

## CHAPTER XII : SATAN AS THE ROOT OF EVIL

"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord (Jehovah), and Satan came also among them. And the Lord (Jehovah) said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord (Jehovah), and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." (JOB. 1: 6-7)

This account about Satan puts him in an entirely different light and relationship than is usually believed and taught. If he is completely evil, how can he mingle with the sons of God and appear before Jehovah, like one of them? Also, if he is the devil, the incarnation of evil itself, how can he gain entrance into heaven? Is not hell supposed to be the abode of the devil?

Satan is Lucifer, the fallen angel who was the morning star of creation. **He is the personification of ego**, pride and lust for power, and as such he is the adversary of God. Ego is the beginning and root of all evil. It is a mind process which separates man's consciousness from God-consciousness. It acts as a wall between man and God. The greater the ego, the thicker the wall and the longer will it take that soul to reach God-Realization. Not that God is limited, for He sees and knows all, but the soul's consciousness cannot penetrate this thick wall without His help,

which can only be obtained from a true Master who has Himself penetrated the wall and is in conscious union with the Supreme Being. It is the ego which is the root of all selfishness and its subsequent suffering and disintegrating forces, with endless lesser evils which result from forceful self-will and which only tend to make this wall of separation thicker.

Satan is not the evil which is called the devil, nor the disintegrating forces of evil in their lower aspects and details. The devils and obsessing evil entities, and countless isolated evils, have all been credited to Satan and laid at his door. But this is a total mistake, due to the lack of knowledge of what goes on in the higher energy realms or how temporal things came to be. Satan is still a son of God, although fallen; **but he cannot return** to the Father's House because of ego, self-interest and pride.

However, he is still a powerful prince and the ruler of many a realm and worlds. This was plainly indicated when he tried to tempt Jesus by promising Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them if He would fall down and worship him.

So also does Satan tempt sincere devotees on the Path, and even goes so far as to impersonate the devotee's *Guru* within; however, a sincere devotee who follows the instructions of his living Master cannot be deceived, as he has been told how to distinguish the real from the false within and without. But even the false within is so much more wonderful than what we have in this world, that unless a devotee is firmly established in His Love, he may be so engrossed that he may not wish to make the test and so also be deceived. In the case of a disciple who has a genuine Master, the absorption in

the false would only be temporary, if at all, as the Master sets him right as soon as the necessary lesson has been learned.

In Matthew 4:8-9 the same confusion exists; namely, translating the word as 'devil' instead of 'Satan'. But in verse 10, Jesus Himself addresses him properly and says :

*"Get thee hence, Satan." (Mat. 4: 10)*

It is quite obvious that a misinterpretation exists in referring to Satan as the devil in the previous verses. Jesus was a Prince who could not be tempted by small evils; neither could a devil offer Him the kingdoms of the world.

In the Christian world, the great Mystic, Jacob Boehme, came closest to telling the real story about Satan. He wrote that after creating the beautiful morning star called Lucifer, the Prince Lucifer came to pay homage to the Lord God, the Supreme Creator. He entered the magnificent royal palace of the Lord, where everything was serene and peaceful, and waited in a beautiful room that was not occupied by any one. Then he heard a sweet, childlike voice saying, "You are welcome, Lucifer." At this gentleness, Lucifer's ego began to expand in thoughts of what he could do to govern here by his might, etc. By that very thought, he himself set loose such forces that there were loud crashes of thunder and lightning which hurled Lucifer out into space, and he has been travelling there ever since.

In the Teachings of the Saints of the East, a much more complete account is given of all the events, sequences, stations and principalities and powers, administrators and rulers in the various realms, and an

explanation is given for it all so it can be comprehended. Only saints like Swami Ji, Baba Ji, Maharaj Sawan Singh Ji and others who have traversed the highest regions of the Eternal Realm can give an account of the four topmost or Supreme Regions.

