

WHAT IS A “GENIUS” AND IS A HUMAN PARADOX A GOOD THING?

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Ever since I was a small child back in the 1960’s an emphasis was put on testing students to see what their vocational skills were. Back then we were handed a test and then a piece of paper that had numbers followed by little bubbles that you would fill in with a pencil. You would indicate which answer you thought to be correct for the question asked. The test would determine where your strengths lie; whether you were inclined toward the sciences, mathematics, language or the arts. Later on, in High School we were given different tests that would indicate our I.Q. or intelligence quotient. This test was the crème de la crème of tests and if you scored high on the test you were supposedly more intelligent than those who scored lower on the test. The thing that should be taken into account is that this is a test of intelligence, not necessarily common sense. For instance, I know a man who has a doctorate in Pharmacy. He could tell you the molecular structure of any drug but was not aware that on our calendar there is a leap year every four years on an even numbered year. I’ve met others who are very bright, but they have to call a road service provider if they have a flat on the highway simply because they cannot deduce how to effectively change the tire out for a spare tire.

The result of my testing was that I have a I.Q. of 137 which doesn’t put me up in the high “genius” status but indicates that I am “gifted.” I’d be the first to disagree however because sometimes it seems like the only gift, I have is to make mistakes given my own strengths. It is only with Yahweh’s help that I have any gifts that are of any heavenly value. I can read the writings of Paul and totally agree, “what a wretched man I am...” In our so-called high technology world and with our supposed “enlightened” society it is common for people to want to be a genius and some are saddened that they cannot ever reach that esteemed status. But is being a genius really a good thing? Does it really amount to a hill of beans where Yahweh is concerned? We read in so many places in scripture that “worldly wisdom” is a deficit in a human character and Solomon laments his wisdom in the book of Ecclesiastes chapter one:

I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind. What

is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered. I communed with my heart, saying, “Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge.” And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind. For in much wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow. Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

I don't think that anyone could argue that Solomon was a very intelligent. I hesitate to call him a genius because of the origins of the word "genius" and I do not think that Yahweh would bring "genius" upon a man who asked Him for wisdom. So, I will state that Solomon was a man filled with wisdom, endowed by Yahweh and there probably has never been a person with that much knowledge before or after Solomon lived. I also believe that Solomon, who was anointed by a prophet of Yahweh, was filled with the Holy Spirit by whose means the intelligence came to him. With this in mind, we see the effects of being full of wisdom. The result of Solomon's wisdom is that he lived a miserable life because he allowed his possession of wisdom to cause pride in his life and it caused him to fall spiritually, physically and in his monarchy.

A couple of months ago I had a running discussion with a woman who claimed that she was able to study scripture because she is a genius. If you've read this blog prior to this entry you know all about that discussion. There are many people running around, sort of running amok with their own knowledge of what Yahweh wants us to know. They are cunning enough to twist scripture in such a manner that they can make almost anyone believe that what they are saying is true. This particular woman has made quite a few assertions that the words, dreams and visions that I have been given from Yahweh are not from Yahweh, but from a familiar spirit. I'll not even address that assertion much because both time and Yahweh will prove His words to be true no matter how hard she tries to vilify me and ascribe the words of Yahweh and His Spirit to the works of the demonic. Scripture warns people about doing that very thing, so that is in His hands for Him to meet out when He sees fit.

Recently my wife and I were shopping in a very popular second-hand store here in Eugene. They have an excellent book section and we're there so much that the workers in the store almost know our names by heart. Recently, my wife, who shares a like in word origins as I do, picked up a book about word etymologies (origins) and when I was thumbing through the book the pages fell open to the word "genius." Because of all that happened a couple of months ago I decided to look into the origins of this word to see where it comes from. To my surprise, I

found that Paradox Brown, the one who claims to be able to discern scripture because she is a genius, is in fact a genius, and that is not a good thing. This word, as I will illustrate below, has diabolical origins. To say the least, I found solace in the meaning of this word as it applies to this woman and it explains to me why she is out to destroy me and my ministry, as well as Jim Wilhelmsen and his ministry. When you see that “genius” is really a demonic spirit you’ll come to one of two conclusions. First, if you have been labeled a genius, you’ll want to change your label to something that is godlier. Second, if you have felt bad that you were never labeled to have a genius I.Q., you will thank Yahweh that you are normal and that you have not been labeled as demon possessed. Here is the definition of “genius” as defined by the etymology book:

