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Knowledge of Good and Evil - Not!!

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What we are handling is the **BELIEF** of evil! If evil is unreal, as this citation says, then to know evil as something real in order to handle it is the **MISTAKE!!** GOD IS ALL and this is my understanding. God's law is **I AM ALL** and I must do my best to understand and obey this in all circumstances. Hard to do always but is a "saviour" whenever I call upon this powerful Truth. *****

What about the need to know the operation of evil in order to handle it? Does knowing the operation of evil equate to a knowledge of evil?

No, it is impossible to know evil. Error comes to us to be destroyed. We don't have to go looking for it or wallow in it. Our job is to agree with our adversary quickly, to rip off the mask and let it destroy itself. If we don't do that, then our consciousness is darkened and we are no longer children of light. *****

Science and Health says " this liberation does not scientifically show itself in a knowledge of both good and evil, for the latter is unreal." *Science and Health* p. 103:12 On the other hand, Mind-science is wholly separate from any half-way impertinent knowledge, because Mind-science is of God and demonstrates the divine Principle, working out the purposes of good only." *Science and Health* p.103:15 Half-way impertinent knowledge! Going

around saying "God is love" without an understanding that Love is Principle, is half-way impertinent knowledge.

If you truly know good, you will recognize evil. You cannot know evil - because to know something implies the thing is true and exists. Can you know $2 + 2 = 5$? No. But, if you see $2 + 2 = 5$ on a paper, you must recognize it and correct it -- otherwise, it's an indication you don't know that $2 + 2 = 4$! ***

People like the seemingly rosy statement on page 494 of *Science and Health*: "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." So, then there is no suffering, no sickness, no violence and ignorance, human history is a story of pleasantries only?

Divine Love is a consuming fire, jealous, and will destroy everything in us and in all which is unlike Herself. My need is to empty my consciousness, mind, soul, heart, of everything unlike Love. Only thus will I lay hold of reality. *****

Why This Backwardness?

"Not so willing to point out the evil in human thought, and expose evil's hidden mental ways of accomplishing iniquity." *Science and Health* p.571
Excuses:

1. My personality is not conducive. I leave this sort of thing to others.
2. Might appear critical, or egotistical (God forbid!!)
3. Might cause a reaction and more trouble than if I just keep quiet.
4. I'll just know the truth about it and avoid the discomfort.

This is all the recipe for stunted spiritual growth because disobedient to God (Principle) – We read in 1 Sam 16:7, "The LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." - Are we not to

turn to Him and strive to see as He sees? It is also the recipe for dying churches, and oh, while we are at it, the recipe for World Wars!! *****

Why? Because of a wrong concept of divine Love. In every church I have visited "GOD IS LOVE" is inscribed above the readers. I think the only love to be had in the culture is human goodness. So correcting someone else isn't humanly nice. So you aren't a Scientist.

It doesn't make for an easy ride, but I have started down that path here and when the smoke clears, what is left is much better than before. All the corrections I have taken have not been personal. Once you get to that point of understanding, you ultimately are grateful for Love's rod. *****

"It requires the spirit of our blessed Master to tell a man his faults, and so risk human displeasure for the sake of doing right and benefiting our race." *Science and Health* p.571 Much gratitude for the illumination coming through our study, giving us the courage to stand up and speak out the truth rather than seeming to assent to evil in dealing in the world.

Today I met a stranger who asked me to save him a place to sit. Then he wanted to talk. He said he had been unemployed for a year as a writer and was thinking of going in with a group advertising on the internet, although they seemed possibly somewhat shady. In speaking the truth to him against finding a solution there, he agreed with it and decided against that move. *****

Malicious Form of Hypnotism

"The malicious form of hypnotism ultimates in moral idiocy." *Science and Health* p 103

What is the malicious form of hypnotism?

I used to think it is intentional hatred by someone to make something malicious. But, something is malicious if its effect is to lead one away from Truth - the only good. "Malice," that appears to be a person being mean or cold hearted, it is generally not malicious in effect, because it's out in the open and does not lead you away from God.

So malicious hypnotism is probably not something

the world would think of as malicious. Self-righteousness is malicious hypnotism. Wanting to make everyone like you is malicious hypnotism. The desire and attempt to alleviate suffering, without a demand of mental, spiritual growth, is malicious hypnotism. Others? *****

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The advertisement that persuades you to feel sick so you will buy their drug, or that persuades you to want their product even though you don't need it, etc. There seems to be a lot of malicious hypnotism going on right under our noses! *****

Right away I thought of the phrase "God helps those who help themselves."

I have heard this motto often, yet it's not in the Bible. The implication seems to be that you need to jumpstart "success" by leaning on your own understanding and only then will God see that you are worthy of His help. *****

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Note that Jesus did not waste time talking about these kind of worldly things "out there" - just distraction from the work at hand. His focus throughout the Sermon on the Mount was the thought of the listener/student.

You have identified, inadvertently perhaps, another malicious form of hypnotism. The two scenarios you pointed out do not apply to you!! As long as we are pointing to the error out there, away from our own thought, there is avoidance, denial, and protection of the worst error right under our own nose! *****

SUBJECT- GOD THE ONLY CAUSE AND CREATOR - 06/08/14

What Can This Cause, Cause?