The Eternal Region of Sach Khand, also called Sat Lok, is the gateway to the Supreme Immortal Regions of Alakh, Agam and Anami Lok. While '*Anami*' means '*Nameless*', it is also referred to as Radha Swami. In Sach Khand, the Region below Alakh Lok, dwells the Lord Sat Purush, the Creator and Ruler of that Region and all other regions below it. While each region below has its own creator and ruler, yet each in turn is subordinate and draws its energy for creating and sustaining, from the one above it. So it goes on down from the Eternal Spiritual, to the Spiritual, to the Spiritual-Material which is also called the Mental or Causal Plane, then to the Astral and to the Physical Planes.

Saints say that in that immense and beautiful region of Sach Khand the intensity of the vibration and Light is so high that one hair of the Lord Sat Purush has more brilliance than the light of millions of suns and moons. This of course does not really refer to a hair as we know it, as no physical bodies or hair exist on that high plane, but to the emanations of Light radiating from the Lord Sat Purush. The Lord Sat Purush is the Supreme Creator of all that can be enumerated in all creations from Sach Khand on down. According to the Saints, it is beyond the scope of words to even begin to describe the Eternal Regions of Sach Khand, Alakh, Agam and Anami. Mortal language can convey only hints here and there.

The great Saint Kabir who flourished in the fifteenth century wrote that the Lord Sat Purush had sixteen sons. They all dwelled in the Sat Lok Region of Bliss. But one son did not feel quite at home or satisfied there with all the Bliss and Love. He had a latent, inner desire to create regions and realms like his Father did, except that he wanted to create them for himself, so he could rule them and have power. This expression of ego, the first desire for power, was the '*adi*' or original karma of that son. The first desire brings all the other subsequent karmas with it, as it becomes involved and entangled in energy essences and substance of spirit, mind, emotions and matter.

The desire to be separate from God created an '*otherness*' or an adverseness to the Unity of the Lord in the Eternal Regions. It broke the first commandment completely; however, that was before the commandments were handed down. This son of Sat Purush also upset for himself the perfect equilibrium by which things can be created and endure eternally in those Eternal Regions. "Absolute Unity is the final and supreme reason for all things." (A Hermetic Axiom.) When the perfect unity is destroyed, then the One Essence of that vortex of Love is mingled with other essences and less perfect reasons for their existence, which cannot endure. And so mortality enters the realm of creation.

In the two spiritual regions below Sach Khand the duration of the Manwantaras\* or Yugas\* and Maha Pralayas\* is immense; but the Grand Dissolution reaches

"Manwantaras' are periods of manifestation or creations, "Yugas" are ages. "Pralaya" is dissolution and "Maha Pralaya" is great dissolution or period of cessation of all existence below the Eternal Reality of Sach Khand.

up to Sach Khand just the same, because from below up to that region there is impurity in the One Essence or rather, covering that One Essence-which impurity must be resolved and removed before the Essence can be One with the One in Eternity. The lower the region, the greater the impurity or mixture with matter.

Nothing except that which is of the Pure Spirit can reach and remain in Sach Khand.

The name of the one son of Sat Purush who had this desire of creating and ruling was '*Kal*' or Satan according to the teachings of the Saints. (*Kal* means '*time*', '*mind*' and outgoing energy bound by self-identification or ego. It also means '*death*'.) Since there were also myriads of other souls like him in their desire to create, who were left over from the previous grand cycles of creations and cessations, and who would benefit by this lower creation in which to work out their desires and ideas in realms of denser substances, the permission was granted *Kal* to go out into space and create. Thus he became a bright morning star or sun, more brilliant and potent than the others in his fiery trail of descent from great internal heights. There are four regions in the Eternal Realm from which creation originally proceeded and from which souls descended. They all brought a share of this energy with them for experience in the descent, called also involution.

