, no one, whether he/she is a human or a god, is special or superior to others.

However, the undeniable fossil evidences and radio-active dating methods, so far, have made many stories in Buddhism's canons (sutras) very stupid ones since they are supposed to occur long before any human species walked on this planet. [For example, the story of the last life of the Bodhisatta in this world as prince Vessantara (who gave his son and daughter to a beggar when begged by that beggar) is supposed to happen 576 million years ago (and, according to the story, human maximum age at that time was 120 years) which time no land living creature's fossil has been found on this earth.] However, 'the word' in the canons that many Buddhists (including me) have believed that it means 'this earth' (Loka Dhāttu) actually means 'a group of human-occupied earths' which is composed of at least 1,000 human-occupied earths which likely means 'a galaxy'. So if those stories are true, those stories should have occurred on other planets, somewhere in this (Milky Way) Galaxy.

Buddhists believe in the not-be-able-to-be-found beginning of our unique self-awareness (soul), and that it will last till eternity as long as we do not quench all our desires and attachments. Our unique self-awareness migrates from one human-occupied earth to another in this 1 - 10 human-occupied earth systems (1 - 10 Galaxies, possibly). And I think human in each planet do not have to have the exact similar appearance or the same species. But, averagely, they all should have the basic moralities required to be called a human. (For example, have sexual morality as the first priority, do not kill
other human, do not destroy the natural surroundings of the earth they live on, etc.).

"The earth is not very big but we are so small."

The fact that ego-maniac people should keep in their minds

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

October 31, 2012

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The picture illustrates the coming of the New Age when the concern about the Natural environment, Rights of all living beings (to live and be free), and the Equality among humans (mutual respect) goes cosmic.

NEW YEAR 2013 RESOLUTION

"It is impossible for ten thousands sleeping people to wake up just one sleeping person.

But it is possible for just one awaken person to wake up ten thousands sleeping people.

So, let's be the few awaken ones to wake up all sleeping people, to help bring the light to this world."

Please receive my bow.

one of your human fellows

January 4, 2013

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THE CONTINUATION OF THE 2013 NEW YEAR GREETING CARD

(The EGGS FINDS)

Anonymous

That's the Minoan technique to handle a bull in the ancient Crete time.
Since the access to the toilet hole and our last roll of the toilet paper is inhibited by the local patriot, 2013 proceed with the emergency protocol.

Nama Summa Buddha! Poor fellow! I hope you will wake up soon.

That was very close! But I have to keep myself looked smart, cool and virtuous.

The smell is intolerable.
So, the visitors from a faraway planet have to resort to the emergency protocol. Then, they find out that, actually, the outdoor and the wood sticks are not inferior to a closed-walled toilet and the tissue paper at all...
...and they will share this knowledge with other human species in many galaxies.
And for the bull (actually a buffalo), it has learned an important lesson that not all yellow stuff smells good.
THE EGGS FINDS

CAST

2013 ................................ Mock Folder
the Bird ................................ Nadia Skully
the Bull ................................. Water Ski-er


Story & Art work ............................ Anonymous
Producer ................................. one of your human fellows

APOCALYPSE PRODUCTION

SHARED KNOWLEDGE & HAPPINESS

January, 2013

"Details are trivial. But details make perfection. And perfection is not trivial."

Benjamin Franklin

"Politie problems arise in a society when injustice is legalized or accepted as justice."

Common sense

Please receive my bow.

one of your human fellows

January 14, 2013

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Enlightenment in Buddhism

"We come to this world because we have attachment to some 'Words'.
We may be able to detach from this world if we understand some 'Words'."

Anonymous

"When a person realizes by his/her own self that anything that he/she attaches to cannot stay in that condition for a long time, and it is uncontrollable and prone to be in the dissatisfying state, then it is said that that person has the transcendental knowledge of that thing. If that thing is his/her own unique self-awareness, then it is said that that person has attained 'the Enlightenment'."

Buddhism
"Every thought is based on some 'Words'.
Every 'Word' is based on some 'Attachments'.
So, the more we think, the more we, unknowingly, attach to this world.
However, by understanding some 'Words', we may be able to detach from this world."

"It seems like very few people attain enlightenment nowadays.
Maybe the reason is just because we do not understand or misunderstand the Buddha's word 'Enlightenment'."

Anonymous

As we have already discussed in the first article of the first page of this website that the word 'Enlightenment' in Buddhism should be translated to English as 'Self-realization'. To self-realize of something means we know that thing by ourselves, without relying on the verification from other people, God or the Buddha. For example, we all begin our lives with the first self-realization that our unique self-awareness exists which means 'we', or we may call it our 'Self', exist in this world without having to listen to the Buddha (The Buddha, actually, did not deny this.). We then self-realized that we could see, feel, hear, taste, smell, think, remember, etc. When we grew up we had self-realized many things required for our own survival from our own experiences without having to listen to or believe other people. (In an animal life, this condition is quite conspicuous.) Buddhists believe that the Buddha had seen many previous lives of his own and others' through countless world (galactic) cycles. He had seen that our lives are relative short (especially, our youth - even when we are born as divine beings). We cannot control ourselves or the things around us to be as we like all the time. And things usually turn to be in the states that we do not like. In Buddha's viewpoint, he self-realizes that to have the existence (of
ourselves) is to have suffering. The only way not to have suffering for good is not to have us (which means our unique self-awareness) at all. That means if we die at the end of our lives, our unique self-awareness should extinguish, not pop up with some forms of life afterward. To achieve this, one has to get rid of all thinking’s of persons (i.e. beloved ones, hated ones) or things (i.e. left behind properties), overcome the appearance of very fine pleasurable or the horrible or guilty feelings (mostly due to the popped up memories about what that person has done), and does not want to continue to live or be born again when that one is dying. In turn, in order to achieve this, while that person is still healthy, he/she should get rid of 1) the attachment of pleasurable sensual desires (either coarse or fine), 2) the attachment that some certain things should always be in such and such conditions (if not he/she will feel upset or angry), 3) the self-delusions (i.e. his/her unique self-awareness is special or superior to other unique self-awareness, God (the personification of all that exist) prefers him/her to other people, etc.) and he/she should always keep his/her self-awareness (consciousness) to the maximum level possible all the time (since, at least, we do not know when will the last minute of our life arrive).

However, there is still a problem remaining. Since for one's unique self-awareness not to pop up again eternally once that one [who is supposed to be fully enlightened (an Arahant)] dies can never be proved (The silica-like remains cannot be used as the proof), the word 'Enlightenment' in Buddhism has to be retro-graded to mean only the getting rid of all desires and attachments which are things that should require no proof for other people and should be able to be self-realized by that person. (Actually, Buddha said that the one who is fully enlightened will know by him/herself that he/she will not be born again which can be counted as a kind of self-realization. Anyway that one still cannot prove even to him/herself that it will really happen.)

