

We are just beginning to transcribe William LePar's Bible Study classes from the late 1970's to early 1980's. As we do this we uncover gems that have awaited rediscovery and presentation. This is a very good sample of the insight that Bill presents in these classes.

John 1 Verse 5. Readings from 3 Bibles:

"And the light shines in darkness. A darkness which was not able to master it."

"The light that shines in the dark. A light that darkness could not overpower."

"And the light shines on the darkness for the darkness has never overpowered it, put it out or has not absorbed it, has not appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it."

In his statement the light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not put it out. John says here that just as sure as there is light, there is a darkness. There is a darkness just as real, just as forceful, just as commanding as there is a force that is light. The eternal light shines in the darkness of man's natural consciousness. Man has an innate sense of the divine word and that innate sense of the divine word is one of the very powers of that divine word. The innate sense is a natural inner knowing that there is something higher than you, something that created you. Whether you are aware of it or not, whether you would call it a god or not, man has a natural knowingness that there is something higher and he always reaches for that gift from the highest.

Even the most primitive of natives worship a god. From where does their idea of a god come? Even in a jungle where there are no machines, no radios, still they worship idols. Why? Because there is that innate sense. There is an inner knowing. That is part of the divine word. That is one of the facets of the divine word. Sooner or later, whether you are primitive or whether you are the most wealthy person in the world, if you are not searching for god, there is going to be a knowing inside. There is going to be an eating inside. You may spend an entire lifetime running away from that feeling, but that is exactly what you will be doing – spending your entire life running, if you do not turn around and start searching. You cannot escape. It is impossible. The most wretched person that you know, the meanest, a murderer, knows that there is something higher inside whether he wants to admit it or not.

John puts the whole universe in the picture. He says "And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not put it out." You see he does not put any limitations on it. Try to imagine this then, the whole universe being a battleground for this eternal cosmic conflict between the light and the dark. The only thing that really matters in this whole thing is which side you are going to be on.

God has permitted the negativity of man to create a force equal to God, but on the dark side. That force though will never overcome the Godhead. Man has created this force or spirit. If you do not want to look at it in terms of you being responsible for what you do wrong then look at it in terms of falling angels, falling and creating Satan and Lucifer. John says there is nothing that exists that God has not created. God has created everything, but He has allowed his creations free will. He does not say, you cannot do this or that, you cannot live your lifestyle, I want you to live this lifestyle. He gives you the free choice. The story we hear of the archangel Lucifer battling with God saying, "I

am just as good as you," fighting and God tossing him down. You could just as easily say when God put us in the Garden of Eden, we were not satisfied with our position, so we wanted a little more than what God gave us. We took a bite from an apple or we could say when God brought spirit into existence, spirit was not happy with its coexistence with God. It wanted to create on its own, so it created material, the physical, we came and got trapped in our own creation. Whatever way you want to put it. It is all the same thing.

If God did not create darkness then how did it get so powerful? We feed it. Each and every one of us. When we do something that we know is not an act of love we are feeding that darkness. As we feed the darkness we are tapping into the darkness and we can become a vehicle of that darkness. We can point a finger at anybody and project evilness to a person whether it is physically pointing or mentally pointing. We can collect; we are tapped into both channels. We control which force is flowing through us – the light or the dark. It is as if you have two plugs coming out of your back. One is plugged in to the source of light and one is plugged in to the source of darkness. You have master switches. You turn one on and the other one off. They work automatically. When one comes on the other goes off.

You choose whether you want to tap into the source of darkness or whether you want to tap into the source of light and you can project every atom of energy of that evilness, that darkness, at an individual. You can be used as the gun that will fire a blast at a person and do not say it can't happen, because whatever happens on one side can happen on the other side. If you can tap into the light, you can tap into the darkness, and you had better make sure you know which side you are on, because John states that the only thing that actually matters is which side you are on. John says no matter how the darkness tried it could not put out the light, nor will it ever put out the light. The creating force can never be extinguished by that which is its creation. God created us in a perfect state. That is the example given in Adam and Eve. We were in a Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden could have been God creating us in a spiritual form and allowing us to coexist with Him in that setting, but we were not satisfied. We wanted more. We wanted to create beyond Him. So He gave us a playground – the universe.

To summarize what is said above: God did not create darkness. He did not create evil. His creations, His subjects, His children, did the dirty work. They did the creating of the darkness, not God, and God loved us so much that He allowed us to do that. He wanted us to have free will, free choice. That is why you and I are responsible for the darkness, nobody else, and nothing else. The only way to eliminate the darkness is to turn the switch off, stop feeding it, and turn on the other switch. Start taking new life into us. The more that we start tapping into the light source the less the dark source will have to feed on, because one is an adding to and the other is a taking away. One is positive and one is negative. Active, passive. You find that similarity running through everything. The light is the God given force, that is the creating force, that is the energy. The darkness is the subtraction, the drawing away. Each time you go closer to the dark side you go further away from the light thus it is harder to tap into the light. Darkness stands for the natural existence of all those who hate the good. John states that the darkness can hate the Christ, but it can never rid itself of him. It can never get rid of him. Not all the darkness there is

in this entire universe can extinguish one little flicker of light. You take a candle, even a smaller one, I do not care how dark a room is, I do not care how vast the room is, can that darkness put it out? No. Yet that little candle can light up an awfully big area. That little candle in a dark room, I don't care how big the room is, can be seen from quite a distance. That is an example on a physical level. Just as that exists on a physical level that exists on a spiritual level too, on the next level.