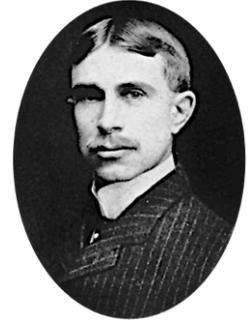


BROTHERHOOD

~ EVIL ~

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YOU who are troubled by the problem of evil, thinking that evil is only an illusion, and by recognizing and trying to fight it only gives to it a power over you which otherwise it would not have, — know the truth.

Evil does exist, but only in man's mind, created by his own evil thinking, and it is a very tangible power there — so long as he continues to feed and vitalize it by entertaining such thoughts and allowing them to influence or control his speech and actions.

However, there is a center within man, deep within his heart, where I, the Christ of him abide. *There*, he becomes a center of and one with My Consciousness — his true home, where all is Peace, Purity, Power and Perfection. Whenever man stays outside that home center, no matter if in the world of thought, the world of feeling and desire, or the outermost world of matter, unless his attention is firmly fixed upon Me in that center, or he *knows* his oneness with Me there, all becomes confused and distorted and all tends to distract and separate man's consciousness from Mine and to involve and hold him in these worlds which long ages ago, when he had wholly forgotten Me and imagined himself alone and separate from My Life and My Love, he had created by mentally building them one by one around him, until they grew into definite beliefs, and the outermost became so crystallized a concept that he saw all things in this realm as separate materialized forms, and thought them unquestionably solid and tangible.

And having lost the consciousness of Me and of My Love, and with it the ability to know the Good, the True, and the Perfect of all things, in the darkness of separation in which he now wandered he saw only the shadows of the Real, and these distorted and twisted; and he blasphemed when in, his imperfect sight he stumbled in judgment and fell, or was hurt by bumping against unseen obstacles. And thus man conceived and built Evil into the worlds of his consciousness and made of it a power he ever since has thought he must fight, if he would be free of and unhurt by it.

But you who read may see if you will, through the eyes of My Love, that evil exists not where I am, in the Kingdom of My Consciousness, — that center deep within the heart of every man. It exists only without, in that consciousness of separation, —

mental, desire or physical worlds, where, if man allows his deeper interest to wander, he becomes enamored with the illusions and error concepts created there back through the ages by millions of other minds similarly deluded.

Evil exists in greater or less degree in all realms of consciousness that man thinks are separate from My Consciousness. But you know where I Am, *God IS* — and *all* in His Kingdom must be and is Good and True, Pure and Holy, Happy and Perfect.

All you need do, therefore, to be free from evil, sin, disease, lack or imperfection of any kind, is to withdraw within to that center, your Real Home, where I AM, and where you will see and know Truth as your own, even as I see and know it. Each man can prove this for himself, but each must come within where I AM to prove it. The way unto Me is open to all, but the way is *through the heart*, treading the path of Love and of Selfless Service.

In that Home Center you can truly say I *AM*, and know WHO *you* are, but the moment you let your interest and attention wander into the outer worlds of the senses and to any of the things within them, you are, as it were, pulled from your center, deluded into a sense of separation, and sucked into an outer and lower plane of consciousness away from God and Good, and you become *involved* in and are seemingly a part of that realm of consciousness where you allowed your interest and attention to become focused for the time being.

But here is the secret by which you can regain your power, — you need only to remember *Who you are*, that your home is back in the center, in the Kingdom there where I AM — where the God of you IS; and then to re-focus your attention and interest there by *seeing* and *feeling* yourself centered therein and surrounded by and filled with My Love, — when *you will actually and truly be there*.

Then by practicing staying in that Love Center, realizing Who you are — your identity with Me, and feeling My Love pouring out through you, as a heart center, you will find you can look out through and go in and out of these outer realms of consciousness at will, seeing and knowing they are all illusions; — reflections rather — of the glorious Realities within the Kingdom, created out of the substance of those imagined worlds that exist only by reason of your fancying them real and separate from My Consciousness; distorted concepts fashioned in ignorance and from efforts to understand their peculiar influence upon the relation to you.

