

Pathwork Lecture 248: Three Principles of the Forces of Evil – Personification of Evil

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Blessings on your journey, Gary

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03	<p><i>My dearest friends, God's blessings envelop you.</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Christ is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>present here,</i> • <i>warming you,</i> • <i>giving you</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>courage and</i> • <i>love,</i> • <i>truth and</i> • <i>hope</i> <p><i>that is always justified.</i></p> <p><i>Turn to Him,</i></p> <p><i>for</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>He is God's human manifestation.</i> • <i>He is the Cosmic Christ</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>who transcends all</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>human bickering,</i> • <i>separatism, and</i> • <i>the "me versus you" attitude.</i>

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	<p><i>When you look at this series of lectures from some distance, you will clearly perceive that there is a profound meaning in their specific sequence.</i></p> <p><i>Retrospectively you can recognize this</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• rhythm and</i><i>• meaning in the sequence of lectures.</i> <p><i>• The topic of each lecture and • its sequence spell out an articulate message the spirit world is sending to you to help you take the further necessary steps on your path.</i></p>
04	<p><i>In this lecture I wish to instruct you again about certain</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• realities and</i><i>• laws concerning evil.</i> <p><i>It is very important that you understand more about this so controversial subject at this present moment.</i></p> <p><i>For many centuries the power of evil was fully recognized.</i></p>

	<p><i>Humanity had a sense of</i> • <i>the invisible</i> <i>and what is usually referred to as</i> • <i>supernatural</i> <i>regarding both</i> <i>the forces of</i> • <i>light and</i> <i>the forces of</i> • <i>darkness,</i></p> <p><i>as well as [having a sense of]</i></p> <p> <i>their [i.e., these supernatural and invisible light and dark forces']</i> • <i>manifestations,</i></p> <p> <i>their [i.e., these supernatural and invisible light and dark forces']</i> <i>effects,</i></p> <p> <i>their [i.e., these supernatural and invisible light and dark forces']</i> • <i>influence in your realm, and</i></p> <p> <i>their [i.e., these supernatural and invisible light and dark forces']</i> • <i>personification</i> <i>as</i> • <i>spirit entities –</i> <i>as</i> • <i>angels</i> <i>and as</i> • <i>devils.</i></p>
05	<p><i>It has always been said that</i> <i>the individual's</i> <i>free will</i> <i>determined</i> <i>whose influence [i.e., whether angels' or devils' influence]</i> <i>would predominate</i> <i>in one's life.</i></p>

*While human beings were still in their
immature*

- *mental and*
 - *emotional*
- states,*

their wills

*were not sufficiently developed
to make*

- *conscious,*
 - *appropriate, and*
 - *wise*
- choices.*

The

- *strength of their*
- *lower selves*

and

- *their*
- *inability and*
- *unwillingness*

to

- *face*
- and therefore*

- *transcend*
- the lower self,*

frequently

made them

the prey

to

evil

influences.

Lack of

- *self-knowledge*

inevitably led to

lack of

- *self-responsibility.*

Thus humanity

felt victimized by

evil spirits.

***Fear of them [i.e., fear of evil spirits]
often led to
submission to them [i.e., submission to evil spirits] –***

***and this [i.e., submission to evil spirits]
happened on a quite
• conscious and
• intentional
level.***

***The worship of Satan
occurred openly.***

***And when this [i.e., when open worship of Satan]
was not the case,***

***it [i.e., the worship of Satan]
certainly occurred
unconsciously
by choosing
the influences that
corresponded to
the intentionality of
the lower self.***

06

***As history proceeded,
a disconnection from
the invisible [spiritual and supernatural] world
occurred.***

***This disconnection [from the invisible supernatural world]
itself
is
a manifestation of evil,
as I shall explain more specifically later.***

*Now I just want to say
what I have often mentioned before:*

- *evil and*
- *its manifestation
must itself
become
the medicine
to overcome evil –
at least in the long run.*

*Therefore
this disconnection from
supernatural [evil] realities
inevitably had
very regrettable effects [i.e., regrettable since this
supernatural evil could not as easily manifest and
hence evil, not becoming manifest, could not
become the medicine for overcoming evil].*

*But
it [i.e., but the disconnection from the spiritual/supernatural evil realities]
also created
an arena
in which
people
could no longer
blame the devil [“out there” in the supernatural or
spiritual world]
for their own misdemeanors.*

*[Rather, having dismissed the spiritual/supernatural world altogether]
They had to look
within themselves
to correct the effects of evil.*

*So humanity
had to go through a period of*

- *isolation and*
- *separateness*

*from the invisible [good and evil spiritual/supernatural] realities
in order to
grow into
self-responsibility.*

However,
what was [then]
ridiculed as
superstition [i.e., the good and evil supernatural spiritual
reality that was ridiculed as superstition]
was
in reality [not illusory, but in fact]
a half-truth.

[How is this superstition about good and evil spirits being a reality a half-truth?]
[On the one hand]

It is indeed
a kind of superstition
to make outside [non-material, spiritual or supernatural] forces
responsible for one's fate.

Yet
[on the other hand,]
invisible [non-material, spiritual/supernatural] forces
• do exist [in fact]
and
• do have their influences [in your world].

07

In other words,
we are dealing once again
with a duality:

either
• the self
is responsible for the individual's fate
or
• the [outside supernatural] angels and devils
are [responsible for the individual's fate].

Humanity has [now]
matured sufficiently
to be able to unite
this [either/or] duality.

