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1.1 Quote of the Month

‘During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act.’
~ George Orwell

Visit <http://www.online-literature.com/orwell/> to learn about George Orwell and his works.

1.2 From the Editor

Hello and welcome to the 12th issue of *Audience Buzz*! We are one year old! This is the birthday edition of *Audience Buzz*, so congratulations and thank you for staying with us all along! For those of you who love balloons, candles, cakes, and fun-to-play games, it’s the right time to set the party in your home or just online by chatting with WA members.

I am sick with the flu, having it since a week or 10 days and I can’t find the time to apply my tried self-treatment: plenty of rest, lots of hot green tea with a special herbal extract, and enough fluid intake – besides eating well and taking a mild anti-allergic. Actually, you will need little of all these if you could somehow subdue the monster of stress that haunts me out of my peace, here in Pakistan.

The second thing in this issue is that due to the many controversies, conspiracies, and vindictive measures that my disputed post (revealing the fake research in our institute) evoked, I am finding it hard to get more time for putting together Buzz. So I cleverly thought of making this issue a bimonthly one i.e. October/November issue. Being suspended from my regular job (same reason as stated), I now have shifted my belongings to my colleague and friend Wajid’s office. That guy has a hell of a tolerance level...you know what I mean.

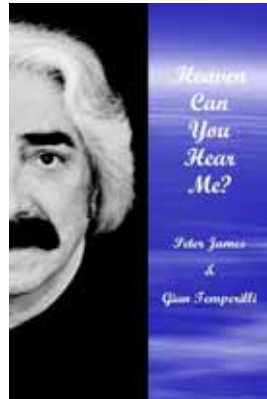
No more babble about myself or the adverse effects of various factors that I have witnessed lately. It’s the first birthday of Buzz and I better have a party. Don’t forget to light a candle for me!

Ernest Dempsey
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Visit <http://www.allvoices.com/contributed-news/1284746> to take a look at Ernest Dempsey’s controversial article.

1.3 World Audience News

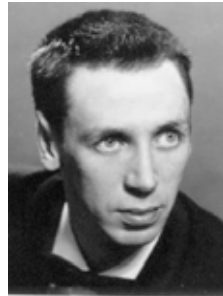
- ✓ For the first time ever, internationally renowned paranormal researcher and psychic Peter James reveals personal accounts and life experiences. His upcoming book *Heaven Can You Hear Me?* is comprised of poignant events and personal theories surrounding the career of world's foremost documented TV paranormal researcher http://worldaudience.powweb.com/pubs_bks/PeterJames.html Check out a video and listen to radio interviews with co-author Gian Temperilli!



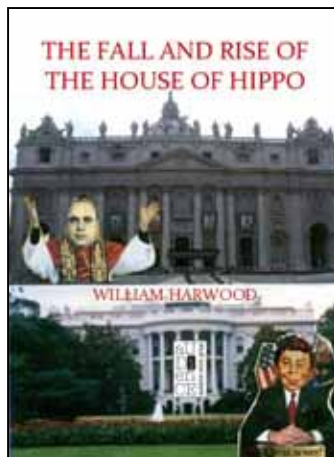
- ✓ Our 10th issue of AUDIENCE is now for sale: http://www.worldaudience.org/pubs_aud_mag_issues.html and <http://www.shoppalstores.com/WorldAudience/index.cfm/fa/items.main/parentcat/25961/subcatid/0/id/373471> Writers featured in our 10th issue: Mel Waldman, Anthony Rubino, Jr, Magdalena Ball, Tanya Johnson, Jim Fuess, Doug Johnson, Vittorio F. Cavalli, Ken Gaertner, Timothy Braun, Christopher Woods, J. J. Steinfeld, Courtney Wick, Kate Switaj, Nashira Priester, Kristine Ong Muslim, Michael Kozlowsky, Alan King, Ernest Williamson III, Dianna Skowera, Martin Willitts, Jr, Jeanpaul Ferro, John Bennett, Jim Meirose, Corey Mesler, D. Garcia-Wahl, David McLean, William Douglas Horden, Martin Burke, Domingo Rodriguez, M. Stefan Strozier, Ernest Dempsey, Ron Savage, Jessica Stilling, Selfa Chew, Toshiya Kamei, Carmen Seda, Billy O'Callaghan, Ash Hibbert, Anthony Thornton, Brian Thornton, Jay Boyer, Peter Schwartz, Paul Kavanagh, Kevin P. Keating, E. K. Entrada, Eric McKinley, Adam Moorad, Yelena Dubrovin, Kevin Brown.



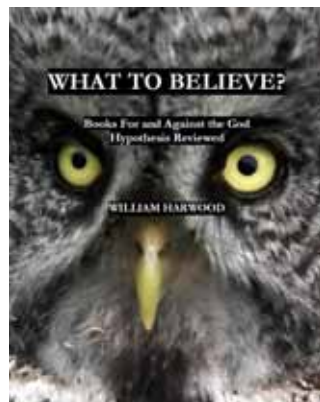
- ✓ Two new titles are now for sale by Dr. William Harwood, the author of thirty-six books and over 500 articles for freethought journals in nine countries, and a contributing editor of American Rationalist. His most recent books are American Hitler: George W. Bush and the Republicanazi Gestapo (World Audience), and the two-volume The Fully Translated Bible (editor/translator).



