

"EFFECT" AND "AFFECT" THE DIFFERENCE

The noun "effect" means, result or consequence, and the verb, to bring to pass. "Affect" is entirely different. It usually indicates a sense of assumption, assuming a character or quality that is not genuine. Thus we get our word affectation, meaning a false appearance.

God's inevitable consequence is effect, - something as real and true as that of which it is the effect. Man is the effect of God, and, in every quality and characteristic of good, shows forth God in the minutest detail.

Evil's consequence is not effect, but affectation. It is the assuming of something that does not belong to it, such as life, power and intelligence, which are qualities of God.

These two words, effect and affect should be understood, for they perfectly express the vast

difference between the appearance of Truth and the appearance of evil. One appearance is real and permanent and the other is false and ephemeral.

The effect, good, is always the presence of God, - true and eternal. The presence of evil is always pure assumption, unadulterated affectation, deception with the intent to deceive.