## DARE TO THINK

## DARE TO QUESTION

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The following material contains some thoughts, some implications, and some questions to ponder

Things are not always what they seem

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#### Thoughts on Religion - Lloyd M. Graham

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[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'In creation, sometimes called 'Involution', quantity is made but no quality (moral or rational). In evolution, quality is made but no quantity. Herein lies the error of scriptural theology.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'Those who read only Hebrew mythology believe there was only one Christ and Saviour; they do not know that there were at least sixteen... Uninformed Christians, and that means most of them, believe that only their Saviour suffered death on a cross, whereas some sixteen of them died in just this way. A list may help the credulous to escape their crucifixion upon the cross of superstition: Jesus - Nazareth, Krishna - India, Sakia - India, Iva - Nepal, Indra - Tibet, Mithra - Persia, Tammuz - Babylonia, Criti - Chaldea, Attis - Phrygia, Baili - Orissa, Thules - Egypt, Orontes - Egypt, Witoba of the - Telingonese, Odin - Scandinavia, Hesus - the Druids, Quetzalcoatl - Mexico.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'Why do world saviours never write books? The answer is simple - world saviours don't make books, because books make them. World saviours are the creations of mythologists, not historians; of occultists, not literalists.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'There were many historians just then (around the time of Christ), and some of them the most illustrious of all time - Tacitus, Plutarch, Livy, the two Plinys, Philo, and Josephus, among others; and besides these, many men of literary note such as Seneca, Martial, Juvenal, Epictetus, Plotinus, and Porphyry. We are all too prone to forget the brilliancy of this period, yet this was the age of Virgil, Horace, and Ovid, the latter living till Christ, if real, would have been twenty-two (Christ would have been 22). These were all men of great intellect, and deeply interested in the doctrines and morals of their day. Why then did they not record this wonder-working Saviour of the race? Because, like all Saviours, he belongs to mythology, not history.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'The truth is, there is not a single word about Christ, divine or otherwise, in secular literature dating from the first century.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'Long before religion existed, man learned from nature the facts of Reality, and put them into a form of narrative known as mythology. In this the impersonal forces were personified, they were given names, they became gods, and devils, heroes, and saviours. As the natural facts underlying them were forgotten, the personifications became the realities, endowed with moral instead of creative qualities. And here, mythology became theology.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'This ignorant Christian custom of eating and drinking commonplace bread and wine in the hope of gaining some Christ-like virtue, is but a relic of the savage rite of Omophagia (the eating and drinking of another person's or animal's flesh and blood, to acquire his or its qualities, strength, courage, and so on). But the 'civilized', so-called, have gone the savage one better; they eat a god instead of a man, and so the savage's Anthropophagy (eating humans) is now Theanthropophagy (eating gods).'

Omophagia	The eating and drinking of another person's or animal's flesh and blood, to acquire his or its qualities, strength, courage, and so on
Anthropophagy	Cannibalism - The eating of humans
Theanthropophagy	Theocannibalism The eating of Gods

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: '(Commenting on Pilate's trial of Jesus - (Matt 27:1-24)) In the nineteenth century an eminent scholar, Rabbi Wise, searched the records of Pilate's court, still extant, for evidence of this trial. He (Rabbi Wise) found nothing... And if we were as wise as Pilate, we too

would wash our hands of it.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'Why is it we mortals assume the unknown part of Reality is "holy"?'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'Where then is the God of love and mercy? There's not a trace of him in Revelation (the New Testament), nor yet in Ezekiel (the Old Testament). Neither is there in the Pentateuch (The Five Books of Moses). The God of Joshua is but the same mad 'beast' revelling in blood and battle. No, save for the Gospels, which are truth perverted for benefit of clergy, there is only savagery, cruelty, pain, and death in the Bible. And this is what constitutes its (the Bible's) truth; the rest are lies. Savagery, cruelty, pain, and death are the way of life, and therefore 'the will of God'.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'The religionists have some reason for opposing the scientific theory, ape to man, for it is not true. Man was never in the animal kingdom. Turn back the evolutionary clock, and man would disappear on the threshold of the animal kingdom. Is man then a special creation? No, he is a special ideation.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'Let's stick to the known and real, make that the object of our faith, and knowledge of it, the object of our search.'

[Religion] Lloyd M. Graham () said: 'The philosophy of Christianity consists of false knowledge due mainly to misunderstood scripture... Right understanding comes from knowing, not just believing.'

#### **Thoughts on Religion - CMG**

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CMG (1951-) said: As the seeker enters the Realm of the Gods, he needs to face The Gods, The Hierarchies, and The Archetypes with objective reality, not subjective faith.

The question is often asked: 'Who is the "Head" or the "Chief" of the Gods?'