- ✓ *The Fall and Rise of The House of Hippo* is this story is set in a North America in which religion has been reduced to cult level, mores approach *Brave New World*, and technology has advanced slightly past *Mission Impossible*. The reader should therefore not be surprised that events that have a real-world parallel do not necessarily happen at the same time and place or in the same sequence in the Hippo reality.



- ✓ *WHAT TO BELIEVE? Books For and Against the God Hypothesis Reviewed* is a book of reviews that have previously been published in *Free Inquiry*, *Skeptical Inquirer*, *American Rationalist*, *Humani*, *Freethinker*, *Skeptic*, *Freethought Perspective*, *Open Society*, and *Midwest Book Review*.



- ✓ Four exciting titles by Burton Wolfe, the author of *The Case Against 'Jesus'*, are now available as e-books for online purchase at <http://ebooks.burtonwolfe.com/>. Here is a recent review: http://www.sun-sentinel.com/community/news/coconut_creek/sfl-flmcfjesus1023mcfoct23,0,2327396.story

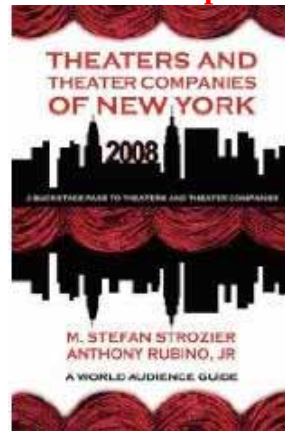


- ✓ Ernest Dempsey has been selected as the regional editor for the news stories on Pakistan at the online news channel *Instablogs*. His profile on the channel is online at <http://freebird.instablogs.com/>. Dempsey's poetry has recently been included in *The Scribbler*.

1.4 Book Corner

This issue presents a review of the WA title *Theaters and Theater Companies of New York*, authored by Mike Stefan Strozier and Anthony Rubino Jr. The review was written for *Book Pleasures* (<http://www.bookpleasures.com/>) and appeared there. Thanks to Norman Goldman, chief editor of *Book Pleasures*!

Theaters and Theater Companies of New York



For theater goers and drama lovers, the *World Audience Publishers* (New York) has published a brief guide to important theaters and theater companies in New York. Authored by Mike Stefan Strozier and Anthony Rubino Jr., *Theaters and Theater*

Companies of New York (January 2008) carries a wealth of guidance on important drama production centers in New York along with full page photos of theater buildings.

Strozier and Rubino's book inform the readers on the difference between different kinds of theater companies, working in New York; the background of their origin; and the profiles of more important theaters and production companies including their contact details and expert rating of their overall performance. Such an evaluation may help the readers decide what theater to go on their coming weekend. In addition, the authors of the book have also touched on the good and not-so-good critics and publications concerned with the quality of theater in New York. The book also warns against some places for security reasons – information, particularly helpful to strangers/tourists who want to enjoy nighttime theater in New York.

Despite the somewhat out-of-proportion abundance of theater images, *Theaters and Theater Companies of New York* does not lack in amusing substance. You learn about the story of the first actor, the story of the Tony Award, financial facts about theaters, the longest running plays, and more. This guide offers a snapshot of the art of theatrical production in New York, its past and present, and the business and pleasure of theater in the heart of America. Take a look at the title on WA's website:

http://worldaudience.powweb.com/pubs_bks/Guide_Theater.html

1.5 Author Interview

Ronnie Lee is a 37 year old Chinese poet and philosopher who completed his formal education in England and recently wrote a series of books that explore the concept of God in the context of existential philosophy. His books include *The Meaning of Life*, *The Book of Life*, and *The Philosophy of Life*. The most striking aspect of all Lee's books is his use of poetry as a medium for conveying complex philosophical discussions that would otherwise have remained obscure and dry. As apparent from the following interview with Lee, his concept of God is significantly different from those in western religious traditions.

An Interview with Ronnie Lee, author of *The Meaning of Life: Existentialism, the Universe, and Social Problems*



Ernest: Ronnie, you adhere to existentialist philosophy and believe in the existence of God. What exactly is God? How do you define it, especially in the context of existentialism?

Lee: Existentialism shows you the basic rules of philosophy as I have shown in my first three books and all things living must adhere to the rules of existence and God is a primary figure who exists and must still obey the laws of nature according to existential law. I will not point out any laws but you can read them if you purchase any of my books. In my studies, God is the most mature being of the greatest and the most wholesome values that are high moral values like justice, peace, order, equality, freedom, and rights. He is so vast, compared to a simple soul, that his thoughts, intellect and wisdom is beyond our comprehension but this does not mean he is perfect, or all powerful or all knowing. Everything that exists is imperfect yet God is the most mature, powerful and good, thus he is better than all others, which is why he is known as God. I believe God is made up of the most powerful and mature chemicals in the universe making him the head of the universe. He is united with the universe and has greatest access within it. He is also of great logical disposition, so he can organize and order the system into the best working function. Basically God keeps order and moral authority for all souls, yet I also define the environment as a separate entity whose power is complementary to God. God makes justice and peace, and the environment allows production and ownership. These laws I have found by existential rules. The rules are made by logical steps of deduction, so they can be applied to very simple steps of truth. I think I better stop here and I hope this answers a few of your questions, but just to end, existentialism should solve why we exist, and even who exists. It is the moral compass to philosophy and shows our meaning in life and that is why it must have God in its theories, proofs and reasoning.

