

# Good and Evil

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*References:* the story of Adam and Eve and of the Creation is from Genesis, chapter one.

## White Eagle's Address:

May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost rest and abide with all, now, and at all times.

The problem of good and evil is the greatest that man must face, as he travels the path back to God, his Father. How frequently the lips of men and women, sorrowing and distressed with the sufferings of human life cry: 'Where is love? Where is God's love?' So much evil is abroad, and if God be a Father of love and compassion, why does He permit evil to flourish? If we hear not the cry, we see the question rising from men's minds. You notice that we say; 'rising from their minds', not their hearts.

There may be many here tonight who will not disbelieve that which we ourselves have accepted in arriving at understanding. Beloved, man is unable to see but a short distance whilst imprisoned in the physical life. As soon as he rises above the limitations and bondage of the physical plane, light will illumine his mind, and he will enter into peace.

Then man will know that the great powers of good and evil are both within the heart of God. This is difficult indeed for you to comprehend, whilst enslaved and suffering from the power of evil. But if you accept the omnipotence of your Father-Mother God, from Whom came your creation, you must meekly and humbly acknowledge the enfolding power of good, and – as it is called – evil. Recognise that both these tremendous forces at work in humanity are aspects of one and the same truth. Joy cannot be, without sorrow. No soul can rise to heights of joy, unless it has touched anguish and deep suffering. At one extreme the positive; at the other the negative; before life can become! And to shrink from or deny that which is called evil, is to deny life itself on this earth plane – life, as you know life. Behold in physical science, force and energy ever at work on the physical atom! And indeed, throughout creation we recognise the need for the dual aspects of creation.

All dwell within the love of God. Yes! God is All-love. You will ask: "But how can this be so, if God is also evil?" God is love: God is wisdom: and God is power. These three aspects of God have always been recognised and worshipped in every religion. Power rests at the base of the Triangle. Let us liken power, then, to what men call evil; and on either side, balancing the rod of power, love and wisdom, love inseparable from wisdom exactly balanced, both inseparable from power; for love and wisdom bring into action power.

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Genesis tells the story of the creation of this universe, of this earth system: of the creation of the two – the positive and the negative, the male and the female elements. You will remember that the Word divided the light from the darkness, but before the creative Word when forth, all was as One. No division! In God was all: all was in God – the light and the darkness, the dry lands and the waters! In the course of ‘days’, or periods of time, God created the earth, the sea, the life above the earth, the life in the sea, and the life on earth. God’s last creation was Man. You are told God created Man in His own image; God set man in a garden of Paradise, a condition of life which was beautiful and without evil. Ponder this story carefully.

God then saw that man needed a companion, and from man he created woman. Both man and woman were then innocent, and had to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge. May we here remind you that this story is not common to Genesis only, but has been known for many thousands – we could almost say – millions of years. It can be traced through all the religions of old, in some form of symbolism. Man craved the companionship of woman. The woman – I hope this will offend no one – the woman was the cause of man’s fall. Behind this ancient story, let us see if we can glimpse light. Man was created perfect by God. But one aspect of his nature wanted something more than Eden; it needed experience. We can liken the woman to the mind of man, which had to gain knowledge; and into this the serpent crept! We liken the serpent to power, because the serpent beguiled the mind, and thus urged man and woman to gain knowledge.

Power is the base of that which is called evil; power which rises in the mind, and asserts self – the self which is the lower aspect of man. Of power, self was born; self-power, self-assertion, self-desire; and man fell from that perfect Godlike estate, tempted by what is called evil – by love of power, by self-assertion. Yet, by the serpent, which brought evil into the mind of man, was also brought development and growth to the individual mind. Evil produces individualisation, a necessary aspect of creation; for without this pushing forward of the self, self-individualisation, there would be no growth in God’s child towards the completed, perfect son of God.

This is important: with the implanting of the seed of evil, as man miscalls it, or self-growth, there was also born within the heart of man another aspect of God – the Son, he who is the divine life, he who is love. So, whilst desire for self-growth was implanted in the brain, or mind, and is attributed to evil, that which is called love, the Son of God, the Christ, the light whom all the angels worship, and even the angels of darkness bow to, for they are still subject to the power of love. He, Christ, good, was born in the heart.

Look forth upon your world and see the conflict between good and evil – between the mind and the heart of man. You, yourselves, are continually engaged in the conflict, sometimes for a whole lifetime; but as the mind is gradually controlled and used by the love-wisdom aspect of the triangle, the conflict grows less. There comes blending and growth of the higher triangle in man’s being – the growth of wisdom, love, and power of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Without these Three, there can be neither law, order, growth, nor perfection of life. Beloved, we know the continual battle which you all endure between

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an unruly mind and the heart. The heart guides you on the path of love; the heart knows peace, and beauty, and loveliness in life!

Why! Young people – and old, too! – meet a partner; it is said they fall in love. Love springs from their hearts, and the critics say they have lost their sanity! Such love, although a lower aspect, nevertheless is truly love. Love wars with the mind. Mind will enter and argue, showing many reasons why love should not hold dominance in the man's or the woman's soul. Again: how much you long for peace, to see peace on earth! Yet, look abroad, and see the sorrows of war, see evil tramping down and destroying – apparently destroying! And as a result the mind would end that kindness within your heart. But whilst the mind stimulates growth, so the urge for power creeps into religion, national life, individual life.

In many forms you will see manifested desire for power and dominance over one's fellows. Thus evil is released, with its consequent suffering; for evil must, eventually, consume itself, for that which it releases goes forth to destruction. As force and energy are ever at work on the physical plane, so you will witness these two forces of the spiritual plane, good and evil, eventually being brought into perfect at-one-ment, by which good becomes reconciled with that which you call evil.

This is the ultimate result. In the first place such an at-one-ment will come within man, taking rise from the creative or generative centres of the body – of the bodies of man. From that lower aspect, or lower triangle it will be transmuted to the higher – the head, the throat, and the heart. When this comes to pass, then the perfect marriage has taken place, the mystical marriage, between what you call good and evil. Then the desires of the lower self will have been transmuted into the higher. Man will no longer be selfish, but selfless, for he will have emerged into the Divine, truly a God-man – the perfect image of that which God first created in the heavens, the archetypal man, which God holds eternally in His own Mind, in His own Being. But ... when we speak of Him, whom we call God, we can find no words or tone to express the beauty, the holiness, the glory and the perfection of the Father!

In life's journey you have one stronghold. God has given you His Son. Your orthodox church worships the Son of God as crucified by man. Worship the Son of God as He is revealed in your heart, and in the heart of your brother. True, evil will attempt to crucify the Son within. But remember – the Resurrection! For Evil took Him and crucified Him on the cross of Calvary, but on the third day he rose again! Evil cannot kill the Son of God within.

Knowing these things, you and we have a responsibility towards the rest of our brothers. We have to work with the angels of light and the powers of light, and the great domain of Christ, we have to keep the balance in life – the balance between heart and head, between good and evil. Send forth, radiate beauty and happiness; for as surely as you give forth light, you give forth beauty, pity, comfort, and bless and heal the sick. Thus may you give to the poor, bring peace on earth, and express all that the Master Christ taught in His famous Sermon on the Mount. Keep then, according to your strength, the balance between good and evil, for this you will be helping mankind, and will, even as Christ did, save man from the destructive power of evil. For the balance will produce the perfect Son of God, the perfect life on earth,

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and heaven will prove the Garden of Eden to which you will return, not empty-handed, not without knowledge, but a completed and perfect Son of God.

The love of Christ blesses you all. Open your hearts now – at this instant! Feel the Presence! Worship my Father who is in heaven.

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