

## Perspective: To Know – Part II

### We Can't Know Without Knowing

We have taken the essence of knowing and made it into a collection of knowledge which we can effectively use as we choose. It is, however, a hollow representation of what God intended, because it is based upon Satan's lie.

Here's a bit of a circle. While knowing is at the core of our identity, we are unable to know as God intended us to know, because our desire to know what we think is important is greater than seeking to know as God intended. So we don't really know what's important, and without God's Love for us we would never know that we don't know what we must. 😊

My understanding is that the paragraph above makes sense, and after reading it several times it's kind of strange that it was written by me, but let's just make sure we unravel this together. Sorry for any confusion.

The result of Adam and Eve's sin put all people, for as long as there is time, in a position where we are born separated from God. This means that we cannot know God, the way God created us to know Him and His creation.

Why? Because to know God as He intended when He created all things requires us to be one with Him. That's how God created Adam as we've already seen. Adam existed in unity with God, so to know was to exist. Knowing was not separate from being. So, Adam and Eve knew all there was that was worth knowing.

Remember that Knowing while in their relationship with God was the result of being one with God because God is omniscient (He knows everything there is to know). Eve and Adam knew what they did, the way they knew it only because they were United with God. All true knowledge was the result of fully Knowing God.

This means that Eve and Adam's assumption about what they would gain by disobeying God was wrong. Satan lied, and they chose willingly, and with total commitment, to trust in Satan's lie rather than trust God, their Creator.

Of course, that was and is the case for us because we all inherit the same perspective Adam and Eve ended up owning after their sins. It is an assumption that is based upon a lie, which we accept as our perspective by our thoughts and actions. Even if we look for good within God's creation so we can understand what good is our pursuits are greatly limited, much more than we understand.

This is because when the power of Sin invaded all of creation it changed God's creation dramatically. God's perfect creation was no more. It still existed but it was no longer perfect. It was no longer connected to its Creator.

If we are old enough to read this and understand it, then we're old enough to know what happens when we base our actions upon assumptions that have a lie as their foundation. The results are never good for any of us.

Just as Eve and Adam's ability to know was affected by their state-of-being, so is our ability to know impacted by our state-of-being. There are two possibilities while we exist on this earth. We are either in a state-of-being separated from God, or we exist in a state-of-being Unified with God. Thus, we are either Dead or we are Alive. Yes, it really is worth repeating. So please be patient.

Within Death we will struggle to know good and evil to the degree that satisfies our own desires. Whether we are driven by curiosity, a compelling to join or help others, or just to meet our own needs the starting point is the same; separation from God.

For us to be separated from God is the worst thing that could ever happen to God's perfect creation. As eternal-beings separated from God we would never be able to know God, to experience God in the way He wants on our behalf. So, would He be able to share with us all our daily experiences? No, and that will never change unless we accept God's gift of Life and Unity with Him through Jesus His Son Who died for us, was buried, and arose from the dead.

If we are Alive we have the opportunity to truly know God Who is Good, something that escapes those who are separated from God who can only know about Him. Whether or not we take advantage of this eternal opportunity is up to us. God will certainly encourage us to get to know Him, and to know Him is to know Good.

Please, please remember that to know God is not to know about Him. Just as the word meant to know by experience for Adam and Eve, so we need to understand that getting to know God requires an experiential knowing. We cannot begin to get to know God without faith (faith = trust in action). Trust-in-action results in experiential knowledge.

People can be experts concerning the information available about God and never know God.

Some people say to know God it must be "heart" knowledge rather than "head" knowledge. That is, however, not accurate. To know God, it takes our entire being while we exist on the earth: our entire eternal-being including mind, emotions, will; and our temporal body.

Knowing God is not just an experience for part of who we are as we exist on this earth. While the effects of Sin remain within our physical body God does not provide a spiritual experience that only engages our spirit-person. Know God involves every part of our entire existence.

As we get to know Him better and better the contrast between God's Good, and the world's idea of good plus the evil in the world will become clearer. For most of us, our struggle over time will be to forget the evil we know, and the good we think we know. Then in its place we must allow God to show us a new way to see and understand Him, and interact with Him and His creation.

Getting to know God is not hard we just don't do it.

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## Increasing Our Understanding

Let's take this contrast just a bit further and describe the challenges that people face in each state of knowing; each state-of-being. Then we'll pull this all together and see what we may understand. We'll begin with someone who is born separated from God, because that's where we all start out.