Ernest: You conceive of God as a finite being and also subject to limitations because every sort of existence is logically limited (or finite). And God must obey the natural/existential law. Is it right to say then that God created nature and everything in the universe, including him/herself?

Lee: Yes, I do believe in a finite God (yet the most powerful and knowing). We must remember that logic and wisdom are infinite, so infinity does exist like eternity but all 'beings' must be finite. Only space is infinite in dimensions. Because of these limitations, yes there are rules and laws that must bind God and the souls together and some of these laws can be found in existentialism or nature. The truth in creationism is firstly and ultimately concerned about the definition of 'creation'. Just as we only believe in a God, if we accept the definition and terms of that God. This is not trivial but the most important lesson we have to learn about truth, right now, as we seem not to be concerned with the definition of God thus we ignore the laws, possibilities and truth of what is logical and therefore what is true about God. We seem to think anything is possible for our own inspiration and progression. Just as the theories of Gods and monotheism have changed within time and places, we change the ideas of God to fit ourselves. I personally believe creation through consciousness does exist to give precision to existence, for example in intellectual design. But you cannot create anything from nothingness, like in a big bang model or in God's creation of space and time. He can expand or contract space and time but essentially cannot create it. It always existed. He has the power to change the details of life to create man, as man created a watch, but he cannot make any material appear from nowhere (just like the material of the watch always existed but not the watch itself), yet he can manage, produce and form a material to make a complex 'being'. He has the intellect, knowledge, power and skill to do so. But I cannot believe that God created nature and he did not create himself. Everyone and everything existing is pre determined by logic itself to make the universe a self sufficient entity to provide support for each other to create the most valuable form of existence, and God must exist to fulfill these premises, just like you and I. This is proved logically by existentialism. Whatever does exist and whatever does not exist, makes life most valuable, as logic is the most valuable source of truth and existence obeys these laws of logics. We all exist as a team, but God is the 'father' and the power to uphold all the righteous laws of the universe. He is the greatest love but the 'oppositions' to his values exist as well, and in this World, we are under their authority. So logic is the source of all reality, existence and possibility, but God is the best logician and has the most power over the use of logic in existence. He, in fact, exists for the power of logic and is the key to logic. It is only us who choose to believe in false information. Everything existing has an innate logic to exist, including God. He is however finite, yet most powerful, knowledgeable though not all knowledgeable, and free but obeying the laws of nature. Creation however is a short term definition of change of productivity or creativity but not the start to anything new that life did not already have the potential to allow through a process of production. Life is a process and not a creation. There are limits to what we can do but there are also infinitesimal possibilities giving infinite variations of life. Everything changes, yet everything has limits, and everything is a process but everything can be created or manufactured within the eternal process of life. Truth is wide, deep and vast. It takes

immense logic to decipher it all. But we have time to start now if we want. I have started my theories with these natural eternal laws in mind. I hope you have time to read them.

Ernest: Right! How do you weigh the view of god in polytheistic religions versus that in monotheistic ones?

Lee: This is a very tough question, mainly because the logics and truths are hard to find. Personally, I have been brought up in four Christian schools so I have been nurtured to believe in Christianity, and the monotheistic theory and because I want to respect my past and my education, I will not betray the faith for a new belief unless I am totally sure I am right. I may not be totally brave here, but to be honest I am unsure about how to explain my views and feelings as they truly are just emotional beliefs rather than logic and truth. Let me give you my most brave and open answer. I am really a pantheist and a spiritualist which means I believe in the universe as a single living being and one which has the power of goodness within it (powered by Divine entities). To say, that the universe is a single being means we are all united as individuals. God is the supreme power of goodness and his Council or smaller Deities hold the reign of Divine power. I believe some souls or beings are descendants or directly linked to these Deities making them have the 'Divinity gene'. Now, you can say pantheists are monotheistic but I always play the logic game that unites all facts to make a whole conclusion so I can say I believe in monotheism because the universe is one or because there is a supreme Deity or I can say that there are many Deities within the hierarchy (and I do believe in a Divine hierarchy) to say there exists a polytheistic hierarchy of Deities. You may say I am sitting on the fence here, but really I am only looking at limits that logic needs, as the definition of monotheism may differ depending on the difference of powers from the main God and smaller Deities and the definition of Polytheism may be differ depending on the range of powers acceptable to define a God or Deity.

