

Semantic Range

Play:

perform (on)
participate (in)
engage, dance
amuse, romp, fun
compete

Context
Determines
Meaning!

Awesome:

awe-inspiring
remarkable
terrifying

Semantic Range

Evil:

- 1.) Deed (or influence): Wickedness, Moral Failure
- 2.) Event: Calamity, Destruction, Disaster, Unpleasantness
- 3.) Result: Judgement, Recompense, Consequence

Context Determines Meaning! And...

“If *Context* is King, then *Semantic Range* is Parliament.”

Word Meanings Considered In **Context**

“I form the light,

and create **darkness**:

I make peace,

and create **evil**:

I the LORD do all these things.”

(Isaiah 45:7 KJV)

Not moral evil. These are “unpleasant” events or consequences.

Larger Context Contributes To Meaning

- A) “I am the LORD, and there is none else,
- B) there is no God beside me:
- C) I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:
- C’) That they may know
- B’) from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me.
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“**Woe** unto him that striveth with his Maker!

Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth.

Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?”

(Isaiah 45:9–10)

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God takes responsibility of the existence/**genesis** of all things.

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The tangible generation, of **intangible** things.

- 1.) God is Good, 1-John 1.5
- 2.) There is an enemy in this world—pushing all away from God, Eph. 2.2
- 3.) We all, also, are sinners—we are in need of a savior, Rom. 3.23

- 4.) God is present, even in the midst of our troubles,
2-Cor. 4.8
- 5.) God promises Judgment for those who perpetrate evil: (Glory to God; Vindication of God), Is. 3.11
- 6.) God promises Salvation, Growth and Glory for those who trust in him: (Glory to Man; Vengeance from God), 2-Cor. 4.15-17