There are still 2 more problems remaining. The first problem is the meaning of the word 'all' in the phrase "getting rid of all desires and attachments". How can a person live if he/she has no desire or attachment at all? Even the Buddha, himself, seemed to still attach to some clothing, not naked like some Jain ascetics. He still wanted to teach this person, that person. How can we say that Buddha did not have any attachment or desire at all? The problem arises due to the customary use of wordings. If there is a glass of water, then we throw all water in that glass away. Then we may say that there is no water in the glass at all. But then someone might raise an objection and say that there is still some water in the glass, that's why the inner of the glass is still wet. Or else a friend of us may walk to a labor-work site and say that he/she
has no strength at all today. And we may accuse our friend of telling a lie since he/she can still walk. One who is justice enough, will judge that there is no liar in both cases. Since, even though there is some water in the glass, it is undrinkable. And even though our friend still has some strength left, it is not enough for any working. By this analogy, I think that even the fully enlightened people (Arahants) still have some desires and attachments, but not strong enough to make them want to go back to this or any other worlds when they are dying. [For partially enlightened people such as the Stream Enterers (Sodapana), who will no more be born in hell or animal realm of existence, sensual pleasures (especially sexual pleasure) can still be enjoyed (with finer quality, of course). In Tri Pitaka, Ms. Visakha (a beautiful one), who became a Sodapana at age 7, later she married and had 10 sons and 10 daughters, and lived till 120 years old (without any grey hair or wrinkles on her skin!)]

Another problem is that sometime someone might think that he/she has gotten rid of all (enough) desires and attachments, but actually, it is not true. There are some stories in Tri Pitaka that some monks misunderstood themselves as fully enlightened since their lust, anger, arrogance, etc. had not occurred for years due to the lack of stimuli. (So, I think it may be a good idea to expose ourselves to some stimuli sometimes to check whether we have some level of enlightenment or not. But it may be too risky for someone - the prudent reader may discard this suggestion.)

Finally, I have thought of a parable about the Enlightenment in Buddhism according to my own understanding as follows.

**A TALE FROM A PRISON**

Once upon a time (somewhere in a human-occupied earth in this galaxy) there was a prison for those who were guilty of moral misconducts. The purpose of this prison was to correct the prisoners to be moral-oriented people. A prisoner would be released when he/she was sure to be a good citizen once released. The head of the prison was a peculiar man. He told the new coming prisoners to behave morally with other fellow prisoners and then by his judgment only, they will be released in a short period of time. But it turned out that it usually took a long period of time for a prisoner to be released and some of the prisoners were never released. So, most of the prisoners were disheartened to behave morally to their fellow prisoners.
The hidden fact was that the head of the prison thought that usually a prisoner behaved well to his/her fellows because of wanting to be released. But once released, that prisoner would behave badly as before. If his/her habit did really change, he/she must behave well without wanting to be released. So, he spied on every prisoner to check this condition.

Then there was a new young prisoner who accidentally made some moral misconduct. This young prisoner had a lover who had been engaged with him. So he tried his best to behave well with his fellow prisoners. He wanted to get out of the prison as soon as possible, since his fully happy life awaited him outside.

Time passed slowly, but he did not stop trying his best to make his dream come true. From days to weeks to months to 1 year, 2 years,...5 years. Then he heard that his lover married some man. But he still wanted to go out to live with his parents, so he still behaved prudently with his fellows. Then 10 years passed, 20 years passed, 30 years passed. Then he heard that his parents died of old age. But he still wanted to go out to live in freedom, so he kept on doing good with his friends. Then 40 years passed,...60 years passed. He, then, had developed a heart disease. One day he heard that his former girl friend had died of old age. So, he thought, "Even though I do not like staying inside here, but what can a sickly lone old man do with himself outside? Moreover, I have behaved well with my fellow prisoners for a long time. It's a pity to change it. I will keep on doing it."

Soon after that the head of the prison called him to his office to get the release document. The document stated that he would be released from the prison at 8:00 AM the next morning. Putting the document into his pants' pocket, while walking back from the head of the prison's office, he came across one of his newly-come fellow prisoners. That fellow asked him what was going on. "I will be released from this prison at 8:00 AM tomorrow", he replied calmly. "You must be kidding! You look neither happy nor unhappy. Could you show me something to guarantee your statement?", that fellow asked. Our hero then put his hand into his pants' pocket. Suddenly, there was a flash in his thought, "Who knows? I might die of a heart attack inside this prison here, tonight!" So, he smiled faintly to that fellow, and said, "I am sorry; I don't have anything to guarantee my statement."

END OF STORY
Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

November 2, 2012

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Some Sayings

A Buddhist

"Only praises and blames of the wise are counted, of those of the foolish, however many, are not counted."

The Buddha

"No one can be convinced that he/she is on the wrong track unless that person has had an experience of being on the right one before."

"God wants to rule you, Satan (or Mara) also wants to rule you, but I believe that we can rule ourselves. So, I am neither side with God nor Satan. I am only an ordinary human who believes in self spiritual-liberation."

"Never trust Cheaters however respectful or majestic they might be looked. They are always cold-blooded betrayers who want to enslave human souls."

"Morals are laws founded and enforced by Nature, discovered by humans. They are not intended to make human uneasy but to keep humans away from troubles."

"Virtues are Nature’s rules for giving out rewards which will be given to anyone who follows those rules whether he/she wants them (the rewards) or not. (Usually, if the doer does not want the reward, the reward will be increased.)"

"Wisdom is the knowing of those Nature’s laws of punishment and rules of getting rewards."
"Morals are Universal laws and Virtues are universally honored."

"In the long run, Justice, Honesty and Sincerity endure while Power, Charm and Pretence spoil."

"Minute mistakes at the top cause serious problems at the bottom."

"The Evil are those who know that they have made or are making some serious mistakes but do not accept that they have made or are making them (those mistakes) and keep on doing them."

Anonymous

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Just a Break

Figure 1. Mr. Von Asteroid, Mister Universe 60,000 BCE (from Neanderthaland, Europe)
"See one panorama, get a hundred facts.
Listen to one statement of the wise, get a thousand parables."

[From hundreds of facts in nature, a panorama is formed. From thousands of events experienced and remembered by the wise (i.e. the Buddha), a smart statement is said.]

"When you gain some new wisdom share it with everybody then your wisdom will keep on increasing. I say this not because I know it but because I, myself, have experienced it again and again."

"In Buddhism, anyone who is willing to sacrifice him/her self to help all other people from suffering (troubles) will finally be the one who gains the highest wisdom."

Anonymous

"A lazy one is not a one who is on the road to wisdom."

"It is better to live as a wise just for one day than to live as a fool for a hundred years."

Dhammapada

Please receive my bow

One of your human fellows

May 25, 2013

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How if Nibbana is only a set of attitudes concerning only in the present moment?

By a Buddhist

Figure 1. The Metraiya Buddha (Chinese Style)

His name is from the combination of ‘Metta’ (Pali: compassion) and ‘Maitree’ (Sanskrit: friendship).

