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The definition and concept of counterpart:

Two human beings:

One part answers to the other, complements, brings to completion or to fulfillment.

Adam is created to allow Eve to come to her completion.

What makes you happy? Freedom, life and property:

Greed is not bad. God is extremely greedy. How much property does he have? Everything. He doesn't give it to you if you don't work for it. That's why we are greedy as well.

It's the inviolable right for every being to have property and education: non material and material possession. Greed is not just evil.

Adam and Eve are the complementing counterpart of one another, but they weren't yet the counterpart of God in the beginning. They needed to be trained into that high position.

That was Lucifer's job, but he didn't want to do that. Gabriel was taking over and Christ himself has taken personal responsibility for that work.

God creates humanity lower than himself. Humanity was already a counterpart when it was created, but it had to grow into the position of God. The counterpart was a faint image of God

and still had to grow. He is going to help you to grow, he sends you a schoolmaster who will teach you.

Adam and Eve, will not teach us the relation between God and human but between human and human.

In addition to that we need to learn how to grow to the level of God, how to be his counterpart, how the relationship between God and human works.

5 forms of relationship:

Siblings, marriage, friends, master/slave, parents/child.

Slavery is evil on any level, however, it can teach how a human being (Slave) can become a counterpart of God (Master).

The most perfect model is parent/child. To learn that, God allows Adam and Eve to have children.

God allows us to have children, to teach us how to grow to become the counterpart of God.

You start as a child (below) and grow to an adult, a parent, an employer, a teacher (high). So you play 2 roles - the role of a human and the role of Jesus/Gabriel/God.

Jesus is the parent, Gabriel is the teacher. Depending on your situation you can play several roles.

The reason why we have children is to learn how to become a counterpart, how to grow into a counterpart. A child is a parabolic explanation of Adam and Eve as human beings. Your children represent Adam and Eve and you as a parent represent God or Gabriel. All of these are working parables and we have to have our own parabolic experience in order to learn and grow.

The church and the world need to receive the great test. The church (Jews) have the law, the world (gentiles) have no law. Therefore the test has to be natural and doesn't deal with God. So it can't be the first 4 commandments.

The test for all is the golden rule that doesn't have God in it: Treat other humans like you want to be treated by them. That's why we need these parabolic experiences, because most people don't believe in God.

But we, God's people, need another teaching method. We have the spiritual and the literal test. The gentiles have only the literal test.

All our relationships teach us how counterpart works: Some teach you how to climb; others teach you how it is when you have arrived. Different relationships have different contexts. But they all tie nicely together.

Parents and children: Children are not yet grown up. Adam's and Eve's 2 sons show us how this growth should work and how it shouldn't work. God did not create Cain as evil from the beginning. But even his evilness helps us to understand how it works. We have Cain and Abel. One becomes the counterpart and the other doesn't. These 2 brothers represent Christ and Lucifer.

Question:

Do you think people understand God better when they are married, work for someone, or have children in contrast to be just a single young person who is not having these forms of relationship?

So should we now marry and have children in order to know God better?

What does the Bible say? It's not good to remain single. But doesn't Paul say it's better to be alone? Yes, but it can't be better. You can survive being single, but it's not the best because it doesn't fulfill God's original plan. This is not a battle cry for everyone to get married tomorrow and have lots of babies. We are just looking at the principle.

There is good evidence that Paul already was married and possibly a widower later, so he decided that he didn't want to remarry and focus on his gospel work.

To be married and have children is the best form of education but it can also be the worst or hardest form. When things go wrong, they go wrong badly and it becomes painful. It's like a double edged sword.

Going back to Webster's:

Counterpart = corresponding part, copy, duplicate, part which fit together.

One part fits another part as the key to a code or a lock. One cannot exist without the other.

When we are the counterpart of God, what is the function of this relationship? The function of the relationship is to hold things together, like a nut and a bolt. There is something in the universe or the creation that needs to be held together. It's something when God a human coming together, but what it is exactly, no idea.

When they form one thing, why couldn't God just hold everything together? What is this, even before sin? All this has got nothing to do with the sin problem.

The sin problem didn't change anything. God have a plan to take us from below to above. And the sin problem was just a disruption. But it never took him away from his plan. Satan thought that if they sin, the plan would be destroyed and humans couldn't come from below to above, they wouldn't b able to God's counterpart then and Satan would keep his position. He hasn't got this job any longer, so maybe he thinks he will get it back. God will apologize and ask him to come back, like some experts that are behaving badly, but their employers need them, so they do everything for them to get them back.

But the sin problem didn't change anything in God's plan. EGW says that we become closer to God after sin. That means that we are designed to be his counterpart before sin and after sin. That didn't change. If sin hadn't happened, Christ would not have become human. So we can come even closer to God than before.

When a marriage becomes bad, there is adultery and grounds for divorce, when there is forgiveness there will a new start and the new relationship can be even better than before.

Humanity committed adultery against God with the snake. God could have said, I start again and make ma another counterpart. But he didn't and forgave us instead. The marriage between the human and divine can become even stronger because of adultery, not despite adultery.

The point I want to make, if your relationships are bad, that could actually be the catalyst for achieving something that could get better and not worse.