In answer to this question, CMG (1951-) said: 'Of all the God-names that are found upon the earth, the one that is used, spoken of, and publicly written more than any other is The God-name: "Coca-Cola".'

[Religion] CMG (1951- ) said: 'If God Exists... Only He knows.'



[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'If you need someone to think for you, and tell you what you should do, go join a church or some other God archetype... Then you'll never have to think for yourself again.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'Hell hath no fury like a churchman who's dogma is questioned.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'In vain have I searched the universe for a self-financing God.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'A minister of religion is a man you have to know to dislike.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'The only people who have ever persecuted me have been Christians.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'Before you can accept God, you must first reject yourself.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'If you are looking for God, then look within yourself.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'If you are unable to cope with the reality of your life, then seek for an external God who will absorb you into his illusory escape.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'In my study of the Christian scriptures, I have, as yet, been unable to discover a God who was willing to negotiate.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'When God says: "Come follow me, you are my chosen one." I look at the history of the Jews, and say in response: "You've got to be kidding me!""

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'The easiest way to get to hell is to accept God as your guide.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'God's love is a conditional love. A child's love is an unconditional love. Who should we therefore emulate, God, or a child?'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'In terms of love, God withers in the face of a child.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'In my dealings with the Gods, I have found them all to be dictators.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'Before I was saved, God taught me to despise myself. Then after I was saved, He taught me to despise others.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'I have discovered that in this Universe there is no such thing as a 'Free Lunch'. There is always an account, and usually God is the one who writes it out.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'I put my hand into the hand of God, and was led into a world of fear, darkness, guilt, sin, pain, and payment by suffering... I put my hand in the hand of a child, and was led into a world of light, colour, love, joy, peace, happiness, and freedom.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'We are commanded to love God; however, God chooses whom he will love. I find that to be rather one sided.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'The presumption of the Christian seems to know no bounds. Christians are now ready, as soon as technology is developed, to carry 'the gospel' to far distant worlds. Some of those worlds have beings who are light years in advance of us. What would such beings think of the Christian message? Would they not be surprised to learn that the mother of 'their' creator and saviour was a Jewish girl named Mary. Further, 'their' creator, created the universe by saying "Let it be"? Dear Christian, if we ever go cosmic visiting, we had better leave our provincialisms at home... Are we so arrogant that we can't see that this is but our own way of thinking? The beings on other worlds will have never heard of our God, His mother, or of His word-of-mouth creation of the universe.' (CMG commenting, and paraphrasing Lloyd M. Graham's 'Deceptions and Myths of the Bible', P.362)

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'It is a sad fact that most wars have been taken up to prove that 'My God is better than your God'.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'Man has a unique view of religion, he would rid the world of religious bigotry and prejudice, then passionately defend, unto death, his source religion.'(CMG commenting, and paraphrasing Lloyd M. Graham's 'Deceptions and Myths of the Bible', P.362)

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'The near future (The end of the Piscean Age) is going to bring with it a metaphysical revolution, not a religious one. This metaphysical revolution will herald the return of the wisdom-knowledge of the cosmos. Already, man is besieging this physically; he must also besiege it mentally. This will bring him that new dimension of consciousness, that cosmic personal-identity, and right orientation with 'reality' so long denied him by religion. Religion, as we know, is sacred to millions, but a shock upon our minds is long overdue.' (CMG commenting on Max Frankel and Lloyd M. Graham, 'Deceptions and Myths of the Bible', P.436)

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'There is no way to impeach a hierarchical God. The only recourse a person has is to reject and ignore Him.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'Et tu, Deus?' (You also, God?)

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'If there truly was a loving and caring God there would not be any Nicholas'.' (Comment on the case of Nicholas, a 7 year old boy, who had to be blinded by surgeons to prevent the spread of retina cancer to his brain.)

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'All telephones sound the same in the dark.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'The bible tells us that "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7). Doesn't everyone - especially the government and the church?'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'The bible tells us that "A living dog is better than a dead lion." (Ecc 9:4). I think that depends on where you're going after here. If you're going to purgatory, then being a living dog is a good alternative. However, if you're going to Valhalla, a living lion is no substitute for that which awaits you!'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'I do not understand the King James Version of the Bible, I wish the translators and God had written it in English.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'The New Age will not be brought in by violence, catastrophe, upheaval, bloodshed, apocalyptic events etc. It will be brought in by Thought... Just Thought.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'Karma and Saviourism cannot save mankind. Only man can save mankind, and only thinking can save man.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'The illusion of karmic debt has been dispelled for years... However there are those who still enjoy the bondage, and flagellation of the "divine" Brahma!'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'To evaluate the level of intelligence to which a civilization has risen, look at the public advertising. The current advertising (1990's) indicates that our western civilisation is composed of gullible cretins and believing morons. Perhaps that explains why the dualism of God and Satan is having so much success.'