Figure 2. Ka-Kating (Indian laurel: *Calophyllum inophyllum*), Metraiya’s Bodhi tree
Figure 3. India (The world) in Metraiya Buddha’s time (a Thai artist’s imagination)

Everybody is handsome (male) or beautiful (female). There is no (or only little) need for competition to earn a living. There is no emperor but peace is everywhere. (Anyway, there should be no skyscraper but slums of small houses instead, the garments might not be this fanciful, and most people might not wear shoes.) [Many thanks to So Dhammapakdee & Sons for this beautiful picture.]
“I will never be sure whether the Metraiya Buddha will be born on this earth or on any other human occupying planet in this galaxy in the distant future when the human life-period on that planet will be 80,000 years old or not. But the thing that I am sure is that he will make those humans (on that planet) self-realize that no one can comprehend eternity since our memory is limited. So it is pointless to sacrifice ourselves to try to achieve the eternal happiness. He will also make those humans self-realize that nothing can stay by itself, so nothing can stay unchanged in their bodies and minds. As long as they (their unique self-awareness) exist they uncontrollably cannot avoid changes in their bodies and minds (i.e. the feeling of happy or unhappy, getting old, sickness, etc.) or always be able to control things around them to be in their favorable conditions. Moreover, no one is special from any other people in the fact that we all have to receive the result of what we have done to any other people (including animals and the natural surrounding) without exception, so they should not hurt or take advantage of any other people, or greed for wealth and power, or attach to any happiness (wanting to be happy all the time) or try to be special from any other people or want to live forever (young). So they can liberate themselves from any man-made God and dictator (king, queen, ruler, etc.).”

“From all that surround us only what we pay attention to become distinct.

Only those things that are distinct are aware and remembered by us.
Only those things that are aware and remembered by us make up the things that we want to concern in our lives.

Only the things that we want to concern in our lives make up our attachments.

Only arranging the priorities of our attachments makes up our attitudes.

So, we attach intentionally (according to our liking) but ignorantly (of the undesirable consequences) to things by selectively paying attention to different objects (both concrete and abstract) around us and form different attitudes by selective arranging the priority of those attachments.”

“Most of us have to suffer a great deal since we have chosen high suffer-bound attachments by adopting high suffer-bound attitudes.

We can change the realities that make us suffer at once, once we change the corresponding attitudes.

We can change the corresponding attitudes once we rearrange the priority or the level of importance of the things concerned in our lives.

We can rearrange the level of the importance or the priority of the things concerned in our lives once we pay attention to different objects from those objects we used to pay attention to.”
“Freedom or liberation of our spirit has the highest priority.

The next priority is living a virtuous life.

Concerning the virtuous life, helping others to attain the freedom or liberation of their spirits has the highest priority.

The next priority is the survival (security) of our lives.

The next priority is the self-dependent life.

The next priority is the comfortable life.

The last priority is the abundant or luxury life.

The no-priority is power and fame.”

“We will suffer a great deal if we attach to things (i.e. viewpoints, benefits, etc.) that are not right (i.e. just, moral, and rational).

We will attach to things (i.e. viewpoints) that are not right once we have accepted those things (viewpoints) as acceptable for a long time.

We will accept things (i.e. viewpoints) that are not right once we are accustomed to those things (i.e. viewpoints) for a long time.
We will be accustomed to things (i.e. viewpoints) that are not right once we have been exposed to those things (i.e. viewpoints) for a long time.

So this is how the King of Mara and all dictatorial leaders on this planet bring suffering to humanity by their controlled media and false educations.

Prepare for the worst case scenario is the most reasonable thing that we should do if we lose faith in the Buddha and God (in the meaning of the almighty divine being).

Since it is impossible for any being to conceive eternity whether eternal happiness in heaven or eternal extinguishment of our unique self awareness, to get rid of the unending doubt we can safely assume that there are no such conditions.

The next things that we can do right away are getting rid of the craving for fame and power, the attitude of self-important, the attitude of adoring the abundant and luxury life since these things are easily seen to bring a lot of trouble to our and other people’s lives (cause us to do evil things or take advantage of other people, cause a lot of competitions, abusing natural resources, spoiling the environment, etc.).

‘The Salvation of our soul’ then will change to be ‘the Liberation of our soul’ instead. We will then recognize all things (greed, lust, hatred, stupidity, faiths, beliefs, attitudes, persons, etc.) that have enslaved our souls (enticed us to have attachments) since birth.”
“If we have faith in the almighty divine being (God) and the Buddha then we can aim for our ‘Spiritual Salvation’; if we lose faith in the almighty divine being and the Buddha then we have to aim for our ‘Spiritual Liberation’.”

“We may never know whether our minds reach the ‘Spiritual Salvation’ or not, but we can certainly know when our minds reach the ‘Spiritual Liberation’ which is the day when we no more have to take refuge in the almighty God or the Buddha and can free our minds from greed, lust, hatred, attachments and the desire for the eternal happiness or the eternal extinguishment of our unique self-awareness.”

“Perhaps there never is such thing as the ‘Spiritual Salvation’, only the ‘Spiritual Liberation’ exists. Or the almighty God’s Salvation actually means no more wanting for eternal happiness and Nibbana actually means no more wanting for the eternal extinguishment of our unique self-awareness, and knowing of this fact is called ‘the Enlightenment’.

“ก้ามี คีก้าว่า ก้าดค์”

“KumKhi DeeGwa KumToad”

“It’s better to grasp some excrement than to grasp only the air that pass out of the anus.”

A demeaned but profound Thai saying
SUMMARY

‘Spiritual Salvation’ is to obtain the eternal happiness in heaven or eternal extinguishment of our unique self-awareness by giving ourselves whole-heartedly to God or belief in the Buddha’s words. It is the state that cannot be self-realized (1st case) or proved in the present moment (‘now’). In other word, it is intangible.

‘Spiritual Liberation’ is to obtain enough insights or attitudes and self-awareness or consciousness that no one’s unique self-awareness is special to others’, nobody can be the absolute owner of anything, not to do evil or selfish deeds, not to harm or take advantage of other people or animals or abuse or spoil the natural environment, never give up ourselves to anybody, realize that we cannot always avoid some sickness, misfortunes, things or conditions that we don’t like, old age and death. It is the state that we can self-realize, attain in the present moment (now) and prove to ourselves and also to other people. In other word, it is tangible.

“Since no one can conceive ‘Eternity’ and it’s always good to be free,

Let’s “KumKhi* DeeGwa KumToad**”

An imminent world-widely accepted English-Thai hybrid saying

(Here *Khi has the metaphoric meaning of a tangible entity which is the ‘Spiritual Liberation’,

**Toad has the metaphoric meaning of an intangible entity which is the ‘Spiritual Salvation’.)
However, in *MūlaPariyāya Sutra*, the Buddha says that he (as well as all arahants) knows Nibbana (either in meaning of Spiritual Salvation or Spiritual Liberation) thoroughly but does not attach to Nibbana. So the better saying should be:

“Since ‘Khi’ (excrement) is dirty and ‘Toad’ (fart) does not smell good. Let’s neither ‘Kum (grasp) khi’ nor ‘Kum Toad’.”

(I think all Japanese Zen masters should agree since at least it sounds more hygienic!)

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

October 26, 2013

[Last adding: November 4, 2013]
“According to Buddhism, the beauty of a human body is the result of the moralities that that person used to have in his/her previous lives. So, it is the morality that makes humanity beautiful not the body.”

