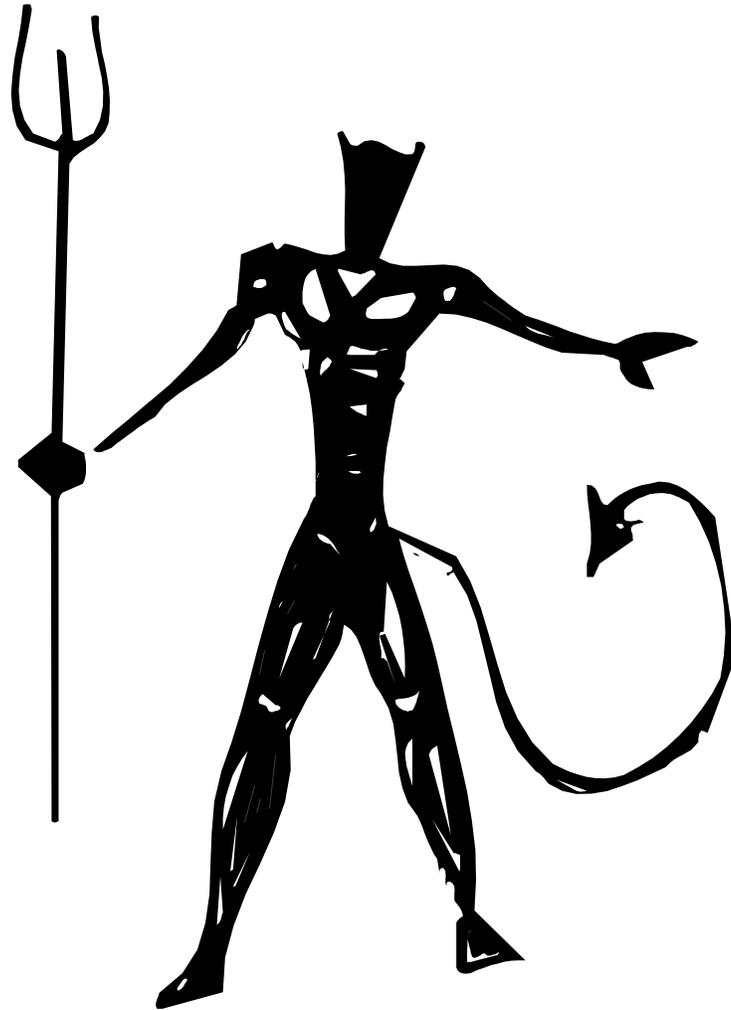
