SELF-SACRIFICE OF EVIL.
DIARY LEAVES.
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EVERY step of constructive good calls forth also a special attention of the dark forces. We have often noticed that the dark forces turn out to be in daily life even better organized than the forces striving towards Light—this is very deplorable. At the time when those, who consider themselves servitors of the Good, shamefully permit themselves every kind of destructive disunion, the spiteful entities act very unitedly and are well organized. This is a very sad spectacle but yet one may observe this rather often, beginning from small everyday questions up to affairs of the State. And the energy which is being developed by the dark forces sometimes even leads them to a peculiar form of self-sacrifice.

No doubt everyone can recall a great many instances, when an evil-doer, a slanderer, a traitor, began to act even to his own disadvantage, and yet in the name of enacted evil, he can already no longer stop himself. He was ready to put his reputation at stake, he was ready to challenge the powerful enemy, he was ready to face ridicule—only to continue the evil sowing, which he had once commenced.

The psychological reasons of such an apparently abnormal manifestation, as the self-sacrifice of evil, are difficult to formulate. Of course, first of all, they have their root in the limitation of evil. Evil, after all, is always ignorant in something or other, and can never reach a high state of consciousness. The methods of evil are in the majority of cases rather primitive and sooner or later this circumstance must come to light, which is by no means a self-consolation for those who have been subjected to the attacks of evil. It will be but the confirmation of the immutable law of limitation and thus of the impracticability of evil. But if one can speak of a self-sacrifice of evil, which even risks its own destruction in order to commit a crime or some evil—then how much
better should the forces of good be organized in order not to bemean their neighbour and brother-warrior! It would seem that all fellow-travellers should already be considered desirable friends. People very easily pronounce such words as “friendship,” “amity,” and “co-operation.” But all this in its very essence is very easily subjected to the influence of evil. By way of self-consolation, it is said that this is not the fault of the seekers for good, but that of the zealous soldiers of evil, who, as if by their resourcefulness, with much ingenuity, sever the knot of co-operation. And when giving such praises to evil, people do not realize at all what a disgrace they attribute to the potentiality of Good. For the acknowledgment of the power of evil is already the best praise.

Verily, the acknowledgment of the power and ingenuity of evil already in itself contains the potentiality of disintegration and bemeaning of Good. Instead of trying in a fit of fear and cowardice to vindicate oneself through the power of evil, would it not be better to think how easily and naturally all good strivings may be applied for self-defence?

And the problem is not only in the self-defence of Good. Every Good is already in itself active and fills the immeasurably far-off space. If evil strikes and infests the atmosphere, then Good is a true healer and renewer of injured tissues.

It would also seem quite natural that constructive Good should be especially sharpened and vigilant in moments of the so-called Armageddon—at the hour of attack of the dark forces. Yet we see that at this hour which is so great because of its consequences, the good forces become permeated with unbefitting timidity, leaving the field of action to the forces of darkness.

It is sad to see how not only the forces of darkness themselves, but also their greyish allies lie and slander sow weeds, without any resistance from the side of those, who yet consider themselves the guardians of Truth and Good. It is deplorable to see how these deserters into the camp of darkness, without even pondering over the consequences, join the malicious sowers. It is strange that at that moment their feeling of responsibility for the committed evil as if becomes completely atrophied. In their repulsive convulsions, these volunteers of evil do not even care for their position, nor rank, nor age—only to sow their destructive seeds. It is incomprehensible that the experience of age, not to speak of the responsibility of education, does not stop the liars and slanderers. And the voluntary allies of evil shamelessly continue to call themselves just people and consider themselves in the ranks of esteemed and honoured men.

Besides, the liar will not even go to the trouble of checking his cunning devices on facts, but on the contrary will in every conceivable way hasten to evade such possibilities. Whenever confronted with facts, he even falls into a state of physical convulsion and trembles, when seeing that his malicious machinations are in danger of becoming
disclosed. Perhaps, sometimes, the liar himself does not believe in his innermost his own slander, its obvious untruthfulness, but some inexpressible process compels him to slide down the incline. And then his formulas of definition become especially rich and before them often become pale the timid hints of the defenders of Truth. And are there many, who can find the daringness to say at least: “Do not speak of what you do not know”? For if to some one the measures of good are not clear, then at least the clean sound adherence to facts should be the primitive condition of human standard.

It is also regrettable to observe another variety of volunteers of evil, who often do not even support a lie in words, but who silently rejoice. They do not even try to warn the slanderer of the consequences of his lie. On the contrary, by their quiet smile they encourage the doers of evil. Thus between the conscious forces of darkness and the warriors of active Good, there is a legion of volunteers of evil, who, in most varying degrees, assist and back hiddenly the infection of the atmosphere.

The discipline of spirit, the inherent consciousness of responsibility, which is inseparable from human existence, do not worry these malicious evil-doers. One can give them no other name, for they go without a path and in their ignorant licentiousness are ready to join any destructive infection.

All these qualities are neither national, nor are they subject to other divisions. These considerations are purely all-human and prove once more that the forgotten living ethics are necessary first of all, beginning from the first days of education.

Pondering over the self-sacrifice of the forces of darkness, symptoms of which people see so often, they should sooner or later think of the practicability of the same active self-sacrifice also on the part of the Good. The examples of wonderful heroes are, it would seem, sufficiently real. It would also seem, that not for abstract and hazy unreal problems, but for a true constructiveness, these great souls laboured here on our earth, affirming their thoughts and words by daily incessant actions. The vocabulary of the self-sacrifice of Good is indeed beautiful and by far more complete than casual and conventional encyclopaedias had yet time to record. Becoming saturated with these calling examples, people, and mainly the younger generation, can so easily turn away from the unconscious support of evil, not to say even closest co-operation in malicious destruction. It is an old-known truth that children in their first years usually respond easily to Good. It is also usually so that the sad examples of the family awaken in the child’s soul for the first time a leaning towards evil and then later on active participation in it. But if now in the whole world the tension reaches its climax, if even the cosmic forces respond to these destructive infections, then it is indeed high time now to become ashamed for the activity of evil, which reaches a state of self-sacrifice. For the very definition of self-sacrifice of evil should awaken in even very ignorant people the desire for similar action in the name of constructive Good.

Self-sacrifice of evil is indeed a serious reproach to humanity!

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