	<p><i>[At this time]</i> After a long period of concentrating on the self at the expense of [not considering the possibility of] invisible [good and evil spiritual] forces [from without], the time has come when you can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• combine the two facets of reality [i.e., combine the inside facets of the self's good and evil forces with the outside facets of supernatural/spiritual good and evil forces] <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• truly make them the one reality it is from our spirit-world's vantage point.
08	<p>Although I have discussed the [very real] existence of these [outside, non-material, spiritual, or supernatural] forces ever since my task with you began,</p> <p>for a considerable time [we did not focus on these outside forces but rather] we concentrated mostly on your own inner being with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• all its subtleties and• all the various levels of consciousness and• their interaction<ul style="list-style-type: none">• within you and• around you. <p>Occasionally I did return to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the power of the invisible [outside, non-material, spiritual] forces, but always in conjunction with• your own determining voice.

You have begun to understand that

- ***to the degree***
 your lower self is
 conscious,
 thereby
 enabling you
 to choose
 - ***not to act upon it*** [i.e., not to act upon
 your lower self]
 - and*** [rather]
 - ***to pray for help***
 to purify it [i.e., to pray for help to purify
 your lower self],
- [to that degree]
 you are
 invulnerable to evil.

- ***To the degree you***
 - ***commit yourself to***
 the will of the highest and
 - ***dedicate your life to***
 follow in Christ's footsteps,
- [to that degree]
 - [external dark evil] ***spirits***
 cannot approach you.

But it is not enough to
voice
 such good intentions
 [merely] on the surface of your being.

[Rather]
 The decision [to commit yourself to the will of the highest and
 to dedicate your life to follow in Christ's footsteps]
 must penetrate
 the most hidden levels
 of your personality

if you are to become
 the shining light
 that
 repels
 dark spirits.

	<p><i>The purification process of this path [i.e., the purification process of this pathwork, a process of honest self-facing]</i></p> <p><i>is</i></p> <p><i>a deep-rooted system that totally renews the personality on all levels.</i></p>
09	<p><i>My beloved friends, the time has come for you to understand more profoundly how you are an electromagnetic field that always attracts what is commensurate with certain levels of your innermost being.</i></p> <p><i>To attain this awareness [i.e., awareness of the ways you attract energies that are commensurate with certain levels of your innermost being]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• completely and</i><i>• clearly,</i> <p><i>you need more information.</i></p> <p><i>For this reason I should now like to discuss three specific principles of evil.</i></p> <p><i>Your understanding of this material</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• will prove</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• immensely useful and</i><i>• will bring into clearer focus your view</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• of life in general and</i><i>• of your own life in particular.</i>

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*The first
of the
three basic principles of evil
is the
most obvious to humanity.*

*The devil
was always associated with
the principle [i.e., with this first principle of evil]
which aims [i.e., which has the negative intention]
• to destroy and
• to inflict suffering
at all cost.*

*The separation
between
• the self that perpetrates suffering
and
• the victim who suffers
is so great
that
the perpetrator
is deluded into
being [seemingly]
unaffected
by the further effects
of his or her acts.*

*It is known that
everything about Satan
is earmarked by
separation –
not only [separation]
• from God,
but also [separation]
• from others and
• from the self.*

*This aspect of
separation
exists in the case of
all three principles [of evil]
I shall discuss here.*

*The delusion of evil
in the case of
this first principle [of evil]
lies in
the misperception that*

- *your brother's or sister's pain
is not unavoidably also*
- *your own pain.*

*Instead of
recognizing this basic truth [i.e., this basic truth that your brother's
or sister's pain that you choose to cause him or her is
unavoidably also your own pain],*

*a person,
whether*

- *in human form or*
- *as a discarnate [spirit] entity
who is filled with evil,*

*[in this first principle of evil]
experiences [instead of the pain of the other, rather experiences]*

- *excitement and*
- *pleasure*
 - when spreading*
 - *destruction,*
 - *suffering, and*
 - *pain.*

11

*The second principle of evil
is
materialism.*

*This [second principle of evil – materialism]
not only
applies*

• to the earth sphere,

but

- equally and*
- often even more*

[this second principle of evil – materialism – applies]

*• to a variety of hellish spheres [i.e., the hell realms]
in which entities*

live in a

totally disconnected [and separated] way,

convinced that the

dead state of

thickly condensed matter –

much more thickly condensed

than your living matter –

is the

only reality

that exists.

*In such hellish spheres [of this second principle of evil – materialism]
the suffering*

is not the same as

the suffering

deriving from

the first principle [of evil]

[that is, the principle]

which was often depicted by visionaries

in your earthly sphere [i.e., suffering, pain, and

destruction brought to victims and that bring

delight to the perpetrators of such suffering].

