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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

Crazy Antics ~ December 6, 2013

God is not an accomplice to evil when he permits a plague.

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Texas is experiencing a modern-day plague: an infestation of ants. And I'm not referring to the veteran fire ant that's "generally considered to be one of the worst invasive species in the world" and is estimated to cost Texas more than a \$1 billion a year.

No, this new plague of different ants is worse. These ants arrive in waves of millions. And because they act so bizarre, so psychotic, they're called crazy ants. I know, it sounds crazy, but it's not hyperbole. One man, Mike, who happens to own a pest control company, was interviewed about an infestation at his own home.

One day his air conditioning stopped working. A musty smell seeped from the vents in his living-room floor. So he powered up his Shop-Vac to clear them. By the time he was done, he'd sucked out five gallons of ants. Soon he and his wife were waking up to find vast, frantic networks of ants zipping around the kitchen floor in all directions. When the picture on their 50-inch box television started flickering, Mike took off the back panel and found the guts throbbing with ants. He got rid of the television. Outside, dead ants began pooling around the base of the house in heaps so high that they looked like discarded coffee grounds...

Crazy, huh? And who's to blame for this invasive species overrunning Texas? God is, in his own crazy lovingly way.

When Adam and Eve sinned, they poisoned the human race with original sin (also called inherited sin). "Sinful flesh gives birth to sinful flesh" teach Jesus and the apostles. To keep fallen humans from becoming totally hardened in denying the natural knowledge of god, God himself put a curse upon this world. Here's part of what God did:

17) To Adam he said... "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18) It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19) By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:17-19)

On one hand, God is the cause of the crazy ants' infestation because he put the curse of sin into the world. On the other hand, mankind's sin is the reason that the curse of sin exists. All of which leads us to a more sublime doctrinal understanding: while God upholds the laws of nature that permit the crazy ants to infest Texas, at the same time God is never the author

nor an accomplice with anything evil or sinful. This is a mystery that sounds crazy to our small minds, but it's a truth taught in the scriptures.

Here's another way to explain this: God effects the instinctive behavior and native abilities of these psychotic creatures, but God does not go along with any defects connected with their activities.

And finally, God's relationship with When-Bad-Things-Happen is sometimes described with the idea of "permission." But when God permits the bizarre ants to go bonkers in Texas, it's not because God doesn't care or that he has no power over these peculiar *formicidae*. Just the opposite, God uses the defects that the crazy ants cause to work his good will. Which is why God put the curse of sin on the world in the first place: to effect good things from the defects that the curse of sin creates.

Crazy ants may not affect you, but there are plenty of crazy things that happen in this fallen world that God lovingly uses to remind us of his spiritual truths, such as these:

- Sin is serious; I have earned the curse of sin in this world and damnation in the next;
- My personal sins are included in the reason why God cursed this world;
- God promised and sent his only Son to be cursed in our place and to pay for our sins;
- Even we Christians cannot create heaven on earth and so we long for the real heaven;
- All the troubles of this world must serve a loving purpose designed by him who died and rose for us.

Crazy ants are a terrible curse, a consequence of the curse of sin God pronounced upon this world. This makes sense. But what sounds too crazy to be true is that God loves us in spite of our sins. But this is true, and this is why God has divine plans for all of life's crazy antics.

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[There's a Reason They Call them 'Crazy Ants'](#) @NewYorkTimes.com

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