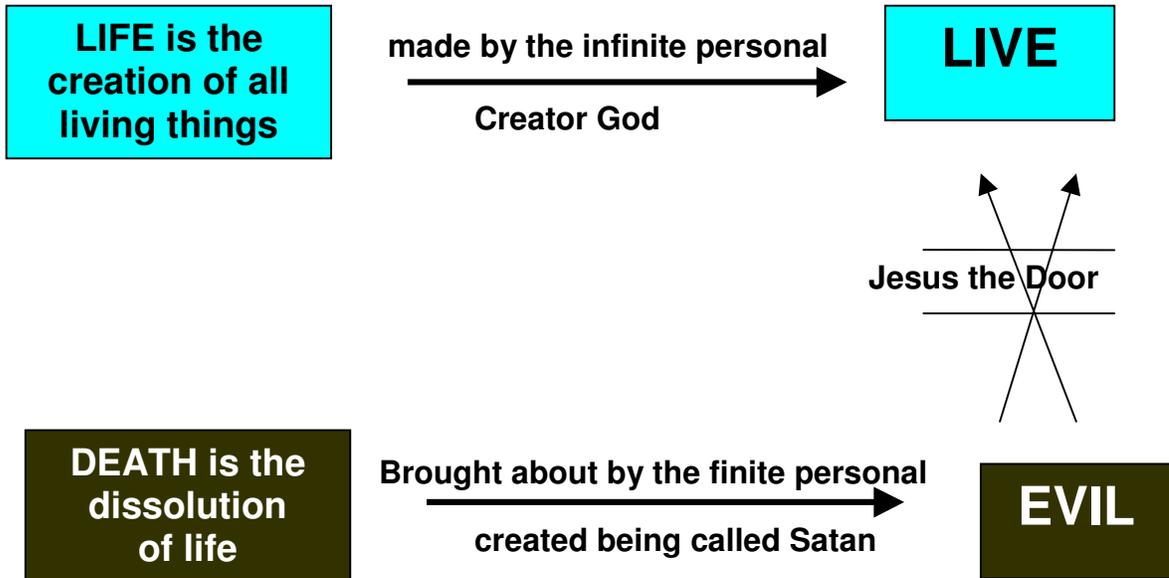


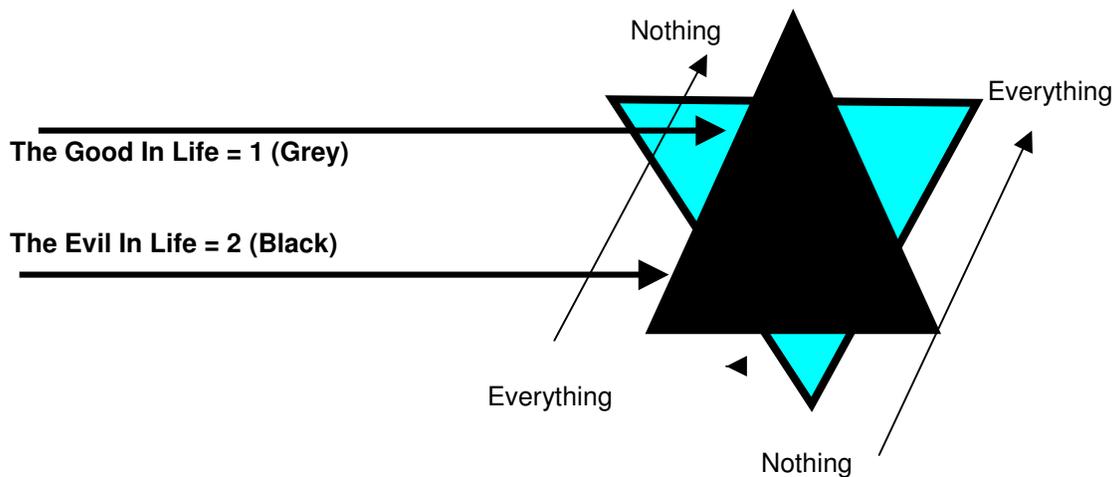
A Summary Of Life from a Christian Spirituality

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The Universal Triangle of Good and Evil



The Good In Life = 1 God created something very good from nothing (**Genesis 1: 1- 30**)

The Evil In Life = 2 came about in the reverse process where from everything, evil disintegrates something into nothing to chaos and confusion, disorder and discord is the reverse side of a special creation at work. From **Gen 3:14-19** we find that Satan intruded into a perfect Creation with the result that what was good, was cursed ... on the whole of creation and on all creatures.

FEATURE – Lessons from the Road to Emmaus

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ON KNOWING THE LORD

"From the time of the Lord's resurrection right up to the present day there are two different ways in which people know Him. Some know him after the flesh; some know him in the spirit. Paul clearly makes this distinction. In his second letter to the Corinthians he says: "...from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer" (2 Cor 5:16) And writing to the Galatians he says: "But when God who set me apart from birth and called me by His grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me..." Let us take several concrete illustrations from God's word to demonstrate this distinction and to indicate how we should seek to know the lord. [Editors note: we are using only one of these illustrations here]

Two Disciples Journeying to Emmaus

Two of the disciples who had heard the amazing news of the Lord's resurrection set out the same day for the village of Emmaus, and on the way they conversed about the recent happenings in Jerusalem. As they were talking about the Lord, He himself drew near; but they did not know Him. They had known Him after the flesh; but all their past knowledge of Him provided no clue to his identity now that he was risen from the dead. They actually took Him to be a stranger who was unacquainted with recent events in Jerusalem. He then opened the Scriptures to them. "And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself." Still no light dawned. Is it not amazing that when He interpreted the Word of God the things relating to Himself, they still failed to recognize him? They heard the words He spoke and they understood them and were moved by them – so moved that their hearts burned within them – yet they did not know who He was that was talking to them. Oh, there is vast difference between an intellectual understanding of the Word of God regarding His Son and a spiritual revelation.

The day was drawing to a close by the time the disciples reached their destination. As they were reluctant to part from their Companion, they invited Him into the house to join in the evening meal. He took the loaf into His hands and blessed it, and then broke it and passed it to them. As He broke the loaf, light broke on their spirits and they recognized their Lord.

Do you not see there are two ways of knowing the Lord? You can acquire an outward knowledge of Him through reading about Him in the Scriptures; but you can know Him with an inward knowledge when He grants you a revelation of Himself. Many people have read God's Word till they are so familiar with the truths concerning Christ that they can preach Him to others; yet they still lack the knowledge of Him that comes through inner enlightenment. Happily, there are those who know Him not just intellectually, but spiritually, because He has opened their eyes."