But truly, the main point about religion regardless of the number of Deities is the premise of the Deities that is again the definition of the Deities. I believe in a Deity with rules that belong to nature, that has causes and effects, that has a responsible and understanding nature, and one who is honest and most just. Yet there may be great powers that may like war and aggression, but if you do not define this as a Deity, then you eliminate the numbers that you would consider Divine. There are reasons why we choose the monotheistic theory of God as a religion and that is to assume full efficiency and obedience to one authority, as it leaves no argument to politics between Gods, but we may want a polytheistic theory of religion if we need to slow down, debate and acknowledge various and differing values again that are promoted by each Deity or God. You may say I tend towards the polytheistic theory but I should never underestimate the unknowns of life and there may very well be a greatest God whom is vastly superior to any other Deity (like the environment itself, a pantheist view). We can look at how the theories have practically succeeded in this World as monotheism has caused much war (which may mean it is less peaceful, less right and less Divine or logical), but it also increased the advancement of life (shown by the efficiency of a monotheistic theory creating science etc), whilst polytheistic theory has led to greater spirituality and inquiry into society (as it is more cultural and wide in values). Saying this, I believe I would

enjoy the polytheistic life more as I am liberal at heart, but I follow the masses on their monotheistic belief as they seem to need it and have adopted it and adapted to it for their own reasons. And according to the definitions of a Deity and God, both can be right! I actually may find myself inclined more towards the henotheism theory where there are many Gods whilst you devote yourself to one but this is strictly a duties theory of professionalism in one's own values. I like the idea of substance monotheism that unites many Gods with one substance and yet panentheism is the power of God being greater than the universe (this maybe the biggest hope as long as the God is benevolent). I also think that atheists may not believe in any Deity or God because they do not like to think that the universe is based in a hierarchy as that dictates fear from power and obedience from force. Thus atheists have a right to promote a universe with equality by denying the importance and even existence of a hierarchy thus they are promoting goodness in this respect. And this is the major downfall and imperfection of God and religion as it promotes a hierarchy to make one fear and obey to live that should really be free and easy sometimes. So we all have a role and each religion can be right according to their definition, need and purpose. We can adapt, because life is all about change, variety and amazement. The truth will fulfill you, once you can fit into it and it will free you when you know the right truth for you. This is my truth to God and religion. It is not complete as the truth is yet to be found but these are my thoughts at the moment. I have actually worked out a theory in my book with two main Gods, one is the God and one is the environment but that's another story....

Ernest: That is a very desirable position, I'd say, in order to make peaceful coexistence possible. Now let's have your word on 'good' and 'evil'. I remember a dialogue of Plato in which he posed the question, 'Is good something that god likes or does god like it because it is good?' So what would you say about the nature of 'good' and 'evil'?

Lee: My moral theory says that goodness is based on two factors, that is the 'value' or characteristics of a person or thing, and the 'usefulness' or skill of the person or thing. This mechanism for morality, allows us to express our innate and existential values and skills (which are our responsibilities) to help life progress meaningfully, with health and fulfillment. When you 'waste' life and its value and usefulness, then this can be classed as 'evil'. I think this a major philosophy that has never been written before, and I even think that God would work among this premise and I believe this because nature has given us these values and skills to control and benefit life and as everyone including God must obey the laws of nature, then he must be agreeable with this theory of morality. This makes everyone valuable, useful and therefore 'worthy' to live, which is what we must all prove to ourselves and others. This theory can also unite relativist morality with absolutist morality, and this is where your question on Plato can be answered. When we have any contradiction or paradox, then usually a variable factor is missing or there is too many factors involved. We solve the moral theory of relativism and absolutism by my value and usefulness having to be analyzed from the people it affects in memory, thus choices and influence. Thus if someone famous, like a politician, lies; it will affect all and reduce value, trust, and usefulness, and the will to live. Hence it lowers and even wastes trust, thus lowering value, and so it is evil. Yet a lie based on saving one's life or dignity for justice, like protecting an innocent person from a bully raises values of hope and

usefulness of health thus it is good. This is simply based on the politician effecting the memory and choices of many (absolute influence), and the liar who saved the innocent man from the bully affects only a few differently (relative influence). God will know this perfect relationship of influence in morality in the most complete and full way as the environment can sense our inside and out and transfer this information across all of life to create Karma and justice. Therefore God likes good people as they choose to be valuable and useful therefore helpful and beneficial to life (as God existentially is the guardian for life through the laws of logic). If something is good, then it is 'valuable' but this can be at a minimum, which is to itself, but when something does good, then it is useful to others. Thus God will like something or someone who is innately good as long as it performs its duties for others when life needs it to, but what God, through his wisdom, really likes more, is when something does good, and helps all when it is needed, whether this person may have less important values and usefulness than another (less innately good as an entity). Therefore, God should like something that is good (noun and self sufficiency) but God prefers something that does good (verb and help for others). Evil is when you waste and destroy values and usefulness. So doing good is something that God likes as it is chosen by the individual or group as a usefulness, but being good itself (through values alone) is not good enough, as it shows no effort and no choice to help (it is innate and existentially given). To be honest, the statement that Plato makes is too simplistic as God likes both, but respects the one who is more useful. So Plato's statement makes you define what 'good' is firstly and what 'likes' is too, but then it needs you to understand the perfect wisdom needed to know the definition and power of God. We presume too much in this question that God only likes one or the other, but really he likes both, yet he will prefer one more than the other. This comes to the big mistake of the English language not having a definition for 'good' as an action or verb, and shows why we promote evil so much in language, thoughts, commands and actions as we only say one is good (so everyone is good) but we don't even promote good being an action or verb for which any good language should promote this. There are always problems to solve in language, psychology, philosophy, morality and logic (why should there not be a verb like 'to good'? Then surely are we not heading toward goodness and morality otherwise we just stay at this low level of morality of being and believing we are 'good'. Plato here has even stated good as being the noun yet this question only makes true logical sense when one good is changed to a verb but the English language does not even accept or define this as real or existent. Is that not a problem with life and psychology? But to end, morality has many levels of good, from the high values of harmony, peace, love, truth and justice' to low values of 'force, might, intimidation and ignorance'. To reach higher levels of morality, we as humans must 'do' good and not just think we are being 'good'. This is my understanding to morality and I hope it answers your question.

