

God Only

Oneness Defined by Opposites

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Fallen man is brainwashed and deluded into believing that there are two separate powers in the universe operating independently from each other. Most men would say, “There is one power that is good, and there is an opposite and seemingly equal power that is evil.” The truth is that God almighty Himself is the one and only power in the whole universe (Isa. 45:6; Rom. 13:1). He is singularly the ultimate power. He is unipotence, the one power, and omnipotence, the all powerful One. And it is in seeing God, the one and ultimate power in the universe that unifies our divided consciousness and causes us to see through evil to God’s eternal purposes and plan behind every evil event in history.

“God Only” is a term that speaks of a unified Christ consciousness and is experienced by those who have entered into a union relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. We experience this consciousness change because we have experienced being co-crucified with Christ, and co-raised with Him. Previously, we experienced a divided sin/flesh consciousness that caused us to see two equal powers, a dog eat dog type thinking, which then caused

us to forever war against ourselves as we futilely tried to improved ourselves through fleshly self-generated powers.

You might immediately ask, “Then what about Satan, the Prince of the power of the air? Isn’t He also a power?” This is exactly what we are seeking to explore in this article, and this point will be fully explained.

Seeing “God Only” is Christ’s own consciousness expressed in us as a unified reality. However, let us first explore the opposite consciousness, the one that sees separation and division. Perhaps one of the hardest tasks of all is to join opposites together into a unity, yet maintain their individuality and distinctiveness. “God Only” is, I think, the greatest truth in the universe; yet we cannot fully appreciate it as such unless we first plunge into the truth of its necessary evil opposite and learn the deceptions thereof, then only to come back again to the “God only” oneness which swallows up and transforms our divided consciousness, producing an experiential knowing.

We persons cannot have a consciousness of a thing or a truth except it be understood by its opposite; for nothing in this universe can be realized or have definition except by its opposite. Everything in the universe functions by pairs of opposites, the one gaining definition by its necessary opposite and utilizing the other to manifest itself. So the way we function, the way things are

manifested, and the consciousness we gain all unfold to us by a dialectic process of one thing swallowing up its opposite in order to gain its realization.

Light can only be seen by “swallowing up” (II Cor. 4:6) darkness; sweetness can only be tasted by swallowing up its opposite bitter; hot is experienced by swallowing up cold; our decisive yes gets its strength and is birthed into being by swallowing up its opposite counterpart no; electricity functions by the interaction of protons and electrons; and this goes right on down to our personal consciousness: children know not to touch a hot stove, because they have learned by experiencing its burns; a child will not go into a busy street, because it 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 know liberation because we have known bondage; we know Christ in us, because we have known Satan in us; and so on and so on. So exploring one opposite defines and brings into manifestation the full exploration the other.

How did man first become aware of opposites? Through Adam’s fall, all mankind inherited a divided good/evil consciousness. We, with Adam, ate of the tree, which gave us a mentality of separation. Adam fell into the lie of separation, and this became his internal reality. Why was he ashamed? He was

ashamed because he fell from the harmony of oneness into the wrath of separation; his consciousness had changed: he was aware of himself, his nakedness, his shame, his sin, and his separation from God—he was sin/self-conscious. This same consciousness has permeated mankind’s thinking right on down to this present day. Let me say right now that Adam was a sinner; he was separated from God’s presence; he needed a redeemer. Satan had tricked Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of divided warring opposites and self-revelation.

As we said earlier, let us see right through this evil to “God only.” God had a plan and purpose for this fall. God was not surprised at all that man fell into sin/separation and self-knowledge. Actually God meant it! No, I am not saying God caused it by doing the evil Himself. But He did plant the snake right under the tree. And why would God let this evil snake run loose in man’s perfect garden in the first place?

God let the snake run loose because a created self cannot know itself unless it is confronted with opposites and then exercises its God given royal capacity, choice. This is what makes us know ourselves as persons. Adam hardly had any self-knowledge; he had an embryonic consciousness, somewhat like a small baby. God the Father’s plan is for His sons, with the Son, to inherit and manage His universe. But sons can’t manage anything

as long as they have ignorant, childlike understanding. Even the Oracle at Delphi declares, “Know thyself.” It was because Jesus knew his human self that he could then know what was in every man (John 2:24-25).

So, in a sense, Adam had to fall into a separated self-consciousness and reap the consequences of his choice, in order to understand himself as a self at all. So, it needs be that we all must go the wrong way, suffer the consequences, and then re-discover the right way.

Another reason why Adam’s sin was educational to man was because it gave opportunity for God’s self-for-others redeeming nature to be expressed by Christ, the sacrificial lamb; and man could then realize who God is. Prior to the fall, God was virtually unknown to man—yes, he communed with Adam in the garden, but who was this unknown God and what was He really like? God is always sacrificing himself for His universe because He is nothing but unconditional love. Yet that quality of love would not be known of God without Adam’s sin. So are we already beginning to see that seeing evil from God’s perspective can swallow up the pain of seeing the fall as just another tragedy?

