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For it is by good that we know evil good exists but that we may know evil. But if good exist for this end good is evil and since evil is of nature necessary to nature for the appearance of pain, a form of evil.

Life is limitation, but limitation can be perceived only by having the idea of perfection This idea's end is to prove the immortality: this idea is bad.

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