So *Kal* left the Eternal Region of Sach Khand, as a proud creator and power in all the regions below it. The energy that came from the higher regions by the vast influx of souls, gave *Kal* more essence and energy to work with. However, *Kal* cannot create a soul. Sat Purush entrusted a vast but limited number of souls

to Kal, for whom he may create all kinds of bodies, placing them first in one and then in another, according to each one's Karma. He can make all kinds of vehicles or bodies for the soul, as long as it is within his realm, but he cannot make a soul.

The first region created below the Eternal One of Sach Khand was Bhanwar Gupha, which means whirling caves of Energy Essence.

Below the region of Bhanwar Gupha there is a great void of space with most intense darkness, as an antithesis to the Great Light above.

Those who have come under the guidance of a true Master while in the human form, and have come up to this or any other region, can continue to go up from there. But those who are in the involutory stage cannot go back to the Father's House without first incarnating as human beings and coming under the guidance and protection of a true Master. On the other hand, even if a soul should be able to go up to the height of Bhanwar Gupha either by himself or under the guidance of a teacher who had himself gone thus far and no further, before he could make further progress, he would again have to reincarnate as a human being and would have to find a True Master Who had Himself gone beyond this region or Who is the appointed successor of One Who has done so; unless the case is strongly recommended to a Perfect Master by the blessed souls whom the Master is taking through that region on the way to Sach Khand. The Merciful Master may accept their pleadings and give stranded souls a lift. This proves how fortunate are those who come under the guidance and protection of a Genuine Master during this lifetime.

Saints don't say much about these Sunna Regions because they are great voids of incomprehensible immensity. This is the largest of the Sunna Realms and is of the deepest darkness. It guards the approach to the Eternal Region, and none can pass through this region except a true Master who comes from the Eternal Region, and the souls who are under His protection.

Bhanwar Gupha and the region of Parbrahm, called Daswandwar by the Saints, are Spiritual Regions because there is but little matter or '*maya*' in that Essence of Brilliant Light in those regions.

In the region of Trikuti, which is the mental or causal plane, the fine substance of the mind energy is the first real matter which forms the mold and design of all material things. It is the mind world and is ruled by the administrator called Brahm or Kal, which name also means '*time*' and '*death*'. Mind patterns rule the Universe. Mind energy expresses itself in creation, in time and space, as crystallized energy substance called matter.

The next region below Trikuti is called Sahasra Dal Kamal by the Saints and literally means '*thousand petalled lotus*'. It is in the astral or etheric realm, and in it lies the powerhouse of a thousand energy currents of light. It is like the heart or hub of the universe, which supplies and sustains all the energies which go into the physical world and its creation. It is the region of Prana as the life principle in the patterns and of the five Tattwas as the pattern substance of all matter and forms. It is the psychic realm of emotions. Kal Niranjana, the creator and ruler of this sphere is also the Lord God Jehovah of the Bible.



In each realm the Lord or Ruler of it is the custodian of the Supreme Father's Treasure of the Sound Current. It is the Sound Current or Holy Shabd which is the Essence and Life of every plane below the Source from whence it comes.

It may be well to state here that the Saints tell us that there are countless regions or realms called heaven. (John 14:2)

Those which are mentioned by name, are merely to give us some idea of what lies beyond but can be fully comprehended only when we actually travel through them ourselves, under the guidance and protection of a true Master. This is done consciously and super consciously in our finer bodies and higher consciousness, not in the physical one.

Throughout the Bible, as well as in the Kabbala, and especially in the older writings of the Zohar and the Talmud, are mentioned hosts of names of principalities, powers, rulers, archangels, angels, seraphim and cherubim, at the service of the Lord God of hosts, the Supreme Father and the Creator of all. This is but a glimpse of the hierarchies of heaven. All Sacred Texts have their own names for each one of these offices or principalities, rulers and powers.

The Eternal Supreme Father pervades all with His Essence at the core of all things, which sustains all motion, all beings and forms. In Him we live, move and have our being. Nothing happens without **His Will**.

