

THE INNOCENT GOD

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It is remarkable how people blame God for almost everything. Even those who do not believe in Him, blame Him.

They say, "I don't believe in God for, if He did exist, He would not allow this!"

Others say, "God is responsible for all the troubles and tragedies in the world!"

And yet others say, "All the wars in the world have been caused by religion. Therefore all religion is evil!"

This is said to be one of the reasons why people do not believe in God. And, that being so, it is a false reason.

The majority of wars were certainly not the cause of religion. Here are some examples, with the estimates of the resultant deaths from the war and the diseases that originated from the war.

World War I	50 million
An Shi Rebellion China	33 million
Mongul Conquest	30 million
Manchu Conquest	25 million
Taiping Rebellion	20 million
World War I	15 million
Timur Conquests	15 million
Russian Civil War	5 million
2nd Congo War	3.8 million
Napoleon Wars	3.5 million
Yellow Turban	3 million
Korean War	2.5 million
Viet Nam war	2.495 million
Shaka's conquests	2 million
2nd Sudanese war	1 million
Iran-Iraq	1 million
Boer Wars	750,000
Irish Civil War	360,000 (really a War of Independence)

That is over 130 million deaths from a few of the non-religious wars.

In my town in the late 1960s our imposing theatre burned down. People blamed God or said, "Why did God allow this?" which is, in effect, an accusation. It was proved that the fire was caused by a cigarette. Does God smoke?

The religious wars include the crusades which killed 1 million. The Troubles in Northern Ireland may be rightly called religious wars and in the first 32 years of the Troubles 3526 lives have been lost

Contrast this with the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In Hiroshima 90,000 died, 87,000 in Nagasaki and there were thousands injured and many died from cancer due to the resultant radiation. A very conservative estimate of death from such cancers is 60,000.

The splitting of the atom by scientists was the first step in making atomic bombs. Einstein (1879-1955) was a physicist who, at the outbreak of World War II, recommended to the US president the making an atomic bomb since the Nazis were making one. This set up the Manhattan Project and a laboratory was set up in Oak Ridge Tennessee. Two billion dollars was spent on The Manhattan Project which was headed up by another physicist, Robert Oppenheimer (1904-1967).

The film The Conqueror of the mid 1950s had a total of 91 people, actors and crew members who eventually died of cancer including John Wayne, Susan Hayward and Dick Powell. They were filming in Utah, not far from a recent US atomic bomb test in Nevada.

There are hundreds of cases like this.

On February 13, 1960 the French conducted an atomic test in the Sahara. Two weeks later, there was a dreadful earthquake in Agadir in French Morocco which killed thousands.

While science has produced many things for the benefit of mankind, it has also proved to be the enemy of life. As someone has said, "Science is the enemy of every natural living thing!"

Atomic and nuclear bombs were the inventions of science.

And yet people still blame God, even those who do not believe in Him. Others say that God allowed it and, therefore, it is His fault. They do not take into account that we have free will. We are not robots allowing God to pull our strings. Imagine if we did not have free will.

People say, "Why doesn't God do something about it?"

We point to the Cross and say, "He has!"

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