[Religion] When CMG was told that he could only be saved by being born again, he asked: 'What am I being saved from? I am already free in my own existence! Aren't you?'

[Religion] When told that he was going to be cast into hell and bondage for eternity, CMG (1951-) said: 'That's not a problem, I'll just find people there, like me, and we're going to bust right out of there! There's not enough power in this universe to bind an entity who has a knowledge of his own reality.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'When I was a Christian Minister (15 years) the greatest force we had within the church was Guilt and Fear. We really capitalised upon this, and bled the congregation of life force energy and money. The people of the Church were controlled, but never released from the power of Guilt and Fear.'

[Religion] When asked what the best method for attaining God consciousness in the physical plane was, CMG (1951-) said: '1) Fill a bath with very, very hot water - it must be so hot that it is excruciating to the touch. 2) Place your left hand and arm in the hot water. 3) Take a razor blade, or equivalent, in your right hand, and make a deep, the deepest you can, lateral incision across your left wrist. Because the water is very hot, you will not feel a thing. 4) Wait for four-and-a-half minutes - By that time all your blood has drained from your body, and you will be God conscious. This is a good method, because when they find you, they simply pull the plug in the bath and flush the blood away, then they put your body in a bin-bag, and leave it out for refuse collection... What I am actually saying here is: "There are many more important things to do in the physical plane than develop 'God consciousness'."

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'Before God dies He becomes very quiet. After God dies He is stuffed, And He is turned into a ventriloquist's dummy, And doesn't stop talking until the ventriloquist is shot! Today, the human race is filled with ventriloquists. Empty words, from empty projecting, Through empty dummies, into empty heads.'

[Religion] CMG (1951-) said: 'The God of South Africa, He who was the God of Blood River, died on the 19th September 1993.'

#### The God of The East

#### Tom

#### All is sorrow, Tom, All is sorrow... Prepare to die, That you might rejoice, And repose in blissful unconscious nothingness. What a load of Shit! (CMG (1951-) - On Meeting Tom - And Rejecting the East)

The East (Buddhism) - The four Aryan or Noble Buddhistic Truths are:

1) Pain Exists.

2) The cause of pain is 'Birth Sin'. The Buddhist supposes that man has passed through many previous existences, and all the sins accumulated in these previous states constitute man's 'Birth Sin'.

- 3) Pain is ended only by Nirvana.
- 4) The path that leads to Nirvana is the 'Eight-Fold Path':
  - i) Right faith
    ii) Right judgement
    iii) Right language
    iv) Right purpose
    v) Right practise
    vi) Right obedience
    vii) Right memory
    viii) Right meditation

Earlier Theravada or Hinayana (Ceylon) Buddhism emphasised personal salvation. Later Mahayana (Central Asia, China, and Japan) Buddhism developed and promised salvation for all.

**Buddhist Teachings** - The fundamental teachings of the Buddha, briefly stated, consist of the four noble truths, which were revealed to the Buddha in the great enlightenment: 1) The truth of pain, as manifest in birth old age, sickness, lamentation, dejection, and despair. 2) The truth of the cause of pain, viz., craving for existence, passion, pleasure, leading to rebirth. 3) The truth of cessation of pain, by ceasing of craving, by renunciation. 4) The truth of the way that leads to the cessation of pain, viz., the middle path, which is the 'Eight-Fold Path' consisting of: i) Right Views; ii) Right Intention; iii) Right Speech; iv) Right Action; v) Right Livelihood; vi) Right Effort; vii) Right Mindfulness; viii) Right Concentration.

In addition to these teachings, the Buddha set forth certain other moral injunctions: Not to Kill; Not to Steal; Not to Speak Falsely; Not to be Unchaste; Not to Drink Intoxicating Liquors; Nonviolence and a respect for all life were also Strongly Enjoined.

**Karma** - 'Action, fate'. In Buddhism and Hinduism, the name given the results of action, especially the cumulative results of a person's actions in one life-cycle as controlling his descent in a succeeding life-cycle.

Among Theosophists the word 'Karma' has a rather wider meaning: 'The unbroken chain of cause and effect; each effect link being, in its turn, the cause link of the subsequent effect.'

Nirvana - 'Blowing out, Extinction'. In Buddhist teaching, Nirvana is a complete annihilation of the

three main ego drives: i) Ego drive for MONEY/WEALTH; ii) Ego drive for FAME/IDENTITY; iii) Ego drive for IMMORTALITY.