*This second principle [of evil – materialism]
is less often*

- understood and*
- sensed.*

	<p><i>Visionaries</i> <i>have not seen</i> <i>the spheres</i> • <i>corresponding to and</i> • <i>manifesting</i> <i>this [second] principle [of evil – materialism].</i></p>
12	<p><i>I'll give</i> <i>one illustration [of this second principle of evil – materialism].</i></p> <p><i>Imagine a life in which</i> • <i>nature is totally absent.</i></p> <p>• <i>Nothing is alive;</i> • <i>all is condensed matter.</i> • <i>Nothing has flavor.</i></p> <p><i>By the same token</i> • <i>the entity's</i> <i>inner nature</i> <i>is equally inaccessible.</i></p> <p><i>Everywhere</i> <i>there is only</i> • <i>deadness,</i> • <i>mechanicalness, and</i> • <i>alienation from all</i> <i>that is</i> <i>pulsating life,</i> • <i>within and</i> • <i>without.</i></p> <p><i>There is</i> • <i>no birth</i> <i>and</i> • <i>no death,</i></p> <p><i>yet</i> <i>the unchanging existence here is</i> <i>not</i> <i>the eternal life that is</i> <i>truly heavenly.</i></p>

	<p><i>This manifestation [in the second principle of evil: materialism, where there is only deadness and mechanicalness]</i></p> <p><i>is the</i> <i>distortion of eternity.</i></p> <p><i>It is</i> <i>hopelessness itself</i> <i>as if</i> <i>no change</i> <i>were ever possible.</i></p> <p><i>Existence</i> <i>is totally mechanized.</i></p> <p><i>Such hopeless kind of suffering</i> <i>is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>neither more</i>• <i>nor less</i> <p><i>desirable</i> <i>than suffering through</i> <i>direct infliction of pain</i> <i>[i.e., as pain imparted in the first principle of evil].</i></p> <p><i>[Rather] It is simply a</i> <i>suffering of a different kind</i> <i>corresponding to a</i> <i>different principle of evil</i> <i>[namely, corresponding to the second principle of evil].</i></p>
13	<p><i>It should be easy to see that</i> <i>until fairly recently in your history</i> <i>your earth sphere</i> <i>manifested</i> <i>the first principle of evil</i> <i>in a much stronger way [i.e. in a much stronger way</i> <i>than the first principle of evil manifests today].</i></p> <p><i>In the last hundred years or so,</i> <i>the influence of the</i> <i>second principle [of evil – i.e., materialism]</i> <i>has taken over.</i></p>

With the disappearance of the superstitions [over the last hundred years or so] the connection with the subliminal [i.e., connection with supernatural or spiritual] levels of reality has also disappeared [over the last hundred years or so].

The life line to

- **pulsating reality and**
- **re-enlivening**

[i.e., the life line to the reality of the spirit world] was broken.

The result [of this break in the life line to pulsating reality and re-enlivening energies of the spirit world]

was an alienated reality [i.e., a reality alienated and separated from spiritual realities and]

in which humanity prided itself on its advanced state –

- **advanced because**

the emphasis on matter

actually did result in technological progress,

but also

- **"advanced" because**

human beings became

the only reality unto themselves.

This [i.e., this “advanced” state of humanity in the second principle of evil – materialism]

had its

- **positive and**
- **negative ramifications.**

***The positive manifestation [i.e., the positive aspect of the manifestation of this
“advanced” state of humanity in the second principle of evil – materialism]***

- ***brought people back to
taking responsibility
for themselves,***

and therefore

- ***led them
to search
within themselves,
to an ever increasing degree,
for the
causes
of their fate.***

***It is not coincidental
that at this point
the human psyche [itself]
became a matter of
scientific study,
with psychology as a
helpful tool in this endeavor.***

***The negative manifestation [i.e., the negative aspect of the manifestation of this
“advanced” state of humanity in the second principle of evil – materialism]***

***was that
a life was produced
which is not totally different from
the second sphere [or second principle] of evil [i.e., materialism]
I described [i.e., a life was produced that was alienated and
separated from spiritual realities].***

14

*These [first] two principles [of evil]
have been known by
spiritually aware people.*

Since

- *every principle and*
 - *every aspect
of spiritual reality*
 - *can*
 - *and frequently*
 - *does*
- also manifest as
an entity,*

*two different
kinds of devils
were also recognized
by some visionaries.*

They [i.e., these two different kinds of devils]

- *represented and*
 - *personified*
- these two principles [of evil].*

Each one [i.e., each devil]

- *held its own kingdom and*
- *ruled its own world*

*with many spirits of lesser power
serving it.*

The hierarchy

- *that is recognized in*
 - *divine spheres*
- *also exists in*
 - *satanic spheres.*

15

*The third principle of evil
is little known.*

Although

*it [i.e., the third principle of evil]
has been only
recognized in a vague way,
perhaps as a
byproduct of evil
but hardly ever as
a powerful principle itself,*

*it is [nevertheless]
as effective as
the other two principles [of evil],*

*and like them also
has its own*

- *personification,*
- *hierarchy, and*
- *realm.*

*It [i.e., the third principle of evil]
is the principle of*

- *confusion,*
- *distortion,*
- *half-truth, and*
- *all the variations*

that may possibly exist in connection with it.

