

THE DIVINE FUNNEL



The mystery no one has ever solved:

The mystery of evil.

Where did it come from?

Why is it here?

Why is it allowed to cause such misery on this earth?

Radical evil

Evil is a force.

Evil is a presence.

Evil has an agenda.

Evil is found in every human life, without exception.

It flatters.

It deceives.

It depresses.

It corrupts.

It infects.

It destroys.

It kills.

So why does God allow evil to exist?

Why did God permit the serpent to enter the Garden?

Why does God allow evil to corrupt rulers of nations and institutions?

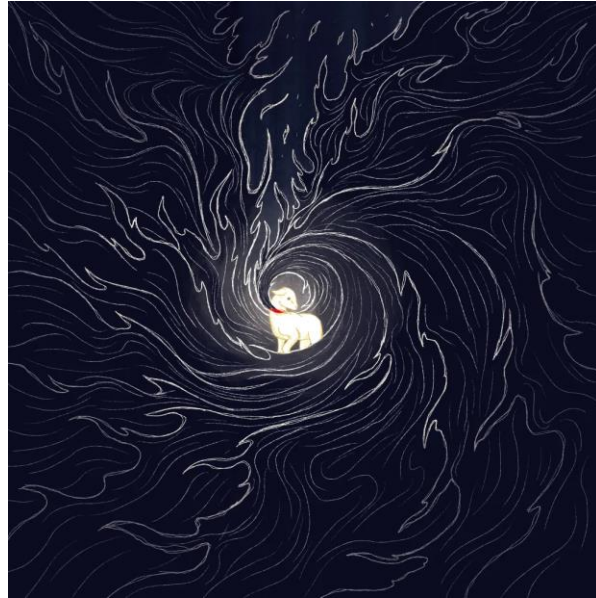
Only God knows.

When Jesus of Nazareth came to the Jordan to be baptized, he looked like just another young Galilean.

Yet John introduced him to the world as a funnel.

A funnel into which all the evil of all time would be poured and drained away.

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”



Did they understand what John was saying? Maybe.

***All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned, every one, to his own way.
And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.***

Isaiah 53

When Jesus died on the cross, he funneled all evil into himself, giving us a chance at a new start.

We come to the cross and die with him.



Our evil dies with us and he raises us to a new life.

Now we are able to forgive, as we were forgiven.

We are free to do God's will.

We are able to speak and live the truth.

Many are called, but few are chosen.

***“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth (on the cross)
will draw all people to myself.”***

John 12

All people are drawn to the cross in God's time.



Do we open our hearts or turn away?

Do we walk in the Light or choose the Darkness?

***“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”***

John 10

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Prayer: Sweet, Holy, divine Lord sometimes the darkness in this world and the darkness in our own minds and hearts fills us with despair. Admittedly, we allow that darkness and despair to turn us away from your light. Oh forgive us Lord. Help us to open our hearts once again. Help us to come to the life, the abundant life your sweet sacrifice brings us into. You alone can funnel this evil from us. You alone can funnel evil from this world. Give us the vision to know that no matter how depraved, wicked, hopeless and sad things in this world are...they will disappear because of your goodness and mercy towards us. Help us to draw near to you, to be drawn to you, and to die with you...joyfully allowing you to drain this darkness from us, freeing us to embrace life. Amen.

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