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Monoteisme Communication on COVID 19

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***Abstract** COVID 19 is an infectious disease caused by a new corona virus found. These are new viruses and previously unknown diseases there was an epidemic in Wuhan, China. Various efforts in the framework of prevention, treatment, lockdown, and social distancing for the spread of the corona virus, and to break the chain of spread of the corona virus. Monoteism Communication plays a special empirical knowledge and absolves them of basic ethical obligations. The pandemic offers Monoteisme Communication a moment to credibly blend the insights of faith with the findings of science and with the requirements of ethics and religions.*

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1.0 Introduction

Monotheism is a general term for religions that confess to and worship only one god. “One God!” or “No other gods!” (first commandment)—these are the central mottos of monotheism. Abrahamic faiths are a valid designation that captures much of the essence (go ahead, call me an essentialist!) of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, especially their shared affirmation of a single God. Outbursts of pugnacious particularism, motivated by political agendas, cannot nullify this—as indeed, philosophically inclined monotheists firmly believe that the Truth is unassailable, whatever artillery may be leveled against it. [12]

Mono literally means one or single [18] which comes from the Greek term. 'Theism' is formed from two words theo and ism. Theo (Greek: theos) refers to the meaning of God and ism (Greek: ismos) carries the connotation of ideology [19]. This shows that theism and deism have different meanings. Therefore, monotheism means overall as a concept of belief in the worship of one God.

It is facts that all religions are the result of the manifestation of one god. The absolute truth that God is central is surrounded by various religions. The diversity of religions is only a partial interpretation of this absolute truth. This is aligned as a transformation from self-centeredness to reality-centeredness that needs to be understood in the diversity that occurs in this world. Spiritual transformation in the worship of one god, is part of the human manifestation according to the belief tradition of each religion. All worships in fact lead to the same reality in different ways.

2.0 Literature Review

2.1 Islamicist

Prophet Muhammad SAW also once warned his people not to be close to regions that are affected by the plague. On the other hand, if you are in a place affected by the plague, it is forbidden to go out. As narrated in the following hadith: "If you hear of an epidemic in a region, then do not enter it. But if there is an epidemic where you are, then do not leave that place." [26]

Quoted in the book titled '*The Healthy Secrets of the Prophet Muhammad: Learning to Live Through the Hadiths of the Prophet*' by Nabil Thawil. In the time of the Prophet Muhammad, if there was an area or community infected with Ta'un disease, the Prophet Muhammad ordered to isolate or quarantine the sufferers in a special isolation place, far from residential areas. Tha'un as the Prophet said is a deadly infectious disease, the cause of which is the Pasteurella Pestis bacterium that attacks the human body. If Muslims face this, a hadith mentions the promise of heaven and a great reward for anyone who is patient when facing an epidemic. "*Death due to the plague is paradise for every Muslim (who dies from it).*" [5]

The terms lockdown and social distancing are also recommended in Islamic teachings. Before this case appeared, there was also an epidemic known as Tho'un. This Corona epidemic cannot be categorized Tho'un, because Tho'un is more specific and specific compared to plague. Although different in terms of naming, this disease is equally dangerous and cannot be denied. If studied in history, this diseases plague has been found since the time of the Prophet Muhammad and even long before the Prophet was sent, that is in the time of Bani Israel.

In Islam the plague of this corona virus is a test for a people to always come together to Allah (God). Islam teaches the terms lockdown and social distancing in order prevention of disease transmission, a few of Islamic scholars mention the term of this disease is an epidemic that causes the population to be sick and at risk contagious.

2.2 Christianity

In Mark 2 Jesus heals the paralyzed man who has been let down through the roof, and he does so by saying, 'your sins are forgiven'. Given what we have just seen Jesus saying above, we must be wary of seeing this as Jesus linking the man's paralysis with his individual sin. Jesus does not say that explicitly, and it may simply be that Jesus knew the bigger need the man had was for forgiveness of sins rather than physical healing (it needs to be noted that nowhere else does Jesus heal by saying 'your sins are forgiven'). [7]

The Bible shows that there are times when a person's illness is the result of personal sin, but, when a person is afflicted with an illness, there is no evidence to attribute it to a person's sin. God did it but not Jesus. The message is clear: acceptance, inclusion, and compassion for all. God protects and also heals, but we are God's servants, and act in the name of trust in the one God.