*It [i.e., the third principle of evil] includes
using truth
where it*

- *does not belong or*
- *is not applicable,*

*so that
the truth
subtly turns into
a lie
without being easily traced as such
because*

- *it is presented under the guise of
divine truth*

and [therefore]

- *seems unassailable.*

	<p><i>The resulting confusion [i.e., confusion in life or when “truth” turns into a lie] is not just</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• an extremely effective weapon of evil;</i> <p><i>it is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• an evil principle in itself [i.e., the resulting confusion is the third principle of evil itself].</i>
16	<p><i>It will be easy to see, my friends, how important it is for you to understand this [third principle of evil] now.</i></p> <p><i>You will find all [three of] these [three] principles [of evil] represented in your world,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• around you and</i><i>• within your own lower self.</i> <p><i>You will see that in its negative intentionality your own lower self contains all three principles of evil.</i></p> <p><i>[Concerning manifesting the first principle of evil – inflicting pain on others] Only when you become clearly aware of this [presence of these three principles of evil in your world and in your own lower self’s negative intentionality] can you recognize when devilish • forces and • spirits want to • destroy you and • inflict pain on you by enticing you to inflict pain on others.</i></p>

*[Concerning manifesting the second principle of evil – materialism,
no spirit world, no God]*

They *[i.e. these devilish forces and spirits]*
**also want to convince you of
the illusion**

- **that**
you are
 - **separated and**
 - **isolated,**
- **that**
neither
 - **God nor**
 - **any life**
exists

**beyond the life of
your present** *[incarnated, physical]* **body.**

Finally,

[concerning manifesting the third principle of evil – confusion]
they *[i.e. these devilish forces and spirits]*
want to

drive you crazy with

- **confusion,**
- **dualistic splits,**
- **false either/ors,**
- **half-truths, and**
- **subtle distortions**

that you cannot sort out.

To recognize all this *[i.e., to recognize these devilish forces and spirits
operating in all three principles of evil]*

**is of
tremendous value for you.**

**You cannot deal with
an enemy**

- **whose existence
you ignore**

and

- **whose weapons
you cannot recognize.**

17	<p><i>The time has come when you can clearly see how the corresponding type of distortion in the unpurified areas of your soul becomes an inevitably compelling field of attraction to powerful forces of evil [from the outside] that you can only</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• neutralize and</i><i>• render harmless</i> <p><i>by your own determination to remain true to God.</i></p> <p><i>You can use the light of Christ to help you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• work within yourself and</i><i>• purify yourself</i> <p><i>so that this field of attraction [for outside powerful forces of evil] within you can be transformed into a different magnet attracting different [i.e., positive] forces [from the outside].</i></p>
18	<p><i>It must also be understood that these [three] principles [of evil] always coexist but</i></p> <p><i>one [of these three principles of evil] may be stronger in manifestation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• at certain periods of history or</i><i>• during certain phases of an individual's life.</i>

It is the
• *individual characteristics and*
• *personal inclinations*
of each entity
that determine
which
of these three principles
is
most compatible with
the individual in question.

Collectively speaking,
at different periods
in the cycle of evolution,
one or the other of
these [three] principles [of evil]
will be
most prevalent [in the collective
in the period in question].

That does not mean that
the other two principles
will be
absent [in the collective in the period in question].

They all
contribute to the
ultimate aim of
the forces of darkness:
to alienate
• *creation*
from
• *the Creator.*

19

***Here is an example of
how the three principles [of evil] interact.***

[Starting with the third principle of evil – confusion]

- ***Confusion and***
- ***distortion of reality –
making***
 - ***a truth
out of a lie and***
 - ***a lie
out of the truth –
create a numbness
toward the***
 - ***cosmic,***
 - ***eternal
aliveness
that can [otherwise] be felt
deep in the soul
of any individual
when there is***
 - ***truth and***
 - ***clarity.***

***This numbness,
created out of***

- ***confusion and***
- ***chaos,
inevitably inflicts***
 - ***pain and***
 - ***suffering [familiar from the first principle of evil]***

***just as the lie
must
inflict***

- ***pain and***
- ***suffering.***

	<p>Starting with any one of the three principles [of evil] most prevalent [in this example the third principle of evil – confusion]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• in an individual or• in a collective manifestation, <p>you will see that they [i.e., all three principles of evil] must all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• coexist and• reinforce one another.
20	<p>Today's human mentality can accept the principle of good and evil [per se] more easily than the fact that they are both [i.e., that both the principle of good and of evil are] also personified.</p> <p>However, [on this mental level] even the principle of good and evil is [itself] still often disputed, as if good or evil were merely subjective perceptions [rather than objective facts].</p> <p>Here again we are dealing with a half-truth.</p>

*In fact,
both*

- *good and*
- *evil*

*are often experienced on a
very superficial level
according to*

- *limited,*
- *personal, and*
- *highly subjective
perceptions.*

When [however]

*the issues are seen on a
deeper level of consciousness,*

- *what was first believed to be*

- *good*

- *can often be seen as*

- *questionable and [even]*

- *possibly as*

a mask of

something evil.

By the same token,

what appears

- *bad on the surface*

might turn out to be a

- *very good*

- *experience or*

- *manifestation.*

So it is quite true that

- *good and*

- *evil*

should be

both

viewed with

- *caution and*

- *discernment*

and

examined

in as much depth as possible.

However,
it is a grave mistake
to assume that
because of this fact [i.e., because of the challenge to assess and also
because of the seemingly subjective nature of good and evil]
• good and
• evil
do not exist in a
very [objective and] real way.

The denial of
• good and
• evil
as absolutes,
in spite of the relative perception
humans have of them,

leads to
• nihilism,
• hopelessness, and
• the void –
as if that [i.e., as if nihilism, hopelessness, and the void]
were
the ultimate reality.

For quite a while
it was considered very
• fashionable and
• intelligent
to postulate
this nihilism.

It [i.e., nihilism] obviously expresses the
same separation from
• deeper and
• cosmic
realities as
the second principle of [evil:] materialism.

