

Tactical Question for the Group Re Terminology In Discussing Reason and Logic

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And a few words for Mr. Dawkins. I remember that a few years ago, I had made a post on FB.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8hy8NxZvFY>

If you would like watch in the above link a video at the Youtube and answer this question :
<<WHY WE ARE HERE>> ?

This was one of the main questions that is dominated in this video at the youtube of a debate among the scientist Mr. Richard Dawkins and a Catholic priest. The Catholic priest gave the same banal answer, which is to live virtuously in accordance to ten commandments by an almighty God that has been invented by the minds of some persons. Persons that were lived and still are living in different places and as they keep their own interests they also claiming that their God is the only absolute true God, who is under their interpretation of how to live in accordance of his absolute justice.

In this rhetorical question WHY WE ARE HERE ?? It is here also that we can understand that the whole point is missing. That outstanding scientist Mr. Dawkins has to read more and more philosophy and especially the Epicurean one. I urge him, with respect, to read Epicurus and Lucretius every night in his bed.

Because he has demonstrated here that he can't answer this question properly. He has demonstrated that the science exist only for the science itself. He has point out where is the huge gap. And the huge gap as a trap is when the science goes by itself without Philosophy.

Thus, he separated the science from ethics, and this happens in that point in which he agrees to say that the Darwinian theory of evolution is not suggested by him for placing us values or virtues on HOW to live.

Wrong Mr. Dawkins, if you connect the Darwinian theory of evolution with ethics you will realize clearly, how the human beings had evolved and especially how they had survived. And you would see also that the most adaptive has survived in Nature. This means that the clever specie which can preserve its genes can survive in Nature. How the human beings had preserved their genes ? Where is their cleverness ? On making such kind of societies with such kind of contracts within the majority of the persons understand and agreed that the solidarity and the friendship among them is something that can preserve them in life, against wild animals, earthquakes, plagues, famines, floods, diseases etc. Our specie, the human being, has proved with historical evidences that when we made social agreements to not harm each other,

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it was something that is PLEASING us and making us living a happy life. Human's life, which is in front of the eternity, has a duration of a nanosecond. And this duration of a time does not deserve to be wasted of endless rhetorical and meaningless questions which are leading to the infinity.

Why we are here, Mr. Dawkins ? IMO the only proper response is this : To fulfill our purpose, our end, our aim in life as set by the Nature and the evidences of evolution as occurred by every individual person that is able to cooperate with others. And the human virtues, which are three or four in number, are THE MEANS for the achievement of this goal that is pleasure. Because if all the virtues would be connected with this goal of PLEASURE, EVERYBODY of US can live a pleasant, blissful and happy life. So simple is the response Mr. Dawkins.

By the way, Mr. Dawkins, here is something of Diogenes of Oinoanda inscription that may would help you to give in future the proper response in front of an audience :

<<Here is the point at issue between the other philosophers and the Epicureans. If we were both inquiring into, "what is the means of happiness?" and the other philosophers wanted to say, "the virtues," (which would actually be true), it would not be necessary for us to take any other step than to agree with them.

But the issue is not, "what is the means of happiness?" The issue is, "what is happiness?" Or, in other words, "What is the ultimate goal of our nature?"

I say both now, and always, shouting out loudly, to all Greeks and non-Greeks, that pleasure is the highest end of life!

The virtues, which are turned upside down by other philosophers, who transfer the virtues from "the means" to "the end", are in no way the end in themselves! The virtues are not ends in themselves, but only the means to the end that Nature has set for us!

This we affirm to be true in the strongest possible terms, and we take it as our starting point for how men should live.>>