We are born with the characteristics of being a human learning machine. It's like our brains are driven by a mind that must know, something, anything, just add experiences and everything grows mentally. We are a human sponge looking for information to soak up. Anything, anytime and anyplace.

There is no conscious awareness of being separated from God. The Death within which we exist feels fully like life, and we are ready to experience all that comes our way and soak it up.

As we begin there is no "good" or "evil", it's more like being happy or sad depending on what happens to us, the feelings we have, how we respond to our environment, and whether our needs are met. Clearly, our knowing is going to be based upon a self-centered frame of reference.

Young children seem to have a direct connection from their sensory bodies to their large storage areas in their brain such as the: Hippocampus, Temporal Lobe, Cerebral Cortex and Cerebellum. They seem to be able to see things, making note of them easier, retain and recall them better than those of us in adulthood.

Over time that may change for most of us as the process of knowing extends in and through our self-perceptions and our relationships. This change is influenced by the people and circumstance that impact what we learn about ourselves, others, and the world around us. A key factor for this change is how we are taught to learn.

What we don't realize as a child, and what some people never realize is the systems operating in the world around us, push us to find our meaning of life within our experiences, and circumstances. From the beginning we are reacting to those experiences as being pleasant or unpleasant. As we grow, we learn about how to qualify our experiences as being good, or bad as information and memories are associated with our emotions.

Then we are taught to learn using our Prefrontal Cortex, Cerebrum, or Frontal Lobe as our primary processing part of the brain. Like learning to read one-word-at-a-time, understand each, and hold them for future use, but it turns out that's not the most efficient or enjoyable way to learn. Which is probably why children have much more fun learning most anything before they are forced to learn in a methodical manner. For the rest of our existence probably all of us continue to learn whether or not we want to keep learning.

While probably not the case, it seems like the more developed our self-perception and complex our perspectives the longer it takes for things to run through our learning filters before being selected for long-term storage. Many dynamic influences play various roles in this process, and every one of us probably experiences this uniquely. It's just a part of growing up, but it ultimately puts us in the self-assumed seat of authority in determining what is good and what is bad.

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## How Does This Happen?

As a child we may accept what others tell us is good and bad, but by the time the teenage hormones hit we've probably become self-assumed experts at deciding for ourselves what to do and acting accordingly. For some this seems to start at the age of two and seems to never stop. Do any of us know some people like that?

Often as teenagers we become convinced we know what is good or bad for us better than our parents or any other authority figure. Even our friends seem to know what's good or bad for us with far greater wisdom than our parents could ever achieve together. It's downright scary for parents. Just in case you don't know that yet.

Along the way, probably sooner rather than later in our childhood, there comes a time when we are faced with a decision that is going to either be good or bad, which has a different nature. This is something we can sense even though we may not be able to describe what we feel.

It's not just our attempt to get what we want or react in a reflex manner to the events around us. We are confronted with a choice of doing one thing that we know is "right", or doing something else that we clearly know and understand is "wrong". Sooner or later we all choose what is wrong.

At the time this decision is made it feels different. It's like something is released within us that sets us wonderfully free, and makes us feel like we've done something bad, all at the same time. It is an important first step of knowing evil, because it is linked with our specific choice to explore its nature that dwells within us, and exists in the world around us as the power of Sin..

The sense of freedom comes because we think we've experienced having total authority over our lives. Our sense of bad comes from knowing we've made an intentional decision to do what we knew was wrong. Also, this willingness is an open invitation for the power of Sin to work in our lives in a new way, and some people choose to ignore the negative feelings about their actions all together.

What is this new way? Sin can now influence us through our self-assumed right to run our own lives. For all of us this leads to us committing more sins. Unfortunately, for a few it becomes the dominant influence in our existence on this earth.

This is not the same from one person to the next. We may not be the same age, or in the same circumstances, but similar or not it happens to each of us. It is our way of confirming that we are indeed separated from God as we willingly commit sins.

We may or may not understand that our sins are against God by breaking His established law. Something like, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" serves as a sufficient example here. While people may exist somewhere whose society thinks lying is best, and telling the truth is wrong, it's not something ever heard about by me yet.

Certainly, cultures are different as are their mores, but there will be aspects of recognized behavior that is acceptable, or unacceptable that will align with the Laws of God found within the Bible. All cultures known to me have this attribute, and usually in multiple ways.