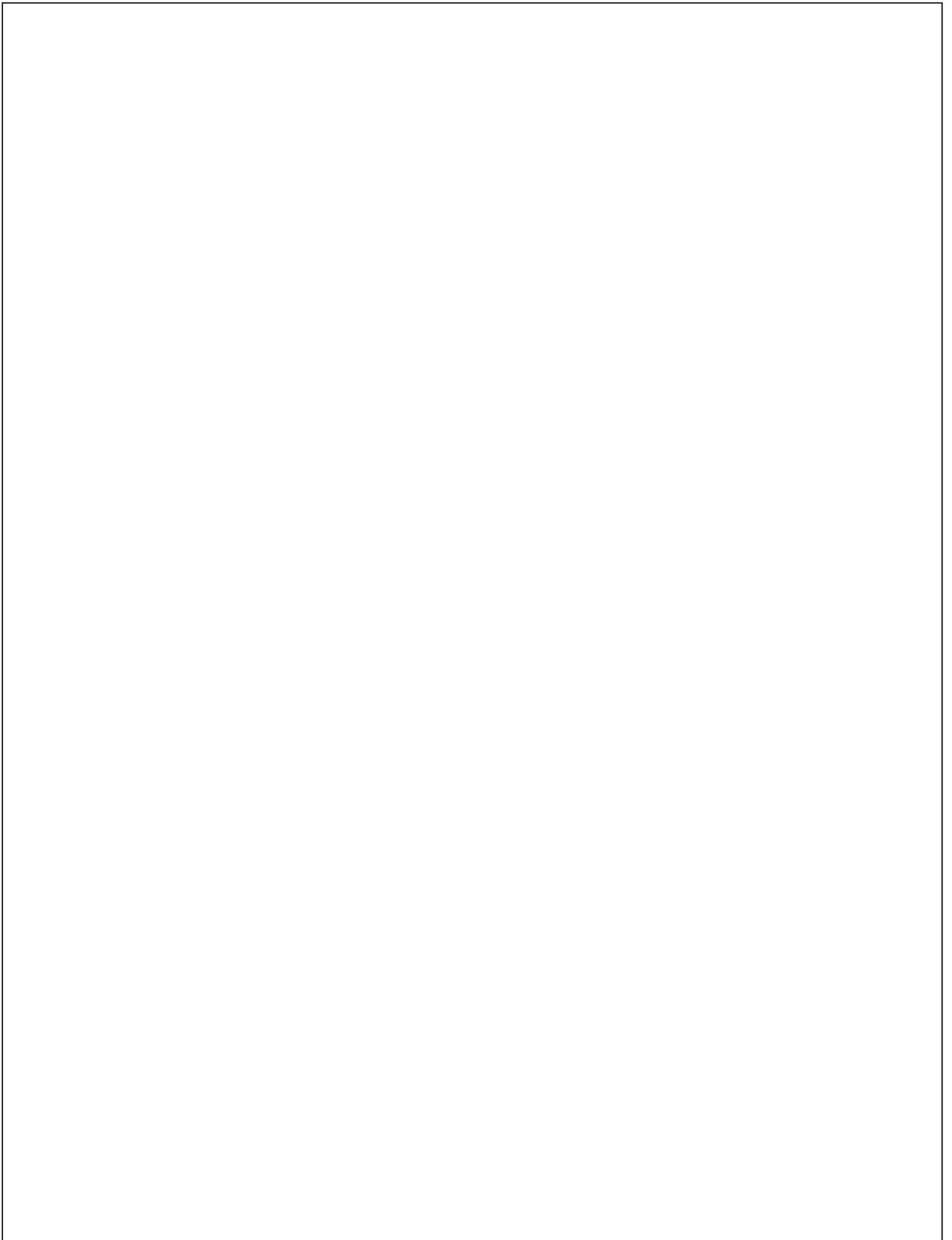


