

Copyright © 2009
Sylvia D. Pearce
All rights reserved

Published by:
Christ, Our Life Ministries, Inc.
Po Box 43268
Louisville, Ky. 40253

_____Program 7_____

Satan's Entrance into Humanity and His Role in God's Plan.

The necessity of opposites

- **Rev.12:9** The great Dragon, that old serpent, Devil, and Satan who deceives the whole world
- **Rom.8:20-21** God, subjected the creation unto vanity in hope of delivering them from the bondage of corruption into glorious liberty of the sons of God
- **Rom.11:32** For God hath concluded them all in Unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all
- **1Cor.11:19** There must be heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you
- **Heb.5:8** Though he were a son, yet he learned obedience by the things he suffered
- **Mat.4:3** Jesus was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil
- **Mk.1:12** The Spirit drove him into the wilderness

THE LAW OF OPPOSITES

Everything in the universe functions by pairs of opposites, the one gaining definition by its necessary opposite and utilizing the other to manifest itself!



I recently drew a picture for you and I put it in the box above. Can you tell me what it is? Come on, it took me a long time to do, so what is it? Okay, I'll tell you: **It is a polar bear in a snow storm!** Why can't you see it? It's because there is no contrast. The polar bear is white and the snow is white, there are no opposites! The polar bear cannot be seen because there is no contrast. Without contrast we could not distinguish anything from anything else. Everything would be a vague blur.

What are God's eternal purposes? How can we see through the cloud of appearances to a God "who works all things after the counsel of His own will" (Ephesians 1:11)? Can we really see through this glass darkly to the clarity of the Spirit? Are we really able to somehow look into the glassy sea of God's clear freedom and discover His ways?

As we lift the veil between the vanity of time and the riches of eternity, we can gaze into a realm unknown to the naked eye. However, if we can see with Spirit eyes, I think we will begin to discover some of the greatest truths in the universe.

Before we come fully into the light we need to look at opposites and how they interact with each other to bring clarity to our fallen blindness. How can we know, appreciate, and experience these eternal riches unless we plunge into the depths of the opposite, but necessary fallen reality and experience the devilish deceptive traps we so easily fall into. (And then only to find our way back home again to God, our Father who transforms our divided minds and lives.) If we see "Him only" it unifies paradoxical opposites and produces the peace of mind that puts an end to the endless mental self-examinations of right and wrongness. What glory, to have the single eye of faith and experience this "God seeing" unification that we are all really longing for.

Perhaps one of the hardest tasks of all is to join together opposites into a unity, yet maintain their individuality and distinctiveness. When we look into the nature of paradoxical opposites we see that in the visible dimension of time and space they *appear* to fight each other. The fleshly mind, seeing in part, makes one right and its opposite counterpart wrong, a kind of either/or mentality. However, in the raised mind of the Spirit, warring opposites become friends as they are raised up together and synthesized into a single unity.

Our temptations and pressures miraculously become our friends as we see that Satan becomes God's negative convenient agent. He is necessary. There has to be these constant conflicting interaction of opposites in order for true Spirit reality to be experienced by us. Nothing comes into manifestation without the interaction of opposites, that is, the one swallowing up the other. This is the whole nature of manifestation, namely, the necessary negative being swallowed up by its perfect positive counterpart producing Spirit reality. Is this hard to understand? Well, hang on, the Spirit will show you.

See How We Are Made Conscious?

We persons cannot have consciousness of a thing or a truth except it be discovered by the interaction of opposite. "For nothing in this universe can be realized or have definition except by its opposite. And everything in the universe functions as well, by pairs of opposites, the one gaining definition by its necessary opposite and utilizing the other to manifest itself."¹ So the way we function, the way things are manifested, and the consciousness we gain all unfolds to us by a dialectic process of one swallowing up the other in order to gain its realization.

