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Satire, Reason & Scripture – Part 2

Scripture is not a bit deficient in its profound capacity to contend with cynics, naive optimists or utopian humanists within philosophy, social-economics, or psychology ... not even with sarcastic comedians. It holds people properly accountably for their choices, yet in hope.

God warned humankind to avoid adopting *bad* psychological and social – rather sociopathic – characteristics and behaviors (Ge. 2:16-17; De. 30:9) and even *itemized* many of their *inevitable* consequences. He also offered to all the power to stop behaving that way (Eph. 2:2-3; Ro. 6:18; Jn. 1:12; 2 Co. 6:6-7).

In part-one as well as above are listed a few scriptures, which some may characterize as promoting a cynical worldview that is very *negative* regarding humanity. However, that is a very incomplete picture of Scripture. Scripture also has the most extraordinary good news; so good that it exceeds the human capacity to grasp fully. So much that it makes the most optimistic *worldviewer* comparatively a *sad-Gus*. ‘It’s not called “good news” for nothing.’

Scripture’s powerful prophetic illustrative drama of ‘life on the edge of catastrophe’ was not written for the purpose of providing action-packed entertainment. It substantially describes the inevitable results of ‘human choices gone amuck.’ The Bible’s descriptions of beyond-scalable levels of glory and eternal bliss were not inserted to appease a critical audience demanding a *positive* counterbalance. These prophetic messages are presented within a framework of answering the most serious questions facing humanity, particularly, its existential purpose and eternal destiny. Bible prophecy aligns these high stakes within a yet to be experienced historic future, saturated with the theme of justly and perfectly balancing human accountability and beyond-generous, incomprehensible supernatural grace.

Do you know the destiny of humanity – of yourself – as revealed in Scripture? Those who think such depictions are quaint and unworthy of serious consideration, do so at their own peril. Only a very foolish person rejects warnings because they are frightful. That is like saying, “the consequences of my misbehaviors are too horrific to consider, therefore I will just continue my misbehaviors, which will insure those terrible outcomes, and hold on to ignorance as an assurance that ‘cause and effect’ will not function.” It is like having the map to the universe’s greatest treasures and using it as a rag. Scripture is the treasure-map to eternal life. While some arms are hanging limp by their sides, it is within arms reach.

Wisdom calls to humanity, to you (Pr 1:20). Will you hear her plea? “They hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD” (Pr. 1:29). “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away ...New Jerusalem...” (Rv. 21:1f). – This describes your destiny if you so choose.