Even with incredible scientific medical methods, statistically proven, state-of-the-art medical techniques and rationale supporting ways to eradicate this deadly disease, many have chosen to resist due to politicized fear, partisan labeling, and misinformation on social media. The world is surrounded by deadly epidemics that have disrupted society, killing many lives, causing unemployment, and bring many negative effects. The solution to overcome this COVID-19 that has destroyed our population is to: Wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands, and get vaccinated! Most of society, many want to return to a normal level of life, but have been forced to continue with strict protection measures that no one likes.

2.3 Buddhism

By looking at the large number of people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Buddhists explain that as an effect of collective karma that we as humans have accumulated from the past. According to Buddha's teachings, the global pandemic draws us all together to experience the three marks of existence (tilakkhaṇa). They are the impermanence (aniccā) མི་རྟགས་པ, sufferings (duḥkha) ལྷུག་བསྐྱེད་པ and non-self (anatta) བདག་མེད་པ. The pandemic's sudden encroachment into many communities, causing a terror of pain and loss of many lives, reminds us of 'impermanence'. It shows us the foreseeable nature of our own death and its associated sufferings, leading us to search for eternal solace. [25]

This virus has awakened and enlightened many of us practically. It's effectually about the realistic phenomena of impermanence and profound meanings of interdependence. Now, with the coronavirus, we can't pretend to exist as an independent entity in the domain of the world around us. Hopefully in future we can travel without worrying about being infected. For reasons yet to be explained, these coronaviruses can cross species barriers and can cause, in humans, illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases.

2.4 Hinduism

In the face of the financial and physical stress brought on by COVID-19, it can be difficult to consider our emotional and spiritual health. In a world of uncertainty, Hindu teachings and practices are helpful in taking care of ourselves in the most essential and basic of ways. Arjun's war was very different from what we are facing today, but he too felt overwhelmed by the circumstances he was in, and Krishna encouraged him to let go of the fruits of his actions, while doing the right thing. Our dharma today is to first and foremost follow the guidelines being put out by our local, state, and federal governments to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities on small and large scales, despite the sacrifices entailed. Dharma is context driven, and many among us may have a dharma that drives them in a different direction as they provide health care and other essential services despite the personal and even familial risks, they'll incur in doing so. [14]

The unequal impact of COVID-19 has particular significance for the community. Many have faced increased burdens of care; higher risks of violence, including domestic abuse and violence. Religious attitudes and practices play complex roles, some positive and some less so. The stance and action of different communities is complicated by the competing pressures that have emerged during the pandemic and curtailed service and information structures. Abuses of human rights include specific, negative responses to some religious communities and practices and have seen a rise in conflicts with religious dimensions.

3.0 Problem Statement

The problem is how to realize the feeling of godliness. Belief and surrender to the one God, is a humane method in this world. Belief in one God is the main and most important method when dealing with the recent Covid-19. If the nature and sense of servitude is very strong in a person, it will eliminate @ destroy the characteristics such as loss of sense of dignity, arrogance, grumpy, envy, revenge and others. When the sense of servitude does not exist, then a sense of supremacy will be born. That feeling of supremacy is what gives birth to pride, arrogance, arrogance, anger, envy, asking for praise, self-aggrandizement, revenge, greed and others.

Therefore, we as God slaves, must sharpen and nourish the feeling of slavery so that all negative traits disappear. When the sense of servitude removes negative qualities, then automatically it is born in that person, being humble, shy, tolerant, loving, considerate, putting others first. Reliance, patience, feeling guilty, feeling weak, feeling hopeful, forgiving, apologizing and always feeling inferior, guilty and sinful. When the sense of godliness is truly lived and truly grips a person's heart and is carried everywhere, then what will happen to that person is that he feels watched over and watched by God. Shame and fear will no longer be from that person and will really feel that he is in the power of God. Fate is determined by God. It what will happen to that person is that he is afraid of committing sin. Shame on God. He will be a person who is honest, sincere, likes to do good, be a person who is civilized, polite, disciplined, and fulfils promises.

