# The coming into being of evil and darkness



Many people think or believe that evil is the result of darkness (ignorance), when, in reality, the opposite is the truth. That is, evil is what causes or leads to darkness.

This fact becomes evident when one has a proper grasp of the various creation stories. For example, in the bible book of Genesis, Paradise is described as a place where human beings (represented by Adam and Eve), walked and talked with GOD i.e. they were fully attuned (talked and heard) and carried out (obeyed) the Will of GOD. In doing so, they also worked very closely with all of nature (the animals, plants, and the invisible nature beings).

A time came when human beings started to assert their own will over GOD's Will, arising from the development of self-consciousness (eating from the tree of

Knowledge). This conscious assertion of self-will over GOD's Will became the first evil (sin) whose fruits made it difficult to maintain clear attunement to the Will of GOD. The more humans enjoyed the fruits (evils) resulting from assertion self-will over GOD's Will (sin), the more we lost connection with the governing principles of our world, and creation in general, i.e. the more ignorant we became of these principles. In other words, the more we fell into darkness. As the exertion of self-will and its many fruits proliferated, humanity, with the exception of a few individuals, soon lost almost all knowledge of the Will of GOD, and gradually created a world of our own, dominated by a multiplicity of evil. The limitation of our perceptive ability also interfered with the relationship with our natural environment.

Now governed by the evil propensities, resulting from the original sin of placing our self-will above GOD's Will, we created and started to live in a world marked by all of the chaos and disharmony with which we are all quite familiar today. The combination of our chaotic and disharmonious world plus our growing ignorance of the Will of GOD (darkness) is symbolically reflected as the expulsion from Paradise.

It is noteworthy that this story tells us that human beings were warned against embarking on the path that would put self-will above GOD's Will, and the consequences that would follow, if this warning was not heeded....

*....."You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden, except the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad.[f] You must not eat the fruit of that tree; if you do, you will die the same day."*

Genesis 2:16-17

In reading this excerpt we have to give a broader meaning to the word eat as used in this rendition of the story. Surely it cannot mean that human beings were not expected to use or develop the abilities given to them. Because Jesus Christ in the Parable of Talents (Matthew 25:13-40), talked about the demand for us to use and develop the talents with which we are endowed, which includes the development of self-consciousness. A more appropriate meaning of the word eat, as used here, would be "over indulge", as happened when we over indulged in this new knowledge and forgot about GOD's Will in our live, and in creation.

Also, a part of us knew, and felt the twinge of conscience (guilt), when we embarked upon putting our will above GOD's Will, as indicated in this excerpt from the story in Genesis.....

*As soon as they had eaten it, they were given understanding and realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and covered themselves. That evening they heard the Lord God walking in the garden, and they hid from him among the trees. But the Lord God called out to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; I was afraid and hid from you, because I was naked."*

Genesis 2:7-10

We continued and plunged ourselves further into ignorance of GOD's Will (darkness), because we found it difficult to give up the fruits of our self-will; namely pride, egotism, acquisitiveness, etc. Then one thing led to the other, and we soon lost other connections with our natural environment.

The first to be lost was connection with the nature beings, who had assisted us with their knowledge of the

workings of the laws of nature, to build the massive structures, like the pyramids and ancient temples, remnants of which are spread around the world, and whose construction are still an enigma to many today, including engineers.

Next was our connection to our physical environment, as is evident, for example, in the lost knowledge (darkness) about the purpose and uses of various plants, the healing power of metals and crystals, or the ability to see and interpret information contained in the aura radiations that emanate from all objects, including the human body. The development and use of these natural knowledge and abilities were always hindered, as is still the case today, by the professional envy of those who were in positions of power and were not so gifted. Their egos were offended by the abilities of these gifted ones, and greed played a role in urging them to eliminate what they saw as competition. The result was yet another enforced layer of ignorance (darkness) upon, and about our world.

The evils of today are creating another type of darkness, to which many have not given much thought, or perhaps do not even see as a form of ignorance. This new ignorance is the increasing loss of self-awareness, or loss of individuality, which is manifesting as globalization of business, culture, thoughts and attitudes. The evil behind this phenomenon, that is being promoted under the guise of progress, efficiency, free flow of movement and ideas, are a mixture of laziness on the part of those who only wish to reap benefits than do the work themselves, greed on the part of those who want to control more of the world's resources, and egotism on the part of those who want to influence mankind by making a name for themselves.

We see this development in the shrinking varieties in practically all arenas of modern life, from the physical (in fashion, architectural styles, etc.), to thought and ideas (globalization of sources of information and its analysis, the push for adoption of common ideas regarding family values, relationships, raising of children and education). We have already seen it in the spiritual - with the globalization of religion and the stamping out of any belief that is deemed alien, or unorthodox by the dominant.

One can only shudder at the possible long-term result of this growing phenomenon. Perhaps, the many movies and fictional books about a dystopian future reflect some writers' and artists' unconscious sensing of the full manifestation of the unilateral control by the few of the masses who have lost their self-awareness and individuality. Thus, a new form of darkness marked by mind control.

A logical question for any thinker has to be, can human beings ever hope to escape from the grip of all the evil that abound, and eradicate darkness? If so, how?