Ernest: One of the concepts of evil, synonymous in orthodox religion with the Devil or Satan, is that of refusing to accept unquestioned authority. In the Islamic traditions, for example, Satan is thrown out of the heavens and condemned for not obeying God's order of bowing before Adam, even though God dictates that no one but him is to be worshipped. As I see it, it has been borrowed from a series of similar traditions going way back to the disobedient (but altruistic) Prometheus of the Greek traditions. What are your views on authority and disobedience in relation to god, good, and evil?

Lee: I think the stories of the Bible represent some truth in them, as politics in the spirit realm exists as much as the politics of this World. Just how true is yet to be known. I have my own theories about Adam being like a person hated by all like in the psyche of horror movies, or computer games like Pac Man and Space invaders when all hate one, as we all blame Adam for all sin. This hatred of one continues throughout the Bible like in Job, and Jesus and his disciples. Unfortunately, I do not know enough about Islamic faith to give you answers on them as I was brought up in England in four different Christian education establishments. I feel Satan is such an entity that would know great truths of theories like common enemies and these conspiracies and thus he could have initiated such hatred towards Adam. God would hate such choices and this is a major fight between good and evil where the common enemy is an innocent and pure individual therefore we hate these values in the collective consciousness.

But to answer your question on authority and obedience I have to look at what nature and the universe wants rather than just God. Who do we have to be obedient to, that is God or the universe or both? To answer this question we must unite the two and find out common denominators of discipline. We have two facts that really should not be disputed; one is choice and the other is duty. For duty we must survive, remain healthy and interact well and I have classed these in my theories as eating, excreting, breathing, thinking, talking and reproducing, and these are simple duties in life. But for choice, we must go beyond these natural duties and make the best of life. Choice allows us to choose our level of sanity. Remember, only in madness is there less choice as I believe there is no death and that we live eternally as souls. This I have logically deduced in my works too. But we have to deduce what sanity is and I believe right now, that sanity is understanding values that belong to life, so that we can 'value and use' them to prosper and love. By understanding, we accept each other and we are disciplined. We are only disobedient when our understanding is wrong and does not incorporate love and unity. These are universal truths I believe and therefore show obedience to the universe yet sometimes like now, the universe goes chaotic and confused, insane and evil, maybe to test life, and this is when God is really needed, to keep us all sane, in choice and duty. God keeps us sane by recognizing true and powerful understanding of universal values and usefulness, so we strive for an understanding that we cannot grasp yet because of our infancy of our human minds, and with his understanding, we become obedient, peaceful and sane. That itself is good. You may ask what is good and evil and the simple answer is that good is raising everyone to their best, but this can make them confused how to get down again, and thus evil will put you in your place to bring you down to reality for sanity. Any good or evil, that makes you confused or insane can be classed as wrong and punishable.

I would not accept authority and would question it if it made me too confused or mad, otherwise you lose your identity, that is your value(character), usefulness (skills), position (innate circles), and responsibilities (environmental adaptation). I would only accept authority if it made sanity (that can be health, freedom, justice, equality, peace etc). If God ever fails, and the universe is chaotic and confusing, then sometimes, and only sometimes, you must have faith in yourself and your own values and

usefulness. You must then be true to your own innate goodness and you must find the innate goodness in life and others. This is how we sometimes should see this World. We should all find sanity in ourselves and others by acknowledging the values and even the consequences, of our usefulness. We have to 'see' and 'understand' much more before we make peace. This is my view about discipline right now.

Ernest: This sounds to imply that man needs to make efforts for keeping the balance of the universe and his own character where God fails and the universe goes chaotic or, say, life slips out of the control of natural forces and is totally or mostly dependent on man's own understanding and action. Here I am curious to know your position on man's responsibility for his actions. To what degree is an individual responsible for his/her action or any instance of behavior?

Lee: The nature of the universe is to function and each soul or being has a responsibility to help the operations of the universe to keep it healthy and happy. Now we have to define what operations are needed and we as humans have politicians and philosophers to do this. This is one of the functions of philosophy even way back in the old days. Now, we can measure this rationally and logically or even empirically, by business, but this collective responsibility is measured by organizations, government and the people. Individually though, we have responsibilities shown mainly by our values (character), usefulness (skills), position (innate circles) and experience (responsible operations within society). A person's experience will mean they will come across events that need to work so everyone needs to be responsible to make the operations of society work. Society rewards people for their skills in operations and organizes this skill to make society operate for health and happiness. If you do not operate well, you will not get the higher levels of rewards in life like harmony and peace and you will probably get war and famine. Successful responsibility achieves the results of higher values like peace, harmony, prosperity and health. Humans, however, have many characteristics to choose from to seek the problems of life that they experience, and to help life operate and function. These are thoughts, feelings, spirit, soul, body, and emotions. Obviously, as we grow, we may change our type of responsibilities from these factors. When we are young, we cannot expect to be mentally responsible but soulfully responsible in pure innocence of obedience through purity and conscience. But as we grow to adulthood, we need to be responsible by thought and rational behavior. As we grow old, we become physically and mentally tired, and therefore we become responsible spiritually. Throughout our lives though, we have our feelings to guide us, through feelings of fear, guilt, peace, and happiness. Bad feelings can mean that there is a problem, whether caused by oneself or not, but this problem will need to be fixed so that life can operate and function again so our feelings can show when we need to operate more, that is when we have bad feelings, but we can relax when we are happy as operations are running well. Good feelings means that life is running smoothly and things are operating well. When you feel free, then you have succeeded in your responsibilities and you have been responsible.