Nirvana also signifies enlightenment, and the deliverance of the self from transmigration, because annihilation of the ego-drives destroys past Karma and does not create new Karma. See also: 'Karma'.

**Upanishads** - The Upanishads are the core of Indian theology. The pantheistic conception was subsequently developed with great subtlety in the Upanishads, and forms the core of all subsequent Indian religious thought, and is the foundation upon which Hinduism is built.

The main teachings of the Upanishads are summarized as follows:

- 1) BRAHMAN is the absolute, the eternal universal essence, the all-pervading force permeating the universe.
- 2) As a part of this world force is its ATMAN, to which all individuals belong.
- As individual souls living in a world of the senses, we think we exist apart from the ONE-SOUL - but this is MAYA, or ILLUSION. As long as individuals exist in this world, they are kept from the desired goal of absorption into the absolute, into Brahman.
- 4) While living in this state of illusion, of separateness from the one soul, the individual places his faith in things that Are Meaningless, Transitory, and Unsatisfactory. As long as such earthly goals as Pride, Power, and Material Success are sought, the result must be Pain and Sorrow. DELIVERANCE and EMANCIPATION can only be attained by MOKSHA, the ULTIMATE ABSORPTION AND LOSS OF SELF INTO BRAHMAN. The essence of the Upanishadic thought is escape from illusion.
- 5) This RELEASE from the meaningless state of earthly existence, and its attendant MAYA is part of a cosmic and complicated process of reincarnation. The individual soul must go through a long series of wanderings of earthly reincarnations from one body to another. A man's status at any particular point in time is not the result of a fortuitous lot, but depends upon his soul's actions in previous cycles of earthly existence.
- 6) Gradually Hinduism gave the CASTE system a religious significance by linking it to the process of REINCARNATION. In effect, caste became the essential machinery for the educative process of the soul as it went through the infinitely long succession of rebirths from the lowest categories in caste to that of the BRAHMIN, who presumably is near the end of the cycle.
- 7) KARMA is the inexorable law of CASTE and SALVATION. A man must accept whatever caste he is born into. There is no favouritism in the universe, for a man brings his karma into the world and everything that happens to him springs from this fact. 'Just as he acts, just as he behaves, so he becomes'. If, and as long as karma is defied, the soul is condemned to an infinite number of earthly existences, and denied escape from the sufferings of MAYA. Central to Upanishadic teaching is the belief that death is only a single, essential incident in the foreordained cycle of rebirth.

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Summary - the basic Upanishad contributions are:

- 1) The idea that the supreme Godhead, because it is completely attributeless, is incommunicable, but both 'realizable'.
- 2) The individual self is also the universal self, but is unaware of this.
- 3) The phenomenal world of appearances exists on the relative plane of the lower truth and appears to b real without being so.
- 4) Yoga, or physical and spiritual discipline, is necessary for realizing the nature of and achieving the union between Atman and Brahman.

Caste - The Five Great Hindu Castes are:

- 1) The Brahmin (The Priestly and Meditative Order).
- 2) The Shatriya or Kshatriya (Soldiers and Rulers).
- 3) Vaishya (Husbandmen and Merchants).
- 4) Sudra (Peasants and Labourers).
- 5) The Untouchables or Outcastes (Dog-Eaters), to whom the religious books are sealed. They are held cursed in this would, and without hope.

#### The God of The West

A good way to determine the character of a god is to review how he likes to be 'spoken' to:

#### Invocation for Deliverance From The Plague, or Other Common Sickness

O Lord God, who has wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions, by thy late heavy and dreadful visitation; and now, in the midst of judgement remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death; We offer unto thy fatherly goodness ourselves, our souls and bodies which thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto thee, always praising and magnifying thy mercies in the midst of thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (The Book of Common Praver - Thanksgivings - 1571)

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#### Invocation for Deliverance from the Wrath of God

We humbly acknowledge before thee, O most merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatened in thy law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart: Yet seeing it hath pleased thee of thy tender mercy, upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to assuage the contagious sickness wherewith we lately have been sore afflicted, and to restore the voice of joy and health into our dwellings; We offer unto thy Divine Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, lauding and magnifying thy glorious Name for such thy preservation and providence over us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer - Thanksgivings - 1571)

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#### The Granting of Absolution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive thee thine offences: And by his authority committed to me, I absolve the from all thy sins, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. (The Book of Common Prayer - The Visitation of The Sick - 1571)

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#### A Petition for a Sick Child

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eye of mercy upon this child now lying upon the bed of sickness: visit him, O Lord, with thy salvation; deliver him in thy good appointed time from his bodily pain, and save his soul for thy mercies' sake: That, if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong his days here on the earth, he may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation; or else receive him into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer - The Visitation of The Sick - 1571)

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