For example: Light can only be **seen** by "swallowing up" (II Cor. 5:6) darkness; Sweetness can only be appreciated by **tasting** bitter; Hot is experienced by **feeling** cold; Our decisive "yes" gets its strength and is birthed into being by swallowing up its opposite "no". Electricity functions by the interaction of protons and electrons. This dialectic process goes right on down to our personal experiences. Children know not to touch a hot stove because they have learned by experiencing that it burns; A child will not go into a busy street because he has learned the difference between safe, and not safe. As Christians we only know God's wonderful grace because we have known our wretched sinful selves. We also know liberation because we have known law-bound bondage. We know Christ in us, because we have known Satan in us.....So exploring one is fully exploring and realizing the other.

¹ Norman Grubb

Nothing exists without its opposite: to say yes to one thing is saying no to something else. To love one thing is to hate its opposite. To be somewhere is not being somewhere else. All of life functions by pairs of opposites, one fading to the background while what we experience, and is actualized, comes to the foreground. The reality is what we see, what we do, and what we experience gets its known reality by what we do not see, what we do not do, and what we do not experience. Learning is the same way. We learn a profession through the arduous process of learning what doesn't work regarding our profession, and then replacing it with what does work.

Since nothing can be known or discovered in a conscious way except by opposites, then in God's unfathomable wisdom He put his innocent little children in a perfect garden, perfect environment, perfect temperature, and continual supply of food. However, there was one hitch, a' evil tree! Why was it so wise to allow evil to be in this perfect garden? God allowed it because until He brought the evil tree to their attention there were no opposites. Nothing but positive yes's; Yes, you have dominion over everything (what ever that meant to them); yes, you may name the animals; yes, you are perfect (whatever that meant to them); yes, you can eat of every tree.....Yes, yes, yes. But, wait a moment, "*NO, YOU MAY NOT EAT*" of one tree. What a set up. All yes's, and only one no. Don't we humans usually take our positive, "YES'S" for granted, while we maximize our negative "NO'S"?

A person cannot be a fully functioning person without exercising our God-given **freedom of choice**. Saying *yes* to one thing, automatically means *no* to another. The two trees provided the tension of alternatives which would provoke choice. Adam and Eve were innocent childlike beings, almost non-persons, having an embryonic consciousness. Without exercising their royal capacity of choice, they would remain practically unconscious, unknowing beings. God's plan from the beginning was to have fully functioning sons, not unaware babies.

Just like the polar bear in the snowstorm, without opposites there would be no definition or distinguishable understanding of opposites, and therefore, no maturity of personhood.

Therefore, the whole universe consists of opposites in union with each other and are held together by a dialectic tension of opposites. The positive proton and the negative electron are held together by The Word, Jesus. Because by Him all things consist (Colo. 1:17).

"When the Creator in His purpose of love and grace brought into existence His own 'opposite,' created beings in His own likeness, that their emptiness should be swallowed up by His fullness, their weakness manifest His strength, their darkness radiate His light. He foreknew and foresaw what might and did happen. A great rift would appear in the harmony of His universe. As all negatives are the hidden, submissive partners to their positives, as the female to the male, as minors to majors. In the union of the two all life in thought and action being reproduced, so were we to be as the created to our Creator, as bride to Bride-groom, as servants to Master, as sons to Father. But as free selves, we could do what no other pair of opposites **could** do, we could refuse to keep this "first estate" of creature to Creator; we could aspire to be as God, the minor as the major, the darkness as light, the weakness as strength; and we could upset the equilibrium of our world. This is what God foresaw that we should do, and Lucifer and his angels before us. It meant the appearance of a whole principle of evil not in existence before, **a negative that defied its positive and would replace it, a darkness that would be as light, an evil that would claim to be the good, a devil (and man) who would be God.** The prophet boldly said of God that He "created evil" (Isaiah 45:7), and it is true in the sense that a created being has the potentiality, the freedom to refuse to keep its

own estate, and in refusing, it brought into manifestation the negative kingdom of evil, as a power.²"

² The Deep Things of God; by Norman Grubb page 85