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

This lecture is given in an expanded poetic format, what I call a Devotional Format of the lecture, and in that sense this is my interpretation of the intent of the lecture. I may have interpreted portions differently from you, and I ask you to ponder the words for your own interpretation. I did this Devotional Format so I can take the words into my heart, phrase by phrase, much as I would in reading poetry – that is, devotionally.

The blessings to me in developing this format have been truly profound, and my wish is that this Devotional Format will be a blessing to others. I invite you to slowly read and ponder this format of the text – with an open heart to experience the Guide's Presence and Love emerging from among the words such that the wisdom comes to LIVE you.

For clarity: The original text is in bold and italicized. [My adds of commentary/clarification/interpretation are in brackets, italicized, and not bolded.] To learn more of my Devotional Format and see the lectures I have done in this way, go to https://www.garyvollbracht.com/pathwork-lectures/pathwork-lectures-devotional-format/

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| 03 | My dearest friends,  
      God's blessings envelop you.  

      Jesus Christ is  
      • present here,  
      • warming you,  
      • giving you  
      • courage and  
      • love,  
      • truth and  
      • hope  
      that is always justified.  

      Turn to Him,  
      for  
      • He is God's human manifestation.  
      • He is the Cosmic Christ  
        who transcends all  
        • human bickering,  
        • separatism, and  
        • the "me versus you" attitude. |
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.

Retrospectively, you can recognize this rhythm and meaning in the sequence of lectures.

• 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.

In this lecture, I wish to instruct you again about certain realities and laws concerning evil.

It is very important that you understand more about this so controversial subject at this present moment.

For many centuries the power of evil was fully recognized.
Humanity had a sense of
• the invisible
and what is usually referred to as
• supernatural
  regarding both
  the forces of
  • light and
  the forces of
  • darkness,
as well as [having a sense of]

  their [i.e., these supernatural and invisible light and dark forces’]
  • manifestations,

  their [i.e., these supernatural and invisible light and dark forces’]
  effects,

  their [i.e., these supernatural and invisible light and dark forces’]
  • influence in your realm, and

  their [i.e., these supernatural and invisible light and dark forces’]
  • personification
    as
    • spirit entities –
    as
    • angels
    and as
    • devils.

It has always been said that
the individual's
free will
determined
whose influence [i.e., whether angels’ or devils’ influence]
would predominate
in one's life.
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.

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 [i.e., explain later in this lecture].
Now I just want to say [i.e., For 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 [i.e., Therefore, because this disconnection from the invisible supernatural world is, in itself, a manifestation of evil,]

this disconnection from

supernatural realities

inevitably had

very regrettable effects.

But

it [i.e., But this disconnection from supernatural realities]
also created

an arena

in which

people

could no longer

blame the devil [i.e., the devil “out there” in the supernatural or spiritual world]

for their own misdemeanors.

[Rather, having dismissed supernatural realities of the spiritual world,]

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 realities [i.e., invisible realities of the supernatural world]

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].

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.
[At this time]

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
• 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]

and
• truly
  make them
  the one reality
  it is
  from
  our spirit-world's
  vantage point.

Although I have discussed
the [very real] existence of these
[outside, non-material, spiritual, or supernatural] forces
ever since my task with you began,

for a considerable time [we did not focus on these outside forces but rather]
we concentrated mostly on
your own inner being
with
• all its subtleties and
• all the various levels of consciousness and
• their interaction
  • within you and
  • around you.

Occasionally
I did return to
• 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.
The purification process
of this path [i.e., the purification process of this pathwork, a process of honest self-facing]
is
a deep-rooted system
that
totally renews the personality
on all levels.

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.

To attain this awareness [i.e., awareness of the ways you attract energies that are commensurate with certain levels of your innermost being]
• completely and
• clearly,
you need
more information.

For this reason
I should now like to discuss
three specific
principles of evil.

Your understanding of this material
• will prove
  • immensely useful and
• will bring into clearer focus
  your view
  • of life
    in general and
  • of your own life
    in particular.
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.
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.
Visionaries have not seen the spheres
  • corresponding to and
  • manifesting
     this [second] principle [of evil – materialism].

I'll give one illustration [of this second principle of evil – materialism].

Imagine a life in which
  • nature is totally absent.
    • Nothing is alive;
    • all is condensed matter.
    • Nothing has flavor.

By the same token
  • the entity's
    inner nature
    is equally inaccessible.

Everywhere there is only
  • deadness,
  • mechanicalness, and
  • alienation from all
    that is
    pulsating life,
    • within and
    • without.

There is
  • no birth
and
  • no death,

yet
  the unchanging existence here is not
  the eternal life that is truly heavenly.
This manifestation [in the second principle of evil: materialism, where there is only deadness and mechanicalness]

is the
distortion of eternity.

It is
hopelessness itself
as if
no change
were ever possible.

Existence
is totally mechanized.

Such hopeless kind of suffering
is
• neither more
• nor less
desirable
than suffering through
direct infliction of pain
[i.e., as pain imparted in the first principle of evil].

[Rather] It is simply a
suffering of a different kind
corresponding to a
different principle of evil
[namely, corresponding to the second principle of evil].

It should be easy to see that
until fairly recently in your history
your earth sphere
manifested
the first principle of evil
in a much stronger way [i.e. in a much stronger way than the first principle of evil manifests today].

