

## Why?

Whatever we believe about morality on earth and in space, one thing is evident: virtually in all media (for children as well as for adults), we are engrossed with the ongoing struggle between *good and evil* – within us and, therefore, around us. *Why?* If we are the highest order in an upward evolutionary process, *when, how and why* did good and evil first appear on the scene? Where, how and why did we get a conscience, our sense of right and wrong, our shame, our guilt feelings? Why is it that only humans blush? On the side of vice, when, how and why did cheating, lying, stealing, murder and depravity enter the picture? On the side of virtue, when and why did we become aware of civility, dignity, modesty and integrity? And why are we now *regressing* ethically and morally, especially in the “enlightened” Western World?

Why all the restlessness, unrest? Why is there constant conflict in so many souls, in so many relationships? Why so many enemies, why so much hatred, so much rage? Why wars, terrorism, genocide, repression, tyranny? Why all the aggression and all the destruction? What’s wrong with us Homo sapiens?

I believe these are only symptoms of something much deeper. We have no *peace* within ourselves; therefore we have no peace with others. Based on biblical teaching, *it is because we are not at peace with our Maker*. If we do not have a right relationship with him, it affects all other relationships. And until that is resolved, nothing will change. But when it does change, it will change our disposition, our attitude and our inner well-being.

So, we need to get right with God. How do we do that? When we make peace with God, we will have peace within ourselves. There can be no peace in individuals, no peace or good will on earth, until we personally and individually receive the “Prince of Peace” – the Lord Jesus Christ – into our hearts and lives.

*“My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him”* (Psalm 62:1).

*“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Romans 5:1). ◇◇