Some problems are obviously more difficult than others to fix, so time and effort are needed to make things work with good results, like in medicines and technology etc., and we must choose the right people for the right job; and we have to be responsible to find

our right job. Whoever or whatever happened to you makes you responsible in some way about the causes and effects of your choices, thoughts, words, deeds, and actions, and there are levels of influence from close relationships to strangers. The more you effect someone's memory, the more responsibility and even power you have over them, thus their success and habits becomes your responsibility as well, and this includes family, work mates, friends, and bosses. If operations are running well then you are in control of your responsibilities but you must be fair in judgment that we need to note how much pressure we are putting on individuals to perform and whether their problem was created by them or not as others can create problems for you. Responsibilities therefore are not just causes but actions, duties, effects and results. Responsibility is eternal, thus we have to be sane to make it work. We gain rest by age and youth when we shift our responsibility levels to more spiritual ways. This is what I think responsibility is in life; just making things work especially with the operations that need your values and skills that you may have innately. God may have most responsibility and that is why he needs our faith for strength and support, and we really have no idea how much responsibility he has as it is inconceivable to our own individual human responsibility. It is exponentially greater. Therefore true justice for God is to believe in him, support him, love him, and trust him. He has a huge responsibility that we should not forget or ignore. Responsibility is what defines the man. This is his true image and self. This is his power and importance, and his right to be rewarded or punished for being responsible or not. This is our true purpose and our meaning of life and we must help society function and operate by using our characteristics and skills. This is what makes us responsible.

Ernest: How do you comment on what religious believers call holy books like the Bible, Koran, Vedas etc. and prophets? Do you think the prophets, as they are known, created those works by actually coming in contact with angels (as believers claim) or were they just making things up of their own mind to lead people toward a certain mode of thought and belief?

Lee: As a spiritualist I believe there are not only souls in the universe but guides too. We each have a guide yet some may be good, and some souls attached to you may be evil. Some schizophrenic people hear voices and even I hear a slight voice that always answers cynically and skeptically, and I am sure it is not me, as I would not answer like that but it actually sounds like me. Now, there is a fine line between madness and genius or insanity and truth so we must analyze everything that makes us interact with stimuli. This is a personal experience. I know from friends and family that some do not hear any voices and some just hear hums.

Now, some people may have Holy guides who may actually direct them to Holy knowledge which they may write down making them prophets of sorts. Some have Divine genetics and may have been told by voices or at least directed by messages to do such writings yet they must be natural writers to have such skills. And I believe there are Holy writers just like there are writers of horror. But what is important, is to define what the voices are and if they are good or evil, as they can direct you wrongly. I am not saying all voices are Holy and that every prophet had a Holy voice as it maybe true that some Holy writers did write for themselves to direct life a bit but there is a collective

consciousness, a tension in the air, that has both good and evil spirits, thus it is up to the intellect and skill of each individual to find the path that was lead for him.

I am skeptical myself that these prophets actually saw angels (yet there have been UFO sightings that are just as strange), so nothing to me is out of the range of possible sightings. We know that quantum physics can see things that are strange anomalies that no-one yet can explain like quantum entanglement. I think that God, or the Great Spirit, can direct souls to direct life by being guides and I do believe some people have been given certain skills and responsibilities before they were born to move and change the World to a better place like prophets or sages. This is my belief of purpose through Divine intervention through a belief of re-incarnation and souls.

However, we must look at the reality of writings like the Bible and Koran and wonder if they are literally true or whether they are manifestations of stories of fables. What we must assess is the role of religion as a 'work'. Religion must keep the people thinking, working and believing in work itself, to fulfill the aims of the universe or God. If we knew the truth through religion itself, it would only create a development that is too mature, too tough to handle and too impractical for work for the human mind and body to function so religion has to be practical for work. Two thousand years ago, we did not have technology like this and now is the time for truth. Before, we needed a religion to make life operate, and the truth would have been less practical as truth can often end the process rather than start a process as truth is final and above all questions. Religion made us think and that made us work. Religion was here to unite us with God's aim and work and to make us united in purpose and goals, and the prophets did this through fables to keep us thinking and working. We must know too, that humans will eventually become extinct so there is a time frame and sacrifices must be made and sacrifices almost always include the truth and this World can be seen as a sacrifice for the universe through its suffering yet work. Religion is not really about truth unlike philosophy but it is about uniting with God and his aims to unite the people.