4.0 Literature Findings

Focusing about COVID-19, many research experts are doing research about this virus, especially research in the field of medicine. In research of the disease, there is no religions have done specifically research on COVID-19.

Religious denominations have frequently made statements about the COVID-19, sometimes pointing out concerns about its application, and other times judging the morality of the cure and preventive measures itself. Historically, most major religious bodies allowed for the use of booster injection, but criticism of the practice has greatly increased in recent times.

4.1 Islamic Perspective

In the Al-Quran it is stated that a servant will not be afflicted by a calamity unless God has predestined the calamity to occur.

"Say: Nothing will befall us except what Allah has written for us. He is our protector and only in God do the believers trust." [1]

"No calamity befalls a person except by the permission of Allah and whoever believes in Allah, Allah will guide his heart." [2]

"There is no calamity that descends on earth that befalls you unless it has been written by God. Indeed, that is easy for Allah" [3]

The Prophet Muhammad also ordered that a person be treated with honey and the Qur'an, he said:

"Take / use two healing medicines, namely honey and the Qur'an." [4]

Prophet Muhammad SAW is the best living human model in the Islamic tradition, this means that developing a liking for honey or regularly consuming honey is advocated in Islam. The intake of honey for health care purposes has to date been practiced since the time of the Prophet and his companions. [17]

From the hadith it mentions that honey has its own special features with the main values in health science, which has strong iron and vitamin substances. In addition, honey is also considered important because it meets the needs of the body and quickly gives energy.

Physical pain is a physical illness as in general. The Al-Quran through its healing verses can be used as a medicine by reading healing verses, remembrance with them, treat with healing verses, even drinking healing verses after washing them with water.

It is the belief of man and himself in the power of Allah that is very essential. Al-Quran as a guide has provided guidance for healing, as well as medical treatment, all of which the fact is that it is only Allah who gives healing. Only by surrendering and asking Him can illness and all problems be resolved.

4.2 Christian Perspective

Every Christian should be able to have this attitude in going through times of crisis in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic. The attitude is described in three main points, namely, first, Christianity must not lose empathy as a manifestation of the role of Christianity in every moment of life. Second, the attitude of hospitality must look at the context ethically, which is the context of the spread of Covid-19. Third, the Christian role has risks and impacts in the form of its implementation in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. This attitude should be implemented by every Christian as a manifestation of God's love for the world. The suggestion from this research is that it is necessary to conduct a further study about the community's response to the role of Christians, so that this role is a role reference that should be implemented by Christians even by everyone when facing a pandemic. The effectiveness of this role must be determined so that it can help every citizen or community to quickly overcome the crises caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. [6]

Religious beliefs have always been the major motives for human behavior, despite the different philosophical and intellectual positions on religion. Due to the great importance of religion in directing human behavior and with the emergence of the global threat COVID-19 pandemic, there is an urgent need for a new religious discourse that surpasses the metaphysical approach that deals ontologically

and that heads into a theological debate to employ religion to serve the humanity to live in coexistence, peace and harmony.

Man's need for religion is not linked to a specific time. Rather, it extends to all times and eras; as a man still invokes religion in the face of rising challenges. One of the most serious of these challenges is epidemics and diseases. The invocation of religion in this regard infuses a moral spirit that helps in facing the dangers of the disease and its negative repercussions, which are extremely dangerous at all levels. Religion is the main source of the provision of moral values and ethics for humans.

4.3 Buddhism Perspective

A simple life or living in simplicity might be more suitable for Buddhists to deal with a pandemic, such as COVID-19. As argued by [11], to live simply is to be compassionate to yourself and the world alike. A life full of material goods, barren of compassion, is unsustainable from both an ecological and a karmic point of view. As indicated by [21], the 'compassion to all beings', promoted by many Mahayana sutras, is one of the major factors that has led many lay and ordained Mahayanists to become vegetarians- no eating meat.

As studied by [20][22], switching from being a meat-eater to a non-meat eater can greatly reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. This certainly could help to decrease global warming effects. Moreover, no meat-eating can decrease human animal contacts, thereby reducing the possibility of transmitting noxious viruses from animals to human beings. In a recent article in Time Magazine, the [10] said that there is a need to fight the pandemic crisis with compassion. The Buddhist spiritual leader reminds all of us that a compassionate act, whether by working in hospitals or by simply observing social distancing, we have the potential to help many.