“Through Simplicity the real Beauty can be easily recognized, or we can say that ‘the real Beauty shines in Simplicity’ (i.e. a real beautiful girl can be recognized easily once she is in plain dress and no makeup).”

“Simplicity is close to Understanding, Humbleness and Contentment but not Genius, Greatness or Comfort ability (material development). Or we can say that Simplicity is just physically sufficient and understanding but might not be worldly-intelligent, elegant or comfortable. Moreover, since Simplicity contains understanding and contentment but might lack of comfort ability, it is close to the ‘Self-realized Detachment’ of all things concerned in our lives or the ‘Enlightenment’ more than the Complicatedness even though it might contain much less (worldly) intelligence.”

“Only through Simplicity (i.e. of livelihood, way of thinking, etc.) and spiritual Freedom the Enlightenment can be obtained; only through the Enlightenment the Spiritual Liberation
can be obtained.” [The (temporary) ruler of any society should not entrench the people with strong political attachments (patriotism, leader idolatry, etc.) or religious blind-faiths (i.e. forced beliefs, image idolatry, etc.) or boot the national monetary income or technological advancement for the ever-growing domineering and budget-consuming-but-inefficient government and the benefit of a few rich politicians, business(wo)men, half-witted and lost-in-time warlords (high-ranked military officers). Instead, he/she should use the policy that will decrease (limit) the wealth (income) difference between very few rich people and all the rest ordinary people, help the people in that society to be able to have simple way of life (self-sustainable and honorable) or ease the complexity and the competitiveness required for the survival in that society and save the cleanliness of the natural environment if the Spiritual Liberation is still highly valued by most of the people in that society.]

“For those who have had experience, only the taste of the Spiritual Liberation (Self-Spiritual sovereignty) excels the taste of being loved, protected or all feelings of bliss or happiness.”

“Those who try to deprive the people from their Spiritual Liberation by shoveling their pretended (Self-deluded) Love or Compassion into those people will never be praised by any who values the Spiritual Liberation as the noblest state of his/her spirit.”
'SPIRITUAL LIBERATION'
THE TRUE FINAL GOAL OF AN INDIVIDUAL & HUMANITY

By a Buddhist

"The Devils are those who want to rule over all the people’s minds." "Those who worship the Devils are nastier than the Devils themselves." "Slave like-minded greedy idiots choose Spiritual Salvation and usually fall victims of the Devils, while reasonable people who love freedom choose Spiritual Liberation and usually can save themselves from the Devils."

"We cannot cure the eyesight of those who can really see but pretend that they cannot, as well as we cannot persuade slave-like minds to strife for the freedom of their own spirits. So, we should not let these kinds of people discourage us by not paying too much attention to them."

"For those who choose the Spiritual Liberation will see right away that, so far, there are only 2 religions on this planet talking about this, which are Buddhism and Taoism."

"Judging from the available literatures, only Buddhism contains enough concise-detailed steps and descriptions of the way of life to reach the Spiritual Liberation." [This is called ‘Makka 8’ or ‘the shortest one-way 8-lane super highway (without speed limit) directly to the Spiritual Liberation’]

"Until the liberation of all our fellows’ spirits in these $10^{12}$ Galaxies in all realms of Reality"

One of your human fellows

November 24, 2013
LOVE IN BUDDHISM

By a Buddhist

"Patience is the most powerful thing to burn the defilement in the mind. Extinguishment is the supreme teaching of those who are self-awakened. Those who still beat or kill other people (also animals) are not called 'monks'. Monks must not cause troubles to other people (including animals)."

"Abstain from doing all unwholesome deeds.

Do only wholesome deeds.

Get rid of all taint in the mind.

These are the teachings of those who are self-awakened."

"Do not verbally hurt other people. Do not physically hurt other people.

Restrain yourself in the monks' rules.

Do not eat too little or too much.

Stay in solitude.

Train your mind in high levels of concentration and insight.

These are the teachings of those who are self-awakened."

The preaching of the Buddha on the first Makha Puja Day which summarizes Buddhism cosmically
Although I have said a couple of times before that many Buddhists believe that nothing happens by chance, I have to accept that I see that it is an accident that the Buddhist’s Makha Puja day which is considered to be the memorial day when the Buddha first and only once declared the fundamental teaching in Buddhism, as shown above, in this year is the same day as the Christians’ Saint Valentine day which many Christians regard as the day of ‘Love’. Anyway, when looking at the summary of Buddhism above we see that it says nothing about ‘Love’. Moreover ‘Love’ is usually not appreciated much in Buddhism, such as from the frequently quoted Buddha’s saying “Where there is love, there is ‘dukkha’ (suffering or sorrow).” Some Westerners, maybe with a good intention, have tried to put ‘Love’ into some Buddha sayings such as “Hate can only be stopped by Love.” which I think it is hardly possible to put into practice; the original Buddha’s statement is “Revenge can only be stopped by not taking revenge.” or “We should not be angry to the one who is angry at us to stop the quarrel.” (Although they are also very difficult to put into practice, I think they are a little bit easier to do.)

However, as long as we are not fully enlightened, it is unavoidable for most of us to love somebody in any kind of relationships (lovers, parents-children, siblings, friends, comrades, master-pet, etc.) And the Buddha did not say that it is malicious; he just warned us that if we attach to it, it will hinder our full detachment (enlightenment) and is likely to bring us sorrow finally. Anyway, the Buddha, himself, did tell us that sometime ‘Love’ can be used as a good tool to achieve the enlightenment as in the following story in Dhammapada.

It is said that once the Buddha told the monks that he would live only for 4 more months.* (*This is contrary to the story in Digha Nikaya, which is more accepted, that the Buddha firstly announced his coming death 3 months prior to his death) Many monks gathered into small groups consulting to one another about the Buddha’s coming death with sorrowful feeling. However, there was one monk thinking that it should be better for him to reach the full enlightenment before the Buddha died, so he
separated himself from the group, practicing the mind training. After a while his friends noticed that he was absent from the group, not showing any love to the Buddha, so they came to the Buddha and reported this. The Buddha then summoned that monk and asked him the reason why he separated himself to be in solitude. The monk told the Buddha and his friends what he had intended to do. Once heard this, the Buddha praised him highly among his friends, saying that any monk who loved the Buddha should do the same as this monk. (If I am not misremembering once hearing the Buddha’s praise he attained the full enlightenment.)

Happy the Valentine day!

Please receive my bow. One of your human fellows

February 14, 2014

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I have read the story how Sariputtra, the Buddha right-side disciple, attain Sodapanna-hood (the state of being a Stream-enterer, the first level of Enlightenment in Buddhism) for many times and years ago, but only recently, I think I understand the real meaning of the statement in that story. The story is as follow:

Sariputtra is the monk-name of ‘Upadissa’ a wealthy and intelligent single man (his age was the same as the Buddha) in Magadha. One day, while watching a play, he was bored with his layman life, seeing that it had no permanent happiness; everybody would be old and die not long after that. So, he abandoned his layman’s life together with his close friend, ‘Kolita’ (who later ordained to be a monk in Buddhism and became ‘Moggallana’, the Buddha’s left-side disciple). He and his friend then became disciples of Sanjaya Velattaputtra a renowned ascetic who had found a school teaching how to debate. Upadissa, in a short period of time, learnt all of Sanjaya’s knowledge and saw that it was not really beneficial so he and his friend left Sanjaya’s abode to seek for ‘the immortal knowledge’.