As I write in my books, the Bible refers to the psyche of life. And to say that the prophets wrote to lead people to a certain mode of thought or way of thinking is true but only to work and prosper, at least that is the main aim of God's will. As we know, we have different resources in different countries and therefore we need different religions for different work on the resources. Unfairness may make writings like the Koran to make things fair, and perception may make writings like the Bible to make life clear in thoughts. These prophets may be directly linked to God, so if they have their own thoughts, it may still work as a religion but if they are guided by God's angels, it will be a better religious work. Life changes, work is completed, resources are managed so religion also should change. My belief is that religion is to make progress in work for the people united in this World (Buddhism may want peace or enlightenment), and that prophets can exist with guides (angels) or just personal skill (their own thoughts) but we as the people choose what we want in the scriptures to make us work, thus it does not matter if we are guided or if we are just thinking. There is injustice as these powerful writers may make the upper classes more profitable but all religion is to make work prosper and united. The Bible and Koran do not need absolute truth to make this World work as imagination is

needed more to reach this stage of technological genius. Yet in this World, the truth will be hidden in small philosophies and writings. You know, I believe in the other World, religions maybe for peace and truth as we may be able to handle truth better and prosper through it, but this is not the case in a World where death is abundant and fear and worry can come with the truth of re-incarnation, death, and pain. Religion drives us forward to pursue God's goal and glory. This World is now the universe's glory. It is to find the right connections in life through the writings that we can succeed and God or the universe will have its own plan on how to do this successfully, slowly, rightly and timely.

The connections will come soon enough with truth, rationality and logic but only if we try and work hard to find it. We cannot curse or blame too much about religion or politics but we must find the right connections to make it all better. The sages and prophets have the best connections to God, Holiness or skills to find truth or to direct work through the unity with God. There must be trust and faith for we do not know it all. This World may not connect very well to the good universe thus we may find it difficult to connect to God as chemically we are very volatile and instable. That is why we need prophets and writings to have faith in the universe and God in its own scriptic way. It gives hope and imagination whilst guiding us to some truths, logics and wisdom to give us unity. It is the truths we need now to make more security and safety about our own lives and how we live with others within this World and the universe.

Ernest: Let's conclude this interesting conversation about divinity and existence with your view on God an, fate, and destiny. Where is our finite existence heading and what is is the role of God and fate in determining our end?

Lee: I am not too sure about this question because the true politics of the universe is so cryptic and there is little evidence to show what it is. The universe may be driven by some other political outcome yet this World may be deviant from it, so we cannot definitely show that this World's politics is equal to the universe's politics. We know that this World likes to follow the tough life of wars and leaders that show fighting qualities. Even Messiahs were meant to be military leaders, before Jesus. Now the fate of life lies in evolution sometimes and the chemistry of life, from the laws of gravity to the chemical reactions of what how we think, feel and act (our morality). We know that the survival of the species is the innate plan yet this plan will one day fail as extinction is certain so we know there is an even greater plan for mankind. Like any short term involvement in the universe, mankind must give inspiration to the universe through its images left in its memories to increase the universe's 'will to live'. How we create a greater 'will to live' for the universe is by our creativity through technology, science and our linear life styles (remember that linear shapes like squares are quite rare in the physical universe and this specialty makes a 'will to live') as it reaches life's potential and by reaching a potential we reach our hopes and dreams and thus we increase our 'will to live', even if it is by evil means. And who's to say that potential is always from goodness as evil has its potential too shown on this planet. I think this evil path will continue for some time until there is Divine intervention. Now, God's power is somewhat unknown so I do not know how he can effect life. You may say that this makes God's existence questionable and sometimes I may question it, but the universe does allow all levels of life including big evil

levels. Existentialism shows all level of morality. God's duty is sometimes to let it happen and guide it, as even he cannot over power the universal fate of evolution. But God's will and choice is to make things good, healthy, just and hopeful. He can do this by using his team to make it work. The more good people do well in life, then the more God's team has succeeded and his effect is made. His personal effect may be less shown because he may not be in full authority in this area of the universe so he has less opportunity to use his power. Yet again, if you think of God as the environment, then God is acting all the time, around evolution and through his spirit. Divinity is simply the higher levels of morality put into action like love, harmony, peace, truth, justice and hope and God does this best yet they can not always be seen as Divinity is sometimes hidden by instincts and intellect that are manufactured by evolution forming our own brain and consciousness. Many people just cannot sense the Divinity that exists and they will not follow the Divine way. God can guide them but our instincts direct our will to live and our instincts have evil values that they follow. We follow evil ways. To ignore your instincts and believe in the subliminal, you may see some Divine intervention but historians will ignore this. Our finite existence as a universe will eventually come to equilibrium after its experience with evil, but our finite existence as humans may lead to space exploration but eventually we will all become extinct. God's role is to direct and organize but his power has been limited by existential rules and the laws of nature. To be honest, this answer to this question is my least provable answer. I cannot prove any political purpose of the universe except on empirical evidence. This is because choice is taken from the possibilities of the existential laws of life. Existential law shows laws of nature, and chosen politics of life are selected from it. What I can say choice is that the level of sanity is what we choose in life. Madness has least choice, but sanity has greatest choice. Our destiny is to use our fate to make our best choices even with the help of God. With sanity come choices as cause and effect show choice. We have greatest choice and destiny when we know more wisdom. Destiny is in our own hands with the cards we were given by fate. God is the best help we have. This is my answer to this tough political question. Politics has a free run through existentialism. It can choose to hate it, disbelieve it, and ignore it. Politics is the power we choose to make existence easy or difficult. This life is difficult to find the politics and truths of life. It is like this to make us realize, goodness is not a given. It must be sought after. Visit http://www.amazon.com/Meaning-Life-Existentialism-Universe-Problems/dp/1432706756/ref=pd_bxgy_b_img_c to get a copy of Lee's book.