Each principality has particular principles which are carried out as the law of that realm. Otherwise, the energies, currents and orbits of all motion and orbs would be confused and crash in their gyrations.

The higher the region, the greater is the Love and Spirituality, and there is no need for law and justice. However, in this world of mind and matter, where there is only the tiniest spark of love and spirituality, law and justice rule supreme. Wherever there is lack of love and spirituality, then balance or justice is the law which keeps all things running in their orbits and in their appointed design. This was expressed beautifully by Guru Nanak in the couplets quoted later on in this chapter. The Great Master Sawan Singh Maharaj Ji always said, "Where there is Love, there is no law."

Only Love can reach beyond these conditions, into the Essence of Reality, to the Grace and Mercy of the Supreme Father of all. Faith, devotion and humility are also of that Essence beyond the harsh Law of Moses and the Old Testament generally, an example of which is given in Exodus 21: 12-36.

In the realm of Kal, justice rules supreme; but in the highest Spiritual realm of the Supreme Father, it is all Grace, Mercy, Love and Perfect Bliss. In the last two lines of the epilogue or shlok of the Japji" or the Morning Prayer from the Granth Sahib, Guru Nanak summed up the effect of Grace, Mercy and Love in the lives of the devotees:

*"The toils have ended for those that practised NAM. O. Nanak, their faces are lit with joyful radiance-many others they set free."*

In stanza 34 of the Japji, a beautiful account is given of the creation by the Supreme Creator Who creates gods and administrators such as archangels, in every realm and plane, to carry out His Supreme Will, from the greatest to the least. Even the sparrows of the air and the lilies of the field are not beyond His

infinite bounty and care. The following is quoted from the Japji:

34. "He Who made the night and day, The days of the week and the seasons, He

Who made the breezes blow, the waters run,

The fires and the lower regions, Made the earth-the temple of law. He Who  
made creatures of diverse kinds With a multitude of names, Made this the law  
By thought and deed he judged forsooth, For God is true and dispenseth Truth.  
There the elect His court adorn, And God Himself their actions honours; There  
are sorted deeds that were done and bore fruit From those that to action could  
never ripen. This, O Nanak, shall hereafter happen."

35. "In the realm of justice there is law; In the realm of knowledge there is  
reason. Wherefore are the breezes, the waters and fire, Gods that preserve  
and destroy, Krishnas and

Shivas ?

Wherefore are created forms, colors, attire, Gods that create, the many  
Brahmas? Here one strives to comprehend, The golden mount of knowledge  
ascend, And learn as did the sage Dhruva. Wherefore are the thunders and  
lightning, The moons and suns, The world and its regions? Wherefore are the  
sages, seers, wise men,

"Goddesses, false prophets, demons and demigods,

Wherefore are there jewels in the ocean? How many forms of life there be,  
How many tongues, How many kings of proud ancestry. "Of these things many  
strive to know, Many the slaves of reason.

Many there are, O Nanak, their numbers are legion.'

"In the realm of action, effort is supreme, Nothing else prevails.

There dwell doughty warriors brave and strong, With hearts full of godliness.

In the realm of Truth is the Formless One Who, having created, watches His  
creation And graces us with the blessed vision. There are the lands, the earths  
and the spheres Of whose description there is no limit; There by a myriad  
forms are a myriad purposes fulfilled, What He ordains is in them instilled.  
What He beholds, thinks and contemplates, O Nanak, is too hard to state."

"If thou must make a gold coin true Let thy mint these rules pursue:

In the forge of **continence** Let the goldsmith be a man of **patience**, His tools be  
made of **knowledge**, His anvil made of **reason**; With the fear of God the bellows

blow,

With **prayer** and **austerity** make the fire glow.

"Pour the liquid in the mould of love, Print the Name (Nam) of the Lord thereon,  
And cool it in the holy waters.

