

THE CIRCUIT OF BENEFICENCE

Thus far we have studied a little bit of the **Circuit of Beneficence**, I say a little bit because it is *infinite* in magnitude and its depths cannot be fathomed ! Romans 11: 33 to 36 NIV:

³³ *Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and^[i] knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!*³⁴ *“Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”*^[ii]
³⁵ *“Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”*^[k] ³⁶ *For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.*

This is the **Circuit of Perfect Existence** for the Universe. Infinite Power united with, and functioning through Infinite Wisdom by *Infinite unselfish, self-sacrificing, unconditional, all-for-the-other-none-for -self, eternal Agape Love, which is the very Essence, the very Spirit of the Godhead* ! (Don't forget that Wisdom includes truth, knowledge and **Righteousness**). All good gifts flow out from the Father of Lights through the Son by Their Eternal Spirit to all creation and return by the Spirit, through the Son to the Father; this is the **CIRCUIT OF BENEFICENCE**.

Outside of this circuit there can be nothing perfect, in fact, no existence at all.

THE CIRCUIT OF MALEFICENCE

The circuit of maleficence is based on *selfishness, self-centeredness, self-exaltation*, which separates any power from its appropriate Wisdom resulting in utter chaos. This brings us to the **absolute definition of sin**.

DEFINITION OF SIN

Sin is a principle which is at war with the Divine Principle of Self-sacrificing Agape Love.

Sin is therefore the transgression of God's Wisdom/Righteousness.

SATAN LEFT HIS FIRST ESTATE. JUDE 6.

Lucifer/Satan evolved the circuit of maleficence, he *left* the **Circuit of Beneficence**, and suggested that his was a better system of government than God's. In order to deceive others he stated that the reason he left God's Circuit of Beneficence was that God was unfair and cruel and really wanted all the glory for Himself. Satan refused to tell others his real reason for leaving (which was to have his own way and form his own system to exalt himself to equality with The Godhead). Satan therefore darkened God's character to cause others to mistrust and hate God.

THE “GOOD AND EVIL “ HYBRID

Furthermore, in order to make his system attractive he mingled truth with error and “good” with evil, and claimed that “good” should be arbitrarily rewarded and evil arbitrarily punished. The idea that Satan's system of government was represented by the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil** is rejected by a concept which

postulates that God could not have put something in the Garden of Eden to represent Satan's government. But remember, as we saw in our last study, that, in infinite Wisdom, God had determined to let Satan fully reveal his principles (which Satan asserted were better than God's). And being the God of freedom and Love He allowed Satan both the scope and opportunity to present his case or rather to canvass his government policies. Moreover God sent angels to instruct and forewarn Adam and Eve of the situation, informing them that He could neither, in all fairness, deny Satan the opportunity to canvass, nor deny them freedom of choice, but He warned them of the subtlety of the Enemy. So God appointed a canvassing spot, with the title of Satan's governmental-style given to the spot, and called it the tree of *knowledge of good and evil*. Satan could only hold his "political meeting" at that one spot, no where else. The instruction was simple : **do not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**. So God did His best within the constraints of Love and Freedom to help Adam and Eve make the right choice. The **command** not to eat of tree of the knowledge of good and evil also reminded them that God had the **love-based authority** to command them to avoid evil but He could not force them to do so, for only by Love is Love awakened !

The idea that the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil** *only* represents some aspect of God's government such as His **Throne** or His **Principle of Freedom of choice**, and not **Satan's system of government**, is not supported by the weight of evidence. According to I John 1: 5 "*good and evil*" cannot be applied to anything pertaining to God. God, along with all that pertains to Him, is *only good* and cannot be evil. This is even more significant when we appreciate the fact the Hebrew word for *knowledge* is not intellectual but experiential *knowledge* ; and God has no evil in His character or any of His principles or government or throne.

Additionally every principle that pertains to God is **eternal**. His throne is **eternal**. **So if the tree of the knowledge of good and evil** represents anything that pertains to God it should be in the Earth made new. But whereas the *tree of life* will be there, the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil* will not be there. Rev. 22

THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS ARE INSTRUCTIVE:

Between the school established in Eden at the beginning and the school of the hereafter there lies the whole compass of this world's history—the history of human transgression and suffering, of divine sacrifice, and of victory over death and sin. Not all the conditions of that first school of Eden will be found in the school of the future life. No tree of knowledge of good and evil will afford opportunity for temptation. No tempter is there, no possibility of wrong. Every character has withstood the testing of evil, and none are longer susceptible to its power. **Ed 301.6**

From God, the fountain of wisdom, proceeds all the knowledge that is of value to man, all that the intellect can grasp or retain. The fruit of the tree representing good and evil is not to be eagerly plucked, because it is recommended by one who was once a bright angel in glory. He has said that if men eat thereof, they shall know good and evil. But let it alone. The true knowledge comes not from infidels or wicked men. The word of God is light and truth. The true light shines from Jesus Christ, who "lighteth every man that cometh into the world." From the Holy Spirit proceeds divine knowledge. He

knows what humanity needs to promote peace, happiness, and restfulness here in this world, and secure eternal rest in the kingdom of God. **FE 437.1**

