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### SEEING WITH THE SINGLE EYE OF FAITH

- **John 18:11** The Father's cup, shall I not drink it
- **Matt. 6:22-23** If thine eye be single, thy whole body is full of light
- **Matt. 5:8** Blessed are the pure in heart
- **Titus 5:18** To the pure all things are pure
- **1Thes. 5:18** In everything give thanks
- **Eph. 1:11** Him who works all things after the council of his own will
- **Job 1:8** God said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job
- **2Cor. 4:6** God commanded the light to shine out of darkness
- **Rom. 4:17** Call the things that be not as though they already are
- **Zeph. 3:15** We shall not see evil anymore
- **Dan. 4:17** Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever He wills, and setteth up over it the basest of men
- **Rom. 13:1** No power but God

**We see through evil to God and His eternal plan behind it.  
I don't deny evil, but see that God means evil and utilizes it for His redemptive purposes. (Acts 2:23; 4:27-28)**

**THE DEVIL'S CROSS IS GOD'S GAIN!**  
(John 19:11, Romans 13:1; and Dan. 4:32)

**From negative double seeing to seeing only  
God, the one power in the universe.**

Life is unpredictable and uncertain, but God is forever faithful even in the most painful of life's situations. The Theologians tell us that God is "Omni-Present." That means that He is present at all times and in every place. The Psalmist tells us that even "if we make our bed in hell, behold thou are there" (Psalms 139:8). You might ask, "Why doesn't He deliver us **from** these painful situations"? He does, but not the way we always think He should. He doesn't save our soul from feeling the pain of loss and despair because we are burden-bearers for others. "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ," which is the greatest principal of love (Gal. 6:2). Yet God says that we can know Spirit peace and victory right in the midst of our tragedies and losses. II Cor. 2:14 says, "Thanks be unto God which always causes us to **triumph** in Christ, and makes manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place.

"If God delivered everyone from conflict, oppression, and opposition at the first call, where would be the opportunity for the perseverance that produces character? If

tribulation were lifted at the first cry, where would be the chance for exercise in patience that issues in heavenly character, the chief ingredient of agape love?

The question is: How are "these light afflictions which are but for a moment," but which seem unbearable and endless to us, to be transmuted into that 'far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory'? One's afflictions can be made to work for him only by a correct subjective attitude. To many it is a mystery how subjective attitude (the inner man) toward an objective (outside) situation can so modify its effect that pure "evil" is transformed into a sublime dimension of "good."<sup>1</sup>

I believe that "God only" is the perspective that Jesus was talking about in the Sermon on the Mount when He says that the single eye is the view point that floods our bodies with light. The secret of seeing God only, joins our divided consciousness and fills our whole body full of light.-- While seeing two equal powers in competition with one another fills our bodies with darkness, and as the scripture says, "how great is that darkness" (Matt. 6:22-23).

When Jesus was brought to the governor's palace right before the crucifixion, He was subjected to Pilate's bragging, "I have power to crucify you, and I have the power to release you?" Jesus declared back to him "Thou could have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above" (John 19:10-11). What? Jesus, you mean that Pilate does not have the supreme separate evil power to crucify you? Then does that mean that God is the one and only power that dictates to and controls all evil dominions, principalities and powers? If Pilate had no power over the most evil event in all of history, then all subsequent historical events have no independent power of their own either.

There is only one power in the universe, and it is God Almighty, Himself. "I am the Lord, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:6; 49:9-19; 49:12). Pretty exclusive isn't it? There is only one independent life source in the whole universe, and it is God Himself. Then it must be a lie if Satan or man falsely think that they independently have their own life source. Since the Creator is the one independent person in the universe then what is creation, and what is its purpose? Man, the heavenly host, as well as all created things whether animal, vegetable, or mineral are only a container/vessel of the life of God and do not contain their own life.

"Oh no," you say, "this is pantheism." "Are you saying that the rock is God?" No, no, God forbid that I should say that. If that were true we would worship the created form and not the Creator, God. The creation only exists to express its Creator, but not be the Creator.

Then, of course it is only man who contains the very personhood of God, and not inanimate things. Things have their existence in God, but not his personhood. He has reserved that privilege position for mankind who are created in His image. So then, all creation was created to contain and express the glory and majesty of Almighty God, but it was not created to independently be that glory.

## A Personal Word

Personally when I began to see 'God Only' in all my life's circumstances, good as well as evil, it unified my divided consciousness and brought great peace in me. My one thought now when all hell breaks out, which it often does, is to say, "Well God, what are you up to?" Seeing God on the front end of all my troubles is so freeing. It ends up being an adventure that transforms the adversity into great joy. That does not mean that my soul doesn't agonize, for it does, but through my soulish pain, I see a God who can do nothing but *good* to every aspect in my life...in my families lives...and in my ministry. Now most often His good comes in devilish distorted clothing,

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<sup>1</sup> Don't Waste Your Sorrows Paul E Billheimer

and if I stumble at the outer appearances, I will miss His blessings, or maybe just prolong them anyway. Seeing 'God Only' keeps me inwardly steady no matter what is happening outwardly.

