Belief in God 'childish,' Jews not chosen people: Einstein letter

Albert Einstein described belief in God as "childish superstition" and said Jews were not the chosen people, in a letter to be sold in London this week, an auctioneer said Tuesday.

The father of relativity, whose previously known views on religion have been more ambivalent and fuelled much discussion, made the comments in response to a philosopher in 1954.

As a Jew himself, Einstein said he had a great affinity with Jewish people but said they "have no different quality for me than all other people."

"The word God is for me nothing more than the expression and product of human weaknesses, the Bible a collection of honourable, but still primitive legends which are nevertheless pretty childish.

"No interpretation no matter how subtle can (for me) change this," he wrote in the letter written on January 3, 1954 to the philosopher Eric Gutkind, cited by The Guardian newspaper.

The German-language letter is being sold Thursday by Bloomsbury Auctions in Mayfair after being in a private collection for more than 50 years, said the auction house's managing director Rupert Powell.

In it the renowned scientist, who declined an invitation to become Israel's second president, rejected the idea that the Jews are God's chosen people.

"For me the Jewish religion like all others is an incarnation of the most childish superstitions," he said.

"And the Jewish people to whom I gladly belong and with whose mentality I have a deep affinity have no different quality for me than all other people."

And he added: "As far as my experience goes, although they are protected from the worst cancers by a lack of power. Otherwise I cannot see anything 'chosen' about them."

Previously the great scientist's comments on religion -- such as "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind" -- have been the subject of much debate, used notably to back up arguments in favour of faith.

Powell said the letter being sold this week gave a clear reflection of Einstein's real thoughts on the subject. "He's fairly unequivocal as to what he's saying. There's no beating about the bush," he told AFP.

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Dear Wayne: Thanks for your note of 19 JUN 08 & enclosures. I'm currently reading "Deep Ancestry," which you kindly lent Claude, who sent it to me to read & send to you, which I shall do in due course.

Many thanks for the great cartoon flier. You are a good artist, for you convey your message well, & I congratulate you on your handwriting. I suspect you underwent "fascist" handwriting exercises in elementary school. My jew commissars banned handwriting practice as being "fascist regimentation," so my handwriting was terrible. My mother said that I "drew my letters," so the jews told our Parent Teachers' Association that "Johnny would learn to type." This "Johnny" could not learn to read with the jews' "Dick & Jane" look-say method, so my American grandmother taught me how to read at home. I was one of two "Johnnies" who took a typing course in junior high school. When the parents asked the PTA jews what their "Johnnies" would do who did not learn to type, they were told that they would have stenographers, in "the sweet bye & bye." I have yet to see a filling station attendant with a steno, so California produced lots of "Johnnies" with lousy handwriting, who couldn't read. The jew miseducators had no excuse that the Los Angeles City Schools were broke. They were amply-funded. Eventually, I learned to distinguish 'edjewcation' from education. Let's hear it from home-schooling, for that's where I learned reading & math.

I never underestimated the Chinese ability to copy, improve & remember Whites' technology. Once they know WHY something is useful, they can proceed to invent, using White man's science as their inventive context. I may agree with the Rushtonians that Chinese I.Q.s are 10 or more points higher than the median Whites, but intelligence seems to differ in quality as well as quantity. How does I.Q. identify creativity? We understand that I.Q. testing occurs in a White cultural context. Perhaps a Black intelligence test would include the ability to run, to throw a spear accurately, i.e. motor skills. Many Whites would flunk such a Black 'intelligence' test, for Whites' rate of physical development is reputedly slower than Blacks'. Asians are reputedly smarter at math than are Whites, but again, is math necessary for creativity? Certainly, it is a universal language of science, so creativity in technology must be expressed in mathematical terms, as with economics, which does not make an economic proposition true, any more than 2+2=5. Since birds & men are bipeds, one might classify men as an avian species, flightless as a kiwi or ostrich, & also featherless. It is argued that birds evolved from reptiles, so a sophist could argue that man evolved from birds, as dolphins evolved from certain land mammals. The DNA thesis posits that Humanoids have some 80% of their genes in common with plants, & an even greater percent in common with chimps, so what that tells us is the importance of very few genes in distinguishing the races of man &/or chimps &/or plants. As a Frenchman exclaimed when a member of the assembly proclaimed men & women to be "much the same:" "Long live the difference!" Indeed, little things CAN mean a lot.

I seem to recall that gallium was used in the White man's first transistor wireless radios known as "crystal sets." In typical fashion, the Chinaman discovered something that whitey had already forgotten, & was, I hope, able to improve it. So far, it is my understanding that patents tend to flow from Europe to China, rather than vice versa. The Japanese are no slouches in technology, but they are reported as recognizing Whitey's allegedly superior creativity. The key is to know WHY for starters, rather than HCW. As I observed, the Japanese' lack of street addresses showed they did not know why they should have such fast trains. Their trains were indeed fast, but they were not used efficiently in travelling from A to B. After covering a distance in a jiffy, one had to spend hours in locating the address one wanted within a city. Why should it be quicker to ravel from one city to another than it is to travel within a city? In Judeo-America, we can blame traffic congestion, not lack of addresses! Japan also has excellent public transportation in its cities, if one knows where he is to go, but for that, one needs a rational address system.

Many thanks for the Einstein item in which he debunks religion & "Yahweh's chosen pipple." That reminds me of Karl Marx' denunciation of Judaism as a vile form of capitalism, & his jew competitor, Lassalle, whom Marx alias Levy denounced as "the jewish nigger, Lassalle."

My analysis of your heroic task of inspiring the best of Our Race on behalf of Our Race is summed up in "WE" versus "ME." Until we can rise above our total consumerist self-indulgence toward racial salvation, there can be no individual salvation. Who wants to be all alone on Mars? All the best. ORION!