

1 John Series

Lesson 9

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Non-Biblical Answers to: “Who are you to tell me how to live?”

Problems with:

Says nothing about actions or objects themselves, *only autobiographical expressions* lacking basis for moral outrage over evil actions or belief in objective value.

***Self-refuting* since every person inevitably experiences others' judgments of him or his labor to which he objects as “unfair.”**

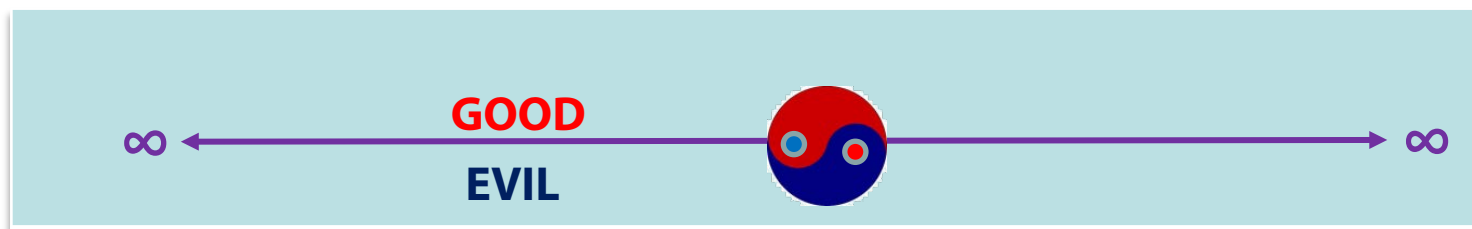
Resulting anarchy *leads to totalitarian imposition* of the judgments of the stronger against the weaker to avoid social chaos.

Who has the REAL “Evil problem”?

Christian: Good / Evil mix is “abnormal” and temporary



Pagan: Good / Evil mix is permanently “normal”



Our Relationship with the Father

Text	Contrasting element	Individual detail
1:5	Light (+)	perfection of God
1:6	Darkness (–)	talk vs. walk
1:7	Light (+)	walk with cleansing for fellowship
1:8	Sin (–)	talk vs. real state-of-affairs
1:9	Cleansing from sin (+)	candid talk and cleansing
1:10	Sin (–)	talk vs. real state-of-affairs
2:1–2	Resolution of sin before the God of Light (+)	Throne room activity

Three Responses to the Light

1:8 Unresponsive to the light

**1:9 Response to enlightenment of
specific sin(s)**

1:10 Denial of specific sin(s)