"For thus in the mint of Truth the Word is coined, Thus those who are graced  
are to work enjoined. O Nanak, by His blessing have joy everlasting."

This is the real alchemy of Life by the Power of **His Word**, when found and used  
within as the Pearl of Truth.

In all the accounts given in Holy Scriptures, it is clearly indicated that the Original Sin  
was pride or egotism--a desire for self love-separate and apart from the One Center  
and Welfare of **all beings** in that Love.

A desire for power equal to that of the Creator was the lurking impulse or motive of  
the ego. It wanted to be the center of all attraction in the orbits and realms it would  
create or could involute from the higher energy fields and substance.

Satan copied the creations above, and reproduced them as reflections of the Real, in  
lower regions of less vibratory intensity, all the way down into matter. He gave these  
regions or lower chakras the identical names as those which they represent in each  
region above, to cause confusion and lead souls away from the search for the Real  
True Home of Everlasting Bliss.

Once the soul has reached the region of Spirituality, Love and Bliss, he is out of the  
reach and domain of Satan, and need not return again. Therefore, since Satan has  
only a given number of souls which he obtained as a boon after performing penance  
and austerities

for many yugas-and he cannot create nor obtain new ones-one can readily understand why he makes such great effort at deception in order to retain the souls within his domain. His very existence as Satan was caused by the desire to rule, and he cannot continue to do so if his world should become depopulated, which it would if everyone were to become sufficiently disillusioned to seek the guidance and protection of a true living Master to show him or her the way out.

The true Masters never interfere with Satan, no more than did Jehovah in the cases of Job, etc. But when a true seeker has an earnest desire for God-Realization, and he is accepted by a true living Master and follows His instructions, he will be helped and protected. Sooner or later he will go to the True Spiritual Region, beyond the domain of Satan.

Following are a few quotations from the Bible, indicating how great is the dominion of Satan and the extent of his power: (Jesus was accused, by the Pharisees, of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of demons.)

*"And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you." (Mat 12:25-28)*

At another time Jesus said to his devotees:

"Know ye not this parable and how then will ye know all parables? The sower soweth the Word. And these are they by the wayside, where the Word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the Word that was sown in their hearts." (Mark 4: 13, 14, 15)

"And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the Word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the Word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the Word. And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the Word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the Word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred." (Mark 4: 16-20)

"And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed and not to be set on candlestick? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested: neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure

ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath." (Mark 4:21-25)

In the following statement Jesus referred to Satan as the prince of the world:

"Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out." (John 12: 31)

In Acts. 26 : 18, Jesus said:

"to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God."

According to Romans 16:20, Jesus said:

"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

In II Cor. 4: 3-4, Jesus referred to Satan or Kal as the god of this world:

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not."

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil (an underling of Satan), as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5: 6-8)



Satan, also known as Kal, was given charge of hosts of beings who involuted into the lower spheres

with him. In the Bible these souls are referred to as the Elohim. They were allowed to create their own regions in which to live and rule as they desired to do; for all desires must be fulfilled sometime; if not in one lifetime, then in another. It is not only the desires themselves, but the resulting consequences of fulfilling same that must also be reaped eventually. That is why it has been truly said that we should watch our thoughts and control our desires. Eventually we will be put in the environment and position to enable us to fulfil that desire. If the desires of the animal nature predominate in man, it may not be possible to fulfil them in human form. As a result, he may have to be re-incarnated as an animal-insect, fish, fowl or beast depending on the particular portion of his own accumulated conglomeration of *karma* that is allotted to him in that life span.