WHO IS THIS WICKED ONE



WE CALL SATAN?

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Who is this wicked one we call Satan? The scriptures do not reveal much detail about this entity even though there is a lot of speculation pertaining to him and his existence. There is no time period that explains exactly when he came into existence. According to the scripture, there are no indications as to when, if any, a revolt happened or when the fall occurred. The Bible is somewhat vague about how he became known as Satan and his origins. The lack of verifiable facts has not stopped the speculation about his existence or lack thereof.

Lucifer was originally created as one of God's highest angels. Satan, the Adversary, who possesses all angelic attributes, led some of the angels in a rebellion. Described as the originator and chief practitioner of sin (*I John 3:8*), he is that wicked one (*I John 5:18*), a thief and a destroyer (*John 10:10*), a deceiver (*Revelation 12:9*), murderer and liar (*John 8:44*), and the accuser of the brethren (*Revelation 12:10*). Satan's craftiness and deceitful nature is first depicted during the fall of mankind in *Genesis 3:1-13*, and in fact he masquerades as an angel of light (*II Corinthians 11:14*), and him that deceives the whole world (*Revelation 12:19*). He continues to be in opposition of all God is by counterfeiting the works of God and destroying all that is good. The phrase *deceiveth the whole world (Revelation 12:9)* is a definitive statement, that is a statement of summary, which summarizes the actions of the devil in the earth realm. During every free moment in the earth realm, Satan's only purpose has been to *deceive the world*. To *deceive* is to tell a *lie*. He is the father of lies and the father of deceit. If he can plant *a lie*, get you to accept it, then get you to act upon it, he can gain control of your mind in the battle for your soul. He wants you to think on things that are not true, keeping you confused, so that you will not know God's will for your life. An unmaintained, undisciplined thought-life occurs from the deceptions brought on by the Devil. Satan's main goal is to cause you not to maintain your thought-life. The devil is out to deceive you. That he might gain access to your soul through your mind. Satan is not a creator and has used the same tactics as he did during his first encounter with mankind. He uses the same methods today that he used in that encounter with Eve in the garden. Why would he change his methods of operation since they worked so well for him in the past against them that were pure in heart and mind? They had no thoughts that were not pure to confuse their minds and no bad genes passed down for past generations to deal with like you do, but Satan used trickery to defeat them. What he used to defeat them then, is what he will use to defeat you today.

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, thus saith the Lord GOD; thou sealest up the sum, full of

wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more (Ezekiel 28:11-19).

According to the above passage of scripture, we have what appears to be a description of Lucifer, later known as Satan. It starts out with a message for the *king of Tyrus* but it becomes obvious that the intent was to apply to Satan, therefore we must carefully discern between the two. The *king of Tyre* was the name of the false god Melkart (*meaning king of the city*). Melkart was the evil spiritual being that had energized this human ruler, who was a priest. It is clear that God is addressing the evil spirit, the real power behind the wicked society and government of Tyre and not the human ruler himself. This is evident from some of the descriptions that they are not directed towards any human being. Here Satan is referred to as *the anointed cherub*, a term used strictly in the Old Testament to describe powerful angelic creatures. The fact that he is anointed and one who covers implies that he is perhaps the highest angelic being ever created by God. He was considered to be the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and the perfection of beauty, with his coverings bejeweled with every precious stone, all set in the finest of gold. He was found to have been in Eden, the garden of God and was appointed as an anointed guardian cherub. He served near the presence of God and was perfect in all that he did until iniquity was found in him, until internal turmoil caused him to sin. Internally, his heart was filled with pride, corrupting his wisdom for magnificence and he began to deal in immoral trade.

From this, we have learned several important foundational facts about him, the one known as Satan, which could help to correct many popular misconceptions. We see that he is a created being who is locked in eternal opposition to God and all that God represents, however he is not equal to or on the same level as God. Unlike God, he has a beginning and he is finite. He is a creature that was created perfect in beauty, wisdom and morality, who had unique access to the presence of God and led many angels in their worship of God. We also know that he is not an all-powerful being that was created evil. Originally, Satan was created as Lucifer, son of the morning, or Day Star (*Isaiah 14:12*), one of God's highest angels. He was created perfect in beauty, wisdom, and morality. He had unique access to the presence of God and led many angels in their worship of God. He was and still remains a finite creature who is not all-powerful. He was not created evil, yet he fell much like man. So how did he become evil?

We know that Lucifer was in the Garden of Eden (*Ezekiel 28:13*) and we know that he was an anointed guardian cherub (*Ezekiel 28:1*). We also know that angels are *ministering spirits, sent forth to minister* or to serve (*Hebrews 1:14*). Scripture points out that God's angels are his servants, they excel in strength, they do his commandments, they hearken unto the voice of his word, and they do his pleasure (*Psalms 103:20-21*). So why was Lucifer in the Garden of Eden? What if Lucifer was sent by God to the garden as a guardian cherub to minister to man? He could have been sent there as their servant which would explain why he was there in the first place. So now, we have Adam, Eve, the serpent, and Lucifer in the Garden. We know what happened to Adam, Eve, and the serpent but what happened to Lucifer? And at what point does Satan enter the picture? We know that at some point Lucifer falls.

