In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

In Submission to God, One and the Same

Those who disbelieve say, "If only a miracle could come down to him from his Lord (we will then believe)." You are simply a warner—every community receives a guiding teacher.

From the Quran, we understand that animals are much more complex than appearances would lead us to believe. When they approached the valley of the ants, one ant said, "O you ants, go into your homes, lest you get crushed by Solomon and his soldiers, without perceiving." (27:28)

He did not wait for long. (The hoopoe) said, "I have news that you do not have. I brought to you from Saba, some important information." (27:22)

And He created the livestock for you, to provide you with warmth, and many other benefits, as well as food. (16:5)

Indians have understood the interconnection between us and the animals for some time. To them, life is sacred, just as it is when you love it. And with all your mind, with all your heart, preserve it for your children, for we do not know how long.

From the Quran, we understand that everything in this world is precious to God. This earth is precious to Him. The white too shall pass; the prairie, these shores and forests have promised. There, we shall see.

The receiving of a messenger of God would explain the paradoxes between many of their beliefs and the Quran. As immigrants from European countries came to this land, they tried to convert the Indians without any acknowledgment of the truth among their existing beliefs.

Eventually the Indians, oppressed and defeated, were forced to turn over their land to the settlers. One such Indian tribe, the Suquamish tribe, of the Northwestern United States (former Washington Territory), were forced to give up their land in 1854. Marking the occasion, Chief Seattle, the leader of the Suquamish tribe, delivered a speech which gives some insight into the Indians’ beliefs.

The excerpts from Chief Seattle’s speech on the next page should not only make the Indians may have had the belief in an Almighty Creator, but also that some had the wisdom to realize their God and the God of the “white man” was one and the same, a realization which many modern “whites” have not yet reached.

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Chief Seattle's Speech

[Chief Seattle was the leader of an Indian (Native American) Squaxin tribe at the Northwestern United States. In 1854 he delivered a speech that was part of a delegation to promote treaties with the United States. Among other things, he spoke of the beauty of the earth and the importance of respecting nature.]

"The beautiful earth, for it is the mother of the red man. We are part of the earth and it crests, the juices in the meadows, the eagle, these are our brothers. The rocky trees carry the memories of the red people. Every shining pine needle, every part of the earth is sacred to my people. Every part of the earth is sacred to my people. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the human being. If it does not attack the womb, it will be expelled out and pregnancy will be a good place. If a case of foetus, if a case of embryo that God creates a full term human being or decides to abort in the midst of pregnancy. This is exactly what God is doing in 2125.

"He's provoked him into killing his brother. He killed him and ended with the Porter. God is not a creature for us. When we sell our land, you must keep it apart and sacred, as a place where even the white man can go to taste the wind that is sweet. So we will consider your offer to buy our land. If we decide to accept, I will make one condition: The white man must treat the beasts of his land as his brothers. I am a savage and do not understand any other way. I have seen a thousand rotting tallowflakes on the prairie, left by the white man who shot them from a passing trail. I am a savage and do not understand how the smoking iron horse can be more important than the buffalo that we kill only to stay alive. What is man without beasts? If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man. All things are connected.

You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of their fathers. How can you buy or sell the land? The red men has always retreated before we will your offer to buy our land. The white man has little need of the red men. In the clear water of the lake tells of events and memories in the life of my people. The women have rights, as do those of the wife. In the answer is found in Verse 1213-33. The women have rights, as do those of the wife. In the answer is found in Verse 1213-33.

"Say, come let me tell you what your Lord has really promised for you: You shall not set up idols besides Him. You shall honor your parents. You shall not kill your child from fear of poverty, we provide for you and for you. You shall not kill any soul that has God made life sacred – except in the course of justice. These are His commandments to you, that you may understand. (6:151) and (17:13-33).

Abortion is murder. This has been disputed among scholars who studied the scripture trying to identify the time when life begins, abortion is murder only if it happens in the first three months of pregnancy. The importance of this having embryonic and have been called and not to be aborted during the first three months so that they could go ahead with their life after birth. Our generation was God made life sacred, which starts during the pregnancy and becoming a hanging embryo is only six to eight days. Then God says this hanging embryo becomes a fetus that is given life or deemed dead. We have to realize that there is virtually no time lapse between the fertilized ovum becoming a human being to the fourth cardiac impulse, or the pregnancy to the next stage. The importance of this having embryo has been conveyed to us in the Qur'an. 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