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

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For clarity: The **original text** is in **bold and** *italicized*. [My adds of commentary/clarification/interpretation are in brackets, italicized, and <u>not</u> 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-devotional-format/

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	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.

04

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.

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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.
05
              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.
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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.
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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 [i.e., explain later in this lecture].

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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.
    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.
    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
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So humanity

grow into

self-responsibility.

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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.
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[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.
08
              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.
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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.
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The purification process
                   of this path [i.e., the purification process of this pathwork, a process
                                                                    of honest self-facing]
                          a deep-rooted system
                               that
                                  totally renews the personality
                                      on all levels.
09
              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.
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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.
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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.
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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.

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               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.
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Visionaries
                   have not seen
                       the spheres
                           • corresponding to and
                           • manifesting
                               this [second] principle [of evil – materialism].
12
              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.
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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].
13
              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.
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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 realty 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.
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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.

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               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.
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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].
16
               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.
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[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.
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- /	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].
18	
	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.

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It is the
    • individual characteristics and
    • personal inclinations
         of each entity
            that determine
                which
                    of these three principles
                           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.
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              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.
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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.
20
               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.
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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.
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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]
                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.
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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].
21
              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.
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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].
22
              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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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].
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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.
25
              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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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
                          vou
                              desire it.
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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.
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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
                       the world of light.
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30
               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
                                  • 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.
31
               The great light of
                   the cosmic Christ
                        reaches
                          a soul in darkness
                               at first
                                  through
                                      pain.
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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
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again and again.

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• 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.
32
              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.
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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.
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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.

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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.
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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.
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[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.
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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].
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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.
37
              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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
40
              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.
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Each
                  of the many areas of your soul
                       may be influenced
                            by
                              • the highest
                         or
                              • the lowest
                                 forces.
                                      The choice
                                        is up to you.
41
              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.
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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.
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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].
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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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