How you are fallen from heaven, day-star (Lucifer), son of the morning. How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low. You said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit on the mountain of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol (hell), to the uttermost parts of the pit. Those who see you shall gaze at you, they shall consider you, saying, Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms; who made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities of it; who didn't let loose his prisoners to their home? All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house. But you are cast forth away from your tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, who are thrust through with the sword, who

go down to the stones of the pit; as a dead body trodden under foot. You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, you have killed your people; the seed of evil-doers shall not be named forever. Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers, that they not rise up, and possess the earth, and fill the surface of the world with cities. I will rise up against them, says Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son, says the Lord of hosts. I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, says the Lord of hosts (Isaiah 14:12-23).

Why did he fall?

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning (I John 3:8).

For the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The earth is given into the hand of the wicked (Job 9:24).

He fell because he sinned, sinned from the beginning. Much of the problem with Satan is his beginning. It is not clearly defined when he came into being. The above verse states that he sinned from the beginning, so what was his beginning? Many think or believe God created Satan, but this appears not to be the case. God created Lucifer. Satan appears to come along later, but the question is when?

There are several theories in place where people attempt to explain the existence and nature of the Satan. Some subscribe to the ***Genesis Gap or Ruin-Reconstruction theory***. They believe that something happened between the time when God created the heavens and the earth and when the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. The ***Genesis Gap theory*** uses the period between the first and second verses of ***Genesis*** to account for many of those unanswerable questions about ***the age of the earth and the age of the universe***. This is and continues to be the biggest hindrance for many as they struggle to accept the truth concerning the Word of God. The evidence for the theory is derived primarily from scientist who have found through scientific testing, that the earth is billions of years old. The teachers of this theory use these scientific findings and the biblical teachings to cover the unexplained chronological gaps that exist between the two. In the ***Genesis Gap theory***, they believe that a catastrophic event, a cosmic war by Satan destroyed the original creation. They believe that because of

the fall of Lucifer and the revolt of Satan led to some type of judgment that befell the earth. There are many theories that exist similar to the *Genesis Gap theory*. Common to all of these theories is the belief that the fall happened before the creation of man because of the serpent approaching Eve. They share in the belief that the fall of Lucifer had already taken place and he used the serpent to express himself.

I have always been interested in when the big fall occurred. In all of my years, no one has ever tackled the subject of when Satan came into being and when he exactly fell. There have been many stories about him but nothing that I would consider solid with concrete evidence. While looking for information about Satan, I discovered several different theories but the one that appeared to be the most popular was the *Genesis Gap or Ruin-Reconstruction* theory. This theory along with several others, believe that Lucifer fell sometime before the first encounter with Eve even though they disagree as to exactly when it occurred. The main purpose for this theory is to support, through scripture, what the scientific world believes the actual age of the universe is. When I first encountered the theory, I dismissed it because there was no way there could be an unexplained gap between the first and second scriptures of *Genesis*. I had researched the theory at length and was convinced by those in opposition to stand against this theory with them. They had presented enough contradictory evidence and pointed out all the inconsistencies why the theory could not be plausible. I had read some pretty interesting points of view for believing the theory, but found it very hard to accept the entire position. As I sat writing the devotional for the next morning, I had all but thrown out the notion of the *Gap* theory. With no scriptural evidence to support the theory, I had concluded that the theory served no real purpose for me, but decided to mention it mainly because it was something new to me and I believed that it was new to many in this circle also. As I have said before, knowledge is power, misinformation destruction. The next morning, I arose to conclude the devotional and to email it out as I had done many times before. However, this particular morning there was something different with my computer. As I sat down to get started, my computer seemed sluggish, as if it did not want to run properly. Many of my programs took what seemed to be forever to load. I finally got the devotional up on the screen, finished my thoughts from the night before, gave it my usually quick, and I do mean quick, once over, and was prepared to send out the latest edition. As I attempted to load my email program, I could not get it to load up. I tried several times to get the program to load but was unsuccessful each time. Well time waits for no man and it really did not wait for me that day, as I gazed at the clock it was time for me to leave for work. However, I had one more idea, I would use another computer to get the devotional out. I believed I had just enough time to shut down one and transfer everything to the other computer and get the devotional out in time. I had gotten everything

