

# Spiritual Correction

Evil and Sin get a bad rap. They are loaded with negativity. Most people are so frightened of these words that any mention of them induces them to get as far away as possible from anyone or anything that mentions them.

Historically Evil and Sin were to be feared, something that happens to you if you do not live by the rules of the bible, or of any religion. Much of the Bible is cased in terrible things that happen if you do not follow the word of God as spoken through the prophets. On the other hand, if you followed these promptings then the promised things did occur. This extreme fear of Evil and Sin has perpetrated the move away from traditional religions due to all the old rules and the perceived lack of personal freedom in our modern lives.

But what do these words mean in contemporary terms? Can we look at them in a new way, and can they still have relevance in our lives?

We do not live in the prophet Moses' time, do not hear his voice, do not see his miracles or receive his revelation of the Ten Commandments but can we still take something from these stories? Can we allow ourselves to evolve the connection to our modern lives? To move from having to listen to the prophets or priests, to having our own personal connection (as taught through Jesus) to the Creator and recognise our own 'commandments' our own conscience, and also recognise our own sins and evil that we create out of not living in the dictates of our own truth?

Take religion out of the picture: You learn from your mistakes. Mistakes need to be corrected. If you are wrong you need to apologise. If you break the law, you go to jail to pay the penance. These same laws apply in the more subtle region of our own souls.

There are laws, natural laws that cannot be broken (You need adequate sleep and food) and societal laws (eg. not speeding and paying for goods and services). These are laws for all of us but there are more subtle laws in the region of conscience and soul which still work along the same lines. We cannot avoid them.

There is a biblical quote which I like which says "God corrects those he loves" Just as correction and discipline is needed for a child, we too need to be corrected and shown the right way from the dictates of our own soul growth.

How often have you taken all the best advice only to be left with a feeling that something is not quite right and then find out later that your intuition or feeling was right all along. I like to term this feeling that is not followed evil or sin. It is only bad so much as you have not been following the dictates of your own soul, of which only *you and your connection with God is the only true knowing.*

Negative or so called bad things (evil and sin) can occur when we don't live true to ourselves. Many people have married, knowing it is 'not quite right' only later to divorce and have all the repercussions of this. Now I am not saying that this is the case all the time but if we learn to have a good and true relationship with our own soul connection, these mistakes can be minimised.

The Buddha taught the noble truths that lead to a non-suffering path but he also said to take nothing as true until you had worked in through your own life, tested it out as it were.

Another spiritual quote is “He goes before me to make the crooked places straight” If we spend time in quiet and contemplation (often termed prayer) we can hear the small still voice advising our soul of the best way forward, or the solution to a problem without making huge waves that can take time to rebalance. This is really no different than what Moses was advising to his people in his time. Prophets were people who excelled in communion and could address whole societies and advise them to avoid pitfalls and of the best way forward. But we are evolving; we can do it now for ourselves in an individual way.

We have lost in religion the personal relationship with God, which allows you to discern your own right and wrong and express it, and learn from it, so growth and evolution can naturally follow. This may mean disappointing others in the short term or turning down invitations or not pleasing everyone but this truth in choice is validated by your growth in spirit. ‘By their fruits ye shall know them’

So let this new interpretation, and new relationship with these words, help us in our life to walk a true and straight path, being in a living relationship with our own soul, allowing ourselves to grow into the full and whole person we were born to be.

We were born to live a full and true life, to recognise and live our full potential and to express our unique soul, and then naturally, our light can truly shine.

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