Let us look further into the consciousness Adam inherited at the fall. Adam’s disobedience caused him to be captured by Satan; Satan gained dominion over Adam. Before the fall, Adam had

dominion over Satan, but remember Adam didn't know who he was or what authority he had. Therefore, through Satan's trickery, man sinned and consequently received Satan's nature of self-for-self. God created Adam as a derivative self to contain and express His own nature; yet man fell into the deceptive hands of Satan; subsequently he started thinking like Satan thinks.

How does Satan think? He thinks that he is a separate, independent god able to have a life of his own. He doesn't consider himself to be a container of God, but instead, he considers himself to be self-generated by himself. **That is a lie.** Romans 1: 25 says that Satan, as well as mankind, "changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator."

So in the fall, Adam's pure mind became polluted by Satanic thought patterns. He too began to think himself to be an independent, self-empowered-self. The New Testament tells us that the fall of man put inside of us a lying, self-centered nature, one that caused us to walk according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works **in** the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind and were by nature the children of wrath (Eph. 2:2-3). In another place we are

called “children of the devil,” walking and talking just like the devil talks, thinks, and walks. This great lie has become a living reality in God’s children, deceiving us and cunningly charming us into believing the lie to be the truth.

Some would falsely say that since this consciousness is a lie or an illusion, then all we have to do is believe the truth. Yes, and no. Yes, if you believe the gospel truth, which changes your inner being into a new creation. But, no, just giving a mental assent to truth does not transform one. The Christian Science religion, which is heretical, says that there are two consciousnesses. One is an illusion, and one is true. Yet this religion devalues the work of the Cross, and it diminishes the great price that our Savior made by dying for us, making it of no effect. James says that even the devils know oneness, and they perish (James 2:19). Salvation demands repentance and surrender; believing even a true doctrine doesn’t save us. No, only the person of Jesus Christ himself saves us. Satan’s lie so interpenetrated our beings that it caused the fall of mankind, subsequently loosing the indwelling Spirit and produced Satan indwelt people.

The Cross of Christ is our only hope for redemption: Christ was made sin on our behalf, that we might be His righteousness. It is through the New Birth (John 3) that we are birthed into Christ and translated into a new kingdom (Col. 1:15). He has given us a

new heart (Heb. 8:10) and a new nature within us (I Peter 1:4), but experientially, we Christians still talk, walk, and think like our former owner, Satan. We humans think that we should be and can be like Jesus; we think that we can produce holiness; we think that we have the power to overcome evil; we think we are independent selves with a nature of our own. We humans are the cup (vessel), not the coffee; we humans are the branches, not the vine; we humans are the temples, not the god in the temple; we humans are the wife, not the husband. We are simple receivers and not producers of our own supposed righteousness.

We humans have never been independent-selves; we have always been vessels of another's life-source. In our unsaved days, we were "slaves of sin," but now through the Cross, we are "slaves of righteousness." A slave never runs his own life; a branch never produces its own fruit; and a cup can never become the coffee.

The light comes on as we see the truth concerning the human self. We humans are receivers, not producers. Of our human selves, we, like Jesus, can do nothing. We are not created to become something, but to contain someone. The truth of the human having no-independent self sets us free from the lie of two natures commonly taught in Christianity; we understand that the human being actually has no-nature of its own. We either contain the nature of Satan, the "old man," or through the exchanged life of

the Cross, we contain the divine nature of the “new man” which is Christ in us. But we humans have never had a self-producing nature of our own.

A “God only” consciousness can only be experienced by the radical replacement that leads me to see Christ as the only power source in my universe. This new consciousness replaces a separated mentality that falsely thinks I am “just me,” with Christ occasionally helping me improve myself in my weak areas. A “God only” consciousness means that my thoughts now come right from the new mind of Christ, as He manifests His thoughts through us.

But the understanding that we as human beings have no independent-selves, is the necessary background revelation to discovering the fullness of “Christ only” as me and in me. Once we see the lie, then the Spirit joins our divided consciousness and transmutes the separated mind into a unified mind of oneness, one than sees all things coming to us from the sovereign hand of God, whether coming in an acceptable package or an unacceptable, evil one. With our divided consciousness, we formerly believed in human will power, and we had a law-bound, illusive form of righteousness; but now it is transmuted into the righteousness of Christ, which is ours by faith and not by works (Phil. 3:9).

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; seeing two equal powers in competition with one another fills our bodies with darkness, and as the scriptures say “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 thinks

that he independently has his 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. 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; that he has reserved for mankind who is 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.