Every incarnated soul and being brought about his or her own condition and position in life by that individual's own desires, thoughts, words and deeds. And as long as he is reaping the fruits thereof, without seeking and obtaining the guidance and protection of a living true Master, he only succeeds in further entangling himself in the domain of Kal. Jesus referred to such as "He that walketh in the darkness and knoweth not whither he goeth' and plainly indicated the need for those **who wished to be saved through Him, to do so during His lifetime**; in the statement made to the multitude shortly after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, which we all know was less than a week before His crucifixion:

"Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness

*knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light."*(St. John 12:35, 36)

It, therefore, behoves us to follow the admonition of Jesus, to make the proper use of this God-given light in the human body and in the form of a True Master **during His lifetime on this earth!** And, during our lifetime as human beings, for there is no assurance that our next incarnation will be in the human form if we do not take advantage of the opportunity for which we were given a human body.

*"That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."*

*(John 1: 9) "The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light." (Luke 11: 34-36, and similarly in Mat. 6: 22).*

It is, therefore, plain to see that it was egotism, desire and abuse of God-given powers which got us into the mess in which we now find ourselves, and that it is necessary for us to travel up the same road by which we came down. But we have so covered up this light which is within ourselves, that we are full of darkness and need the guidance of one who is himself full of light,

until we have again reached that stage of desirelessness and Perfect Bliss.

The desire which brought us down has its latent force deep within the soul, which precipitates it into involution and experience. Only by testing our desires in the energy fields of resistance of mind, emotions and matter can we be convinced mentally; and through experience, emotionally; and through suffering, physically. That completes the gamut of our mental process and prowess in action and in life, as experience and proof of our own desire and folly in our cleverness.

Satan or Kal and Maya cannot create anything which endures forever, because all their creations are in time and in the illusion of mind and matter. Their creations are not real in essence, because only that which is eternal and everlasting can be termed as Real and True. All else is but an imitation of the Real of the Eternal Father and His Holy Shabd Emanation.

The very name, Kal, literally means '*time*'; and that of Maya means '*illusion*', like the solidity of matter itself. Hence all incarnated souls are working out their own creations and desires, in the realms of time and space, in the illusion of the mind substance as the essence of matter.

Whatever creation Kal precipitates in the essence or the positive pole of energy, Prakriti or Maya duplicates them in her own reflection as substance in a realm below that region of the positive essence, as forms and bodies. Maya, as Eve, is the mother of all living forms. She furnishes the material substance and builds the house in which the Essence lives. The energy which inhabits the form is always the positive pole, which operates and moves the body and its levers. In this manner

the vital body is the positive pole of the physical body, and they could well be spoken of as male and female in polarity. The positive pole gives the life principle and cause for action. The precipitation of this energy in a lower vibratory key becomes the feminine form principle called 'woman' or 'Eve' in the Bible. In Hebrew Scriptures, the Sacred Tetragramaton of the 'Yod-He' forms the positive pole as the upper half of the circle, and the 'Vau-He' the negative pole as the lower half, to complete the polarization of essence into substance for experience and experiment of souls. The Chinese call them the 'Yang' and the 'Yin'. Languages differ but the principles are the same.

The Kindergarten of Life is not only the physical plane of existence but includes all the other planes of finer essences and substances, clear up through the spiritual regions, to the Eternal Region of Sach Khand. The reason for this is that the original desires of the soul go deep, far into the soul essence, and all these must have a chance to work themselves out in all realms of the same substance, as experience and proof to the soul that only the Eternal Creation of the Supreme Father and Creator of all is faultless and endures for ever. Any existence outside of that Eternal Essence of Love and its One Center of Vortex is a folly and unreal, and only a proving ground for souls. It is the realm of pain, vanity and power of mental fame for the separated ego from God Who is Love Eternal and True. A beautiful quotation from stanza 31 of the Japji-the Morning Prayer from the Granth Sahib, fits the description of the Almighty's Selfless Creation:

*"The Maker having made doth His own creation view. O Nanak, He made Truth itself, for He Himself is True."*

This is the keynote of understanding of the One Eternal Essence which is the Heart and Core and Support of all things, and selfless in its nature. Only the true mystic can find this, by becoming utterly selfless and surrendering his will and desire to the One Infinite Will of God Who sustains all beings.