	<p><i>The</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>confusion and</i>• <i>half-truth</i> <p><i>inherent in</i> <i>the denial of</i> <i>absolute</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>good and</i>• <i>evil</i> <p><i>is an expression of</i> <i>the third principle [of evil: confusion]</i> <i>which breeds the</i> <i>second principle [of evil: materialism],</i> <i>until that</i> <i>ultimately</i> <i>causes</i> <i>the first principle [of evil: with delight, directly and</i> <i>intentionally inflicting pain on others].</i></p>
21	<p><i>In this age,</i> <i>humanity</i> <i>has made a step in the right direction</i> <i>because it</i> <i>begins to recognize that</i> <i>good and evil actually exist [as absolutes]</i> <i>above and beyond the</i> <i>relativity of</i> <i>limited human perception.</i></p> <p><i>Humanity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>is open to</i> <i>accepting God as a</i> <i>creative principle</i> <p><i>and [yet humanity] also</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>sees the existence of</i> <i>another principle</i> <i>that countermands</i> <i>the divine creative principle.</i>

	<p><i>But people nowadays are still very hesitant to accept the fact that all principles [i.e., both good and evil principles] • can and • do manifest as entities.</i></p> <p><i>It [i.e., this situation of denying good and evil entities] is as though you still hesitated to let yourself be called • childish and • primitive by people who believe themselves to be • wiser and • more knowledgeable when they ridicule other manifestations of reality [i.e., ridicule such manifestations of reality as the personification of good and evil principles in the form of good and evil entities].</i></p>
22	<p><i>If personification of • principles and • creative forces did not exist, how could you exist as human beings?</i></p> <p><i>A human being is merely one form of personification.</i></p>

*You [as human beings] personify
both principles
of*

- *good and*
- *evil,*

as you now know very well.

*Why should it be
so*

- *hard*
- *to accept*

*or why should it appear
so*

- *primitive and*
- *unintelligent*
- *to believe*

that
*along the scale of development
there exist
beings
who manifest*

- *more or*
- *less*

of each principle?

*And finally,
why should there not exist
entities
who manifest
total*

- *goodness and*

total

- *badness?*

*In the latter instance [i.e., existence of entities who manifest total badness]
you may say that
all
created beings are
ultimately
divine,
so they cannot be
all
bad.*

*This [i.e., that all creative beings are ultimately divine and cannot be all bad]
is true
in a much wider sense,
but it is possible that
in their
present state of manifestation
their divine core is
so overlaid by evil that
nothing of it [i.e., nothing of their divine core]
manifests.*

*We are here to deal with
the fact
that personification
does exist in
all gradations [of good and evil],
and to deny this
would be far from being
• knowledgeable or
• intelligent.*

*Knowing that
angels
• surround and
• influence
you
need not lead to
• worshipping
• the angels and
• overlooking
• Jesus Christ –
the divine manifestation
as personification –
who is
the ultimate source
of
• all you need
and of
• your life itself.*

*You need not overlook
that
direct contact
with
Jesus Christ
is what opens the
channel of communication
between*

- *Him*

and

- *you.*

*Nor should such awareness of
spiritual presence
lead you to
fear
the devils
you sporadically attract
according to
certain cyclic rhythms.*

23

*Like all disease,
the devils near you
are*

- *cause,*
- *effect,*

and

- *medicine.*

*Their [i.e., the devils']
proximity and
their
effect on you
is caused by
your own*

- *unpurified,*
- *limited, and*
- *undeveloped
consciousness.*

*Your
unpurified consciousness
has the effect of
drawing devils near you
who confuse you
with lies
so that you
no longer know
what is*

- *truth*

and
what is

- *untruth.*

*Your
confusion
induced by them [i.e., confusion induced by devils]
can be used by you
as a
medicine,
if you so choose.*

*You can use it [i.e., you can use your confusion in these
dark areas of your soul]
as an indication [to you]
that you need to*

- *develop and*
- *purify*

*these unattended [and hence dark, confused] parts
of your soul.*

Instead of

- *fearing*
 - *the devils or*
- *denying*
 - *their existence*

so you can
*overcome your fear [i.e., so you can overcome your fear
of devils through such denial of their existence],*
you need to

- *recognize*
 - *their [i.e., the devils'] voices and*
- *learn to distinguish*
 - *where these voices come from.*

*This [i.e., this recognition and discernment of the devils' voices]
is in itself
a very necessary step
in your development.*

If you

- *ignore or*
- *deny*

their [i.e., the devils'] existence,

*how in the world
can you*

- *become aware of them [i.e., aware of the devils] and*
- *counteract them?*

*If you
do not know
that at times they*

- *surround you and*
- *inspire you,*

*you
unknowingly
become
their tool.*

*If you do not consider that
lies
may be whispered
into your thinking apparatus,*

you will not use your capacity to

- *question and*
- *doubt*

the thoughts that filter through you.

