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What is goodness and evil and when do they operate?

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hand, evil is the perversion and the absence of whatever we have described as goodness. Whatever originates from evil comprises the elements and parts of death, the very same “body of death”, whose father and supporter is the devil and his numerous servants.

On the one hand, goodness has an existence and essence, because it is an entity and comes from God. On the other hand, evil does not exist as a being neither as an entity, but it has been created as a parasite from the absence of goodness, just like darkness appears in the absence of light. Evil in itself is a ‘non-being’ and inexistent and therefore it must not be allowed to threaten and scare us. It is our own negligence and treachery which gives it substance. It resembles someone who switches off the light and is covered in darkness.

The Word of God, the Self-Truth, attests to this reality: “Whoever is not with me is against me and whoever does not gather with me scatters” (Matthew 12, 30). Again this is what He implies when He urges us to stay with Him, as the



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