One day Upadissa met Assashi, the 5th disciple of the 5 disciples of the Buddha who listened to the Buddha’s first 2 very important lectures, the Middle Path to the Spiritual Salvation
(Liberation) and the Anatta doctrine, and was impressed by Assashi’s respectful mannerism.

So, Upadissa asked Assashi,

Upadissa: Sir! Who is your teacher?

Assashi: Siddhattha Gautama!, who was a prince of Sakkaya tribe.

Upadissa: What is the teaching of your teacher?

Assashi: I am a new student. I cannot say it profoundly!

Upadissa: I don’t need the elaboration; please tell me only the gist!

(Assashi saw that Upadissa dressed in the form of ascetics who liked to debate so he summarized Buddha’s teaching in a few short hard-to-debate statements as follows :)

Assashi: The ‘thing’ that happens because there is a ‘cause’ to make it happen, my teacher teaches about that thing and the cause that make that thing happen. He also teaches about the extinguishment of that thing and the cause that makes that thing extinguish. This is all he always teaches.”

Upadissa, once heard this, attained the first level of enlightenment and knew by himself that nothing (concrete, abstract) is everlasting, all things are subjected to change, everything that is born must be eventually die.
It is only recently (actually only a day before writing this article) that I have realized that Assashi’s summary of the Buddha’s teaching is the 4 Noble Truths, as follows:

- **The thing** means Dukkha or Suffering
- **The cause that makes that thing happen** means Tanha or Craving
- **The extinguishment of that thing** means Nirotha or the Cessation of Suffering
- **The cause that make that thing extinguish means** Makka or the Path to end Suffering (Salvation) or The Path to end Craving (Liberation)

*(Or every Buddhist has already known about this for a long time!*,

*and I am the only Buddhist guy who have been left behind for a long time!???)

Please receive my bow.

*One of your human fellows*

January 27, 2014
THE DAWN OF HUMANISM
THE NEW AGE HAS ARRIVED

"Hope was all I had until you came. Maybe you can see how much you mean to me. You are the dawn breaking the night, the promise of morning light, filling my world around me. When I hold you, baby, baby, feel like babies, things will be all right." - Adapted from the song 'Only Yesterday', sung by the Carpenters

(The picture is from http://www.FractalEnlightenment.com)

"It looks like Nature imitates itself from minute scale to gargantuan scale both space-wisely and time-wisely (from chaos to order and from order to chaos), infinitely and eternally. So, it is likely that to have pure self-awareness (no ego, attachment, fear, etc.) of ourselves at the present moment is equivalent to conceive the infinite number of souls in the universe and the eternity of time" - anonymous
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NEW AGE ADDITIONAL CONCEPTS OF ANATTA

By a Buddhist

As we have discussed earlier in the second article of the 'home' page of this website that it is unavoidable for a religion's teaching to be tightly concerned with popular beliefs or faiths which have been embedded widely and deeply in that society in the first time the teaching begins. When the Buddha began his teaching in Northern India, 2,600 years ago, most of the Indians believed that there is a 'Self' or 'Atta' in each of us which is an indecomposable, invisible, unchanging material entity. According to the belief, this 'Self', in the absence of all defilements (i.e. greed, lust, passion, anger, delusion, etc.) and karma (the more precise word is 'vipakka' which means the pending results of the past deed), can 100% control itself (that is having absolute free will or liberty) and is happy or blissful by itself. The Buddha denied the existence of such entity in each of our bodies by his Anatta Doctrine. Anyway, in this looming-to-pass Material-privileged Age, hopelessly-ego-maniac people still have some grounds to claim that they are special from or superior to others, since each of our self-awareness is unique and we all have free will. Obviously, the Buddha did not intend to make his teaching to cope with this new human's viewpoint of the 21st century. However, I think that some recent scientific findings can be used to make up these weak points of Buddhism's old fashion teachings. (Buddha's teachings are always true, but people's Philosophical understandings, viewpoints about their lives and topics of their interest change with Ages.) I can think of 4 scientific findings that help strengthen Buddha's Anatta Doctrine as follow.

1. **There is no single spatial point of any thought or any self-awareness.**

As seen from Figure 1 on the next page, when we think, electric pulses will occur in more than one area in our brain. Even the awareness of a moving object has to be processed by at least 3 areas of the brain for the awareness of its shape, its color and its motion. [From Robert Winston's '(DK) Human'] So, it is very likely that when we are just aware of the existence of ourselves (not thinking of something else) that awareness has to depend on more than 1 active area in our brain. So, the feeling of a single-point of our thinking or our self-awareness is scientifically proven to be a delusion. In other word, we can say that space-wisely, there is no 'unique Self' or "no Atta".
Figure 1.*

An example of active electric pulse areas in our brain while we are aware of something

(*I suck this picture from http://www.tomoku.com/)

2. 'Self' is not a concrete entity but a purely abstract entity

Many scientists still think that the self-awareness or the single-point center of thinking is some kind of electric pulses in some area in our brain. However, some textbook [Robert Winston's '(DK) Human'] states that scientists cannot find any area of the brain that once shut down (taken off?) will totally shut down the self-awareness of that person. So one's self-awareness is caused by many electrified areas in his/her brain but there is no specific area needed to fulfill his/her self-awareness. So, it is very likely to be able to say that the unique self-awareness is something apart from the electrified areas in the brain (which are concrete entities) although it has to depend on them. In other word, we can think that the unique self-awareness is a purely abstract entity. [Contrary to a not-purely abstract entity which means it may be corporate with some concrete entity (i.e. mass, energy, etc.), but we do not take that concrete entity into consideration. And here, in the brain, we can see the mechanism how the top abstract entity overrules (or can manifest to be) concrete entities and how concrete entities influence (or can convert to be) an (the top) abstract entity.] So all tyrants or ego-maniac people who mostly have
the material-prevail-the-world attitude should keep in mind that Science has proved that their 'Mighty Self's are purely abstract (which are foolishly created by their own delusions).

3. There is no free will in this Universe.

(Not so) Recent Science has found out that what happens when a person thinks is the creation of electric pulses in various parts of the brain. It is likely that the thought or the awareness creates these pulses (Although some people think vice versa.). But the sure thing is our thought or awareness is influenced by these electric pulses. And since they are electric things, they, in turn, are supposed to radiate and be influenced by electric or electro-magnetic fields created like-wisely by brains which we may call 'thought waves'. So our thoughts both radiate and are influenced by thought waves. In classical Physics, electro-magnetic wave will be transmitted outwardly from the source to infinity. Nowadays, there are almost 7 billion people on this planet, not include animals that can think like human, so everywhere and any time we are all immersed in the difficult-to-analyze global thought-wave field. So, as a matter of fact, we can never be able to think freely or to have free will unless we are alone in deep space. Moreover, Buddha warned us to avoid living in the area where there are many people keep on taking revenges (with violent actions) on others. I think that besides the physical dangers which may befall us inadvertently, that area should be filled with hateful, aggressive and revengeful thought waves - even the Buddha himself might not be able to quell those who are in that quarreling area. (There was already an example in the Buddha's time, 2 sects of monks - the scholars and the practitioners in a monastery in Kosambi kept quarreling about some minor misunderstanding between their teachers. Even though the Buddha tried to quell the quarreling himself many times, they did not listen. Finally, the Buddha had to flee that monastery to live in a forest with a wild elephant and a monkey during that rainy-season camping period.)