24

*It is necessary to
become aware of
the connection
between*

- *your lower self,
which,
due to its*
- *ignorance,*
- *fear, and*
- *lack of faith,*

creates

- *destructive defenses and*
- *negative intentionality,*

and

- *the voices of satanic entities.*

Together
these two sources of negativity [i.e., your lower self and satanic entities]
wreak havoc
in

- *your life and*

in

- *the lives of those around you.*

*The time has come
when you need to know*

- *clearly,*
- *fearlessly, and*
- *intelligently*

*what the facts of life are
in this respect [i.e., in respect to these two sources of
negativity: your lower self and satanic entities].*

	<p><i>Because</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>the stronger you become</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>in your higher self and</i>• <i>its [i.e., your higher self's] positive intentionality</i> • <i>while at the same time leaving certain aspects of the lower self unattended to,</i> • <i>the more you become prey to</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>evil influences who are much more concerned with you [who are stronger in your higher self] than with those</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>who are not particularly aware of subliminal forces [of good and evil entities] and</i>• <i>whose life is not dedicated to God.</i>
25	<p><i>Now is the time when you particularly need to know as much as possible of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>the enemy and</i>• <i>its weapons,</i> <p><i>so that you can combat this enemy force which is drawn toward you to the degree that you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>do not heed these periods of contact [with the enemy] and</i>• <i>fail to decide to make them [i.e., make these periods of contact with the enemy]</i> <p><i>a medicine.</i></p>

26

*It is often not understood
that*

Satan

does not regard

God, [Who is]

- *the source of all life,*
- *the creative principle of all universes,*
as the opponent
against whom all his [i.e., all Satan's]
 - *efforts and*
 - *warfare**are directed.*

Satan,

*the ultimate personification of
all evil*

*containing all three principles [of evil]
personified as entities,*

- *recognizes God*
as creator and
- *bends to*
 - *His will and*
 - *His laws.*

He [i.e., Satan]

cannot help doing so.

*It was God's will
for evil*

to have its sphere of

- *activity and*
- *influence,*

*for only in this way
can evil*

be truly overcome

within the soul of

- *all fallen spirits,*
- *all entities*

who have chosen

- *thoughts and*
- *actions*

*that plunged them into
darkness.*

*It is to ensure
this ultimate overcoming of
evil
that very exacting*

- laws and
- rules

*exist,
preventing Satan
from acting outside
these laws.*

*Definite limits
are being set,
always
according to the*

- will and
- choice

of the individuals in question.

27

*I think I have made it quite clear
how the interaction
between*

- an individual's lower self

and

- evil spirits

follows certain very definite laws.

*When one
makes the effort*

- to question one's
own thoughts and
- to claim one's
determination

to follow the way of

- truth and
- light,

*the power
of
the spirits of lying
instantly wanes.*

*This [waning of the power of the spirits of lying]
may not be
immediately discernible
to the entity
who cannot see the light
of its own will
to be in truth,
nor can he [i.e., nor can the entity who cannot see the light
of its own will to be in truth]
see
the entities surrounding him*

*nor [i.e., nor can the entity who cannot see the light
of its own will to be in truth]
feel
their [i.e., the surrounding entities'] influence.*

*The effect [i.e., the effect of the surrounding entities' influence]
may come
only some time later,
but come
it must.*

*How often
do you
allow yourself
to*

- *be submerged by*
 - *thoughts of untruth and*
 - *confusion and*
- *be drowned*
 - in them [i.e., be drowned in thoughts of*
untruth and confusion],
 - *until their effect*
disconnects you
from the spark of life,
 - *until*
you suffer
the pain of
 - *untruth and*
 - *confusion!*

*This is sad
because it is unnecessary.*

28

If

- ***God,***
- ***the creative principle of
all universes,
is not the enemy of
personified evil,
who then is?***

***It [i.e., the enemy of personified evil]
is God
in the manifest personification of
the Christ.***

***His [i.e., Christ's]
light
of
truth
and
of
eternal life
is unbearable to
all satanic spirits.***

This same light [i.e., the light of Christ]

- ***will inspire you
with
• truth and
• life,***

- ***will connect you
with the source of all life***

and

- ***will light up
your path.***

But

you

must make the decision

- ***whether you***
 - ***wish the Christ light***
to shine on your way and
 - ***make following***
the light of Christ
your way,

or

- ***whether you [on the other hand]***
unwittingly
 - ***wish***
to submerge yourself in
thoughts of
 - ***untruth and***
 - ***confusion***
because momentarily
this seems
 - ***easier,***
 - and perhaps even***
 - ***more***
 - ***pleasurable and***
 - ***exciting.***

Ultimately [if you submerge yourself in thoughts of untruth and confusion]
you fall into a state
which you call
depression

because

you do not have the faith
that Christ
will come to help you
with

- ***truth and***
- ***clarification***

if
you
desire it.

29

*Satan's real opponent
is
Jesus Christ
who came to
open a way [to freedom]
for all creatures*

- *captivated and*
- *weakened*
by satanic influences.

*This has to do precisely
with
the fact of
personification.*

*When
the Christ
manifested
God
as man,
thus being
both*

- *divine*
- and*
- *human,*
*he accomplished the
greatest feat imaginable.*

He proved that it was possible to

- *remain*
 - *true to God,*
 - *true to truth, and*
- *not succumb to*
the strongest of
 - *influences and*
 - *temptations*
*that the personification of evil [i.e., Satan]
could unleash.*

*Through this
tremendous act of steadfastness,
• the man
who was
God manifest
and
• the God
who had put on
human nature

opened the doors
in the souls
of all created beings.*

*He forged ahead,
enabling those who were
submerged in darkness
to gradually
find their way
back to light.*

*Jesus Christ
has saved
• every single entity
who ever was created,
and
• every particle of
• consciousness and
• energy
that
• ever manifested and
• ever will manifest
as personality.*

*Since he came to earth
the great light
is always available
for the
building of a tunnel
to
the world of light.*

