

*"That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things." *Isaiah 45:6-7 KJV**



Men fall severely short of comprehending the infinite scope of God's ability to create and destroy. We think nothing of the potter who breaks the pottery that cracked in the oven, but when the Master Potter decides that a vessel should be used for this or that purpose we cry foul! Did He not form the dust? Did He not form man from that dust? God is just to require

His vessels to perform the tasks for which they were created. We were created to please God. That is our purpose. *"The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the Throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the Throne, saying, 'Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.'* *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. And the Word was made flesh, (Jesus) and dwelt among us."* We are creatures of worship. A man will worship something, even if it comes in an aluminum can. Worship is instinct. However, we will never find any satisfaction worshipping anything but God. A car may be able to run on cooking oil, but it was designed for gasoline. You can bake a cake without sugar, but then it isn't a cake. Look around you. It will be apparent soon enough what a person worships. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what a man's obsession is. It's interesting to me that we never associate God with evil, but here is the statement in God's own Words that He is responsible for its creation. We need to understand that God does what He does to display His Glory and Holiness. Creating evil simply gives contrast to the Holiness that is our God. It doesn't make God more Holy, it simply manifests His Holiness to His creation. Black makes white appear whiter. Turning on a light doesn't change anything in a room it just makes what's there more visible. When a jeweler wants to give a jewel better appeal, he will display it on black velvet under a bright light. Nothing about the jewel has changed. It's simply given more contrast. The light illuminates the magnificence that already exists. If it did not exist, the contrast of the black velvet would be useless. God manifests Himself to His worshippers in sublime intimate ways to make their worship of Him all the more fulfilling!

So many things in earth's black night,
The evil dark will hide from sight,
For jewels to glisten gleaming bright,
They need the brightness of the light. ~CGP

Our adoration pleases the Almighty, and He delights to dwell in the praises of His saints. He takes pleasure in us when we take pleasure in Him. He is worthy of our adoration and worship.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Revelation 4:11 KJV