

GOD is not GENEROUS

Grace means gift. Christians hold that God acts on you and around you to give spiritual gifts such as chastity and honesty and so on. As God is seen as goodness it means that in a sense God is what he gives - he is the goodness he gives so grace is putting it simply just the gift of God himself. God is just so if you don't accept the gift of God you will be left out in the cold. This is what the Bible means by divine retribution etc. God will view you as getting what you deserve because you deserve it. But this does not sit well with us. Surely we see that anybody that thinks that way of you for refusing a gift is being vindictive and passive aggressive? A true gift is something you are not judged for accepting or rejecting. It reflects on believers when they worship such a God!

God is said to be the maker of all we have and are so God by definition is really alone what matters. Paul in the letter to the Philippians chapter 3 tells us what that means. It means that nothing can happen that can match or outweigh a relationship with Jesus who is worth the loss of everything for compared to him everything is rubbish.

God/Jesus is to be your greatest need for he is your greatest need. You are pushed to him by all things being rubbish. That sounds like desperation. It would be healthier if a lot of things would do and you choose God. The notion that God alone is what you need accuses you of spiritual abuse if you don't tell others about God. If there is no relationship type God then you are calling everything rubbish unjustly. A need is not a want. Its a serious matter if you have no food. You need food. A want is not important in comparison. You can want ice cream and not get it but that is no big deal. But if you need ice cream say for you have some disease (hypothetically) that is a big deal. A need is such an important matter that it follows you need to be able to prove God and God has to give you the resources to do it. This is not, "Oh you won't do good things for God unless he proves he exists - shame on you!" It is, "I need God and God takes my need seriously enough so that he can guide me to him with evidence and proof."

Religion says that God does not give everybody the same graces. For example, not all are born with the same level of good tendencies and not all can have the true religion that we are told that exists.

It cannot be claimed that perhaps God sees some reason why it is best not to give all the graces for that would mean that God encourages the weakness that leads to sin. Perhaps God prefers some to sin so that it will put more off or change the forces of chance so that fewer will get the opportunity to sin? But when he tells us to do good even if it will lead others to sin when they hear of the good we have done he will not do the same thing himself. The sins that people commit are their own problem so he will grant the grace.

Religion says that God owes us nothing so he can give or not give as he pleases. But we know we deserve the best help that God can give no matter how bad we are. Only an evil God would refuse to give it. God does not want us to be good when he is like that. To believe in divine beings then is to approve of his unjust discrimination and any morality erected on God is bound to be a failure and a fake. God cannot exist when he is so miserly with his graces.

Jesus said that one who gives out of their own abundance is not to be called generous. Giving because it makes no difference is not giving for the sake of giving. It is handing not giving. There is as much sacrifice there as the effort you may have to go to to get praised as a kind person. A God or Messiah who magics food for you when you need it is not being generous. It is lazy "help". It is an insult to say you are obligated to give thanks for that or to call it an inspiring example of generosity. How could you thank that?