30	<p><i>When satanic entities encounter this Christ light, they suffer physical pain.</i></p> <p><i>All divine attributes are contained in this light, but</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• the light of truth stings evil spirits;</i><i>• the light of love is unbearably oppressive to them,</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• the light of positive aggression is</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• fearsome and</i><i>• terrifying.</i> <p><i>Only God manifest [i.e., Only Christ incarnate] can become</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• visible and</i><i>• perceivable</i> <p><i>to other personifications.</i></p> <p><i>God's other aspect, the unmanifest divine principle, can only be indirectly experienced by personalized energy/consciousness units.</i></p>
31	<p><i>The great light of the cosmic Christ reaches a soul in darkness at first through pain.</i></p>

*To some degree
all of you
on this wonderful path
have occasionally experienced this [i.e., experienced this pain evoked
by the light of Christ],
to a much lesser degree of course
than [the pain experienced by] the dark spirits [when
they are confronted by the light of Christ].*

*You have come in touch
with a reaction
which at first
seems inexplicable:
where you
retract from*

- *happiness,*
- *fulfillment,*
- *pleasure, and*
- *love.*

*You close up
your centers of receptivity
against
God's abundance.*

*First this [closing up against God's abundance]
puzzles you,
but later
you learn to*

- *see and*
- *observe*

*this reaction [i.e., observe this reaction in you of closing up your
centers of receptivity against God's abundance],*

*just as
you learn to*

- *observe*

any other

- *irrational and*
- *destructive*

reaction.

*Often this seems to make so little sense
that you become discouraged
when you see this [closing-up] reaction in you
again and again.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>You</i> <i>meditate,</i>• <i>you</i> <i>visualize yourself</i> <i>being receptive to</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>happiness,</i>• <i>love, and</i>• <i>fulfillment</i> <p><i>and yet</i> <i>this automatic reaction [of closing up against God's abundance]</i> <i>continues.</i></p>
32	<p><i>Is it not clear to you yet</i> <i>that</i> <i>the hidden part of</i> <i>your lower self</i> <i>that</i> <i>resists</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>exposure and</i>• <i>transformation</i><i>is unable to</i> <i>allow</i> <i>the personality</i> <i>to stand the light [of Christ]?</i></p> <p><i>So</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>prayer</i> <i>is not enough,</i><i>neither is</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>good will and</i>• <i>meditation,</i>• <i>visualization and</i>• <i>logic.</i><p><i>None of them [i.e., none of these actions or attitudes]</i> <i>will make you</i> <i>really accessible to</i> <i>the light [of Christ]</i> <i>as long as there exists</i> <i>a hidden agenda</i> <i>in your soul.</i></p></p>

***In that area [of your soul where you hold a hidden agenda]
you react similarly to
[the way that]
demonic entities [react, demonic entities]
who hide from
the light of Christ,
which contains***

- all happiness,***
- eternal fulfillment, and***
- life itself.***

***Your hidden agenda
makes you
react with
pain
to Christ's light.***

***[Further,]
In this [hidden] area***

- you become connected to
the forces of darkness and***
- you are
a target for them.***

33

***When you observe
your own
similar reactions of***

- contraction,***
- restlessness, and***
- anxiety***

when

- great pleasure and***
- fulfillment***

come to you,

***you can then
connect with
the principle I am trying to convey here.***

*And you will understand very well
what I mean when I discuss
the demonic spirits'
flight from
Christ's light.*

*You will also
comprehend
what history has tried to convey
again and again:
that
Christ
is the great adversary of
Satan.*

34

*What exists
in microcosm
within
the human soul*

*also exists
in the macrocosm.*

*Every
• inner drama*

*is a reflection of an
• outer drama
and vice versa.*

*Every battle
within the human soul*

*between
the forces of
• light
and
• darkness,*

*between
• the higher self
and
• the lower self,*

*is also waged on a
universal level,*

*enacted by
many entities
at different stages of development.*

- Every personality
goes through this battle
within himself or herself;*

- every personality
experiences it occasionally
in his or her surroundings;*

and, last but not least,

- every personality
will become involved
in larger issues
that also represent
the universal battle
between
• good
and
• evil.*

35

*The individual's role
in this battle –
on whatever level it takes place –
very much depends on
his or her*

- *conscious,*
- *deliberate
choice
of where
he or she
wants to be.*

*When issues are
tinged by
personal*

- *emotions,*
- *desires, or*
- *interests
that belong to
the realm of darkness,*

*and [when]
these personal emotions are
not recognized as
fogging the vision,*

*then one
truly becomes a
target for*

- *one or*
- *all*

of the three principles of evil.

*[In one who has become the target of the
first principle of evil – inflicting pain on others]*

*Cruelty
will be hidden
under the guise of*

- *expressing your feelings,*

while

- *maligning and*
- *distortion
will become
the tools of*

- *cruelty and the*
- *intent to hurt.*

*[In one who has become the target of
the second principle of evil -- materialism]*
**Disconnection from
deeper reality
will blind you to
the true [deep spiritual] meaning of events.**

*[In one who has become the target of
the third principle of evil – confusion]*
**Confusion
will be rampant
so that**

- truth**
will be used for
lying

and

- lies**
will be called
the truth.