1.6 Feature Poem

Our feature poem this month is Chris Roe's *Eternal Journey* from his poetry book *In Search of Silence*. Chris was born in 1948 in the rural county of Norfolk, England, where he have lived and worked for most of his life. Much of his working career has been spent within the agricultural industry there in the UK. Chris loves gardening, walking, music, and writing. Although he has been writing for some years, this is the first complete collection of work that he has published to date. For him, it is a personal journey in search of spiritual peace.

Eternal Journey

As the crimson flame of life
Breaks slowly
Above the horizon,
The white frosted meadows,
With trees and hedgerows
Of sculptured ice,
Speak loudly
Of your presence.
Once more
Upon this journey,
As another day begins,
Without effort
Or intrusion,
Through the peace
And tranquillity
Of your silent voice,
The moment becomes eternal,
And the journey begins again.

To learn more about *In Search of Silence* and order a copy of the book, visit
<http://www.silentflightpublications.co.uk/>.

1.7 Opinion

In Kyle Torke's short story "Travel Box," a scene on a Greyhound bus captures a young girl, traveling alone, reaching toward the tiny severed ears strung around the neck of a Vietnam vet seated next to her.

Later, at the bus stop, the vet offers the little girl a ride. They begin to walk, hand-in-hand to the vet's car, but before they leave the platform, the little girl's grandmother pulls up. Without ever knowing, the girl escapes certain trouble. The vet, like death, had snuck in unexpectedly, without raising suspicion.

The near-miss, eerie tone in the story — ultimately about a grandfather dying of cancer — is found throughout Torke's collection *Tanning Season*, which consists of a novella and four other recently written short stories.

The 42-year-old local author is used to combining disparate elements to create cohesive works. *Tanning Season*, his first published fiction, follows a nonfiction book about triathlons and two collections that include tender poems about his family.

"Writers today aren't really specialists," Torke says. "Many up-and-coming writers work across genres; writing essays, poetry, fiction, drama, screenplays."

He says one component of the mixed-genre trend stems from writers working in English departments, where they have to produce academic and creative work toward tenure and promotion. Torke knows the academic world; the father of two received his Ph.D. in creative writing from Denver University and ran the creative writing program at Elon College (now Elon University) in North Carolina until 2001, when he moved to the Springs.

In addition to regularly editing books for his publisher, World Audience Publishers, Torke now teaches creative writing and composition at the Air Force Academy and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, as well as reading practicum at Colorado College.

Torke says a bigger component of crossing genres "must be the cultural shredding of boundaries, the sense that good writing knows no genre."

He says that once breaking with form (imagining new kinds of sonnets, including hypertext and spoken word) is accepted, then it becomes acceptable for poets to write stories.

— **Frances Gomeztagle**

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1.8 World Audience Videos on Youtube

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o Blair Oliver's video relating his short fiction book *Last Call*:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMPQwNLWxIY>

o Ernest Dempsey reads his poem 'A Promise' from his poetry book *Islands of Illusion*: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7UdbvDeufY>

o Mike Stefan Strozier reads his poem 'Charlie Rose' that is part of his poetry book *Schizophrenia Poetry*: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTZIMITGTPc>

o A glimpse of Burton H. Wolf's challenging book *The Case Against Jesus*:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KN-CpB-KDY&eurl=http://www.worldaudience.org/pubs_bks/pubs_bks_Wolfe_Jesus.html

1.9 World Audience Submission Guidelines

World Audience welcomes submissions of poetry, short fiction, and nonfiction from writers around the world. All submissions are required to be in English.

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1.11 Literary Links

The Adirondack Review

On-line quarterly of literature and the arts published by Black Lawrence Press:
<http://www.theadirondackreview.com>

Skive Magazine

An Australian Quarterly magazine of select short stories, in different genres, from writers across the globe: <http://www.skivemagazine.com/>

The New York Quarterly

Quarterly magazine of literary excellence in poetry, published for over 35 years from New York: <http://www.nyquarterly.org/>

Riehl Life

Janet Grace Riehl's website featuring articles, reviews, and interview:
<http://www.riehlife.com/>

Philosophy Now

A widely-read, bimonthly periodical covering all aspects of philosophy through essays, articles, reviews, interviews, and more: <http://www.philosophynow.org/>

The Dvorkins

Informative website of authors David and Leonore Dvorkin, containing articles and essays on different topics: <http://www.dvorkin.com/>

Litmocracy

An online trove of writings in various genres contributed by registered members and Open to all readers and writer from across the globe: <http://www.litmocracy.com>

The Crazy Child Scribbler

A quarterly publication of poetry, fiction, and essays, published by Clive Matson:
<http://www.matsonpoet.com/scribler.html>

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