

Visual Analogy Guide: Understanding God's Nature through Light and the Rainbow

1. Introduction: God as Pure Light

Welcome! If you have ever pondered profound questions such as *"Why is there evil in the world?"* or *"What is God's character truly like?"*, you are embarking on a vital journey of understanding. Deep theological concepts can sometimes feel abstract or overwhelming, but complex truths often become remarkably clear when viewed through simple, physical analogies from the world around us.

The primary visual tool we will use in this guide is **light**. Throughout Scripture, God uses physical light to help us grasp His spiritual identity. First John 1:5 proclaims the fundamental truth that *"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all,"* while Jesus reminds us in Mark 10:18 that *"Only God is truly good."*

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good..." — **Genesis 1:3-4 (KJV)**

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." — **1 John 1:5 (ESV)**

💡 **Key Concept: God is Perfect Goodness Personified** God is pure, unmixed goodness. Because He is entirely good and contains no darkness or evil within Himself, He cannot commit evil—and therefore, **God did not create evil or darkness.**

Understanding that God is pure light and perfect goodness provides the foundational answer to our deepest questions. Because God is purely good, evil did not originate from His creative hand. To see how this works in practice, let us look closer at how pure white light can be broken down to help us understand God's diverse character traits.

2. The Rainbow Spectrum: Mapping the Seven Spirits of God

In physical optics, pure white light is not an empty absence of color; rather, it is created when every color of the visible light spectrum is blended together in perfect proportion. When a single beam of pure white light passes through a medium such as a glass prism or raindrops suspended in the atmosphere, it undergoes **refraction**. Because different wavelengths of light bend at slightly different angles when passing through a medium, refraction unveils the hidden

diversity within the light, separating the unified white beam into its brilliant, individual spectral colors.

Scripture reveals that a rainbow radiates around God's very throne in Heaven (Revelation 4:3; Ezekiel 1:28). This visual phenomenon is a direct physical reflection of spiritual reality. Just as pure white light contains the entire visible spectrum within itself, God's unified character encompasses distinct spiritual attributes. In Isaiah 11:1-2, these attributes are identified as the **Seven Spirits of God**.

Rainbow Spectrum & The Seven Spirits of God

Rainbow Color	Corresponding Spirit of God (Isaiah 11:1-2)
 Red	Wisdom
 Orange	Counsel
 Yellow	Knowledge
 Green	Spirit of the Lord
 Blue	Fear of the Lord
 Indigo	Might
 Violet	Understanding

A rainbow is not seven independent, competing light sources; it is one unified white light refracted into view. In the exact same way, God's character is not a loose collection of disconnected traits, but a single, perfectly integrated spiritual entity displaying rich, interconnected attributes.

Now that we see how light and color represent the fullness of God's character, we must ask: *What happens when light and color are completely removed?*

3. Visualizing Darkness: The Photographer's Darkroom Analogy

To understand what happens when light is absent, we must examine the physical properties of darkness and the color black.

In the Biblical narrative of creation, darkness was present before natural light was spoken into existence:

"And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters." — **Genesis 1:2 (NASB)**

Notice the visual contrast: God's active presence was hovering over the waters, yet darkness covered the desolate void *before* light was introduced. Darkness was not "created" as a physical substance; it was simply the existing condition prior to the presence of light.

Consider how a photographer builds a **darkroom** to develop traditional film:

- A photographer cannot actively generate, pour, or project "darkness" into a room. Darkness has no source, no energy, and no physical substance.
- To make the room dark, the photographer must systematically **remove every source of light** and seal off every crack in the doors so that no light can enter.
- Light requires an active energy source (a flame, a bulb, or the sun) to exist. Darkness requires no energy or source whatsoever—it is merely what remains when light is withdrawn or blocked out.
- You can actively shine light into a dark space to drive darkness away, but you can never "shine darkness" into a well-lit room.

The same principle applies to color. Pure white light is the presence of all colors in the light spectrum. **Black is not a color**; in optics, black only appears in the total absence of all light and color.

Physical Properties: Light/White vs. Darkness/Black

- **Light / Pure White:**
 - *Nature:* An active, energetic reality that requires a light source.
 - *Composition:* Created by the perfect blending of all colors in the visible spectrum.
 - *Origin:* Spoken into existence by God and declared "good" (Genesis 1:3-4).
- **Darkness / Black:**
 - *Nature:* A passive, absent condition requiring no energy or source.

- *Composition:* Not a standalone color or created substance; exists strictly in the total absence of color and light.
- *Origin:* The naturally occurring void when light is removed or excluded.

Key Takeaway: Darkness requires no effort to create—it is the passive, automatic condition that remains when light is sealed out or removed. Light is active and present; darkness is entirely passive and absent.

Understanding this physical dynamic allows us to make a seamless transition from physical light and darkness to spiritual light and evil.

4. The Nature of Evil: The Void Left When Light Is Rejected

If God is purely good and did not create evil, where did evil come from?

