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From Campo de Jonatan I write to you.

Tidings of joy and faith this two-thousand and twenty-second winter of our Lord, God is with us! Take notice of evil in the general and in the particular.

Since the fall of man, Creation has been tainted. *Shalom*, peace and oneness with the Lord, has been tainted. Then, therefore any subsequent event, which is the general, and action, which is the specific, which impairs or infringes the peace God shares with his children is an evil.

Events, those being a general evil, are beyond our control. Thus from the book of Job:

ו וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם--וַיָּבֹאוּ בָנָי

הָאֱלֹהִים, לְהִתְנַצֵּב עַל-יְהוָה;  
וַיָּבֹאוּ גַם-הַשָּׁטָן, בְּתוֹכָם.

ז וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-הַשָּׁטָן  
מֵאֵין תָּבֹא; וַיַּעַן הַשָּׁטָן אֶת-  
יְהוָה, וַיֹּאמֶר, מִשׁוּט בְּאֶרֶץ  
וּמִהֲתַהַלֵּךְ בָּהּ.

ח וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-הַשָּׁטָן  
הֲשִׁמְתָּ לְבָבְךָ עַל-עַבְדֵי אֵיּוֹב:  
כִּי אֵין כָּמֹהוּ בְּאֶרֶץ, אִישׁ תָּם  
וַיִּשָּׁר יָרֵא אֱלֹהִים וְסָר מִרַע.

ט וַיַּעַן הַשָּׁטָן אֶת-יְהוָה  
וַיֹּאמֶר: הֲחַנּוּם יָרֵא אֵיּוֹב,  
אֱלֹהִים.

י הֲלֹא-אֵת (שְׂכָתָה  
בְּעָדוֹ וּבְעַד-בֵּיתוֹ, וּבְעַד כָּל-  
אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ--מִסָּבִיב: מַעֲשֵׂה  
יָדָיו בְּרִכָּת, וּמִקְנֵהוּ פָּרָץ  
בְּאֶרֶץ.

יא וְאוֹלָם שָׁלַח-נָא יָדְךָ, וַגַּע  
בְּכָל-אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ--אִם-לֹא עַל-  
פְּנֵיךָ, יִבְרַכְךָ.

יב וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-הַשָּׁטָן  
הֲנֵה כָל-אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ בְּיָדְךָ--רַק  
אֱלֹו, אֶל-תְּשַׁלַּח יָדְךָ; וַיִּצָּא  
הַשָּׁטָן, מִעַם, פְּנֵי יְהוָה.

Now there was a day when  
the sons of God came to  
present themselves before the

LORD, and Satan came  
also among them.

And the LORD said unto  
Satan, Whence comest thou?  
Then Satan answered the  
LORD, and said, From  
going to and fro in the earth,  
and from walking up and  
down in it.

And the LORD said unto  
Satan, Hast thou considered  
my servant Job, that there is  
none like him in the earth, a  
perfect and an upright man,  
one that feareth God, and  
escheweth evil?

Then Satan answered the  
LORD, and said, Doth  
Job fear God for nought?

Hast not thou made an  
hedge about him, and about  
his house, and about all that  
he hath on every side? thou  
hast blessed the work of his  
hands, and his substance is  
increased in the land.

But put forth thine hand  
now, and touch all that he  
hath, and he will curse thee  
to thy face.

And the LORD said unto  
Satan, Behold, all that he

*bath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.*

Job, at peace with the Lord, is beset with evils. Beyond his control, that which God had given him is delivered unto the adversary. The adversary broke the peace Job had with what the Lord had given him. However, in his fidelity Job himself did not break his peace with the Lord, thereby committing evil.

Job abstained from action which would have broken his peace with God. Though before the coming of the Son, Job kept to his command from the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew:

Ἠκούσατε ὅτι ἐρρέθη,  
Ὁφθαλμὸν ἀντὶ

ὀφθαλμοῦ καὶ ὀδόντα  
ἀντὶ ὀδόντος.

ἐγὼ δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν μὴ  
ἀντιστῆναι τῷ πονηρῷ·  
ἀλλ' ὅστις σε ῥαπίζει εἰς  
σιαγόνα, στρέψον αὐτῷ  
καὶ τὴν ἄλλην·

*Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:*

*But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*

Job did not resist the evil suffered upon him, but he did resist the temptation to commit evil, that is cursing the Lord. If we have been commanded to not resist evil, we must not consider temptation to be an evil.

Thus, temptation is our capacity, perhaps our will, to resist or commit

evil. Integrity, which is more so trust than strength in the Lord, is our capacity to accept peace with him and his creation.

Therefore, take forth the Law as instruction on evil, its general and particular nature; take also the commandments of Christ as instruction on integrity and have peace.

Dominus Deus  
omnipotens, Pater,  
Filius et Spiritus  
Sanctus, benedicat me  
in labore meo et vos in  
omnibus. Amen.