The simple answer to that question has to be LOVE. Whose true meaning is respect and consideration for all creatures, as well as the willingness to live and let live. In other words, the true exercise of LOVE is against putting oneself before others, which also means putting a curb on self-will to the detriment of others. When guided by this principle, egotism, pride, greed, lust, domination, and other forms of evil are put aside.

However, the most important LOVE has to be the human being's love of GOD. This is the only love that helps the human being acknowledge his place in the scheme of things. A recognition that will make self-will subservient and reconnected to the Will of GOD, and in so doing, the

human being can gradually reconnect to with the natural environment. Through the new knowledge and insight gained, a higher level of consciousness will slowly eradicate the darkness in which the person is now operating.

It is not surprising that LOVE is the essence and the foundation of all true spiritual teachings, which, for millennia, have been trying to illuminate the human mind (i.e. free us from evil). The Lord Jesus Christ summarized it best when in response to the same question of how one can regain connection to the laws of GOD (i.e., GOD's Will), he said,...

*37 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*
*38 This is the first and great commandment.*
*39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*
*40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

Matthew 22:37-40

It is noteworthy that Jesus clearly states that our love for GOD must be first and foremost, and must be with our heart i.e. through our physical being, in our soul i.e. in our emotional and spiritual being, and with our mind i.e. in our thoughts and words. Therefore, claiming to love GOD only in our emotional state, as tends to be the case today, is not the comprehensive type of love that Jesus says we must have, if we wish to overcome evil and darkness.

Trying to tackle or eradicate evil or darkness by focusing on its manifestations, also as we tend to do, is wrong. It is tantamount to fighting the hydra or dragon with multiple heads, for no sooner is one head cutoff

than another grows to take its place, while the one cutoff is regenerated. The ineffectiveness of this approach is what was portrayed allegorically to the ancients who had contemplated this problem of how to free oneself from evil and darkness.

The loss of individuality, as mentioned, is a modern phenomenon whose driving evils are gradually weaving another form of darkness which can be described as "rigidity in our thinking and way of life". Abdrushin, the bringer of the Grail Message already identified and talked about this new development, in the book In "The Light of Truth", and offers the following advice to help those who, in awakening, wish to escape from this rigidity. His advice is as follows.....

*I first give you the command to re-awaken within yourselves the sense of beauty, which is inherent in you from the beginning, and which you have wantonly buried! It will be an invaluable aid to you in your spiritual liberation, and for your ascent itself! Do not regard this lightly! There is more value in it than you imagine! Obey it, and you will soon realize through your experiencing how it advances each one in the stages of his life!.....*

*..... what you have hitherto considered beautiful have been for the most part the products of the intellect (self-will), cunningly thought out and formed by men who preyed only upon your weaknesses, and wished to stimulate them in order to gain earthly advantages, either money or sympathy, for themselves. Everything was based on calculation. There was no trace of pure beauty, only stimulation of the senses in some way or other!*

*And any stimulation is an inducement willed by the intellect, which can never be uplifting! It is an*

*enticement for some purpose, be it only for the purchase of some material or clothing.*

*You have already become accustomed to adapting yourselves to foreign ideas in these matters, you accept them and thus become the victims of foreign calculations, which confuse and degrade you more and more; for through this you have voluntarily surrendered a part of your freedom, and with the freedom your own right to the sense of beauty. You imagine that you still possess the freedom to decide when selecting a purchase. But in this you are restricted to a certain number of varieties which others have created as "fashion", again only for a limited time!*

*Thus you have renounced rights which should have afforded you great support, and have left behind on your journeyings that staff which was to have been a strong mainstay for you and a protection against all that was false, whereby you would immediately have had to recognize the caricatures that are so enticingly set before you, but which have nothing to do with true beauty.*

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Hopefully the foregoing has given an adequate survey of how evil and darkness have, and still manifest in our lives today, and the only realistic way out.

At the very least, any serious seeker who wishes to free him, or herself from evil and darkness needs to go back to investigate the sacred books that contain teachings about the Will of GOD and how it manifests in creation. However, anyone who wants to read about this in clear modern language, is invited to do so in the book In "The Light of Truth", (The Grail Message) by Abdrushin. This book confirms the Truth contained in all sacred books,

to the extent that these are not derived from dogma, or philosophies that have been built around them. More important is that The Grail Message takes the serious investigator many steps beyond what any of the sacred books offer.

It is perhaps worth reiterating that a fundamental prerequisite for any successful investigation, or emergence from darkness is an honest acknowledgement of one's own ignorance, and the readiness to take the difficult steps to overcome all the evils built upon one's selfish desires. It will also require one to overthrow, or leave behind many long-cherished beliefs and company. Also, spiritual growth, development is purely individual, and is never a group affair. Thus, darkness and evil can only be eradicated one person at a time, and each one for him, or herself. The more there are people making and living this effort, the less evil will prevail, and with that society, at large, can then gradually emerge from darkness and the underlying evil influences. It needs to be stated also, that being neutral or being afraid to stand one's ground because of what people might say, or to please others is tantamount to enabling or encouraging evil in one's neighbor and oneself. But, this does not imply that we go about correcting or forcing our neighbors to correct "their evil ways", for as Jesus Christ already tells us in Matthew 7:3-5,

*.... why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?.....*

When taken in the context of other advice given by Jesus, the above quotation in effect means that we should attend to our own faults and leave others to attend to theirs, unless solicited for assistance. And

even then, the assistance or advice must be offered in love, and left to the individual to implement.