[Nowadays, tyrannies or dictatorial (both explicit and implicit) governments have gained their benefits by making use of this natural fact. They use mass media to win favor of a handsome portion of population which has strong will. That portion of population will radiate strong revering and submissive thought wave throughout the country. It will affect even the minds of the ones who are not exposed to the mass media.]
4. Total loss of memory

There have been many creditable evidences in many countries around the world that some ones can recall their past lives. I have no doubt that most of the acclaimed cases are true. I think that the main reason that most people cannot accept the fact of reincarnation is because they cannot recall their own past lives themselves. Moreover, the acceptance of reincarnation seems to affect some radical teachings of all monotheistic religions whose believers are now the most influential people on this earth. However, behind public, we should feel no guilty to accept this fact if we are sure that it is really true, since I think, no matter what faiths or beliefs we have, knowing this kind of truths is essential if we truly want to reach the salvation or the liberation of our souls.

So what is the point to be special or superior to others? We all will finally die in no more than 80-90 years averagely. And if we are lucky enough to be born human again, we will no more have the previous wealth or honor, or the slightest memory of having them or how important persons we used to be.

"Humans are different from animals in the way that while animals will do anything according to their survival instincts, humans can restrain their actions considering the consequences of their actions."

"If no one assumes, or lets him/her to be assumed, that he/she is superior to others or assumes or agrees that someone is superior to others, then all the social problems on this earth will be solved at once."

"To love for the sake of being loved, even dogs do that.
To be able to love without being loved is 'Human'.
To love even though being hated is 'Divine'."

- Anonymous

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

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THE ASSUMED SENTIENT MOTHER EARTH

By a Buddhist

![Figure 1. The Mother Earth](image)

*Even though she is quite big compared to each of us, she needs each of us' tender care to make her a happily livable place for us all.*

Ms. Reba Cain has proposed in her website (http://www.theawakeningshift.com/category/gaia-theory) the 'Gaia Theory' stating that the earth is a living sentient being (a being that has a unique self-awareness). I think her theory can be accepted at once with no need of any proof, because to assign a unique self-awareness to something is to personify it, which, generally, can be done even to no-life material or abstract entities. [The most important ones are the personification of electric pulses in our brain to be our 'Self' and sometimes, some moral or some virtue (i.e. justice) or nature or all things that exist to be 'God'] The personification of anything is subjective, which means it should not be regarded as 'wrong' or 'false' by other people who do not agree with it. Actually, regarding this earth as a female sentient being has been done in many cultures around the world, in the East, in the West and in America since the dawn of human civilization. The Inca word for the earth 'Pachamama' is quite interesting to look at. 'Pacha' in Pali (an old Asian India language used to record Theravada Buddhism) and Thai language means 'people', and 'mama'
in many languages including Chinese and some Southeast Asian native languages means 'mother'. So the Inca word for this earth 'Pachamama' is easily recognized at once by many cultures around the world that it means "the mother of the people", which they also have called the earth by somewhat like meanings in their own languages. In the old days with this respectful feeling toward this earth it seemed like people in many places around the world did not attach strongly to the human assumed ownership of the land, not used or exploited natural resources excessively and took good care of the cleanliness of the land, the water and the atmosphere. Even though people in those days had fewer technologies than the present time but the earth was a much more pleasant place to live than it is nowadays. (If the old days are within 40 - 50 years ago, I, myself, have witnessed this fact.) If we all return to this old days' belief and our awareness of the urgency of the environmental restoration is world-widely strengthened, why shouldn't we do it?

Please receive my bow.

one of your human fellows

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THE ASCENSION TO THE NEW-AGE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS

By a Buddhist

"If there is someone proposes to us that 'I will pierce through your body with 100 spears in the morning, another 100 spears at noon, and another 100 spears in the evening, everyday for 100 years, then you will attain the enlightenment.'

The knowing one should accept this proposal at once, since as long as anyone is not enlightened, that one will surely suffer much more than this, endlessly in the Samsara (endless rounds of birth-death.)"

The Buddha's words
Presently, there are some people saying that the year 2012 is the end of the long-count Mayan calendar, especially the day December 21, 2012. Some of them say that there might be some global catastrophic events which will take away many human lives and after that humans will pass into the New Age of the Spiritual Betterment or the Global Enlightenment. Many other people may think that these people are screw loose, saying about impossible things which the time is going to prove that are all wrong (or are laughing stocks). So far, the earth is still OK to live on like centuries before, and many people will say that they do not even know the meaning of enlightenment; how can a person be enlightened when he/she does not even know the meaning of enlightenment? Moreover, both strong believers in conventional religions and Science all point to this idea of the earth’s coming catastrophic events and global enlightenment as definitely impossible. However, I would like to remind the reader that just decades before 1969, the idea that "man can land on the moon" had been also looked down upon by a lot of people, who strongly believed in conventional religions and Science, as impossible. Anyone who seriously talked about 'moon landing' would be regarded as a 'lunatic' (maybe the word comes from the word 'lunar', which means 'the moon'). However, once the Americans (USA) could do it [I have to accept that, considering only this event, they were really heroes for humanity although they rarely were (or have been, or are right now)], nobody (or almost nobody) would like to talk about moon landing anymore. The thing that once caught almost everybody's attention that it was impossible, once proven to be possible; people would soon pay no more attention to it. I think that this fact applies to all other subjects.

Firstly, let's look at the foretold global catastrophic events. I think that we have seen enough of them during the past 3-year period (i.e. Tsunami in Japan, earthquakes in the Caribbean, etc.) For many people the Apocalypse has already occurred to them (with no chance to repent). So, personally, I think that this part of the prediction has already fulfilled. (And although the prediction that the world would be covered with darkness for 3 day-and-night might not come true for many people, I would like to appreciate the Japanese princess' sincere concern about the welfare of the whole humanity. Moreover, I usually wear dark sun-glasses to protect my eyes both day and night, so, for me, her prediction is correct!)

