

Article 17: Are You Being Unfairly Rewarded or Punished?

Do you believe that your descendants will be punished for your sins, just as you have been punished with genetic illnesses for your forefather's sins?

If you believe in familial or genetic diseases or illnesses ...or physical evolution as it is taught today, then you believe in "blind luck" or reward and punishment for your forefathers' "goodness or sins", ...because evolution teaches that genetic changes occur due to spontaneous or developed mutations, or because of adaptations to environmental conditions which enable a finer aspect or variation to survive and thrive, ...until the next environmental crisis.

Let's look back many centuries and consider two small creatures, called A and B, living in a peaceful valley ...filled with other crawling creatures which provide A and B with lots of food. Life was gentle and peaceful ...until, one day, a terrible rainstorm occurred and created a mudslide that blocked the valley. As the water rose, A and B climbed to higher and higher ground ...until, when the storm ended, they were trapped on an island in the middle of a lake, ...which had been their peaceful little valley, but which now was their prison, ...and they were running out of food-creatures.

Now, A was quite an optimist, and seeing all the food-bugs flying around the island, began jumping up and down excitedly and waved his forelegs in the air.

"look at the old fool," B declared, "he thinks he can fly away ...or can fly up and catch those delicious bugs, ...but he can't. What a waste of time ...and good energy!" As you can see, B was quite a pessimist, ...and he kept watching and laughing as A continued jumping and flapping.

Eventually, since the water couldn't break through the mudslide and drain the valley, both A and B died, ...A still jumping and flapping ...and B watching and laughing. Of course, A didn't only jump and flap, he took time out to raise a family, ...as did B; ...however, there was a great difference between the two families: Because of A's optimistic jumping and flapping, he enlivened wing-genes and passed those on to his offspring who then grew wings, ...while B passed on his pessimistic looking, judging, criticizing, and laughing genes.

When A's offspring grew up, they jumped and flapped ...and finally flew off the island, while B's offspring continued judging, ...though they weren't laughing any more; ...they complained about how "lucky" A's offspring were for having wings. And they sighed and suffered ...and

quietly told each other, "that's just the way the world is; ...that's life, ...all of life has its cycles. The bad comes and the good comes. You learn to deal with it. You know what you've got; ...you never know what you will get." And, sadly, they returned to their old suffering, judgmental life "as usual".

Now, A's offspring were quite happy! They didn't know how or why they were so blessed to have wings, but they were certainly pleased ...and felt quite rewarded because their forefather, A, did all of the "right" things in jumping and flapping to enliven wing-genes, so they could have wings. A didn't develop wings, so, regardless of his "right actions", he didn't benefit, ...only his offspring reaped the rewards.

But B's offspring, as you might guess, felt that life was unfair; ...they hadn't done anything wrong to be denied wings, so they judged that, obviously, B had been bad ...and they were being punished for his sins. They wanted to believe that this was the Creature-God's way, ...and they had to faithfully bear this burden, so they could have their angel-wings in another life, ...but, actually, they were quite angry at the world around them, at A and his offspring, at their forefather B, at each other, at the food-bugs that flew out of reach, at the water, and especially at their Creature-God ...and his unfair universe.

Next week we'll tell you of our interview with A and B; ...maybe you can guess how A felt about a lifetime of jumping and flapping, ...and how B felt about his life of judging, criticizing, and laughing.