loaded up and transferred over, even the email program loaded just fine, but that would not be the end to this saga. As I got the devotional together to send out, I again encountered one problem after another. So much so, that the clock had passed that normal leaving time where one could leave in a leisurely manner to that panic mode time where you rush because there is a very good possibility that you are going to be late. For the first time in many months, I was unable to deliver a devotional, so I shut everything down and left for work. When I arrived at work, I pondered the events of the morning and was unable to ascertain the reason for the problem. As the day went on, I thought about the **Genesis Gap** theory several more times. In my re-evaluation of the evidence I had found, I discovered that I had not given the theory its due diligence. I was hasty in my conclusion.

One of the biggest problems for me was the word theory. By definition, a theory is ***the formulation of an opinion or a belief about something arrived at based on incomplete and inconclusive facts or information through speculation or conjecture.*** The bottom line is that a theory is someone else's best guess. Now, this does not automatically mean the guess is completely wrong, it just means that one should exercise caution in what is accepted as truth. I have left the world of theory and have since tried to live in the world of truth, supported by biblical fact. I know the Bible is a mystery book, full of hidden keys that will unlock all of the mysteries contained within, but you really have to diligently and earnestly seek these keys. But once you find the keys, the Bible ceases to be a mystery book and becomes a message book for his children. Sometimes the messages are hard to see, ***but God has revealed them to us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all the things, even the deep things of God (I Corinthians 2:10).***

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself (on his own authority); but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine (what is mine), and shall show (declare) it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you (John 16:13-15).

When you receive the Spirit of Truth (***Isaiah 11:2***), he will guide you into all truth, unlocking the mysteries to ***reveal what is the plan (arrangement) of the mystery, for it has been hidden for ages by God (Ephesians 3:9)***. Because it was a theory, I examined the proof, the evidence they used to support the theory and not all the points the theory was attempting to prove. I had based my conclusion of what I perceived to be faulty evidence and that in turn caused me to disregard the theory. I had also allowed

those in opposition to convince me that the theory was not sound by the contradictory evidence they produced. Again, I had based my conclusion of what I perceived to be solid evidence against the theory and not all the points the theory was trying to prove. This again caused me to disregard the theory. However, at second glance, I found contained in this theory the information that I was seeking. It actually gave me what I needed to continue, that clue about the fall of Satan that would cause me to continue to seek information along this line of thought. It makes you wonder about the computer problems I had experienced, now doesn't it?

The thing that I found contained in this theory was a possible answer to when Satan fell. This was the whole reason for my research in the first place. I was not interested in trying to prove or disprove *the age of the earth and the age of the universe*. I was not interested in the judgment that befell the earth because of some revolt led by Satan. I just wanted to know when the fall happened. As I stated earlier, common to all of these theories is the belief that the fall happened before the creation of man because of the serpent approaching Eve. They shared in the belief that the fall of Lucifer had already taken place and he used the serpent to express himself. Common to all of those trying to disprove the theory is the belief that the events could not have happened between the first and second scriptures of *Genesis*.

When I got home that evening, I went to my computer to see if it would load the email program and guess what happened? The computer worked just fine, loading the program with no problem. Through the course of the day, I realized that a theory is just someone's best guess at what they are theorizing about. The theorist will first state the conclusion, then introduce all the evidence based on information available at the time to support their many points or positions, and lastly, will attempt to manipulate the evidence in a way that draws everything that has been presented to the conclusion. Sometimes problems exist with the manipulation method used to draw everything to the conclusion and sometimes the facts introduced in the theories are not believable but remember it is what it is, just someone's best guess. When you encounter a theory, carefully examine all the points or positions and not just the evidence present to determine if the theory has any information that you may be able to draw from to add to your knowledge. You must be open to all information because you just never know from where your next bit of revelation will come. If you deem the information unusable, then you can always discard it later.

