

Summary of God and Evil, Episode 4

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—God is only sending out love and wisdom that lead to good feelings and good thoughts.

—We currently live in a human-affected network that's feeding us a mixture of good and bad feelings, and true and false thoughts.

—We get to choose what kind of receivers we want to be.

—Like a wireless device, we'll receive what we're tuned in to, and what we're not tuned into properly we'll either not receive at all, or garble it.

—If we choose to act opposite to God, we can twist God's love and wisdom into negative feelings and thoughts.

—But choosing to turn our minds and lives in a better direction, step by step, will gradually tune our minds to those higher, heavenly frequencies that angels have fully opened up to.

Reflection exercise:

With all the daily challenges we face during earthly life, it can be very hard to "tune in" to those deeper places of trust, hope, and the recognition of all the goodness in ourselves, others, and in life. Practice taking time to notice something beautiful today, something you're grateful for, something to love, admire, or have patience and compassion for in everyone you encounter (including yourself). When you notice yourself in an onslaught of negativity, remember that God is with you in that moment, supporting you with unconditional love and wisdom. How can you remind yourself of that reality, and tune into it?

Related videos to check out on YouTube:

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Quotes from this lesson in fuller context:

Heaven and Hell 8

Everyone in the heavens knows, believes, and even perceives that nothing good is intended and done by the self and that nothing true is thought and believed by the self. Everything comes from the Divine, which means from the Lord. Anything good and true from the self is not good or true, because there is no life from the Divine within it. Angels of the central heaven perceive and feel the inflow distinctly. The more they accept, the more they seem to be in heaven, because they are more fully absorbed in love and faith, in the light of intelligence and wisdom, and in the heavenly joy that results. Once we see that all these qualities emanate from the Lord's divine nature, we can see that the Lord's divine nature makes heaven. It is not anything the angels do with a sense of ownership.

This is why in the Word heaven is called the Lord's dwelling and his throne. It is why the people who live there are described as being "in the Lord." We will explain later how the divine emanates from the Lord and fills heaven.