



The Truth About Evil

I have always been afraid of what people call “evil,” whether in unseen spirits or in human beings. What exactly is evil and where does it come from?

What is Evil?

Evil is a human invention. Evil does not exist in a tree or a galaxy and most definitely does not exist within the Creator or All of Creation. The origin of evil is simply the

decision to say “no” to God¹; to insist that there is something outside of the Evolutionary Intelligence and Power of the Universe. It is believing that one knows better than that Unified Love and that one's identity and power is separate from that Love. Since countless multitudes of humans have been saying “no” to God for hundreds of thousands of years it now seems as if that delusion has an entirely independent existence. What is now called evil or the devil is the *collective ego*.

The essence of one human being saying no to God is the same as the collective essence called the devil. It is just a matter of degree and scope. The important point here is that evil has no inherent reality as a power separate from God. That would be an impossibility. However, the CONSEQUENCES of CHOOSING that illusory stance is experienced as very real.

Evil Is An Expression of Free Will

Knowing the source of evil can be useful in understanding the supreme importance of free will. As stated above, evil could be defined as the exercising of free will to say no to God. Satan is said to be a fallen angel. Even a very high and powerful being such an angel is allowed the free will to turn away from God, that is, to be defiant towards the Love and Intelligence of the Universe, to believe and insist that one knows better than that Love. There are two essential messages here. The first is that the result of saying no to God is catastrophic, whether that choice is made by an angel or a human being. The second message is that God fully ALLOWS and even cherishes this free will because it is the only way that an adamantine UNCONDITIONAL Love can be Realized.

God Loves Free Will

Free will is as much a part of God Consciousness as is Love. They are closely linked. Love is the absolute allowing of free will. The very definition of Love is total allowing, reverence and appreciation. Love never has any expectations or judgments of any kind whatsoever. It embraces the freedom to choose – even the choice to deny its indwelling, all-encompassing Love and Intelligence. The ego, or Satan, can NEVER overcome God because God is its very essence of existence. However, this attempt to deny, resist and fight against that Truth is a profound learning experience that is an essential part of conscious evolution. It is through those trials and tribulations that we learn directly the consequences of choosing illusory separation over the Truth of Love. (This is the meaning of the parable of the Prodigal Son.)

1 In this article, the term “God” means the Evolutionary Intelligence and Power of the Universe

Awakening Is a Choice

When the power of choice is turned around from identifying with ego-separation to aligning with Universal Love and Intelligence, this is Awakening. It is God, or Cosmic Consciousness, becoming *awake* to its glorious innate infinite perfection, rather than just *being* it. Furthermore, when Love is challenged and tested, its indestructible, immutable and ever-resurrecting power is further revealed and realized. This is the evolutionary process of God becoming Self-Aware through human beings.

In the East, evil has been called Mara or Illusion, and in Christianity it has been called the Devil or Satan. Both the Buddha under the Bodhi tree and Jesus in the desert, faced evil in the form of fearsome threats of death and destruction and the enticements of false power. In both instances, they overcame this attack and temptation by affirming that there is no Power or Reality other than God, the Truth of Nirvana. Engaging in a battle with the Devil or Mara would have been succumbing to them because that would have been a tacit agreement that they actually exist. In both cases they did not fall for the lies and the threats – they simply affirmed the TRUTH! Therefore, the terms illusion, evil and ego are actually all synonymous. *In other words, ego is the only evil force in the Universe, whether individual or collective . . . and it is ultimately an illusion.*

The Battle Between Good and Evil Is Within

However, it could be said that evil *does* exist as ILLUSION for most of us. Jesus and the Buddha gave us clear demonstrations of how to overcome evil/illusion through ceasing to believe in the lies. What are the lies? They are the voices in the head – the stories of doom, discouragement, shame and blame, and the resulting feelings of sinking defeat, burning rage or tormenting anxiety. It is the attraction to the false power of self-righteousness, personal pride, approval, superiority and judgment of others. Illusion is the master mimicker that fools us into believing that Confidence, Love, Security, Power and Well-Being can come from trying to squeeze it out of others and the world through manipulation, domination and seduction. If there is a battle between Good and Evil, between Love and Fear, it is occurring *only within our own consciousness*. All else are PROJECTIONS of that inner reality.

God Realization

The result of choosing Love even in the most unlikely or challenging of circumstances, places one in the flow of God Realization. This ever-expanding threshold of Realization is the process of Consciousness becoming more and more aware of Itself. This is

Evolution. It is the essence of what the Universe and God is doing. Each and every human being has the opportunity to become One with this phenomenal Awakening!

Jesus and Buddha, and every other being who has brought Love and Truth into this world, assisted others only *after* they had conquered the illusion of evil WITHIN, through affirming and Realizing the Truth of Oneness – an all-inclusive God. This inner work is the work that really matters. It is the ONLY work which results in positive gains of an ETERNAL nature. All else passes at the end of every lifetime, and often much sooner. The only thing that will fulfill our deepest and truest yearning is to return Home to a Life free of illusion and fear. Why not turn within now and begin the Soul satisfying, Heart healing process of affirming the Truth of Love?