Entmology of the word “Genius”

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Genius: According to ancient Greek mythology a daimōn is a supernatural being whose nature is intermediate between that of a god and that of a man. It was believed that at birth each person is assigned one of these spirits to act as a guardian throughout his life. The standard Latin translation of daimōn was genius, from gignere, ‘to beget’. Latin also borrowed the Greek word in the form of daemon ‘spirit’, which in Late Latin was often restricted to mean an evil spirit. Genius in the sense of ‘attendant spirit’ was borrowed from Latin into Middle English in the early fifteenth century.

Part of the role of the tutelary genus was to guard, if not actually determine, a person’s character; thus in the sixteenth century genius came to be used in direct reference to a person’s inclination or bent of mind, as in Sir Philip Sidney’s Defense of Poetry (1595); “A Poet, no industrie can make, if his owne Genius bee not carried vnto it.” In the next century this led to thee sense of ‘a strongly marked aptitude’. This sense of genius was often used of poets and artists, and in England in the eighteenth century the Romantics began to use genius to mean ‘an extraordinary native intellectual power’, especially as manifested in an unusual capacity for creative activity of any kind.

The first translation of the Arabian Nights from Arabic into French rendered the Arabic jinnī, meaning ‘spirit’ or ‘demon’, as French génie, meaning the same as English genius. The translators were no doubt influenced by the similarities between the Arabic and French words in both pronunciation and meaning. Thus it is from French that English gets the form genie for a spirit such as appeared to Aladdin when he rubbed the magic lamp.

A variant form, jinni, was borrowed directly from the Arabic. In that language the plural of jinniy is jinn, and this has yielded (in differing styles of transliteration from the Arabic alphabet) the English variants of jinn and djinn.

[L, fr. gignere to beget]

Another thing that people like to do is to label themselves as being mysterious, something that cannot be understood by many and only by those with high intellect. This is certainly an attitude of pride; a character flaw that is addressed by scripture as something that makes men fall by the wayside and can lead to total separation from Yahweh:

Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

People tend to like to put prefixes and suffixes in their names to show people that they have some sort of authority. In Christian circles we see people with titles such as Reverend, Bishop, Monsignor and even Pope, all titles to show increasing authority. They tend to use such authority to lord that authority over people. If you don't think that I'm correct, walk up to a Catholic Priest and tell him that Yeshua said that we shouldn't call anyone on Earth “Father...” You'll be treated like an imbecile and told to go away. Challenge the authority of any of the people listed above and you'll be seen as insolent and defiant and you will be chastised and labeled as an infidel.

In the worldly scheme of things people who are educated put labels behind their names to show how educated they are. They range from Associate's degrees, Bachelor's degrees, Masters Degrees and the ultimate Doctorate degree. They usually put their degrees as suffix's; AS, BS. MS. or PhD to assert their intelligence. The lower the degree, the humbler. The higher, the less humble. Let me throw in a caveat here. There are many wonderful and humble people who have

degrees that do not behave with a superiority complex, so I'm not lumping all people with degrees in a list of narcissists.

There are others however that tend to go the route of the “mysterious” or the “unknowable” One such person uses the name “Paradox.” This name is reminiscent of the hippy days when names like Aquarius Paradise, and Genesis Revelation (real names of people I’ve met) were the norm. These folks were named by their hippie parents of course, but the one thing that they both loved was when people would ask them about their names. They would revel in the fact that their names were unusual and their names made them unique among the rest of the population. Do you see pride creeping in here?