In order to enter the Realm of Truth. Itself, man must give up his ego and idea of separate existence outside of the Will of the Infinite One. Only by complete self-surrender and love of the One Truth can the soul and mind escape its own illusion of self and selfishness in desire, thought and deed. It is here that Satan, as the desire and mind substance and essence, constantly tempts the soul away from the One Vortex of Love and Surrender to God, the Supreme Being. Since we have ourselves placed such a thick wall between ourselves and God, the only possible way we can surrender ourselves to Him is through a human being who is already One with Him in consciousness, and that is a true Master or Guru. It all leads back to first finding a living Master, and then following His instructions.

Promises of gifts and powers on any realm of mind and matter are but tests for souls, to prove to themselves their latent desires for possessions and power of ego expression. Even great ascetics fall by the very pride and success of their asceticism.

**"Virtue itself turns to vice." (SHAKESPEARE)**

All that has been written plainly shows the true position of Satan as the creator and ruler of many worlds and the tempter of the Saviors, the virtuous, the Mystics and the ascetics. **None** below the Eternal Region are beyond his reach. All things which the ego soul is and has are in Satan's power, as his temporal substance

and essence, because he has been given rulership over it, not only in this world but also in the astral or psychic world, and in the mind and thought pattern world called Trikuti.

Trikuti, the causal region, is the origin or home of the mind, much the same as Sach Khand is the Home of the Soul. The soul cannot begin its homeward journey without the company of the mind, as the mind is no more at home in this world than is the soul. Therefore, in Mysticism, as one will find throughout all the Sacred Writings, the soul and mind are referred to as husband and wife, and the happy union is eulogized. This depicts the co-operation of the mind with the soul. Until the mind lovingly surrenders to the request of the soul, neither can make the homeward journey.

When the mind and the soul together reach the realm of Trikuti, the mind remains there in ecstatic bliss, and the soul may rest there before ascending to the next higher region of Daswandwar or Parbrahm. All this clearly illustrates the root of evil and how deep it goes; how and why souls are hurled into the abyss of mortal existence in order to learn the lesson of Pure Love and Selflessness.

Kal or Satan is a hard taskmaster and rules by justice of the law. There is no mercy or eternal love in his being. His essence is mind and cunning itself. He is no weakling and has cleverness and ability beyond mortal ken. Severity and firmness are his virtues. He is the literal '*God of Wrath and Justice*', whose business it is to mete it out as each one deserves according to his desires, thoughts and deeds in life's testing lane.

Satan is interested in keeping his regions populated with souls under him, so he can rule, which is his desire

and keynote. It is his business to administer justice in his realms, as it **is also his business** not to allow the impure or unfit to ascend beyond his realms. Naturally, he does not want things to get too bad, as evil destroys everything made; so when the world begins to get too wicked, he sends his angels down to destroy or wipe out wherever there is too much wickedness. In spite of the severity, his realms must still serve as an attraction for souls to dwell in and to be his citizens.

This should clarify much that is in the Christian Bible about the '*God of Wrath*' and the '*God of Love*'; between the Almighty Creator at the very center and **essence** of all energy and substance, and the god "who repented him that he had made man.' It draws a complete line between God, the Father of all Mercy, Love, Truth and Bliss, and the god of wrath who punishes and hurls souls into hell, the Soul of the Hebrews.

No amount of reading, reciting, learning or calculating, nor cleverness of quoting from Sacred Texts can raise a soul beyond the realm of mind and Kal, who is the essence of the mind's cunning. These things can help to purify the mind, but unless the mind surrenders its ego and accompanies the soul, it accomplishes nothing.

Only the power of the Eternal Shabd, the Sound Current, the Word of God the Inner Essence, can save the soul through the help of a living Master who can give this Word of Power to the disciple and also connect his soul energy inwardly to its Real Source in the Sound Current. That is the manifestation of the Grace of God to the soul, and is its only salvation. The soul's essence cannot rest until it blends with that One Essence from whence it came and which is its Real Home, its keynote, and the One and only Selfless Self of all Existence.