The Golden Rule would mean: God divorce human beings and marriage someone else.

"If you help me, I help you", is the Golden rule and it is fine at the beginning, but we need to go much higher.

John 13,34: The new commandment: Love one another how I have loved you.

This is beyond the Golden Rule and means: When someone hurts you, you don't respond in like manner. You don't even look what people do for you. The love that you give, doesn't expect anything back.

1 Cor 13 goes to a much higher standard. When we were children, we behaved like children, we were reasonable. But we are supposed to have the kind of love of 1 Cor 13,4-7. When you practice that, you will achieve something that is far better than what would have happened if sin hadn't existed.

The subject of equality has to do with a counterpart. It's not about two people who are identical, but it's about how two people come together and form one whole thing. The perfection happens only when they come together. They don't work when they are separate.

A lock and a key have no purpose.

Adam and Eve cannot exist properly, and play their role separate from one another.

The goal is that the humans become the counterpart of God.

Now, after sin, we can even be more his counterpart than before.

How does EGW use the word counterpart?

GC 351.1:

“The experience of the disciples, who preached the ‘gospel of the kingdom’ at the first advent of Christ, had its **counterpart** in the experience of those who proclaimed the message of His second advent.”

Counterpart compares two people or groups that are the same: The disciples and the Millerites.

This is repeat and enlarge, line upon line – not progression.

The two groups become one, the two messages become one.

If you accept that, you have just destroyed that this is the quote that proves the 2520. Just with the word counterpart. The word counterpart proves that this cannot be the 2520 quote.

The message of the 1st Advent had its counterpart or duplicate in the message of the 2nd Advent.

What’s the message of the disciples? “The time is fulfilled, the prophecy have come to an end.”

The message Miller copies that: “The time is fulfilled, the prophecy have come to an end.”

So what prophecy are they both dealing with? The prophecy of Dan 9: The 490 for the disciples and the 1810 for the Millerites. The end of both parts of the same prophecy: 2300. The Jews preached to the Jews (Disciples), and then the gentiles preached to the gentiles (Millerites). First the church, then the world.

The movement has fallen into such a ditch and broke so many rules when they used this quote to prove the 2520.

Another example with the word counterpart:

1888 1430.2:

“It was a wonderful thing for God to create man, to make mind. The glory of God is to be revealed in the creation of man in God’s image, and in his redemption.”

The amazing thing was not just the body, but especially the mind that God created. God’s glory is the mind – repeat and enlarge these two sentences.

When God made humanity, his mind was revealed. God created a copy of his own brain and put it into a human body, that everyone could see how He works and how He was like. That was the miracle, the wonderful thing.

The glory was not only seen in the creation of that mind, but also in the redemption, after all went wrong. We see how God’s brain works, how he made the mind and how he will redeem it, purchase it back in order to save it.

What is the mind of a human being?

It has all the properties that God’s mind has:

His ability to replicate himself: make children, reproduce.

But also his ability to deal with things when they go wrong. Every human has this power and ability. When someone behaves badly at you, you have the ability to reveal God: to redeem that situation and to redeem that person.

“One soul is of more value than a whole world. God created the man that every faculty might be the faculty of the divine mind.”

Every part of your inner being or your strength is just another facet of the divine mind. There is nothing in a human being even in a sinful one that is not a faculty of the divine:

Greed, hatred, avarice, jealousy... is all a faculty of the divine mind. It has to be so, because you can’t create anything new.

“The Lord Jesus Christ is the author of all being. He is also the author of our redemption.”

He writes our creation and our redemption. When you have the same mind, you too can become the author of people’s being and their redemption!

Everyone who enters the kingdom of God will develop a character, a mind, that is the counterpart of the character or mind of God.

“No one can dwell with God in heaven except those who look like him. Those who are redeemed are overcomers. They are to be elevated and pure and one with Christ.”

This is a really nice passage. It explains so much about who we are and who God is. God took his mind out of himself and put it into a creature. Then that creature became a reflexion of God.

If you want to know more about God, you look at the creature and you see the glory of God revealed.

This was the gift that God gave to Lucifer but he saw this as a punishment.

God said: “I want you to get to know me.”

But Lucifer said: “I’m already there, standing behind you thrown, serving you. I know what you are like.”

God said: “You know nothing about me. I write you a biography about me, Jesus is the author and you will read it and see how I am. Or I will make a documentary on it.

I will get my mind, take it out of myself and put it into the body of two human beings. When you are together with them and see as they grow, you will learn about me and you will teach them what you know about me.”

This is the greatest blessing that could have been given to Lucifer but he saw it as a curse. And when the plan didn’t work, because Lucifer became Satan, then God said: “OK Satan, I show you more about myself through the creation of man in his image **and in his redemption.**”

So he is going to teach Lucifer that is now Satan about God in one way or the other.

Prayer:

Help us to learn the lesson that Lucifer didn't want to learn. He didn't want to learn about you by reading the book that you gave him. As we have our relationships, as we look at people we complain so much that they are sinful and they have nothing to teach us and yet we know that's not true. Help us to realize every time we look at someone, if we see their redemption, if we participate in their redemption, we can read your mind and in reading we can learn, and in learning we can be educated, and in educating we can be changed. May this be our desire.