

# *The Two Circuits*

## RECAPPING HOW SIN STARTED

Let us begin with the words of Jesus to the Pharisees in John 8: 44

*“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”*

Jesus here explains that Lucifer **abode not in the truth**. The question is ,what **truth** did he cease to abide in? The obvious answer is : he stopped abiding in the truth that **God is Love**, ( 1 John 4: 8) and became Satan, the adversary of God's Character and Government. Satan hated and rejected outright the **Divine Living Principle of unselfish , self- sacrificing Agape Love**, he therefore hated ,and continues to hate, God and declared and declares war against the fundamental principle of God's Character and government. This could only mean that *he even denies the existence of Agape Love and will war against it wherever it is manifested.*

Let us read Ezekiel 28 : 15 to 19.

*“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.“*

## THE TWO CIRCUITS

Satan induced 1/3 of the Angels to choose to depart from the **Divine circuit of beneficence** and to join him in his self-centered **circuit of maleficence**. Satan's system of merchandising and trading was one in which he **threw out** or **traded** ideas or thoughts with persuasively deceptive arguments to **induce** mistrust and fear and downright hatred of God. Those who received his lies into their thoughts also ceased to abide in the truth and joined his circuit of violence. The war in heaven was a “polemic” war of trading ideas of falsehood against truth and evolving the **circuit of maleficence** : violence, destruction and death, **none of which can exist in or emanate from the circuit of Beneficence**.

Satan's lies are the cause of destruction and death, hence the words of Jesus that he is **murderer** from the beginning and also the words the Apostle Paul that Satan is the one who has the power of **death** (Hebrews 2: 14).

*All destruction and death have resulted from Satan's lies and his circuit of maleficence!*( John10: 10). Hence the Bible describes Satan's kingdom as the kingdom of darkness. Let us read John3:19; Eph.6: 12; Luke 22: 53.

On the contrary, God's *Circuit of Beneficence* is the source of supreme goodness and only supreme goodness! James 1: 16,17; Proverbs 12: 28; Proverbs 8: 35,36; Proverbs 10: 12; Proverbs 11: 5. God's Kingdom is therefore the Kingdom of Light 1 Peter 2: 9.

## **THE CIRCUIT OF BENEFICENCE**

**But turning from all lesser representations, we behold God in Jesus. Looking unto Jesus we see that it is the glory of our God to give. "I do nothing of Myself," said Christ; "the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father." "I seek not Mine own glory," but the glory of Him that sent Me. [John 8:28; 6:57; 8:50; 7:18](#). In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life. DA 21.2**

## **THE CIRCUIT OF MALEFICENCE**

In heaven itself this law was broken. Sin originated in self-seeking. Lucifer, the covering cherub, desired to be first in heaven. He sought to gain control of heavenly beings, to draw them away from their Creator, and to win their homage to himself. Therefore he misrepresented God, attributing to Him the desire for self-exaltation. With his own evil characteristics he sought to invest the loving Creator. Thus he deceived angels. Thus he deceived men. He led them to doubt the word of God, and to distrust His goodness. Because God is a God of justice and terrible majesty, Satan caused them to look upon Him as severe and unforgiving. Thus he drew men to join him in rebellion against God, and the night of woe settled down upon the world. DA 21.3

## **THE CIRCUIT OF MALEFICENCE AFFECTED EARTH**

The earth was dark through misapprehension of God. That the gloomy shadows might be lightened, that the world might be brought back to God, Satan's deceptive power was to be broken. This could not be done by force. The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God's government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him; His character must be manifested in contrast to the character of Satan. This work only one Being in all the universe could do. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it known. Upon the world's dark night the Sun of Righteousness must rise, "with healing in His wings." [Malachi 4:2](#). DA 22.1

## THE SOURCE OF HEALING

The Saviour in His miracles revealed the power that is continually at work in man's behalf, to sustain and to heal him. Through the agencies of nature, God is working, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, to keep us alive, to build up and restore us. When any part of the body sustains injury, a healing process is at once begun; nature's agencies are set at work to restore soundness. But the power working through these agencies is the power of God. All life-giving power is from Him. When one recovers from disease, it is God who restores him. MH 112.1

Sickness, suffering, and death are the work of an antagonistic power. Satan is the destroyer; God is the restorer.