Buddhism promote their doctrines: the emptiness of all things and compassion to all beings with a focus on those doctrines that lead to a simple lifestyle with a no-meat diet. The world could become more sustainable and less risk of pandemics. Through the cultivation of compassion, which leads to the insight of emptiness and gives inspiration to all who wish to renounce their own desires for the benefit of all living beings.

4.4 Hinduism Perspective

The genetic and archaeological evidence indicates that ancient Hindus had a vast amount of medical knowledge which gradually evolved through trial and error and by mutual exchange of know-how between diverse races and communities. [8]

In the *Ramayana*, there is a reference to a magical herb, namely, *Sanjeevani*. It is believed that this herb could cure any malady – the herb was so powerful that it could even revive a person from the deathbed. This medicine is mentioned in the *Ramayana* when *Meghnad* gave a mortal wound to *Lakshma*; *Hanuman* brought this herb from the Himalayas to save his life. In the *Mahabharata*, *Gandhari* gave birth to a lump of flesh which was cut into 101 pieces by *Vyasa*, and later on the lump developed into a girl and 100 boys. The Hindus believe in the narratives of *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*, and following that they claim that ancient Indian medical science was more developed than the present time. [15]

The umbrella term for the ancient Indian medical system is *Ayurveda* “the science of longevity.” This text comprises knowledge regarding diseases, their cures, and expected diagnosis. The importance of Ayurveda among Hindus is so much so that they consider it as *the fifth Veda*. In the classical Sanskrit literature, components of *Ayurveda* are described, namely, general medicine, aphrodisiacs, elixirs, surgery, ENT/ophthalmology, demonology/psychiatry/exorcism, and pediatrics. Ayurveda is dependent upon medicinal plants. The common medicinal plants are *tulsi*, *aswagandha*, *neem*, *brahmi*, *turmeric*, *pepper*, *dalchini*, *elaichi*, *guggul*, *satavari*, *gritkumari*, *bael*, *chiraita*, *oringraj*, *rakta chitrak*, etc. [16].

Human being and nature are important concepts in the world view of traditional society. This concept can be seen in the perspective of the universe and cosmology regarding the origin of human existence and the universe, the elements of nature as well as its manifestation in the traditional medicine of the Hindu community. In the context of traditional Ayurvedic medicine, the manifestation of this nature can not only be seen in medical philosophy but also in the diagnosis and treatment given to diseases, especially when dealing with COVID-19.

According to *Ayurvedic philosophy*, the entire universe including humans is made up of five elements namely space, water, fire, air and earth which not only make up the universe (*macrocosm*) and the human body (*microcosm*). Based on that understanding, the effect of cosmic vibrations in the universe is believed to produce ether or space elements. The movement of the ether produces air which causes friction and then heat. The resulting heat particles combine with light to produce fire. The resulting heat melts the elements of the ether to produce water while the hardened water produces soil or earth molecules. These five elements not only make up the composition of the universe but also make up all other events. Water for example in the form of ice has hard elements like soil. The fire element in the ice also melts it and produces water. With the help of heat, water produces steam that has the element of air. The vapor produced eventually returns to space as space. [24]

Based on the *Ayurvedic* medical system, health is not only focused on the absence of disease but also the well-being of all aspects of life including physical, mental, spiritual and social well-being. *Ayurvedic* medicine is holistic, which emphasizes the aspect of balance between the elements of the body and between man and nature to ensure harmony and avoid harm and disease. Medicine and disease prevention methods that are emphasized a lot involve eating certain foods in addition to lifestyle changes including exercise, meditation, practicing good morals and positive thinking. Simply put, this method involves modifying the way of life to create balance and harmony between all the important aspects of life. It also covers the process of identifying the cause of the disease and making appropriate changes to create balance.

5.0 Psychological effects from the perspective of *Monotheists Communication*

Humans do religious behavior to get temporary happiness. According to Freud, people seek religion to escape from stress, conflict, anxiety, fear of death, danger or catastrophe and guilt. Because of that, religious behavior is a neurotic madness for humans in which they create God in their minds and then worship. As has been explained, religion is a system that serves to fulfill human illusions and at the same time acts against reality. He explained that religion is a way to escape from disappointment and escape from reality. Through religion people fantasize by believing in the existence of a force that

emerges from a person's need to achieve peace. Religion is a delusion in delusion because people want happiness but the fact is, they are in pain because of disappointment, misery and suffering [30].