Secondly, let's consider the spirituality. Before the advent of the Buddha, the word 'enlightenment' was preserved only for very few ascetics, who lived in severe austerity all their lives, usually only for those who were regarded as the
founder or the head of a religion (i.e. Maha Vera - the founder of Jainism). Anyway, when the Buddha gave his first lecture to the general public presided by Bimbisara, the king of Magadha county at that time, 110,000 people out of 120,000 people who listened to the lecture attained enlightenment to be the stream-enterers (Sodapanna) who would no more be born as animals, hungry ghosts, frightful ghosts or hell creatures and were destined to reach the full enlightenment within 7 rebirths. They would know by themselves that they should not kill any animal (no need to say anything about killing humans), steal anything from anybody (or rob, or take someone's right to be his/her own), commit adultery or (intentionally) tell a lie. So, massive enlightenment occurred to ordinary people in the Buddha's time. Some people may think that that was possible only in the Buddha's time, since nowadays thousands of Theravada monks and Theravada Buddhists seem to be far away from the enlightenment even though they know a lot of teachings of the Buddha from the canons. (Anyway, Buddha said that it is difficult to know whether someone is enlightened or not.) I think that one of the main reasons is because the teachings of the Buddha have been modified, truncated and added politically to please kings or the rulers or the influential people or the wealthy people or the majority of people since the Buddha died. That's why there are some contradictory statements even among the statements that are supposed to be the genuine Buddha's words in Theravada Tri Pitaka. The worst thing is the meaning of the Buddha's Anatta Doctrine and the meaning of the highest goal in Buddhism which is called 'Nibbana' have been deliberately or foolishly made confusing. We can see in general that how hard one tries, the not-understandable destination can never be reached. Once we understand the right meaning of the Buddha's Anatta Doctrine and the meaning of Nibbana, it is possible that, if we want, we can attain the first level of enlightenment as a stream-enterer without much difficulty. (It is written in the canons that at the time of the Buddha's death, there were about 2,400,000 partially enlightened devas (beings in some spiritual-dominated realities) who were the population of only Magadha county while the Buddha was living - not count those who had fully enlightened and extinguished and those from other counties. What we need to gain to be enlightened as a stream-enterer are the right viewpoints such as 1) there is nothing in our mind or body that will stay constant eternally as our true Self. 2) Our unique self-awareness is not special from or superior to other unique self-awareness in the way that it will not be excluded from the results of the good and bad deeds. (Trying to please God is useless when dealing with the law of Karmas. Whether God exists or not we have to be
responsible for our actions. We cannot avoid the results of our actions just because we do not remember them or be ignorant of the results of what we have done.) 3) As long as we exist we cannot always avoid things that we do not like, sooner or later we have to face them (i.e. hard works, disappointments, competitions, being losers, sorrows, sickness, old age, separated with the things we love, be with the things we hate, etc. and finally, death).

We can see that nowadays, if we strictly following the rules (i.e. laws) or the traditionally praise-worthy deeds or social norms that will not guarantee that we will be safe. Rulers of all societies try to make the people have strong attachment to some things (i.e. materially prosperity, nation's pride of winning competitions or having superior material things, military sovereignty, etc.) with the claiming that they are important to the survival and happiness of the society. Usually, strong attachment (obey, respect, appreciation) to those things will make the people unable to tread the way to reach their enlightenment as a stream-enterer but will cause more suffering to their lives. Anyway, I think that once the people have the said appropriate viewpoints, the level of their self-awareness (consciousness) will increase, making them be able to decide how to response appropriately with the society in which they live while still be able to tread their path of salvation.

So, for the coming New Age, let's have full awareness of the sense of Self-reliance, Self-responsibility and Mutual respect in order that we can manage to live in the society and be able to tread our own path of salvation at the same time.

"After a very long search, I finally find ‘the true God’ that has to be responsible for everything that has happened to my life. That is ‘my own self’.”

"Mara (Satan) is anyone who tries to make other people always depend on him/her or make him/her more important than others."

"If God exists, God should love everybody not just us."

Anonymous
Please receive my bow.

one of your human fellows

December 20, 2012

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THE UNIQUE UNIVERSAL CONSCIOUSNESS

By a Buddhist

"Some world creatures have different-looked bodies and different consciousness. Some world creatures have identical-looked bodies and the same consciousness. Some world creatures have different-looked bodies but the same consciousness. Some world creatures have identical-looked bodies but different consciousness.

Some world creatures (do not have bodies but) have the only consciousness that space is limitless.
Some world creatures (do not have bodies but) have the only consciousness that the number of consciousness is infinite.
Some world creatures (do not have bodies but) have the only consciousness that (in reality) there is nothing.
Some world creatures (do not have bodies but) have the only consciousness that they neither have consciousness nor do not have consciousness."

The Buddha's words

There have been a lot of efforts to understand and share the knowledge about human self-awareness or human consciousness lately (which are shown in many short video documentaries in YouTube). Many people have suggested that we should increase the frequency of our self-awareness to be in tune with the unique universal or cosmic consciousness, and then the sense that we are different from other people will vanish. They say that humanity will have the one consciousness which will make us understand the consciousness of all animals and everything in nature. Some ones might want to ask me whether this kind of thinking is possible in Theravada Buddhism’s viewpoint. Did the Buddha say anything about this kind of thing? To the best of my knowledge
that I can answer now is that according to Buddhism, human is categorized as a type of world creatures whose bodies are differently looked (among themselves) and the consciousness of each of them (us) is also different from person to person in general, like other animals in the animal kingdom [and gods who can think and angles (together may be called 'Devas') and ghosts and hell creatures - if the reader believe that these things exist]. However, the meaning of 'a self-awareness of' or 'a consciousness of' has one of its meanings as "the enthusiastically keep in mind that..." which, the Buddha told, if rightly chosen may bring peace and harmony to the society in which we live. For (my) example, if we enthusiastically keep in mind that each of us is unique since our self-awareness is unique but no one should think that he/she is special since anybody else can also think that he/she is special, or "Do to other people as you wish they would do to you." as Thales suggested, or "Do not do to others what you do not what them to do to you.", as Confucius suggested.

Other consciousness that I think should be regarded as universal are: 1) we should respect animal's life and right. 2) This Mother Earth is not big and strong enough to make all of us live luxury or very comfortable all the time. We should never poison her with herbicides, insecticides, too much detergent, or pour the upper atmosphere with dirty fumes from jet planes all the time. (Personally, I believe that devas in heaven are very angry now since their habitats have been heavily polluted by humans. - We should change to solar energy airplanes, or human propelled airplanes, or balloons, or Icarus-type gliders, or bicycles, or walking, or staying home playing with our children instead.) 3) What defines us as 'a human' is our Morality not the Comfort ability or the Technology we have.

"Merry the Christmas Eve, and Happy (the coming) New Year 2013!"

Please receive my bow.

one of your human fellows

December 24, 2012

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THE ANATTA DOCTRINE AND THE MAYA DOCTRINE IN BUDDHISM

By a Buddhist

For thousands of years the Anatta doctrine has been regarded by many Buddhists as the core of the teachings of the Buddha. It was the Buddha's preaching on the Anatta doctrine that the first fully enlightened people other than the Buddha appeared on the earth for the first time. The summary of this doctrine is that we should not regard our bodies or our minds as our 'Self's' since they keep on changing, cannot be fully or always controllable and are subjected to be in displeasing states. However, these 3 characters do not only apply to our bodies and our minds but also apply to all things in the phenomenal world that we can perceive around us. Or we can say that they apply to the 'so-called' Reality around us. When these 3 characters apply to our bodies and our minds we call it 'the Anatta doctrine', but when these 3 characters apply to all phenomenal things around us, I would like to call it 'the Maya doctrine'. 'Maya', in Pali language, means 'illusion' or 'not real'. The Buddha, himself, said in many sutras (i.e. Dhammapada) that we should regard everything in this world around us as 'an illusion' or not real like the one who can catch the trick of a trickster.