I have never stated that I have the answers to all the mysteries of the Bible, nor have I stated that the information I share is the only view that exists, although I continually seek truth-absolute. As I have

stated several times throughout my devotionals and I will state it again here, it is not my intent to question any religious beliefs nor is this an attempt to convert anyone to a certain religious belief or religion. I only seek illumination of the scriptures and offer the same with that which has been revealed to me. It has been placed in my spirit to question the things that are not or do not appear to be in line with what the Word of God says. It has been placed in my spirit to get everyone I encounter to pick up their Bibles and read them. Not just open them up and glance at a few scriptures but to question those things that do not make sense, to question those things that appear to contradict another passage, to really get lost in the Word. To get everyone to find all that God has in place for them and not to rely on someone else to do it for them. When you read a passage, you should get the revelation from the passage and you should seek the knowledge. There is a saying that goes, ***give a man a fish, he eats for a day, but teach a man to fish, and he can eat forever.*** It has been placed in my spirit to do the same thing, to teach. I believe that if I ***give a person the answers then their knowledge becomes limited, but if I teach them to think and find the answers for themselves, then suddenly, their knowledge becomes limitless.*** I realize that the information I present may not be in line with many mainstream beliefs, but if this will cause someone to check up on the things that I present, then I am obeying what has been placed on my spirit. Remember, it is still your choice whether to accept or reject any or all that I say.

Presently we are faced with an interesting dilemma, one that points to a theory that will not be based on concrete facts but one that will be based on the information that we have obtained from the research. This information has already been entered as evidence or proof, so let's look at what we have so far. We have several passages (***Ezekiel 28:11-19***) that appear to describe someone. Some theorize that these passages are about the king of Tyrus, while some believe they reference the chief god Melkart, and others are convinced they are about Satan. Before I go any further, I must first make a correction to a statement that I made earlier about the king of Tyre (Tyrus). The statement read: The ***king of Tyre*** was the name of the false god Melkart (***meaning king of the city***). The statement should have read: One of the chief ***gods of Tyre*** was the name of the false god Melkart (***meaning king of the city***). I apologize for the mistake and trust this has not caused any confusion. Now, this description is of someone who was full of wisdom and perfect in beauty (***verse 12***). This someone had been in Eden, the garden of God (***verse 13***). Every known precious stone adorned this someone's covering (***verse 13***) denoting their beauty and glory. A tabret and pipes were skillfully prepared internally in this someone in the day they were created (***verse 13***). A tabret, often accompanied with pipes, is an instrument of worship and was used for praise, worship, and in times of celebration to bring glory to God. Some believe this verse refers to a musical

