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STEPHEN FRY'S BLASPHEMY REFUTED



Sodomite blasphemer, Stephen Fry

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good," Psalm 53:1.

The headlines in a national newspaper ran thus: "Stephen Fry investigated by Irish police for alleged blasphemy". The offensive words were spoken by Fry while he was interviewed on RTE, the Irish state broadcaster. A listener has made a complaint to the Irish police who then began to investigate the matter. Under the Republic of Ireland's 'Defamation Act 2009', a person who publishes or utters blasphemous material "shall be guilty of an offence". A conviction can lead to a fine of up to €25,000. It has already been reported in the press that a court case is unlikely!

Fry was asked what he would say to God if he had a chance. He replied: "How dare you create a world in which there is such misery." "It's not our fault? It's not right. It's utterly, utterly evil. Why should I respect a capricious, mean-minded, stupid god who creates a world which is so full of injustice and pain?" Fry said if he met the Greek gods he would accept them quicker because, "they didn't present themselves as being all seeing, all wise, all beneficent". "Because the god who created this universe, if it was created by God, is quite clearly a maniac, an utter maniac, totally selfish. We have to

spend our lives on our knees thanking him. What kind of god would do that?"

A Christian may be inclined to ignore the ravings of such an obvious fool knowing that there is a great day of reckoning coming soon when he and his like will, with horror unspeakable, realise the dreadfulness of such folly and sin. His utterances pass as humour and intellectual witticisms amongst his admirers, but the truth will be known one day by this grossly silly man (if I can call him such) when "every one of us shall give account of himself to God," Romans 14:12.

However, his words have to be refuted for the sake of the honour of God, and it must be emphasised, Fry's outrageous charges against the Lord CAN be refuted.

Again, for the sake of those who may be influenced by his words and a silent response to them by Christians, a reply must be given.

Also, such wicked slanders of God may shake the faith of some believers, especially if no answer to them were forthcoming.

For these reasons we make a few comments on a matter we would much rather ignore.

I. LITTLE VALUE SHOULD BE PLACED UPON THE VIEWS OF ONE WHO REPUDIATES ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL LAWS OF HUMANITY.

Stephen Fry is a sodomite. As such God says of him: "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient," Romans 1:24-28.

He and his like are given up by God unto vile affections, they are given over to a reprobate mind. What can



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come out of that mind only that which corrupt, ill-conceived, a lie!

If the spring is polluted so will be that which comes of it. "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh," James 3:11-12.

A person whose heart and mind have concluded that abandoning himself to the vile affections of sodomy is a 'good and wise thing' surely cannot be trusted to say anything that is wise?

II. GOD DID NOT CREATE A WORLD OF MISERY, INJUSTICE AND PAIN AS STEPHEN FRY DECLARES.

In his blindness, Fry believes the miseries of this world come from the hand of God. I understand that he is a Jew and as such to his nation there were given the oracles of God which clearly tell us of the world God created and whose fault it is that it is presently filled with misery and injustice and pain.

Paul said this. "What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God," Romans 3:1-2. The Oracles or Word of God teaches us very plainly that the world God created was 'very good'. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good," Genesis 1:31.

Sadly, Mr Fry suffers from that affliction which was so often lamented by the prophets. Here are two examples. "Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not," Jeremiah 5:21. "Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house," Ezekiel 12:2.

This hardness of heart and blindness led to the crucifixion of their Messiah and remains upon them to this day. "But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away," 2 Corinthians 3:15-16.

There is a vail upon the minds and hearts of all men. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them," 2 Corinthians 4:4. But in a special way it has judicially descended upon the Jewish nation, because despite their great privilege of having received the Law of God, they stubbornly refused to submit to it.

It is to be noted, however, that there is a promise of hope for the Jew in the words of Paul to the Corinthian church (2 Corinthians 3:15-16). "Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away." There is a day of enlightenment coming for the Jew. "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins," Romans 11:25-27.

The wicked attitude toward the Lord displayed by Stephen Fry is exactly the same as the spirit manifested by those who rejected the Saviour some 2000 years ago. "There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?" John 10:19-21.

"He hath a devil, and is mad." Are these not the words of Fry? This was said about the Saviour, despite the plain evidence of their untruthfulness. "Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?" Despite the innumerable miracles wrought by Christ, there were those who wickedly slandered Him and eventually brought about His crucifixion. "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. . .