The exercising of one's own will by deciding to do what we know is wrong, in defiance of whatever authority represents what is right, is a reflection of our separation from God. Some call this an expression of our sin nature, which is to say that our birth-nature has its origin from the power of Sin.

What may escape us entirely is the understanding of our state-of-being in Sin, and its effect on our efforts to know about pretty much anything. The power of Sin that flows from Satan's lie, which proposed that knowing good and evil is the pathway to becoming a god unto ourselves, is pervasive in this world.

It is inherent within our very being. We are born fully immersed in this lie by no choice of our own. Again, it is a state-of-being, of being Dead in the power of Sin. It is not our fault we are born separated from God, but it is our fault that we have willingly chosen to commit sins when we didn't have to; we just wanted to because that's what we wanted to do.

This means that we place ourselves in a position where we must "know" experientially to feel complete. For us knowing provides meaning to our existence and the world around us. Yet we were created to find completeness by knowing God and being in a unified relationship with Him.

The result is a void of satisfaction regardless of how much we know about anything, or anyone. We are driven to attempt to know by experience about as much as possible in an attempt to fill our internal void. Our efforts may go beyond our comfortable reach in an attempt to reach fulfillment.

Since we are separated from God, we cannot know Him through any effort of our own. This is the case even if we are able to know about Him through His creation, or the Scriptures. Thus, we have cooperated with Sin, which has put us in a no-win position. We have an absolute need to know, without the ability to know what is most important unless we accept God's Love for us and receive God-Life.

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#### Where's Our Satisfaction?

No matter how much knowledge we gain about anything and everything we will never be fully satisfied, because our deepest need, which is to know God by being unified with Him will remain unfulfilled. We can choose to ignore this built-in need for God, but we cannot ignore our own sense of needing personal satisfaction that never seems to be enough no matter what we do.

We may understand this as unmet needs and seek to fulfill the same with more experiences we think will add more meaning to our existence-living. This is an effort to know a lasting sense of completeness, not just to know about something more by adding to our experiential knowledge.

Our desire is to know a sense of completeness as a state-of-being. We seek to achieve that by knowing more and more through what we learn, experience, and own. We do this ultimately in an effort to "know" and experience what we call life more fully, which means for most of us to master being in control of our circumstances in every way possible. Some of us seek to fulfill this void through physically experiencing something like adrenaline junkies, pleasures, and a palfrey of other experiences.

When Sin separated the human race from God, the result was to separate everyone who is ever born from the ability to know the Truth, Knowledge, and Wisdom as God intended. We can know about them but our state-of-being will not change simply by knowing about God.

Our state-of-being can only change by receiving His presence, His life, God Himself within our inner being; our eternal-person. In this way God's Life becomes our Life, and we can for the first time really know God Who is Truth, Knowledge, and Wisdom.

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## Looking Further

Let's consider for a bit the issue of knowing as we have learned to know under the influence of the power of Sin. Why? Because we are all so well versed with Sin's perspective on all things; it really is what everyone knows the best.

While some of us may think this idea of learning under the influence of Sin is too negative, please remember what we are talking about is what we have accepted as normal. It doesn't seem like we are involved in anything that might be associate with Sin in any way. So, please remain calm in Christ, or those of us who don't know Jesus please remain open minded as we explore this together.

Consider yourself an expert on this subject concerning learning whether you know it or not, or even if you wish you weren't. It is simply a fact of existence. If we exist, the power of Sin is something we know by our own sins, and those of others.

We have been compelled by our birth-nature to know evil as well as the world's idea of good. Remember, the characteristic of the birth-nature of all people is we strive to take God's place in our life, by knowing good and evil in accordance with Satan's lie.

How can we be a god unto ourselves and decide what is truly good or evil if we don't know all about them? Our curiosity driven by our sense of needs just keeps sucking us toward one thing and then another; some "good" and some "evil" and we really want to know about both.

We are even attracted to the results of evil in the world. People gawk at accidents, and soak up violent and dramatic experiences through social media, television, movies, and video games. Unfortunately, for some of us being a spectator is not enough. We want to fully experience violence if we are the cause of its existence. Its seems like an attraction to evil driven by a curiosity to know. From my perspective beneath those behaviors Sin has had its effect on what we think and do in a significant manner.

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## Beautiful Side of Evil?

Not everyone is drawn toward evil in this way. Some of us journey into the beautiful side of evil.