The Cause and Creator in divine Science is Mind. In both the German and Dutch translations this is "Gemut." Not a brain, but a heart. Where can divine Love, the Principle of all, dwell, be and originate? In the heart of God.

The heart of God can only be active in our hearts. Creation is then taking place in our hearts. It is heart to heart, Mind to mind, Love to reflected love.

THERE IS NOTHING EXTERIOR, no world or body out there, over there.

There is only God's inner-man, and your inner-being, heart to heart. From the elements of the one Heart emanate all.....these are mental, both primarily and secondarily.

There is no beneath. There never was a moment anything could be real that does not emanate from or dwell in the divine Heart.

God needs to create His heart in our heart, even all the seven synonyms. *****

That is beautiful. *****

I just wanted to check with our Leader's writings, and yes, she uses the word heart, but sparingly when referring to the infinite.

The great heart of Christ...the heart of divinity....the great heart of Love....the heart of God...the heart of Truth....

O Love divine This heart of thine
Is all I need to comfort mine
Dear heart of Love
Send us thy white-winged dove. (Poems, p.24.)

On unity watch we could think of "a diapason of heart-beats." *****

Seed, Butterfly, Bird - How Do They Know What To Do?

"The tree and herb do not yield fruit because of any propagating power of their own, but because they reflect the Mind which includes all." *Science and Health* p. 507

To think we were never encouraged to think about these things in our education. Instead, biology etc. presented as "the way it is" - leaving all questions unasked, as to intelligence and consciousness - the "knowledge" of DNA, etc. proudly exhibited - "Mortals are egotists.." *Science and Health* p. 263
A magnificent lesson that opens thought to the wonder of creation. *****

"If seed is necessary to produce wheat, and wheat to produce flour, or if one animal can originate another, how then can we account for their primal origin? How were the loaves and fishes multiplied on the shores of Galilee, — and that, too, without meal or monad from which loaf or fish could come?" *Science and Health* p. 90

During the multiplying of the loaves and fishes, God did not say, "Just a minute, Jesus, I have to obey My incontrovertible physical laws of biology and botany: so I must give thee wheat-grains instead of bread, and fish-eggs instead of fish. Sorry, but I the Lord change not. I am the same yesterday, today, and forever, so I must uphold My glorious physical laws of propagation and generation!

"Therefore, after thou receivest the grains, soakest thou them in fresh water that they may sprout overnight to make them more digestible, and servest thou them with the caviar that I have so generously provided for thee and the vast multitude. Alternatively, thou mayest grind the grain on stone to produce fine flour, addest thou water, and then bakest thou the mixture on flat stone by the heat of the sun that I have provided for thee. Spreadest thou the caviar atop this bread, and dispensest thou this to the multitude." *****

Yes, it is amazing, to watch birds frolic around, the complex ways they control their wings and

tailfeathers seems to me beyond the capacity of any computer to mimic.

I found in the First Edition of Science and Health a word that does not appear in any edition of the Webster's dictionary, nor on the link he provided: "mortal man would possess no PONDERABILITY if permeated by Spirit, and Spirit be ponderable if it dwelt within matter." p. 216.

To me is is clear, pond or pound has to do with weight, so it means "weigh-ability." It cannot be weighed.

Also I read in the same edition: These are the footsteps of science, by which Truth amputates error. Wow! Amputates! Divine Love always will meet all human needs...by amputating error! *****

A False Sense of Man's Origin

"The foundation of mortal discord is a false sense of man's origin. To begin rightly is to end rightly." *Science and Health* p. 262

This sure turns the "big bang" theory on its head, and ever so concisely. The "big bang" theory was exciting for many scientists, supposedly validating years of research and theories, and a cause for celebration and prizes.

Since the scientists left God out of the picture, it's a self-congratulatory illusion which cannot possibly "end rightly". Trying to figure out how man and the universe started out of atoms, protons or dust is a waste of time in my book.

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We can dispose of the big bang theory much more easily than the theory that we are the progeny of Mom and Dad. This one is the closest to home, so to speak, and requires the most effort, discipline, and love of God to relinquish. *****

I am finding in my experience that these challenges unfold when I am ready to handle them. Don't go looking for a fight, but if you are loving God and keeping watch, these challenges will come to you needing healing. Speak the truth and the Christ will do the rest. Then, when the error lashes back, know that it has been struck a death blow. Your good will be evil spoken of. It seems no one likes hearing the truth, especially mom and dad. But because you love them and want to see them free, you make your stand. Thank God I have this rock of Christian Science. *****

I believe Mrs. Eddy clearly teaches that creation is consciousness.

We shall not look up to the stars, but we will look out on the universe from them. All human theories relate to a material universe. There is no such thing. When humanity understands that, now that will make a really Big Bang! *****

God Giveth The Increase

"Neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." 1Cor. 5:7

I find it well to remind myself often that God does the best job at marketing His own product (and of course we need to be willing instruments to put self aside and to be used by Him!).

Sometimes I sit in awe at what He has done already in our Church – as far as bringing needed (and also first rate) talent to help in this work (music, website, technical, beautiful pictures, proofers, writers, translators, readers, watchers and the list goes on...) - nothing short of miraculous!

Who else could have done this but God!! Yes, there is certainly much more to be done – and the increase will again come from Him - all lovingly hand-picked, no doubt!