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And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen," John 20:30-31; 21:25.

Throughout the 2000 years that have followed the Saviour's first advent there have been undeniable evidence of God's mercy and love and grace manifested in the changed lives of sinners who have experienced the saving, changing power of His gospel and who have then gone on to be a benefit and blessing to their community. The man of Gadara is a prime example of this truth. He was before a curse and blight upon his community but what a change the Saviour wrought! "And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones," Mark 5:1-5. What a change when Christ saved him! "And they (the local citizens) come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind," Mark 5:15. He desired to depart with the Saviour (Mark 5:18) but obediently became a witness to all around of what God had done for him. "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel," Mark 5:19-20.

The spirit in Stephen Fry was seen even in the wake of such a notable and beneficial miracle. "And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts," Mark 5:15-17.

Is this not what Stephen Fry is guilty of? He is blind to the mercies of God and would dismiss Christ and bid Him depart!

Christ delivers from sin and misery rather than creates it.

I am going to quote at length the Shorter Catechism which along with the proof texts sets forth the truth of the origins of man's misery.

Question 16: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

Answer: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

("And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth," Genesis 1:28. "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Genesis 2:16-17. "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life," Romans 5:18.)

Question 17: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

Answer: The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

("Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," Romans 5:12.)



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Question 18: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

Answer: The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

("For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous," Romans 5:19. "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one," Romans 3:10. And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins," Ephesians 2:1. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me," Psalm 51:5. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man," Matthew 15:19-20.)

Question 19: What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

Answer: All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.

("Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. . . So he drove out the man," Genesis 3:8, 24. "And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others," Ephesians 2:3. "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them" Galatians 3:10. "The wages of sin is death," Romans 6:23. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels, Matthew 25:41.)

Question 20: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

Answer: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

("According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love, Ephesians 1:4. "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe," Romans 3:21-22.)

There is the history of man's wretchedness set down and also the love and mercy of God by which men are saved from that wretchedness through the sacrifice and sufferings of the Lord Jesus on the cross and received by faith in His gospel promises.

Pain and misery came by man's sin and salvation and forgiveness and eternal joy came by Jesus Christ.

The sinful and rebellious heart of man whereby his misery came is fully displayed in the words of Stephen Fry.

III. THE FULL PROOF OF WHAT WE SAY WILL BE GLORIOUSLY DISPLAYED ONE DAY

The world that man's sin has corrupted and defiled will be wondrously purged and purified one day. A fore-runner of that event was seen in the flooding of the world in the days of Noah. That flood was occasioned by man's sin. "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them," Genesis 6:5-7. Here again we have the source of the world's suffering and affliction: "The wickedness of man"!!



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We also see what that sin will result in: judgment! "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished," 2 Peter 3:6. That foreshadowed in the flood will one day take place. Peter goes on to say: "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up," 2 Peter 3:7-10.

1. In the "Day of the Lord" these things will happen. That wonderful day will begin with the return of the Lord in glory, destroying the Antichrist and his armies as stated in Revelation 6. "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" 6:12-17.

There will be no challenging of the Lord or charging Him with wrongdoing or fault or lunacy! Rather there is a submitting to the righteousness of His judgment and wrath!

2. That is how the "Day of the Lord" will begin but these events are but the ushering in of the wonderful thousand years of Christ's reign on earth, with Jerusalem at the centre of His Kingdom, when there will be an experiencing of something of what the world was like before man defiled it by his sin.

"The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more," Isaiah 2:1-4.

3. Under Christ's reign a glorious peace and harmony and Eden-like paradise will ensue. This will be primarily because the devil will be bound. "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years," Revelation 20:1-6.

"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," Romans 8:21-22.



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"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea," Isaiah 11:1-9.

"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD," Isaiah 65:25.

4. The conclusion of the "Day of the Lord" are those events referred to by Peter, which we have already quoted, 2 Peter 3:7-10. This is more fully stated in Book of the Revelation.

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son," Revelation 20:11-21:7

The creating of an earth in which man's rebelliousness and sin have been eternally banished and in which "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" will answer forever the foul blasphemies of all like Stephen Fry who blame God for earth's miseries.

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