There are those of us who abhor violence and want nothing to do with the ugly side of evil. Instead we may think we are pretty good, or that people are good in general.

Often, when we've been exposed to the ugliness of evil to a degree sufficient to repel us, we are compelled to double our efforts to be focused on finding the good in the world. We look for it anywhere, wanting what we find to give us hope that things can change for the better.

What we miss is that along the way we have set ourselves up as the judge of others and the events around us. We may become activists for the cause or causes most dear to us. Still this process is not in alignment with God's will.

Being on the "good" side of a cause does not separate us from the drama, and perhaps even the verbal or physical violence related to our pursuit of what we have decided is good. Most of us don't understand that the good we have to offer without God has as it foundation the power of Sin.

We continue acting as though we have a right to judge others, and sometimes marginalize them as well. After all isn't calling something bad that we judge as being wrong, a good thing to do? How easy it is for things to turn into an us-and-them perspective. Do we see how this aligns with separation thinking that has its origin in Sin?

While we may reject this the reality is when we examine correctly our lofty-minded ideals and actions we find that none of us can claim the moral high-ground because none exists. Our elevated sense of the value of our thoughts, resulting from our intellectual pursuits may be less destructive by varying degrees, but provide no solid perch from which we might judge others.

The end result is that a complete sense of fulfillment escapes us because we find the flaws in the pursuit of our ideals, even if we try to ignore them. Ultimately this comes down to what we want, and maybe the desires of the group with which we've aligned ourselves. The power issues involved end up forcing us to take a position that rightfully only belongs to God, and will never completely satisfy our needs for lasting purpose and meaningful existence. If we exist on this earth long enough we will come to realize this as an undeniable fact.

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#### Just Let Me Live

Then there are those of us who simply want to live a balanced life and try to get through our experiences relatively unscathed. Generally we want to be a good person, raise a family, and enjoy the experience as much as we can along the way.

There are tens of millions, if not billions of versions of these perspectives being expressed everyday through people around the world. Little or nothing is really new to humanity even though many things may be new to us as individuals, or groups.

In any case we do know what evil is, and what the results of evil in the world are like. Also we are intentionally assuming the position of deciding what's worth knowing, what is true or false, and what is good or evil. We could argue that we must know about evil to survive, otherwise how will we protect ourselves from its destructive forces?

We all have our set of justifications. It seems too bothersome to try and think through all this complexity about good and evil. Why can't we just go on living like we have been?

Well, we can. We can remain Dead or continue living as though we are Dead even though we have God's Life within us. My efforts are to make sure we all know what we are doing, and not just go along blind, or numb to the Truth of God. Our eternity is not something to just put aside until later.

We really do need to understand that all of us follow that same path of Sin by trying to have dominion over ourselves, and various parts of the world, while we decide what is good or bad for ourselves.

In the world that God created originally the act of disobedience by Adam and Eve resulted in knowing evil suddenly and experientially. For us it is different since we are born into Sin and Death our association with evil is normal. Our sins prove this alignment even if the process is deceptive by nature and content.

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Some of us may have noticed by now that these concepts do not challenge the idea, or the importance of learning. At issue here is the intent with which we learn, and the purpose that is behind that effort. So much of what we learn may be neutral in form. Two plus two is four. How we use that information can align with good or evil, but alone it is just information.

It may be that all of us just want to learn so we can survive, have some satisfactory sense of comfort, safety and belonging within the circumstances in which we exist. This may not be connected with any type of formal learning at all. It's just a matter of being able to successfully exist in this world.

With the statements above and repetition it may seem clearer to us by now that if we seek to know so we can gain personal power then we align with Satan's temptation. What may be less clear to us is that our intent to gain knowledge so we can take care of ourselves as we want, or to be the one to decide what is right or wrong, good or bad, then we are demonstrating the power of evil in the world. The end result is we either live out God's will or Satan's lie.

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God's will for people, after Adam and Eve's sins, was for people to realize their need to be in relationship with God and that they would seek to be with God. My guess is Adam and Eve were so busy trying to deal with all the changes in their existence that they had little time to seek God's presence. It's possible they weren't even sure of the best way to do so.

So many of us struggle with this same issue today. People have pursued all types of processes to fill the emptiness in their souls, to rid themselves of the wrong they've done, and acquire some hope for their eternity. The world is filled with all types of religious pursuits.

