

Dr. Javed Latoo**When he reached a fork in his road**

When he reached a fork in his road
Standing ambivalent and perplexed
Not sure which path should he tread?
One leading to an abode of Heaven
With all its serenity, nobility and bliss;
Or one leading to a circus of Hell
With family, friends, and neighbours
All waiting to receive him there.
His heart longed for a kingdom of tranquillity
Yet his mind was enticed to one
Full of action, company and familiarity.

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Able to explore the origins of this World,
Life and Mind; reveal the secrets of
The Heavens and Earth;
Reflect on their inner and outer world.

I also know our minds are consumed with
A fire of anger, envy, and vengeance;
Afflictions of bigotry, deceit, greed,
Hypocrisy and maliciousness;
Ailments of addiction, anxiety, and selfishness.

With our enduring vanity, unhappiness, knavery, and
Ability to kill our own kind, unlike other animals,
I often wonder If
Humans have paid a heavy price for
This unique endowment of Reason?



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