In the Buddha's time most of the people were crazy about the believing that there is something constant and eternal in each of our bodies or our minds, so the Buddha stressed these 3 characters primarily on our bodies and our minds (which is called the 'Anatta doctrine). However, since 1500's, most of the people have changed their craziness to the believing that the phenomenal world around us in the awaken state is the absolute reality, so, I think, nowadays, if we want to be enlightened we should also stress the application of these 3 characters on everything around us in our awaken state (which is to be called the 'Maya doctrine'). The attachment that there is something constant and eternal in each of our bodies or our minds causes many (or perhaps almost all) of us to be self-deluded, egomaniac, thinking that he/she is special or superior to other people. While the attachment that everything around us (in our awaken state) is the absolute reality tends to make us greedy, have strong attachments (i.e. love some things, hate some things, be proud of some things, be humiliated by or look down upon some things, worshipping some ones more than our own parents, etc.) so we can be fooled or intimidated by someone to break any morality. [By the way, I have noticed that any person who has strong attachment to his/her own self that he/she is superior to other people
and has strong belief that the phenomenal world in the awaken state is the (only) absolute reality is usually very afraid to die much more than ordinary people.

In Buddhism, a Mara or a Satan can be anyone who is very influential but has the strong attachment to him/her 'Self' as unchanging, eternal entity, and everything around him/her in the awaken state as the absolute reality. He/She wants the people to respect him/her as the highest, not want them to have other viewpoints than this (the same viewpoint that that one has), lest they will get away from his/her control. Unfortunately, everywhere on this earth all conventional educations, laws, religions and traditions have been tainted by the people like this for a long time. That's why almost everywhere on this earth, there are leader idolatry, prejudiced social and economic classes, injustice laws and judicial system, (many) too poor and (very few) too rich people living together, prostitution, riots, wars, etc. To solve all these problems, that is to get away from the influence of these Maras, firstly, we must not be one of these Maras ourselves. We should always be conscious of the Anatta and the Maya doctrines to fight the Mara in our minds to overcome our egos (that is to get rid of the thinking of self-importance) and the attachments of the world outside (i.e. greed, comfort, sexual pleasure, fear of being intimidated, pain and death). Then, secondly, we should also be able to defeat the outside Mara, however mighty or shrewd he/she is, with this 2-based 'Anatta- Maya' Sword Dance, not becoming to be victims of his/her propaganda or intimidations.

"Follow not the social norms but what you have considered appropriate.
Obey not the man-made Laws but what you think justice.
Respect not the king or the queen as your most benevolent person but your own mother or father.
Regard not the Buddha as your ultimate refuge but yourselves.
The priority of your love is not Jesus Christ but your own neighbors.
Submit ourselves not to God but to our own awareness that what is right.
Be humiliated not because of our bodies or our knowledge but because of the morality of our spirits.
Be afraid not of the authorities or death but our sins.
The first thing to give to other people is not 'help' but 'respect'.
Avoid not the medium hardships or inconveniences
but too much comfort. 
Help improve not human worldly knowledge or technology 
but human self-reliance and morality. 
Be kind not only to humans 
but also to all animals and the Mother Earth."

Let's do all of these things in this coming new Age.

"Happy New Year 2013."
"Happy the 2nd cycle of the long-count Mayan calendar."
"Happy the New Age of Enlightenment."

Please receive my bow.

one of your human fellows

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An English Tidbit

I think I have almost finished everything I had intended to do in this website. Anyway there is still one more thing that has been nagging my mind. Some might misunderstand the sentence ‘Please receive my bow.” at the end of every article I wrote. So, which picture below represents the right meaning of the sentence?

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September 20, 2013
Some Sayings

_**A Buddhist**_

The best government is to have no government when everybody in that society can rule him/her own self morally and can be independent of the society (for sustaining his/her livelihood) and not greedy or overly abusing the natural resources.

The worst government is to have no government when the stronger and the cleverer are free to take advantage of the weaker or the more foolish or abusing the natural resources or take them (especially, lands) as their own properties.

From all religions’ ideology, humans can achieve the maximum in happiness when the technology and the ego are low and the wealth and the social status of an individual are almost equal to others’ with no exception.

What God teaches humans is to have moral, not be greedy and always get rid of the feeling of Self-important. To obey God is to have moral, not be greedy, always get rid of the feeling of Self-important, not to use His/Her
name to take advantages of other people (i.e. rule or enslave them), abusing or occupying natural resource or as an excuse of waging a war.

Idiots are those who are ignorant of their past grave wrong doings and still receive benefits from those past grave wrong doings.

Evil people are those who are aware of their past grave wrong doings but pretend to be ignorant of those past grave wrong doings and still receive benefits from those past grave wrong doings.

If the reason is because of the fear of losing their lives or security or receiving big embarrassment then they are cowards.

If by that pretended ignorance some innocent people have to be wrongly accused of death penalty and executed then they are cold-blooded.

If by that pretended ignorance they have gained the highest reverence in the society as the spiritual leader and the power to control the society then they are ‘the King of Māras’.

The people in those societies who are ignorant of this fact are fools.
The people in those societies who are ignorant of this fact because they are entrenched (brain-washed) by unavoidable controlled education and mass media are pathetic.

The people in those societies who are aware of this fact but feel indifference are unfriendly people since they give no value to justice and are lack of sympathy, not worthy to make friend with.

The people in those societies who are aware of this fact but do not show any disagreement because of fear then are cowards.

The people in those societies who are aware of this fact but still worship ‘the King of Māras’ since they get a lot of benefits by doing so are ‘the servants of the King of Māras’.

Any society ruled by the king of Māras and most of its population are composed of fools, pathetic, unfriendly people, cowards and the servants of the king of Māras can never attain spiritual enlightenment but is prone to be degenerated in moralities, liberty, peace, happiness and the natural environment condition.
Usually, we are defeated not by our most powerful or shrewd enemy but by our enemy who knows and attack at our weakest point which we cannot defend or have no intention to improve.

Beside our lust, greed, anger and Self-delusion, another grave weak point is our gravely wrong doings in our past which we try to hide from the public. This kind of weak points can be taken off immediately once we are brave enough to thoroughly confess to the public of those gravely wrong doings in the past.

"Repent, the Global (People’s) Enlightenment is nigh."

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

September 23, 2013

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SEASONAL GREETING

“Make each day of our lives a gift to ourselves and this world.”

Many people have said this.

It is always benevolent to think positively. I think the coming year, 2014, can be thought as $= 2 \times 10^7$. 
10 means perfection of morality or knowledge.

0 means enlightenment.

7 means perfection of life [work and rest (or entertainment)].

2 x means double or two-folded from the previous year (2013) or the said things will be experienced by both male and female.

"As long as you behave yourself well and do not bow down to the King of Mara, you are still, at least, one light in this world showing all the people the way to their 'Spiritual Liberation'."

Anonymous

Merry Christmas and Happy the coming New Year 2014.

Please receive my bow.

One of your human fellows

December 23, 2013