This is a great secret indeed, and it is waiting for all to know who have found the Way of Love, through the heart, unto Me. For I, God, *AM* Love, and the more you love —

the more you forget self — the more do you let Me have *My* way in you. Therefore let My Love, which is My Creative Life flow freely through you. For in very truth you are My agent, My channel of expression; and only through you, whom I created in My Image and Likeness for such purpose, can I pour forth the fullness of My life and express My Real Self. In fact, I can do nothing outwardly except through you.

Know that the very nature of My life is to love and bless, to grow and unfold, to heal and make perfect. It will do this naturally and always, if not interfered with by man's wrong thoughts, or by man's ignorant thoughts — his not knowing the mighty power he is wielding by forming thought pictures in his mind, into every one of which My Life flows and vitalizes and outmanifests them, according to the kind of feeling he puts into them.

This accounts for the many inharmonious, troublous and obnoxious conditions now manifesting in your life. But it is just as easy to bring into manifestation the conditions and things you want, as those you do not want; for My Life is ever seeking — rushing, as air into a vacuum — to fill full and outmanifest all your thoughts, especially those into which you put intense feeling; for note carefully this great truth — *feeling* of any kind *is LIFE*, is *My Life* that you use to *vitalize* your thoughts.

According to the intensity and quality of feeling — of love or hate, faith or fear, trust or worry, confidence or doubt — you put into your thoughts will they prove a blessing or an evil to you.

This explains how each man — and no one else — is responsible and accountable for all the conditions surrounding him; for remember they exist primarily in his mind as the thought forms he has built there. Therefore, by replacing the pictures there you do not like with those you do like, and focusing your heart's interest and attention upon them, you change the conditions outwardly. When you can once realize that what is manifesting in your outer life — in your body, home, business, world — is only what *you are seeing and holding in your consciousness*, you will begin to clean out your mental house and to build and keep there only the things that will bring you soul satisfaction and happiness.

It also explains how you can help and bless others who are in trouble and unable to help themselves. You, who are abiding in your center of Consciousness where I am, can send My Healing Life to any other center of My Consciousness to the Higher Self of a brother who is sick or weak and knows not in his brain consciousness of My Life within him. By simply opening your heart and letting My Love pour out you can send it direct to him; for in My Consciousness there is no space or time separation, and to

Me you and your Brother are one with and part of Me. Just realize — *feel* and *see* My Love flow from you to him, who is in very truth your Self, because he is My Self; *see* It pouring forth from deep *within*, surrounding and filling him — just as it pours forth from *within you* — as a Radiant White Energizing Force — that spiritual Life Force which grows and fructifies and heals all living things. See it flowing from deep within his heart and radiating outward, through his mental, emotional and physical consciousness and bodies, permeating and flooding every part of them, and then surrounding and enclosing them in pure, brilliant, White Light — the Light of My Holy Love, which no evil or inharmony or imperfection can touch or come near, no more than darkness can be where there is brilliant light.

Just to the extent that you actually KNOW this and can perfectly visualize and see it taking place, and can *feel* my tender love inspiring, flooding and uniting the consciousness of you both, will a perfect healing take place, and Evil and all its minions will be driven back into the darkness of nothingness and ignorance whence they came. For in very truth will it be My Life that is rushing into and which will vitalize the new and true concept thus formed in your minds and hearts, and which will make it a REALITY. For then the without will have become as the within, and you will see with the Light of My Love that *all* consciousness is My Consciousness.

The KNOWING of this Truth will make you and all who are concerned about the problems of Evil, Disease, Lack or Imperfection, FREE.

Do not pass by this article with just one reading, but go over it again and again, meditating earnestly upon every sentence and phrase, until you have made all the great Truth hidden back of the words *your own*. If you do this you will find you will be able shortly to demonstrate this Truth by thus blessing My children whom I will send to you for help, thereby finding yourself an integral part of the Great Brotherhood in the Kingdom of My Consciousness, which I am establishing on earth even as it is in Heaven.