What's amazing are all the opportunities we have in this world today to learn about God, thus, to learn about what is truly Good. God has not left His creation alone to work out its own path to Him. God has constantly sought to bring people unto Himself by coming to them and revealing Himself to them.

God talked to Cain before he killed his brother Abel. Noah, under God's direction, told people about God's Truth and what was going to happen if they remained in their state of total Sin. God told the people to inhabit the earth before they tried to build the tower of Babel and exist as one people, in essentially one place. Over and over again we see God reaching out to people.

God gave us His laws. Not just His Holy Law given to the Hebrew people, but also an awareness of what is fundamentally right to assist us in knowing what He said was wrong. None of us are devoid of this awareness.

In the Old Testament a person primarily lived out God's will by obeying His laws. Even though people were Dead in Sin they could still be obedient to God's purpose. In this way they could come to know about God and benefit as a result. It was possible for their faith in God, which caused their obedience, to be counted as righteousness by God. (Hebrews 11) (Romans 4:1-13)

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## Our Good and Evil?

While anything that is truly Good must come from God, any denial of God as being the Origin of Good, causes our idea of “good” to end up being evil. So, we see it is not just the action that determines the eternal result. It is the intent of the person taking the action.

Feeding the hungry is a good thing to do. Jesus even said that we should feed the hungry. If, however, our intent of feeding the hungry is to satisfy our self-defined idea of good, or to meet our need to fulfill our self-defined identity then there is no eternal benefit for us. Our best efforts add up to nothing.

On the other hand if God-Life dwells within us, and we are feeding the hungry because we know that’s what God wants us to do, what He wants to do with us, and we are accomplishing this as God leads us in thought and action, then our actions manifests the presence of God in the world. Thus, our actions can be eternal in nature because they reflect God’s Good.

That’s right the question is where the origin of the action comes from. If it comes from us without seeking God’s will and being obedient, then it results in complicity with Satan. If it comes from us seeking to be obedient to God then it can manifest God within the circumstances. This is true for us today if we are in relationship with God through Jesus His Son.

Yes, there is much we call good in the world. The key difference between the good that is a part of our efforts, and the Good God identified when He created the world is the following:

- 1) God’s Good comes from God. It manifests His presence and helps reveal Who He is. The result of its existence always aligns with God’s purposes. It consistently supports God’s position of being the sole authority over all things. There is nothing better that can happen than God’s Good in any moment.
- 2) Our efforts to create good are initiated by us. We, or other people are the source. Those efforts manifest our ability to do good as defined by the world around us, or our compliance with what we think is good. Our good brings us recognition or self-satisfaction, and while our actions may honor the idea of God, or demonstrate respect for Him the focus is on doing what we think is right rather than obediently fulfilling God’s purposes. The results of our actions in some way place an idea, ourselves, or other people in a position of influence rather than upholding God as having sole authority over all things, and humbly obeying His will.

It is not our place or to try and draw a line of differentiation between the two where others are concerned. The reason for raising the issue is to lift-up the importance of this subtle difference.

It is not a difference that is easily understood, or felt. Often “good” just feels good to us. We need to exercise spiritual discernment that comes from the Holy Spirit to see, and understand the difference.

God provided that spiritual discernment for people in Old Testament times by giving them His Law. This made it clear when a person was doing what God considered Good, and when they were not. But even then, obedience needed to come from a desire to do God’s will and know God, rather than a legal obligation to God or sense of begrudged obligation, both of which could never honor God.

What God gave to people through His Law was the opportunity to know Good, to know Him in a way that made an eternal difference for the person who trusted Him enough to be obedient. Instead, much of the time the people learned painfully the price of knowing evil and its results.

The Hebrew people were God's people chosen to show the world what it meant to be in a relationship with the One, Almighty, True, Living God. What they generally repeated was a demonstration of what it means to commit sins against God by taking His place of authority and doing whatever they wanted.

Repeatedly God provided leadership for His people. He did this through relationships with people. First there were the patriarchs, then Moses and Joshua, the judges, kings, and many prophets who delivered the words of God to the people. All of those people struggled in their relationship with God, and in their relationship with others. Many of the people who remained faithful to God were rejected, exiled, or put to death by their own Hebrew people as they rejected God's messengers.

Then God came to Earth Himself by implanting His Living Word into the womb of Mary who was a virgin, thus creating the Life of His Son within her. Even then, the Hebrew people also put His Son to death. Why?

