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Is.5,20: *“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness.”*

1Pt.2,21-22: *“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’”*

We can call good what is evil and light what is darkness and we can call evil what is good and darkness what is light, we have the moral freedom to do so. But what we cannot do is ensure that we do not reap as we sow. I can call something good (a certain behaviour, a desire, plan, a way of thinking, a judgment etc.), what I cannot do is make good come from what I call good when it is evil. Many are the experienced “woes” that could remind us of this: could remind us that good and evil, light and darkness, are neither the call of the autonomous self nor the dictat of a heteronomous authority (such as tyrannical governments/corporations, powerful individuals and ideas, community, society).

Rather, if we would call good what *is* good, such that our lives become a matter of “good calls” and not evil ones, we must use what God has revealed of these things – for his word alone can be and is the rightful answer to the question ‘WHO SAYS?!’

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Mi.6,8) The example is and remains Jesus Christ, and not just the example but also the gift if we would seek in him the goodness we lack in ourselves.