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I believe that Socrates is right from a certain perspective. Knowledge is very good, it provides the user with the ability to know, understand, and see things in a way that others cannot. Ignorance is evil when it comes to playing a game of checkers with a friend. If he plays a different way than you do, and thinks that you should follow suit without doubt or question, he is being ignorant to your understanding of the game. In this sense Socrates is right with his quote, "There is only one good, that is, knowledge; and there is only one evil, that is, ignorance." Knowledge is good, and ignorance is bad. That is true.

Socrates has forgotten several things, though. First, knowledge can also be bad. Knowledge is very good to have, but not essential to everything. For example, a man who spends all his life in the library, reading books, obtains vast amounts of knowledge. This man knows everything, but he has not experienced any of it. What is the purpose of knowing the difference between a butterfly and a moth if you never observe the two? What is the purpose of knowing how to win a game, every time you play, if you never play the game? Knowledge is an important ingredient, but should not be the only one.

Knowledge is good, but not the only one. There are plenty of other goods that knowledge could never replace. Happiness and love are two more goods. They are emotions that please the body, mind, and soul. How can they not be considered for being an only good? I believe there are plenty of goods in this world, there is never only one.

Ignorance is not always evil. If we observe the checkers game scenario, we found the friend being ignorant in a bad way. If he does not want to play by the rules, he is being ignorant. Now, if you are taking your turn, and he is trying to tell you where to move, in order to win or advance through the game, it is okay to be ignorant and stick to your own plan. Sometimes, being ignorant can help you accomplish or achieve tasks that not being ignorant would never accomplish.

Ignorance is not the only evil. There are a truckload of evils out there. Death, torture, sadness, and greed are some evils that need to be taken into consideration.

These evils plague humans just as often as ignorance can. These evils should be taken into account.

Overall, Socrates is only partly true. Knowledge is good and ignorance is evil, but they can also be the other. Knowledge is not the only good in this world; love, happiness, and compassion are some to be named. Also, ignorance is not the only evil, others include, death, pain, sadness, and greed.

I believe that there are plenty of goods and evils in this world, including ignorance and knowledge together.