

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Feb 9th 2011**

Now, having a companion "in his own image" whom he called Man, the Supreme Being endowed him with many gifts which enabled him to exist in perfect harmony with his maker. Amongst the greatest of these gifts was free will. Man was a totally free being. Sadly, at some point man decided to use his free will to act contrary to the will of his maker. This caused an irreparable rupture in their relationship and affected Man's offspring for all time. Consequently, to this day, humankind is caught in a struggle between our inherent goodness and the constant temptation to evil. It is when the temptation to evil prevails that man succumbs to the evils mentioned in today's Gospel.

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