

15.4 Forewarned, Forearmed (For Some)

Religion as evident from personal experience and news reports is the most destructive of human force. Indeed, next to hurricanes and widespread natural disaster, God-religions (and sometimes Buddhism, too) are the most destructive forces on earth. The atomic bombs have exploded, but the religious bombs keep exploding and taking countless numerous lives.

What little we can do now will surely help change the future for greater sanity, peace and wisdom.

In today's Straits Times (6 Jan 2007: S17) there is a must-read, entitled "10 myths, truths about atheism" by Sam Harris, the prize writer of two important books: "The End of Faith" (2004) and "Letter to a Christian Nation" (2006). This very important and education write-up was originally published in the LA Times.¹

For links to Harris' two books,² and related entry in the Wikipedia on them³ see footnotes. I have also found Harris' paper on modern Islam⁴.

Most importantly, do read his write up on the Buddha;⁵ yes, he is a Buddhist," perhaps even more so than most of us.

Please pass this on to others so that their minds become more open, too.

May we all find peace within and may we let it out, too.

Pace in terram! Sabbe sattā santī hontu!

¹ By Sam Harris, Los Angeles Times, 24 Dec, 2006. Repr in The Straits Times, 6 Jan 2007: S17.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-op-harris24dec24,0,3994298.story?coll=la.opinion-rightrail>

² Sam Harris on his book "The End of Faith" (2004), interviewed by Kenneth Krause:

http://www.infidels.org/library/modern/kenneth_krause/end-of-faith.html; Sam Harris on "Letter to a Christian Nation" (2006) interviewed by Random House: <http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/-display.pperl?isbn=9780307265777&view=auga>

³ "The End of Faith" (Wikipedia): http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_End_of_Faith

⁴ Sam Harris on the Reality of Islam: http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/20060207_reality_islam/

⁵ "Killing the Buddha" by Sam Harris (Shambhala Sun, March 2006): <http://www.samharris.org/media/killing-the-buddha.pdf>