The words spoken to Israel are true today of those who recover health of body or health of soul. "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

*The desire of God for every human being is expressed in the words, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." [3 John 2](#).*

He it is who "forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies." Psalm 103:3, 4.

When Christ healed disease, He warned many of the afflicted ones, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14. Thus He taught that they had brought disease upon themselves by transgressing the laws of God, and that health could be preserved only by obedience.

The physician should teach his patients that they are to cooperate with God in the work of restoration. The physician has a continually increasing realization of the fact that disease is the result of sin. He knows that the laws of nature, as truly as the precepts of the Decalogue, are divine, and that only in obedience to them can health be recovered or preserved. He sees many suffering as the result of hurtful practices who might be restored to health if they would do what they might for their own restoration. They need to be taught that every practice which destroys the physical, mental, or spiritual energies is sin, and that health is to be secured through obedience to the laws that God has established for the good of all mankind.

*When a physician sees a patient suffering from disease caused by improper eating and drinking or other wrong habits, yet neglects to tell him of this, he is doing his fellow being an injury. MH113*

## THE CHURCH CALLED TO BE WITNESSES TO GOD'S GLORY

**“For those who love God, those who are “the called according to His purpose” ([Romans 8:28](#)), Bible biography has a yet higher lesson of the ministry of sorrow. “Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God” ([Isaiah 43:12](#))—witnesses that He is good, and that goodness is supreme. “We are made a theater unto the world, both (R.V., margin) to angels, and to men.” [1 Corinthians 4:9, margin.](#)” Ed 154.2**

**“Unselfishness, the principle of God's kingdom, is the principle that Satan hates; its very existence he denies. From the beginning of the great controversy he has endeavored to prove God's principles of action to be selfish, and he deals in the same way with all who serve God. To disprove Satan's claim is the work of Christ and of all who bear His name.” Ed 154.3**

God declares that His *law of Agape Love* is perfect and can be obeyed under any circumstance or condition and that it is the law of life.

Satan, on the other hand, claims that God's *law of Agape Love*, if it does exist at all, cannot be obeyed, moreover, he asserts that in order to get obedience God must *bribe* His subjects. Furthermore he also claims that the *Law of Agape Love* is not perfect because it cannot be obeyed under all circumstances, especially under severe adversity. Job 1: 6 to 12.

## THE TRUE GOSPEL GIVES THE ANSWER

The Son of God became a man, took on our fallen flesh, lived in our world under severe depravity and, at the end of His Ministry, also endured the unimaginable agony and stress of tasting the horrors of separation from God (wrath Romans 8:32) by our collective human sin and guilt, *and yet through it all, as a man in complete submission to God, He perfected faith and obedience* as one of us, as us, and proved Satan wrong. Hebrews 5: 7 to 9. Jesus glorified His Father by choosing never to deviate from the *Law of Agape Love* under any circumstance or pressure. Let us read John 17: 3 to 4.

In so doing He, as our Substitute and Surety, bought back all mankind from the Adamic condemnation, gave us probationary physical existence and invites us to receive the free gift of salvation in order to become obedient to *the law of Agape Love* by His faith, *the faith of Jesus*, and His Agape Love, the *gold tried in the fire* (Rev. 3:18) so that we can glorify God as He did.

**“It was to give in His own life an illustration of unselfishness that Jesus came in the form of humanity. And all who accept this principle are to be workers together with Him in demonstrating it in practical life. To choose the right because it is right; to stand for truth at the cost of suffering and sacrifice—“this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord.” Isaiah 54:17. Ed 154.4**