

Article 47: Forever Living –part 2

Many centuries before Parmenides revealed the "not-things" that are deceptively created by the structure of our language ...and the never-ending struggle against our false creations, a scroll was written which began, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"; and as Genesis continues, God blessed each of his creations ...and saw that they were "**all good**". Then, "the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man [and woman] whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil." Note that the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil are separate trees; ...this is not a single tree, as many scholars have incorrectly asserted, ...and as it has been misunderstood and misrepresented for centuries, ...but, let's continue with this story.

"And the Lord God commanded the man [Adam], saying 'of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'" From this statement, it is obvious that God did not want his creations to partake of good/evil, but, as the story continues, Eve was tempted by the snake, ...and she enticed Adam, and together they ate a fruit from the tree of good/evil. Now, on that day, Adam and Eve did not die, so we can only conclude that God's warning about death did not refer to physical death; ...it must have been **death from a life of all goodness**, ...for later, God did banish them from the garden of goodness in Eden which He had created for all generations.

This story, written hundreds of years B.C.E., concerns God's desire that man and woman not eat of or live by the fruits of good and evil; ...in fact, God declared, speaking to Adam and Eve, "In sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life." In other words, the fruits of good and evil--living by the consequences of seeing and judging according to good and evil--will bring you sorrow all the days of your life. Obviously, God's not wanting Adam and Eve to live in sorrow was why He commanded them not to eat the fruits of good and evil. But, having done so, God then banished them from His garden of heaven on earth ...and "placed Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep [protect] the way of the tree of life," ...so Adam and Eve could not return and eat from that tree, ...which would have kept them in the sorrow of good/evil judgments for ever. In this, God's banishment can be correctly understood as a blessing--to prevent man's and woman's eternal sorrow--not as a punishment; ...this banishment is God's forgiveness.

Physical death/rebirth is also God's blessing and forgiveness, for that allows you to **stop eating the sorrowful fruits of good and evil in one life and return to the goodness of heaven on earth in the next.** Each new life, and every new moment in your life, lets you renounce the fruits of your past and present good/evil judgments; ...but, not seeing or hearing clearly, nor understanding correctly, you continue your good/evil judgments, sorrows, and conflicts. How has this happened? Well, in about 100 CE, Paul of Tarsus, deaf and blind to these truths, and filled with self-righteousness, declared that God banished Adam and Eve from Eden as **punishment for their disobedience**, ...which Paul called "original sin". Ohh, certainly, they had disobeyed God, who did not want His **good creations** to live in shame and sorrow--which are just some of the fruits of good and evil--but He lovingly fulfilled their choice to live in a world of good and evil outside of heaven on earth, ...a choice they made by eating the forbidden fruit. And since that time so long ago, people have continued believing in and eating the tasty but unwholesome fruits of good and evil; ...but you can return to the garden of heaven on earth by choosing to live in the goodness of all things.

Though God's words and actions seem like harsh punishment, ...when read from the understanding of lovingly fulfilling Adam's and Eve's desires to live by the fruits of good and evil, you will understand God's sadness, not anger, in what He sees ahead for Adam and Eve; ...but, as a loving father, he is committed to fulfilling their true desires, ...the consequences of which will continue until they chose only to live in goodness again, ...without the struggle and sorrow of good and evil. But man has continued believing in and eating the tasty but unwholesome fruits of good and evil; ...which is why God set Cherubims and a flaming sword to guard the pathway to the tree of everlasting life: so Adam and Eve--you--would not eat from that tree and continue the sorrow and grief of good and evil forever.

God did not keep the garden of goodness from Adam and Eve; ...but, instead of realizing the goodness and forgiveness of all things--including death and God's ways--Paul, for his own reasons interpreted God's actions as punishing Adam and Eve for their sinful disobedience, ...which justified and continued the struggle between good and evil. By following these beliefs and teachings today, you prolong judgment, conflict, sadness, and unwholesomeness in your own life; but seeing and living **the goodness of all things** frees you from this constant struggle and sorrow ...and deadly judgments. **Are you willing to be and live the**

goodness of all things ...and return to a life of heaven on earth? Or will you continue your belief in good and evil? Choose wisely!

"But," You might declare, as many others before you have insisted, "that's just an old story ...and proves nothing!" All right, then let's return to a moment of genuine beginning, ...to a time when "God was everywhere all". Now, being everywhere all, God could not divide into separate parts, simply because any division was still God (the All), ...and being everywhere, there was no "where" for separate parts to occur. An example of this is: if we give you a glass of water ...and declare that "the water is the God that is good and all" and "the inside of the glass is everywhere", you cannot divide and separate the water. In the same way, that which is good and all, could not divide and separate into good and evil; therefore, all creations are still God and good. You cannot understand this truth by judging it against an untruth, as the Spartan attempted to do, or by judging according to good and evil, ...for, like the glass of water which cannot be divided, in the beginning, all things were good ...and have remained good ever since; so goodness is moot, ...and any consideration of good only creates a good/evil judgment and conflict, which the Spartan struggled with, and which destroys all understanding. If you are uncomfortable with this conversation about God, substitute a Higher Self, Great Spirit, Creative Force, or any similar image or singularity.

At this point, many people point out, what they see as "the obvious polarity of all things", such as the positive and negative poles at different ends of a bar magnet. Well, if we cut that magnet in half, or into many pieces, each piece will have a different polarity at the ends, ...revealing that polarity, as a wholeness, cannot be divided into opposites.

But what about love? Wise teachers have declared for centuries that for love to exist and be known, its exact opposite--let's call that hate or fear--has to exist, ...but is that true? Love (by any definition) exists completely independent of any opposite or not-thing, and can certainly be experienced without hate or fear. It is absurd to believe that you cannot offer or express great love without creating and experiencing great fear; yet, all teachers declare, in many different forms, that to fully know anything, you must know its opposite. This is foolishness, ...and completely irrational; ...for, if what you are and what you are not are so intertwined as opposites that you cannot know what you are without first knowing what you are not, then you cannot know what you are not, without first knowing what you are. All of these and similar false creations and struggles are the sweet-tasting but unwholesome fruits from the tree of knowledge of good and evil which were not to be eaten, ...because they

alone create false judgments, absurd "truths", and the death of your life of goodness.

But, despite all we've said, you still might want to live by good and evil so you can "cause" all the good things you want in life, ...so we now hope to convince you that **nothing is ever caused.**