**The forces of evil [from the outside world of darkness]
have [thus] been allowed to
find entrance [to your soul]
through
your lower self
which you have not dealt with sufficiently.**

36

**My dearest friends,
do not allow yourself
to become
enmeshed
in this battle:**

**do not unwittingly
lend yourselves
as
tools for the
aims
of
the prince of darkness.**

*Use your good will
to see the truth.*

- *See*
 - both*
 - the truth of your*
 - *hidden lower-self motives*
 - and*
 - the truth of your*
 - *higher-self good will, and*
- *give up*
 - *the line of least resistance and*
 - *its negative pleasure which makes you persist in a destructive course bringing clouds of*
 - *pain and*
 - *darkness*
 - to*
 - *you and*
 - *those around you.*

*The key
is really
quite simple.*

It is so tempting to

- *follow negative thoughts*

and

- *come to believe them [i.e., come to believe negative thoughts].*

	<p><i>It [i.e., following negative thoughts and coming to believe them] furthers a lower-self fixation to indulge in the negative pleasure of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• negative thoughts,</i><i>• suspicions,</i><i>• blames, and</i><i>• accusations</i> <p><i>which</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• may or</i><i>• may not</i> <p><i>be true.</i></p>
37	<p><i>Raise the pertinent questions.</i></p> <p><i>The first [question] would be,</i></p> <p><i>"What is the truth here? I want to know the real truth."</i></p> <p><i>The second question is,</i></p> <p><i>"Do I want to know the truth in this or that issue?"</i></p> <p><i>If you can answer these two questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• truthfully and</i><i>• in depth,</i> <p><i>you will dispel the clouds of darkness which carry the three principles of evil.</i></p>

38

*Clarification will come
when the truth
is really wanted,
even if
a part of the truth
at this moment
is still*

that

- *you
do not
want the truth,*

that

- *you want*
 - *to attack,*
 - *to blame,*
 - *to see*
 - *people or*
 - *events*
- in the worst light.*

*The reason why
you secretly wish this
can only be explored
when you
no longer deny
feeling this way
[i.e., no longer deny that you
do not want the truth, but
rather you want to attack, and
blame].*

*The truth
will shimmer through*

- *slowly*
- *but inexorably,*

*once you
admit
a negative intentionality
[a negative intentionality] which then
attracts
expert spirits*

- *of lying and*
- *of confusion.*

Clarity
will dissolve
the pain
of your guilt
that is frequently
not allowed to surface.

You keep it [i.e., you keep the pain of your guilt] down
by strengthening
the destructive process of
projecting on
others
what you fear
in yourself.

Clarity
will also help dissolve
the pain
you inflict on others
with this evil projection.

39

Do not ever
delude yourself into
believing that

- *negative intent and*
- *negative thoughts*

do not
inevitably

- *reflect in*
your actions and
- *affect others*
in an insidious way.

Thoughts can
never
remain separated things.

They create

- *results and*
- *events*

in one form or another.

	<p><i>The clarity which comes from honestly</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>pursuing and</i>• <i>answering</i> <p><i>the above questions after you have delved into your hidden thought processes which are seldom completely unconscious</i></p> <p><i>will dissolve the pain [of your guilt as well as the pain you project onto others].</i></p> <p><i>It [i.e. the clarity] will reestablish your connection with eternal life.</i></p>
40	<p><i>My beloved friends, you are all reaching the point in your development when</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>taking responsibility for your creation must be combined with</i>• <i>a profound knowledge of</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>the invisible worlds and</i>• <i>the laws according to which</i> <p><i>you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>attract</i> <p><i>or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>repel</i> <p><i>entities of different</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>nature and</i>• <i>development</i> <p><i>who then</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>influence you and</i>• <i>reinforce</i> <p><i>the force field within your soul.</i></p>

	<p><i>Each of the many areas of your soul may be influenced by • the highest or by • the lowest forces.</i></p> <p><i>The choice is up to you.</i></p>
41	<p><i>It is also important to understand that a person does not experience temporary evil influences because he or she is • undeveloped, or • evil, or • bad.</i></p> <p><i>One individual may be more accosted by evil [i.e., accosted by demonic influences] even though what needs to be purified in his or her soul may be much less dark than another person's soul substance [which may be much darker, but] who may [however] be less accosted by demonic influences.</i></p> <p><i>I mean this in an absolute sense.</i></p> <p><i>The law of attraction and repulsion is purely relative here.</i></p>

*For example,
if you have reached
a comparatively high
level of development,
the areas which*

- remain to be transformed and*
- are not [yet] recognized
by your consciousness –
even though they
may not be*

- particularly destructive or*
- outright wrong –*

*exert
through their unrecognized parts
a greater attraction to evil*

*than does
the negative charge
of a person
who is on
an altogether lower
plane of development.*

*It would be good
if you*

- pondered
this law and*
- could feel into
an understanding of it.*

42

*With this, my dearest ones,
I give all of you
the blessings of*

- truth and*
- love.*

*The light I bring
is
always
the light of Christ.*

He [i.e., Christ]
has said
he is
• the truth and
he is
• the way and
he is
• life.

In his [i.e., in Christ's] light
you find the way
to truth

in the
• smallest and
• largest
issues,
in
• personal and
• impersonal
issues.

This way
leads to
the love of the Creator
who has given eternal life.

Eternal life
can be found
only in truth.

The way to the truth
leads
• through the
mazes of the dark areas
in your own soul;

• through encountering the
temptation to
• remain in them [i.e., to remain in the dark areas] and
• savor their [i.e., savor the dark areas'] passing gratification;

• through the deliberate overcoming
of this temptation [to remain in and savor the dark areas].

***The great Christ light
is the overpowering love
of
• the Creator,
of
• creation,
of
• all that is.***

Be blessed;

choose this way.

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