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Greetings tenzintenzin

I fear some things that I was trying to say in this piece & which you were trying to say in your response were lost in translation.

Yes, as with most Americans, I was born into the Judeo-Christian mythos of viewing people & their acts as either good or evil; however, thanks in part to studying Nietzsche & having been burnt by Christians, then polished by studies of science & scientific philosophy, I decline to label phenomena as either "good" or "evil," a point I made several years ago in reply to a comment left by my ex pen-pal/girlfriend Roxy.

As you seem to be trying to say, what some people call evil the same people call good if it's done for "patriotism," or some other reason that they approve of. That demonstrates one of the points I made, that people invent a god who has a personality that is peculiarly in agreement with their (conscious or subconscious) needs or desires, including the instinctive need to kill "others."

Buddha's teachings taught us to rise above & to restrain such instincts, with the Noble purpose of relieving suffering, separating Buddhism from inspired & monotheist religions (most sects of which, at best, are indifferent to the suffering of those who reject their beliefs). It's for this reason, a wish to relieve suffering -- that's the same reason that I began my blog -- that I embraced Buddhism. I'm a Buddhist, but, as Mel Gibson said in Air America, "I never said I was a good Buddhist!" ;)

So, tenzintenzin, please continue to offer your comments, particularly with your Buddhist twist.

I am the smartest person in the room, by the way. But I never said I was a good criminal! ;) (Actually, I'm pretty good -- joking!)

Generally, you're close to right about women having impulse control that men lack. But there ARE exceptions: Buddha, for men; Roseanne Barr, for women, e.g. I like women too, way more than men, but they ain't perfect -- don't use my blog to shoot your shot! :)

Be well.

Namaste