Then what about Satan's power, and how does it fit into the one power in the universe? Satan's evil power is only the misuse—the no—the not side of the one power in the universe, and therefore it is a servant and a slave to God Almighty. Think of a coin with one side being light and the other side dark—only one coin, yet two sides. God who is the only all good, is forever **not** Satan, and Satan, the all evil, is forever **not** God. They are wholly distinct, yet wholly one in source. Since God is the whole coin, as it were, even darkness and the devil are but the **no** side of God, then God, and God alone, has total authority and total power, and He dictates and controls everything that is, as well as controls everything that poses itself as something when it is not (“no

gods”). Either God reigns sovereign and is Lord of heaven and earth, as well as hell and all that is therein, or He is Lord of nothing.

Since God is in total control, then it must be that “God means evil” as well as good. And this does not mean that He just permits it. The fact that He means good is a given, but what about meaning evil? That is a radical statement, yet Isaiah 45: 7 says, “I make peace and create evil, I the Lord do all these things.” How can God create evil, or calamity, as some translations say? He created free beings with the capacity to choose, and God risked misuse when he created freedom. Freedom has in it the possibility to choose good as well as evil, and of course Satan chose evil. So it is from God’s created freedom that Lucifer chose to be the Satan that he is. Therefore, God created the possibility of evil by creating freedom. And in that sense “God creates evil.” This verse does not mean that God creates and therefore is the misuser Himself. No, Satan is the author of that. But God did create Lucifer, a light bearer, and God knew that out of his God given freedom, Satan would fall into his own hellish trap and bring into being the false kingdom of wrath. And therefore “God means evil.” He does not mean it for evil’s sake alone; no He means it for good. God sees evil as a necessary, educational opposite and therefore utilizes it for his redemptive purposes.

The story of Joseph is well known to our Christian circles, yet many miss the profound statement Joseph made after his brothers had repented of their deeds: Joseph says to his brothers, “But as for you, you thought evil against me; but **God meant it unto good (Gen. 50:30)**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.” Joseph is clearly saying that God **means** evil! Most would admit and even give the weaker answer that God permits evil; but no Joseph said, “**God means it.**” To say that is a huge leap from the normal, separated viewpoint; but saying anything less makes God weak, indecisive, and not the determined Lord of all. I love the verses in Acts 4:27-28 which say, “For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel **determined** before to be done.” If Christ Jesus’ crucifixion was determined by God, then He means all evils. Crucifying the Son of God was the greatest crime in history; yet it was the Father’s will and His determined counsel. And Isaiah 53 says that Christ was, “Smitten of God.” Not the devil, not man, but of God.

Isaiah 54:16 says, “God created the waster to destroy.” God knew that Satan would desecrate mankind, and God meant it to be. Why? God has a plan: Romans 8: 20 says, “For the creature was

made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” Let us define the word *vanity*: it is good and evil at war with one another, causing an unresolved anguish which can never be satisfied. This anguish is also linked with Satan’s false promises of false powers and flesh fulfillment independent from God. God subjected us to this?

Yes, God handed us innocent babes right into the hands of subtle Satan. But God’s Wisdom knows that a son, in order to know what it means to be a son of God, has to be confronted by opposites. We are not fully persons until we exercise our royal capacity of choice, and choice must mean choosing between two opposites. Wisdom also knows that the babe must take vanity as a false reality, develop it as a false, independent identity and suffer the full consequences of unbelief. Then and only then could man be conditioned to receive the opposite kingdom of God and know his true identity as Christ, with full experiential knowledge as a mature son. Our first parents’ fatal choice of disobedience brought into being God’s “curses of mercy” which brought them suffering, satanic bondages, and negative consequences. God means these consequences to come into full manifestation in us. Suffering conditions us and breaks us down so that we might see and receive

the one provision for all evil, the Lord Jesus Christ, and be fully delivered from the bondage of corruption unto the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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 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 family’s lives, and in my ministry. Now, most often, His good comes in devilish, distorted clothing, and if I stumble at the outer appearances, I will miss His blessings, or maybe just prolong things 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 starts off seeing “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 illusory 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 Sixteen, and the other from Zephaniah 3:15 “Be wise unto that which is good and **simple concerning evil**”; and “Thou shall **not see evil any more.**” 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. That would be the same falseness that the modern day Christian Scientist attests to, which brings death—being without opposites and being without the Cross—therefore, oneness without the full understanding of evil or even the acknowledgement of its existence (which by the way, if denying evil were the answer, why would Jesus have had to go to the Cross? He wouldn't have had to, because there would be no sin to die to, so God's redemptive work would have been a farce).

Not seeing evil anymore means, that we first do see evil, even see it in its fullest, having lived in it as a reality and suffered from it consequences, having seen 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, and the devil's false independent power; and we do not see evil circumstances as separate from God 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 once said this: "We must experience a total view of sin/Satan and mercy/God in ourselves, neither knowing definition apart from the other with 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, religious 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 sort of reality. 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 as the false force that exists, yet not

independent from God's control and purposes. And let us look at Satan, that great deceiver (Rev. 12) and spirit of error that dwells in the children of disobedience (Eph. 2:2-3), and then render him powerless in our experience, by seeing the truth of "God Only," which dispels his lies, thereby putting him right under the feet of our victorious King Jesus.

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