Seeing God Only brings us wholeness, oneness and an eternal rest unto our souls. Yet, none of us start off and see God only, for we all start off sinful, divided, partial, struggling, eating from the tree of good and evil, and not at all in peace and rest. Hasn't mankind fallen into this illusionary division through the deception of Satan? And if we now see 'God only,' does that mean that we just deny Satan's existence? Let me quote several scriptures...One from Romans chapter 16, and the other from Zephaniah chapter 3. "Be wise unto that which is good and simple concerning evil" (v.19). And "Thou shall not see evil any-more" (v.15).

When Jesus told his disciples to be wise as serpents and harmless like a dove He did not mean for them to have an immature, ignorant, Pollyanna knowledge of evil, and somehow deny its existence by not seeing it anymore. And again that would be the same falseness that the modern day Christian Scientist attests to, which brings death--being an opposite-less, cross-less oneness without the full understanding of evil or even the acknowledgement of its existence. Which by the way, if denying evil was the answer, why would Jesus have had to go to the cross? He wouldn't have to, because there is no sin to die to, so God's redemptive work would have been a farce.

CS Lewis once said that there are two equal and opposite errors that we can fall into regarding Satan and his demons. One is to act like they don't exist. The other is to be unduly and overly interested in them. Not seeing evil anymore means, that we first do see evil, even see it in its fullest...live in it as a reality.... suffered from its consequences...see its Satanic source in ourselves...and experienced its death. Then by the miracle of faith in Christ's resurrection we now see it under the feet of our victorious Savior. Therefore when the Prince of this world now comes to us, we like Jesus, know that he has "no place in us."

Now we see Satan's very temptations as the necessary opposite to the mighty word of faith which renders Satan powerless and causes us to "not see evil anymore." We "see evil no more" simply because evil has been experienced, felt and realized in us and then swallowed up by God's amazing grace and mercy through the deliverance provided for us at the Cross. We don't see evil anymore because we no longer see separation, lack, the devil's false independent power, or evil circumstances as separate from God's eternal purposes. *The devil goes to the background, and God comes fully to the foreground as the one power in the universe.*

My dear friend Brian Coatney explains false oneness without opposites: "We must experience a total view of sin/Satan and mercy/God in us. Neither knowing definition apart from the other and all opposites accounted for, so that the final swallowing up by mercy attains the full drought of sweetness. Otherwise, we provide only another form, Christianized, and impotent, or Eastern religion Monism." Alan Parker, another friend of mine said that without opposites, we would end up with a gray oneness, kind of like a "New Age" shapeless amorphous, which means that our reality would be vague and have no definition or recognizable form.

So in order to bring definition and distinction to our oneness, let us look right in the face of evil, the false force that exists, yet not independent from God's control and purposes. And let us look at Satan, that great deceiver and spirit of error that dwells in the children of disobedience and then render him powerless by seeing the truth, which dispels his lies, and put him right under the feet of our victorious King Jesus.

It is with the single eye of seeing God Only that settles us, establishes us, and calms our wearied souls as we enter again into the Garden of Eden rest for our souls.

### **ALL FITS INTO GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSES**

"Life in the human must always be a tension, a constant propounding of problems with no adequate solution, a constant oscillation between the pleasurable and the painful. But when we raise our sights from the human to the divine, the whole picture changes. All started with God, all ends with God, and there is only One with whom He has to do: from eternity to eternity all is centered in Christ. Therefore, whatever intervenes in history, whether pleasant or unpleasant, must be caught up into the stream of His purposes of grace in Christ. If the devil appears on the scene, then the devil must be His agent. If the fall of man adds to the chaos, then we learn that He had already foreseen that and the fallen first Adam was to be only a type in reverse (Romans 5:14) of the last redeeming Adam. This same Christ would Himself embrace the consequences of sin, atone for it, conquer it, and then produce out of the wreckage of fallen humanity a new race of sons to occupy the highest position in the universe, to share the throne of Him who is made "higher than the heavens," better than the angels, seated at the right hand of the majesty on high.

Evil, then, would be to Christ an agency for good; not that evil comes from God, or is anything but evil, but faith utilizes it for good, because faith understands that God reigns in the darkness as well as in the light (Psalm 139:12), and that God fulfills His own purpose through adverse circumstances which expose to man his inability and spur him on to the receiving faith which liberates God to work".<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD All fit in God's eternal purposes by: Norman P. Grubb; from: