

RE: Mind as its own principle, revisited

Dialogue with Zekamenathon

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BARTIE: Hey, Zekamenathon, how are you?

ZEKAMENATHON: What do you mean by that hypothesis?

BARTIE: I mean, just “hi”.

ZEKAMENATHON: ‘Just, “hi” ‘? Does that mean “I’m glad to see you,” or does it mean “Uh, oh, now I’m in trouble,” or does it mean, “I have some new idea to tell you.”

BARTIE: All of the above.

ZEKAMENATHON: ha, ha, ha, ha!

BARTIE: Some people in our association are trying to determine a “human principle.”

ZEKAMENATHON: What! And where are they looking for that: in the dirt, the animals or in written speech, or in some other place?

BARTIE: They are looking at all of that, I believe.

ZEKAMENATHON: And in which part of those things do they find a human principle?

BARTIE: I’m not quite sure.

ZEKAMENATHON: Well, surely, every grain of dirt is determined by your mind; isn’t that so?

BARTIE: What do you mean by that?

ZEKAMENATHON: Did you forget LaRouche’s “worldwide cup of coffee?” The coffee beans came from Colombia, the gasoline to move it from Texas; the Truck driver who transported came from New York, and grew up on food from all over the world, etc, etc. So every action is connected to every other economic action?

BARTIE: Okay, so it’s analogous. Every human being is produced by every grain of dirt, and every drop of water.

ZEKAMENATHON: ha, ha, ha, ha!

BARTIE: So that is not right?

ZEKAMENATHON: Why would you assume that human beings are made out of dirt, instead of that dirt is made out of human beings?

BARTIE: Now, I’m confused; you’re already turning into a stingray, again.

ZEKAMENATHON: Based on your argument that human beings are made out of dirt, you must also mean that every atom on Earth makes you up; but then you must say that the Earth is part of the solar system, and that a part of the galaxy, and so on. Then, every so called “part” of the universe must make you up?

BARTIE: Yes, that is unavoidable.

ZEKAMENATHON: But didn't we once say that for human beings to be good, they must have free will? Even what's-his-face figured that one out, in his so-called “doctrine of human goodness.” If even he can figure that out, surely you must have.

BARTIE: Yes, yes, I did.

ZEKAMENATHON: Then, what is the problem of knowing a human principle?

BARTIE: I don't know.

ZEKAMENATHON: What? Usually, when people call something a principle, don't they mean something which has no choice but to be as it is? They say that the principle of gravity is a principle because objects dropped do not get to choose if they will fall or not.

BARTIE: Yes.

ZEKAMENATHON: Their idea of a principle is always something that does not involve free will. They would say it has to come from the outside any choice?

BARTIE: Yes, it is “objective”, you would say.

ZEKAMENATHON: Then what “outside” of human freedom can determine objectively this freedom? Either the common notion of what “principle” means is totally false, or there is no such thing as a human principle—at least according to the common thinking.

BARTIE: Maybe we need a third alternative?

ZEKAMENATHON: ha, ha, ha, ha! Maybe the whole way people think of themselves is totally crazy!

BARTIE: We do say that in our association.

ZEKAMENATHON: But what is the point of saying that if we don't mean that? That would be hypocrisy!

BARTIE: We need to be able to prove that.

ZEKAMENATHON: You didn't do your homework for all these years! That had already been proven by Cusa, Leibniz and LaRouche. Don't you remember the Monadology?

BARTIE: You mean the smallest action.

ZEKAMENATHON: No, no, no! The monad is the most elementary action, not the smallest! Didn't you just say that a human mind is as big as the universe?

BARTIE: I thought you disagreed with that.

ZEKAMENATHON: Ha! Now, you're being tricky! All I asked was if human beings had free will. Now, you're saying I denied that each mind is as big as the entire universe. But, if each mind is that big, and each mind has free will, then what?

BARTIE: [Slowly, thinking] Then, each human mind is a self-defining power that bounds and determines all other principles in the universe, as a co-creator with all other minds under God.

ZEKAMENATHON: Ha, ha, ha! Why didn't you just say so? That means there is no such thing as an "objective" principle in the universe, separate from your mind.

BARTIE: It is unavoidable.

ZEKAMENATHON: Then it's time for you to do more work on music and poetry, don't you think?

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