Jesus frequently connected physical light with spiritual truth, and darkness with evil. Matthew 4:16 describes Jesus' arrival on earth as a great light rising for people living in spiritual darkness. Later, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declared:

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light within you has turned into darkness, how great is that darkness!" — **Matthew 6:22-23 (ISV)**

Just as physical darkness is the automatic result of removing light, **evil is the natural, inevitable void left whenever God, His Truth, and His instructions are rejected.**

Evil is not a created entity or substance. Teacher Jamie Lash observed that every willful sin is rooted in a lie—specifically, the lie that there is something good for us apart from God. This dynamic began at the fall of humanity with **Eve in the Garden of Eden**. Eve believed the lie of the serpent over the Truth of God, convincing herself that ultimate goodness could be gained apart from God's command. To choose evil, one must first reject God's Truth. When that Truth is pushed away, a spiritual vacuum forms, and evil naturally rushes in to fill the void.

This reality is demonstrated throughout Scripture and history across three clear case studies:

Case Study 1: Cain's Choice (Genesis 4:5-7)

1. **The Choice:** When God favored Abel's offering, Cain became extremely angry (indignant) and looked annoyed and hostile. God lovingly warned Cain that he was at a critical crossroads: if he did well by believing God and following instructions, he would be accepted, but if he ignored instruction, sin was "crouching at the door" seeking to overpower him.
2. **The Rejection:** Cain chose to ignore God's explicit instruction, actively rejecting divine guidance and light.
3. **The Result:** The moment God's instruction was rejected, a moral void opened in Cain's heart. Evil thoughts rushed in to fill the vacuum, feeding his emotions until Cain murdered his brother Abel—introducing murder into a world where it had never previously existed.

Case Study 2: The Berlin Declaration of 1909

1. **The Choice:** Following powerful moves of God during the Welsh and Azusa Street revivals, a fresh work of the Holy Spirit spread to Kassel, Germany.
2. **The Rejection:** Established German religious leaders gathered and formally rejected this move of the Holy Spirit in a document known as the *Berlin Declaration of 1909*. They explicitly declared that this Pentecostal movement was "not from above, but from below." In doing so, they echoed the scribes in Mark 3:28-30 who committed blasphemy against the Holy Spirit by attributing Jesus' divine miracles to Satan.
3. **The Result:** By attributing the Holy Spirit's work to the devil and rejecting His light, German religious leaders systematically removed spiritual light from their institution, leaving a catastrophic moral vacuum. Just a few decades later, Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party rose to power in that same nation, leading to World War II and the slaughter of millions in the Holocaust.

Case Study 3: The End-Times Restrainer (2 Thessalonians 2:6-12)

1. **The Choice:** Second Thessalonians reveals that a spiritual force currently restrains lawlessness and delays the full revelation of the Antichrist on earth.

2. **The Rejection:** In the final years of the age, this restraining force for good will be "taken out of the way" because humanity "did not welcome the love of the truth so as to be saved."
3. **The Result:** With the force for good removed, an immense void will open across the globe. Dark evil, counterfeit miracles, and unlimited deception will saturate the earth. Because people rejected the truth and took pleasure in unrighteousness, 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 explains that God will send them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie—demonstrating that complete deception is the final consequence of rejecting truth.

While seeing how darkness and evil fill the void left by rejected truth can be sobering, it points us directly toward our own personal responsibility and hope: the power of human choice and free will.

5. Conclusion & Learner Action Plan: Choosing the Light

God did not create evil, but He did create humanity with the gift of **free will**. As Deuteronomy 30:19 states, God places life and death, blessings and curses before us, encouraging us: *"therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live."* God never forces alignment, nor does He lead us into evil; He gives us complete freedom to choose our path and experience its natural results.

When we choose to reject God and His instructions, evil automatically fills the resulting void. But when we choose to align our lives with God, we step into His spiritual light and enter into perfect harmony with the unalterable laws of the universe.

Key Principles for Walking in the Light

- **Emulate Goodness:** Choose active alignment with God's goodness rather than copying evil practices.

"Dear friend, don't be like those who do evil. Be like those who do good. Anyone who does what is good belongs to God." — **3 John 11 (NIRV)**

- **Make God Your Refuge:** Draw near to God daily so your spirit remains filled with His light.

"But as for me, it is good for me to draw near to God; I have made the Lord God my refuge..." — **Psalms 73:28 (AMP)**

- **Ask for Daily Guidance:** Seek the Holy Spirit to keep your feet on stable, righteous ground.

"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing." — **Psalm 143:10 (NLT)**

- **Obey Divine Instructions:** Trust that obedience to God's instructions protects you from spiritual voids and leads to lasting peace.

"Carefully obey all the commands that I give you. When you do what is good and right... then everything will go well for you..." — **Deuteronomy 12:28 (ERV)**

☀️ **Summary for the Learner God is pure Light and perfect Goodness.** Just as blackness is not a standalone color but simply the absence of light, **evil is not a creation of God, but the void left whenever God and His Truth are rejected.** By using your free will to choose God and obey His word, you step out of the darkness and walk in the brilliant, life-giving spectrum of His light!