All this brings out the real problem of the soul, and the root cause of desire, which must be overcome by Love and Understanding, by the Grace of God, through a true Saint or Teacher of Love and Truth.

Denouncing and railing at evils are a waste of time and a cover-up for the real selfishness of desire in the soul itself. All that time would be well spent in Love and Devotion and real renunciation of all to the Will of the Supreme Father. **Only the ego can be judged and hurled into the pit of selfishness called hell. Love and selflessness are beyond judgment and desire, and hence out of the realm of Kal and mind.**

Only by cleansing the mind and the soul can they become perfect. And for this, the Grace of God and a Teacher are necessary. None can come unto the Father but through the help of Such an incarnation of Love and Grace Sublime.

Perfect Peace and permanent equilibrium can be established only in Unity. No lasting Unity is possible below the Eternal Realm and the 'One Word' which created all there is. And to return to this Essence and Region is the **most important** task of the soul **at all times**. Only in this way can it transcend all the evils and the cunning tricks and diversions of the mind. According to the 'Voice of the Silence', the mind itself is the slayer of the Real, and must be transcended. It is, therefore, imperative that the soul be lifted out of the clutches of Kal, the mind and the senses.

Salvation is a reality, **here and now**, in the body, and is made possible for earnest and devoted souls through the grace of a Master on earth. The task is a worthy one, and the only thing of real value in life. The soul's consciousness must rise and ultimately blend with the One Conscious Essence of Truth and Love



Itself. There is no lasting safety or haven elsewhere. It is the Eternal which draws forth the soul's love and beauty. And for this the complete and unconditional surrender of the mind and soul to the Guru, the Savior, and the Almighty is the only Way. As the ego or the self with its desires was the cause of the fall, then its surrender can free the soul from the bondage or energy block of desire which sent it into incarnation in this world.

If we would understand the cause of our being detained in the realms of Satan, let us examine our desires and attachments. This will give us a pretty good idea where the root of trouble lies. How much time or attention do we give to Devotion, to self-examination, and to concentration on the Eternal values of Life? Is our main objective temporal acquisitions, or is it in the search and thoughts of eternal verities? Where our treasure lies, there will our heart and our attention be also. Objective and purpose are the first requisites in Life or in travelling in any direction.

The One Word or Essence is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and so are the real Saints or Saviors who embody that Essence and are One with It. Truth is not a doctrine of many words nor is it a mere belief. Truth is the One Reality of Life itself. It is beyond creeds and religions. Truth, as the One Essence, is the Core and Substance of all things. It is sharper than a two-edged sword, cutting asunder the bones and marrow of illusions and crystallized limitations of the mind, the senses and the body. (Heb. 4: 12)

All effort at reformation is done by the soul itself, in its own make-up and sphere. The great alchemical task of raising the soul out of the mire and limitations of the lower mind and senses lies within ourselves.

Only when these are transformed into the pure gold qualities of love and surrender of them all to God's Will, can the soul arise on the Tree of Life.

When the Master Mason constructs the faultless temple of the Lord, made of pure cedar, and gold and silver inlays of soul qualities, only then is he constructing the eternal temple of Hiram Abiff, "not made by the hands of man".

When Allah becomes **all** in the life of the devoted Sufi or the mystic Moslem, then he himself ceases to be and is lost in Allah, or becomes one with the Deity.

In the Christian life, Jesus and His instructions can be a complete guide and an actual living doctrine, as many saintly followers have demonstrated. Jesus said:

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches" etc. (John 15:5-6)*

The Truth is One, the Life is One, the Way is One; but only true devotion, self-surrender and love can unlock the door to the One Life Eternal. The One Essence is in all. Let him who hath understanding, find the mystery of THE WORD !

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