reference suggesting this person's role in leading heaven's choir in the worship of the Most High. This same someone was established as the anointed guardian cherub (*verse 14*). A cherub is a powerful angelic creature. The fact that this one was anointed and one who covers implies that they were perhaps the highest angelic being ever created by God. They had access to the holy mountain of God and were able to walk up and down in the midst of the stones of fire (*verse 14*). This someone was perfect in their ways from the day they were created until injustice, unrighteousness, wrong, and violent deeds of injustice was found in them (*verse 15*). The great multitude of wealth, beauty, and glory defiled the midst of them with violence, and they did sin (*verse 16*). This same someone who was the anointed guardian cherub (*verse 14*) was casted out of the mountain of God as profane, defiled, polluted, and desecrated, and was removed from the midst of the stones of fire (*verse 16*). This someone's heart was situated in a position greater than the normal, believing themselves to be superior in quality, character, or morals and more important in status or rank all because of their beauty and glory (*verse 17*). This same person's wisdom was corrupted because of their splendor and brightness (*verse 17*). This person was cast to the ground, much like the serpent (*Genesis 3:14*) and exposed as helpless before all with the curious gaze (*verse 17*). This person has defiled their holiness with a multitude of iniquity, perversity, and depravity in the unrighteousness of their trade (*verse 18*). Some attribute this to the three fundamental areas of life influenced by temptation, where there is the *lust of the flesh*, which appeals to physical desires; the *lust of the eyes*, which appeals to personal desires; and the *pride of life*, which appeals to self-interests (*1 John 2:16*). Remember that Eve was convinced that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil *looked* like it was good for food. She was convinced that the tree *looked* as one desired to make one wise (*Genesis 3:6*). When the woman *saw* that tree was good for food appealing to her appetite (*lust of the flesh*); it was pleasant to the eyes (*lust of the eyes*), and it was to be desired to make one wise appealing to her self-interest (*pride of life*), she started to evaluate her surroundings in a completely new way. A fire that burns from within the midst, brought forth by their own actions will consume this someone and bring them to worthlessness before all with the curious gaze on the earth (*verse 18*). And among all those that truly know this person will be astonished and appalled at the fate of this someone because they were an example of horror and they are destroyed forever.

Now you have three choices as to who this someone may be. You have the king of Tyrus as one possibility. The false god Melkart is another possible subject of these passages. And lastly, you have a description of Lucifer before his fall. Although there appears to be no concrete evidence to prove who

these passages refer to, you have the information to conclude for yourself, which of the three if any, is being represented here. Who do you say this is?

Again, we are faced with another interesting dilemma, one that once again points to more theory that will not be based on concrete facts but one that will be based on speculation. Again, the evidence or proof has already been presented, so let's look at what we have thus far. Once again, we have several passages (*Isaiah 14:12-19*) that appear to describe someone. Some theorize that these passages are about Lucifer, while others believe they reference the king of Babylon (*verse 12*). Some theorize these passages are not about the fallen angel, but about the fallen Babylonian king. Yet others speculate that these passages are not about the fallen Babylonian king but are directed to the evil that is behind this king. This evil appears to be the same evil that was behind the successive rulers of Tyre, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. They also believe this same evil is behind all of the evil rulers that have come and gone throughout the history of the world.

According to the passage, this someone fell from heaven, which implies the someone had access to heaven in order for them to fall from there. In order for someone to fall from somewhere would mean that someone was no longer there from where they fell from. You cannot be from somewhere and still be there in that same place. To be from somewhere would mean the place you were from is still there but you are not there anymore. For example, I am from the eastern coast of Virginia but I am no longer there. The eastern coast of Virginia is still there but I am no longer there. Therefore, I am from there but I am no longer there. I know it sounds like a play on words, but it is not. Think about this passage of scripture.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree (Galatians 3:13).

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, which means we are no longer in the same place as the curse but we are from the place where the curse still is. The curse is still there wherever it was before we were redeemed from it, but we are no longer there. We are redeemed from the curse. Therefore, this someone that has fallen from heaven is no longer there, even though heaven is still there. According to the passage, this someone has said in their heart that they will ascend into heaven (*verse 12*) and they will ascend above the heights of the clouds (*verse 14*). This same someone has said in their heart that they will exalt their throne above the stars of God (*verse 14*), that they will sit also upon the mount of the

congregation (*verse 13*), and they will be like the most High (*verse 14*). Because this iniquity was found in this someone's heart and because they were against the nations (*verse 12*), they were cut down to the ground (*verse 12*), brought down to hell, down to the sides of the pit (*verse 15*). Some speculate that the pride, the splendor, and the egotistical self-deification of this someone caused this great fall. Some believe that no mortal person would claim that their throne would be above the stars of God or that they would be like the most High. There are some who believe this someone to be the head of the evil world-system. They also believe that this someone is the principality behind the powers of this corrupt world system. Some speculate that these passages marked the beginning of sin in the universe, long before the fall of man.