One of the biggest reasons is because they thought they knew about God. They assumed a superior position based on their understanding of what was good and what was evil. They were the leaders and had taken the place of God claiming the authority to decide between good and evil.

When Jesus did not fit into what they understood to be good, they killed him for claiming to be Who He was; the Son of God. They saw God's Good fully demonstrated through Jesus and defined Him and His actions as being evil, and nailed Him to a cross so the world could see how they were protecting their idea of good.

If we are not careful our efforts of knowing can essentially accomplish the same thing today; revealing only what we think is good. If we do not seek God's leading, humbling ourselves by acknowledging that only God declares what is Good or evil, and obey Him then we are repeating the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden.

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#### Dark Side of Evil

Part of the dark side of evil is that we think our best can compare to God's Good. It cannot. God's Good is always the Best every time, all the time. The difference is so vast as to defy relative comparison.

All our best can do is to prove how separated we are from God; how Dead we are eternally. If we have accepted Christ and received His Life, then our personal best efforts cause us to put to death the potential of God's Good within any set of circumstances. That Good dwells within us because of the presence of God within us by the power of the Holy Spirit. The world does not need our best. It needs God's Good. Anything less is wrong. It turns out God's Good is what's Best for us all the time!

My expectation is the statements above conflict with our sense of "right" and "wrong", to the point that some people would be glad to tell me just how wrong, in no uncertain terms. "How can the good things that people do for one another ultimately be wrong just because God is not directing those actions?!"

"That's too absurd to be believed!" Can you imagine those words being spoken? Perhaps you identify with them and want to say them yourself. You'll find no blame from me. It's not my place to judge. It is totally logical from the perspective that most people hold in their mind and heart, but it's still wrong.

Let's start by understanding that my intention is not to say the things we do that we call good are wrong. Not at least if they really result in benefiting others in a positive way. This is not about labeling one another's actions as being bad, or evil that are beneficial to others.

The point here is, all of our efforts that are not an expression of God's will, no matter how good we think they are, add up to nothing in comparison to what God would accomplish through and with us instead. We cannot replace God's Good with our good intentions and efforts. So while some actions are not evil in and of themselves, our continued attempt to be in control does come straight from the power of Sin.

"Why?" Because those kind of actions deny the authority of God over all things. They serve as a reflection of people's willingness to replace God with themselves, and their idea of what is good or evil.

The second reason is because, as stated earlier, God's Good is always better than our best. "Now, why is that?" Because our self-initiated "good" behavior is limited to the impact that we can make as a single individual, or as group of people within a complex world ruled by Lucifer.

Therefore, nothing we can do will ever match the impact that God can accomplish with His power in, through, and with us. His will drives straight through the complexity of this world and the direct forces of Satan and reaches into the fabric of other's souls with an eternal Holy affect.

Tell me please. Why do we want others to only see us and our capacity when they could be seeing God in, through and with us, and be touched by the hand of God Himself? If we have any idea what it means to have God bring us into His Unified Life and fill us with His presence, then to give someone anything less really is wrong. Isn't it?

Those who have never entered into a relationship with God do not know this miraculous experience and thus do not understand. All they can do is their best, and they will most likely reject anyone who tells them their best is not good enough. The world around all of us teaches this consistently in thousands of different ways. It is what we most easily understand because it fits what we have experienced apart from God while living on this earth.

It is so easy for us to lose sight of this and go about our daily lives doing our best for our family, our employer, our business, or friends and ourselves. Stop and think about this: "What if they could have God's Good instead of our best? Which would be better?"

Our answer tells the story of where our heart exists; either apart from God or United with Him. Then there are those of us who know the "right" answer, but our mind and heart are torn by the question. We may have felt confused, argumentative, or think that in most things God just leaves them up to us anyway, so our best is all people can get.

This probably has much closer ties to many or most of our efforts than we want to admit. Some of us run from this possibility because it creates discomfort, perhaps even fear. It's scary when we find out how wrong we've been in our understanding of everything, especially ourselves.

My heart has known that fear. Yes, the full experience of realizing how wrong one has been in so many ways that we come to the end of self. It's over. Then we realize so much more about God's Love for us. There is primarily one thing to know, and that is not a subject of study, it is not a what, but rather a Who; God Almighty. The best way to know God is to talk to Him, obey Him, and Love Him. The meaning of all knowledge must be understood within the context of Who God is or its use adds up to nothing.