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Do I Know You?

In ancient Iraq, a scholar and wise man by the name of *Wahab bin Amr* turned himself into a wise fool, knowing that his insanity would protect him from persecution. He became known as Bahlool, the idiot and hero of folklore, forever revealing the underlying truth in various social situations. A very pertinent anecdote featuring Bahlool and his feelings on the subject of war goes something like this ...

A cruel and foolish king wished to amuse himself by watching Bahlool in combat, even though it was well known that Bahlool was a hopeless fighter. Bahlool pleaded for his life but soon realised that there was no escape from his ruler's desire for amusement, so Bahlool asked for a last meal that was both scrumptious and plentiful.

The next morning Bahlool stood with his king and the king's many powerful warriors on one side of a field while the enemy's king and powerful warriors stood on the other side of the field. At the chosen

time, a strong and mighty enemy knight rode onto the area of battle wielding a sharp and deadly sword, demanding that a combatant be sent to fight him.

Bahlool had no choice but to ride onto the field of war but Bahlool had a plan. When the fierce knight charged with his weapon raised in the offensive, Bahlool signalled to him that he only wished to talk. Bahlool showed no fear and did not attempt to retreat but, despite the enemies continued displays of aggression, he showed no sign of preparing to fight and merely repeated his signal that he would like to have a little chat.

Eventually the frightening opponent was overcome by curiosity and moved close enough to hear whatever it was that Bahlool wished to say.

Bahlool graciously greeted the warrior then asked, "Dear Sir, I just want to ask you whether, by any chance, we happen to have met before?"

The warrior was puzzled and replied that he had never seen Bahlool before in his life and thought he was a fool for asking.

Bahlool merely smiled and asked, "Have you ever heard of name before, Sir?"

The knight grunted a laugh and said, "I do not need to know the name of idiots so, no, I do not know your name."

Bahlool gave his name and a small bow, before asking, "Now that you know my name, Sir, can you tell me if you or any of your family have demanded my death in some sort of revenge for harming any of your loved ones?"

The fearsome warrior was insulted and insisted that he was quite capable of protecting his loved ones and that his entire family was safe and well.

Bahlool nodded as he said, "So is there a large sum of money that I have forgotten to pay you, Sir? Indeed, am I in debt to you for any reason? Is there anything that I owe you?"

The enemy knight exploded and insisted, "You owe me an explanation. We are supposed to be in battle and all you want to do is talk. Why?"

Bahlool smiled at the enemy as he said, "I am indeed in debt for your patience, kind Sir and would therefore like to vanquish this debt by asking you to share a most wonderful meal with me. That is, if you can spare the time before you slay someone who is entirely unknown to you and who has never done you any wrong.

The mighty warrior sat open-mouthed with shock as Bahlool rode his horse close enough to touch the enemy's horse while also taking from his saddlebags the scrumptious feast he had been sent by his king as a final meal.

Bahlool's ingenuity and courage so amazed and impressed both his opponent and the battle-hungry kings that the war was called off for the day and everyone enjoyed each other's company.

Bahlool's king decided never to send Bahlool to battle ever again, in case he kept bringing peace to them all forever.

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Let us be concerned
about one another
in order to promote
love and good works

Hebrews 10:24



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And let us consider how we may spur one another
on toward love and good deeds

Dearly beloved, avenge
not yourselves, but rather
give place to wrath: for it
is written, Vengeance is
mine; I will repay...

—Romans 12:19

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