In the last hundred years or so,
the influence of the
second principle [of evil – i.e., materialism]
has taken over.
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].
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.
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.
The resulting confusion [i.e., confusion in life or when “truth” turns into a lie] is not just
- an extremely effective weapon of evil;
it is
- an evil principle in itself [i.e., the resulting confusion is the third principle of evil itself].

It will be easy to see, my friends, how important it is for you to understand this [third principle of evil] now.
You will find all [three of] these [three] principles [of evil] represented in your world,
- around you and
- within your own lower self.

You will see that in its negative intentionality your own lower self contains all three principles of evil.

[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.
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.
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
• neutralize and
• render harmless by your own determination to remain true to God.

You can use the light of Christ to help you
• work within yourself and
• purify yourself 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].

It must also be understood that these [three] principles [of evil] always coexist but one [of these three principles of evil] may be stronger in manifestation
• at certain periods of history or
• during certain phases of an individual's life.
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.
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.
**Starting with any one**

_of the three principles [of evil] most prevalent_

[in this example the third principle of evil – confusion]

- in an individual or
- in a collective
  manifestation,

_you will see that_

_they [i.e., all three principles of evil] must all_

- coexist and
- reinforce one another.

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**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._

**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]._

**Here again**

_we are dealing with a half-truth._
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.
The
• confusion and
• half-truth
  inherent in
  the denial of
  absolute
  • good and
  • evil
is an expression of
the third principle [of evil: confusion]
which breeds the
second principle [of evil: materialism],
until that
  ultimately
  causes
  the first principle [of evil: with delight, directly and
  intentionally inflicting pain on others].

In this age,
  humanity
  has made a step in the right direction
  because it
  begins to recognize that
  good and evil actually exist [as absolutes]
  above and beyond the
  relativity of
  limited human perception.

  Humanity
  • is open to
    accepting God as a
    creative principle

  and [yet humanity] also
  • sees the existence of
    another principle
    that countermands
    the divine creative principle.
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.

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].

If personification of principles and creative forces did not exist, how could you exist as human beings?

A human being is merely one form of personification.
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.

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.
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].
Because

- the stronger you become in your higher self and its [i.e., your higher self's] positive intentionality

- while at the same time leaving certain aspects of the lower self unattended to,

- the more you become prey to evil influences who are
  much more concerned with you [who are stronger in your higher self] than with those
  - who are not particularly aware of subliminal forces [of good and evil entities] and
  - whose life is not dedicated to God.

Now is the time when you particularly need to know as much as possible of the enemy and its weapons, so that you can combat this enemy force which is drawn toward you to the degree that you
do not heed these periods of contact [with the enemy] and fail to decide to make them [i.e., make these periods of contact with the enemy]
a medicine.
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.
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| 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.
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.
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.
When satanic entities encounter this Christ light, they suffer physical pain.

All divine attributes are contained in this light, but

- the light of truth stings evil spirits;

- the light of love is unbearably oppressive to them, and

- the light of positive aggression is
  - fearsome and
  - terrifying.

Only God manifest [i.e., Only Christ incarnate] can become

- visible and
- perceivable to other personifications.

God's other aspect, the unmanifest divine principle, can only be indirectly experienced by personalized energy/consciousness units.

The great light of the cosmic Christ reaches a soul in darkness at first through pain.
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.
• You meditate,
• you visualize yourself being receptive to
  • happiness,
  • love, and
  • fulfillment

and yet this automatic reaction [of closing up against God’s abundance] continues.

Is it not clear to you yet that
  the hidden part of your lower self that resists
  • exposure and
  • transformation
  is unable to allow
  the personality to stand the light [of Christ]?

So
• prayer is not enough,
neither is
• good will and
• meditation,
• visualization and
• logic.

None of them [i.e., none of these actions or attitudes] will make you really accessible to the light [of Christ] as long as there exists a hidden agenda in your soul.
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.

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.

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.
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
deep 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.

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].
It [i.e., following negative thoughts and coming to believe them] furthers a lower-self fixation to indulge in the negative pleasure of

- negative thoughts,
- suspicions,
- blames, and
- accusations which
  - may or
  - may not be true.

Raise the pertinent questions.

The first [question] would be,

"What is the truth here? I want to know the real truth."

The second question is,

"Do I want to know the truth in this or that issue?"

If you can answer these two questions
  - truthfully and
  - in depth,

you will dispel the clouds of darkness which carry the three principles of evil.
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.

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.
The clarity which comes from honestly
  • pursuing and
  • answering
    the above questions
    after you have delved into
    your hidden thought processes
    which are seldom completely unconscious

will dissolve the pain [of your guilt as well as the pain you project onto others].

It [i.e. the clarity]
will reestablish
your connection with eternal life.

My beloved friends,
you are all reaching the point in your development when
  • taking responsibility for your creation
must be combined with
  • a profound knowledge of
    • the invisible worlds and
    • the laws according to which you
      • attract
      or
      • repel
        entities of different
          • nature and
          • development
          who then
            • influence you and
            • reinforce the force field
              within your soul.
Each of the many areas of your soul may be influenced by
• the highest
or by
• the lowest forces.

The choice is up to you.

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.

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 mean this in an absolute sense.

The law of attraction and repulsion is purely relative here.
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.

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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