

What Did He Do Now?

Synopsis

What Did He Do Now? is a humorous, conversational, fictional, Socratic dialogue between God, Earth, and the Sun about mankind. It uses the process of research by the Sun and Earth in preparing a report for God about the impacts of human behavior on Earth. The Sun and Earth draw from real sources like Wikipedia and the Bible, to weave their findings and perspectives in a historical narrative about the impacts of religion on mankind and how those and other influences impact the behavior of Mankind on Earth.

Beeman sets the tone at the beginning of the book by using the dialogue of his characters to clarify questions about the nature of God and the rationale for the creation of religion. Then he gives an historical overview of how different religions have morphed over time from Animism to Polytheism to Monotheism to Humanism to a new extension of secular humanism, in a quasi-religious concept called Trumpism. Beeman and his characters expose the hypocrisy in Christianity, their traditions, practices, and the inconsistencies of stories in the Holy Bible. Additionally, they explore the uses of Gods, myths, narratives, faith, and forgiveness to explain how Catholicism and Christianity work in a bureaucratic and patriarchal practice, which are in opposition to the actual teachings of the foundational inspiration for their religion—Jesus Christ.

Continuing their report for God, Sun and Earth analyze different types of societal systems and how these systems can be considered religions since they shape human behavior. Further, they compare Christianity and Capitalism, which superficially seem to be contrarian, but, after further analysis, may be symbiotic.

They explain how people and religions have used spiritual opportunism to invent a story that creates a myth that forms a halo effect of legitimacy and morality, to achieve their agendas.

This leads to a modern variation of humanism created by a demagogue in America who exploited the weak spot in Christianity, their faith in a greater power, and their need for a savior.

Beeman uses specific biblical content and an open letter to Dr. Laura to show biblical inaccuracies and contradictions. He uses Wikipedia as a counterpoint to show the discrepancies. He gives evidence of how the Catholic Church is run like a business by evaluating the economic viability of parishes and how it pays no taxes yet is a beneficiary of relief payments by the government. On the surface, capitalism and Christianity appear to be in contrast to one another, but after deeper analysis, we find that they are actually symbiotic.

The report to God next demonstrates how one man, Donald Trump positioned himself as a savior, manipulated media, Christian Evangelists, and NRA supporters, by employing fear, and tapping into ignorance to gain a loyal, fanatical following. This aided him in his quest for wealth and power to satisfy his enormous ego and eventually become the most powerful man in the world for a few years. Beeman speculates about the historical and future consequences of this unique confluence of personality, situation, and environment.

While God does not judge, God takes into consideration all of the information that was shared in the report and comes up with some conclusions based on the trends. After summarizing the consequences of our behavior on Earth, Beeman shares his personal biography, his spiritual journey, and his positive affirmation that God is love and does not judge, and that, we are not done writing our story as either self-serving humanists who consider ourselves Masters of All or compassionate caretakers of a glorious, resilient, life-giving planet.