God is love. The evil that is in the world comes not from His hands, but from our great adversary, whose work it has ever been to deprave man, and enfeeble and pervert his faculties. But God has not left us in the ruin wrought by the fall. Every faculty has been placed in reach by our Heavenly Father, that men may, through well-directed efforts, regain their first perfection, and stand complete in Christ. In this work God expects us to do our part. We are His—His purchased possession. The human family cost God and His Son Jesus Christ an infinite price. **FE 429.1**

In dealing with the science of mind cure(hypnosis), you have been eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which God has forbidden you to touch. It is now high time for you to begin to look to Jesus, and by beholding His character become changed into the divine likeness. **2SM 350.2**

Cut away from yourselves everything that savors of hypnotism, the science by which satanic agencies work.—Letter **20, 1902. 2SM 350.3**

Adam and Eve were permitted to partake of every tree in the garden save one. There was a single prohibition. The forbidden tree was as attractive and lovely as any of the trees in the garden. It was called the tree of knowledge because in partaking of that tree of which God had said, “Thou shalt not eat of it,” they would have a knowledge of sin, an experience in disobedience. **Con 12.3**

THE CIRCUIT OF MALEFICENCE AND VIOLENCE

We understand from Ezekiel 28 that Satan’s *merchandising/trafficking* induces competition and violence based on selfishness and greed. Satan is the *god of this world*, (read 2 Cor.4:4 ; Eph.2:2; John12:31)and it is here that he has tried to establish his system of government. Since utter chaos would result from the selfishness, greed and violence of Satan’s system, God allows (Romans 13:1 to 9) civil government (the kingdoms of this world) to punish “evil” and reward “good” to ensure some measure of order and protection in society, but this is God’s *permissive* will and is in no way to be seen as His *perfect* will or *character*.

Whereunto,” asked Christ, “shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?” [Mark 4:30](#). He could not employ the kingdoms of the world as a similitude. In society He found nothing with which to compare it. Earthly kingdoms rule by the ascendancy of physical power; but from Christ’s kingdom every carnal weapon, every instrument of coercion, is banished. This kingdom is to uplift and ennoble humanity. God’s church is the court of holy life, filled with varied gifts and endowed with the Holy Spirit. The members are to find their happiness in the happiness of those whom they help and bless. AA12.

CHRISTIANITY AND CIVILITY

Christians are to be exemplary citizens obeying the civil law. But God has delineated a limit to civil authority. The civil government *should not legislate* in matters of the law of God or in matters of *faith and worship*. If civil government does that, then Christians are commanded by God to obey His word according to the dictates of their conscience.

USA REPUBLICANISM AND PROTESTANTISM

Of all the forms of civil government, Republicanism is the best and freest, but its success relies heavily on good individual self-government, (AT Jones). But as the true gospel and the righteousness of God are rejected, humans will continue to become more and more lawless thereby rendering civil government more and more impotent to maintain law and order. Selfishness and greed will continue to breed into every species of corruption, theft, trade-wars, violence and crime, until such a critical point is reached that an *urgent solution* will be demanded.

It is then that Satan will implement his master plan to fully and finally establish his system of government represented by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Satan will establish a union of apostate Christianity with civil- government and enforce his Sunday worship by the pretended enforcement of God's law to make society better and to save the world. It will be a very complex high-tech global religious, economic, trade and financial system in which those who receive the *mark of the Beast* will accumulate considerable wealth, whereas those who oppose the system will not be allowed to buy or sell and will finally be sentenced to death.

SATAN, A DEFEATED FOE

When Jesus said "*it is finished*" on the Cross (John 19:30), Satan was defeated and knew that his kingdom was lost. The Greek word is *TETELESTAI* and it means literally: **it is finished and will continue to be finished** ! So God's true remnant believers, who keep the commandments of God because they have the faith of Jesus, *are guaranteed the victory which will finish off Satan by the TETELESTAI of Christ's victory on the Cross !*

THE VICTORIOUS TRUE GOSPEL. ROMANS 1:16,17 AND COLOSSIANS 2: 13, 14 NIV

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you^[d] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness (*cheirographon*) which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed principalities and powers He made a spectacle of them openly having triumphed over them by His death on the Cross.

Jesus completely obliterated and wiped out our "certificate of debt" (*cheirographon*). When someone had a debt in ancient times and it was paid off, they would write "**Tetelestai**" on the certificate of debt. **Tetelestai** meant **PAID IN FULL** and is the same word Jesus uttered («**It is finished**») just before He died (Jn 19:30). This Good News reveals God's infinite *Agape Love which empowers and motivates the final remnant to endure the agony of the "time of Jacob's Trouble" and complete Christ's TETELESTAI of Satan's kingdom !*

May we experience this victory daily in order to be ripened and sealed for that final battle to complete the **TETELESTAI** in Jesus Name. AMEN !!