Why would someone take on the pseudonym “Paradox?” Well, one would come to the conclusion right away that this person wants to be surrounded in mystery. They would want to have an occult (secret) meaning and they would want people to know that only if they were a “genius” could they figure out what this person is really all about, but still you would never really know their character. In essence, they want to reflect the idea that they are unknowable. Well, in scripture we know that all people are knowable; we are sinners in need of salvation. We always tend to lean toward the lowest common denominator and as Paul said, “the things I want to do I don’t do and the things don’t want to do I tend to do.” My paraphrase of course. There is only one person who is totally unknowable; that person is Yahweh:

*“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9*

We can know the character of Yahweh to some degree through scripture and we can know him more intimately through a relationship with him through Yeshua and we can know even more by way of revelation from the Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit), and some day we will know Him better when we are like Him:

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. I John 3:2

Yahweh is not a God of mysteries, as some make themselves out to be. The mystery of God has been revealed through Yeshua Ha Mashiach:

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. 1 Timothy 3:16

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:33

For any man or woman to want to wrap themselves with a “mysterious” facade it has to be rooted in an occult or demonic origin. So, how could one define “paradox?” An excellent definition can be found at allwords.com which borrows from several sources and uses analogies to explain this difficult word:

PARADOX

noun

A statement that is seemingly contradictory or opposed to common sense and yet is actually true.

It is an interesting paradox that drinking a lot of water can often make you feel thirsty. An apparently true statement that appears to lead to a contradiction or to circumstances that defy intuition.

Not having a fashion is a fashion; that's a paradox.

<!–there is no such term in mathematics; in any case, this is equivalent to the first definition – Paul G, 2005-08-17

(mathematics) a conclusion based on undefined functions

*Example: $(2 \times 0) = (3 \times 0)$ therefore (dividing both sides by zero) $2 = 3$ –>
a person or thing showing contradictory property, properties
He is a ; you would not expect him in that political party.*

A statement that leads to an infinite and instant contradiction.

If a court ruled that common law no longer existed, then the only thing that made that ruling binding was common law, which means that the ruling instantly destroys what lets

it exist, which means it no longer exists, which means common law can exist again, which means the ruling can exist again, which means common law doesn't exist anymore because of the ruling, which means the ruling doesn't exist, etc.

Translations:

Dutch: paradox , tegenspraak

French: paradoxe , antinomie

German: Paradox Paradoxon

Italian: paradosso

Spanish: paradoja

Etymology: paradoxum, from (paradoxos), “aside belief”

[<http://www.allwords.com/word-paradox.html>]

I think in essence a paradox is using a backdoor to define something that is perfectly clear to those who can see plainly. Scripture uses paradox's many times. For instance, we're in the world but not of the world; that is a paradox. Predestination is another paradox. We're told in scripture that the Elect have been chosen from before the foundation of the world yet we're told to preach the Gospel of Yeshua to every creature. Well, that might sound confusing, but from Yahweh perspective, He's known the saved from before time began because He is outside of time and space and sees the beginning from the end. For Him, spacial time has had its beginning and has ended already; the books have been opened and history has been completed. We do not know who the Elect is and we are supposed to preach to every creature because we do not have Yahweh's knowledge of who is saved and by us preaching to every creature, we give no man an excuse at the end of time. Yahweh is permitted to use a paradox because He knows the answer because He created the paradox. He reveals the mysteries of the paradox so that His people and the goyim (nations) will know that He is supreme.

So, for a person to label themselves as a paradox, or as someone who can define and discern paradox's is quite a pompous claim; almost claiming to be a god. This would tie in with a “genius” spirit or a jinni, as the Arabic origins define it. Jinn's (demons) have always tried to deceive mankind since they came into being as the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim. If a person revels in being a “genius” that revelry is pride; pride is the sin that caused Lucifer to fall

from Yahweh's favor. You could say that Satan is the ultimate "genius" seeing that he is the "father" of the demons and the father of all lies and deception.

What have we determined here? We have determined that being labeled a genius isn't necessarily a good thing and that if you revel in being a genius you might have more serious problems than you ever imagined. We have determined that labeling oneself is also an act of pride if that label is revered or demands that one be revered. We have to do one more thing however. As believers in Yeshua, what do we do with such people especially if they claim to be all knowing and cannot be taught nor confess that they can be wrong. What do we do if they set out to destroy us, to lord their label over us and to claim that their worldly wisdom allows them to teach, preach or (God forbid) wrongfully discern between right and wrong?

Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Ephesians 5:6-13

And in conclusion, let us always remember and put into practice the words of our beloved Adonai, our Yahweh Yeshua, who when talking about false teachers said thus:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them."

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Matthew 7:15-29