Religious behavior is a human need to fulfill a demand within themselves that is deep. Because of this, they look for a solution by thinking about how they can meet the demand. Religion becomes a solution to the matter in answering all the questions that arise in human daily life. He also discussed about feelings that are the origin and cause of human religious behavior. Negative feelings become the origin of religious behavior guidance. Negative feelings such as fear have driven people to save themselves from consequences that could harm themselves. The feeling of fear discussed is the feeling of fear of a great power or God. Actions such as not doing things that are forbidden because they believe there is retribution from God and believe about observation from God is a response from this negative feeling which then drives religious behavior such as worship. His discussion related to feelings continued with emotional matters, namely the emotion of wonder or the emotion of wonder. According to him, this kind of emotion has led to human thought to think about something abstract, which is about great power or divinity. Through these emotions, humans get guidance in balance to think in order to manage negative or positive feelings [29].

This conflict of feelings exists in the subconscious mind and exists in the form of neurotic symptoms. Neurotic symptoms refer to behavior and abnormal thinking in which these symptoms include pathologically severe emotional states such as anxiety or depression, behavior and distressing thoughts such as phobias, obsessions or even physical illnesses such as hysteria or hypochondria. The feeling of love for father is also a factor in the emergence of religion at the same time a person acts to perform religious behavior to express the feeling of love. The feeling of regret in the child, has pushed him to bring his father back to life with something else. So the son has chosen a totem as a 'replacement' for his father [28][27].

The cause of religious behavior is human thought and feeling. These two elements are classified as internal elements that influence the formation of religious behavior. Although there is no denying that external elements are also a major contributor to the formation of religious behavior. However, it is clear here that the element of thought and feeling answers the question of where and why people do

religious behavior. Desire, hope, protection and a sense of dependence on forces other than humans are contained in the element of feeling and human thought. This becomes an incentive for people to act in search of religion and then perform acts and ritual practices such as worship.

This phenomenon is a universal phenomenon and this is called as religious behavior. Although in various forms that differ according to certain religions, but on the basis of belief in the supreme power of religious behavior is expressed. Feelings have a very close relationship with religious behavior expressed by people in their daily lives. The emotional conflict that occurs in oneself causes people to fight with their own emotions. Emotions of fear, affection, love, curiosity and wonder have driven humans to seek protection and happiness in life. Following this goal, humans began to express emotions and their feelings into the real world by giving birth to what is contained in their thoughts about the supreme power or God. Humans give birth to a figure that consists of certain objects or animals. This figure they believe is able to provide protection and fulfill their wishes. Therefore, in order to fulfill both of these human needs, people worship the figure in certain ways such as offering food, performing dances and etc.

6.0 Conclusion

Monotheists Communication need to believe that every test given by God has a warning for humanity as a whole. The COVID-19 pandemic which has attacked almost 200 countries in the world, of course requires all parties to reflect or examine themselves - against all practices, actions, attitudes, policies and anything that has been done so far that is tyranny, cruelty, damage, oppression, injustice or anything that is against God's commandments. It is our common hope that this outbreak of COVID-19 will bring us closer to God by repenting and asking for forgiveness, especially from the cruelty, damage and destruction that humans do in life.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on the country's political, economic, social, health and education systems. It has even changed the way and lifestyle of people including the way most individuals work, socialize, study and even daily life activities. The people of the world do not realize that health disorders will occur anytime and anywhere if they forget about the relationship between God and His (creatures). When the COVID-19 pandemic began to attack humans, all the

technological sophistication and high-quality health equipment were unable to control the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic. Humans are exposed to the problem of unemployment and a collapsing economy that even weakens human psychology to continue to face the pandemic. All the problems faced by mankind can only be solved by their return to God and the teachings of His Prophet. It's clearly that the basis given by *Monotheism Communication* covers all aspects of human life and when they are far from the divine and think that material and technology can overcome it, then here is the source of the problem. The solution is to return to religion.

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