Now again you have three choices as to whom this someone may be. You have the fallen angel as one possibility. The fallen Babylonian king is another possible subject of these passages. And lastly, you have a description of the head of the evil, the principality behind the powers of this corrupt world system. Although there appears to be no concrete evidence to prove who these passages refer to, you have the information to conclude for yourself, which of the three if any, is being represented here. Who do you say this is?

There is a game of opposites that I enjoy playing. It goes like this. I name something and you give me the opposite of it. One of the rules is that you have to say the first thing that comes to mind and you are not allowed time to think of the best answer. So, you are on your honor. Here is an example, I would say something like **green light** and you would say . . . ? If you said **red light** then you would be correct. So if I said **stop** what would you say . . . ? If you said **go**, then you would be right. And, if I said **dark**, you would say . . . ? **Light** is the correct answer. So when I say **evil**, you would say . . . ? That's right again. **Good** is the correct answer. Lastly, I say **Satan** and you would say . . . ?

There appears to be some controversy surrounding the word Lucifer. One of the first things that need to be noted is the fact that the word only appears once in the Bible, but not in every translation. Another issue appears to be that the word Lucifer is reported to be a Latin name. Some question how a Latin name can be translated out from the original Hebrew text. There is controversy surrounding the belief that early Christian scribes, while translating for the Church, decided amongst themselves to make one passage about a fallen angel, whom they gave the name Lucifer. Some believe this creature was not even mentioned in the original Hebrew text at all. It is also presumed that in the original Hebrew text, this

passage is not about the fallen angel, but about the fallen Babylonian king. Some believe that it contains no mention of the fallen angel, either expressed or implied. Because of this, there is the belief the Lucifer is nothing more than an ancient Latin name given to the morning star. Lucifer has been described as the morning star, the star we know as Venus. This star is reported to appear just before dawn, signaling the rising sun. Lucifer is believed to be derived from a Latin term which means dawn bringer, light bringer, or bringer of light. It is believed that the first use of the term Lucifer was by an important Christian cleric named Origenes Adamantius of the early Greek Church. He is said to have actually mistranslated those verses that are presumed to be about the fall of the king of Babylon into a reference about the fall of Lucifer. He was the first to develop the notion that Lucifer was the Devil. It is further believed that St. Augustine of Canterbury promoted this misinterpretation in England. And on top of all of that, it is believed that St. Jerome, a Christian apologist best known for translating the Vulgate, made matters worst because his misinterpretation was political in nature. He was the first to claim that Lucifer was Satan and the serpent that led to the transgression of Adam and Eve. It is believed that the translators of the King James Version used St. Jerome's mistranslation of the expression Day Star, son of the Dawn as Lucifer. The term was actually adopted into the belief system of the Hebrew culture, but was given the name Shahaar or God of the dawn.

In all actuality, there is no scriptural source, which defines Lucifer as Satan. So from all of this, Lucifer now becomes nothing more than an old Latin name for the morning star. Or, Lucifer becomes known to many as Satan, the Devil, and the prince of the air. Some even consider him to be the Prince of Darkness. Presumed to be interwoven into mainstream Christianity, the belief is that he became a disobedient angel that was cast out of heaven taking one third of the angels with him. Lucifer has been synonymous with Satan for hundreds of years. Most Christians generally believe in Satan, the Devil, or Lucifer as a being who has always existed or who was created at some point near or before the beginning. Although the concept of Satan has evolved over the years from the presumed mistranslation of passages found in *Isaiah*, there is the belief that the some early Bible writers did not believe in or teach this doctrine. While others felt it was important enough of an issue for them that they took it upon themselves to include in their translation of the ancient Hebrew text a Latin name. The word Satan comes from the Hebrew word *sathane*, which means adversary or calumniator. Some believe that Lucifer and Satan are actually two quite different entities. Some believe that Lucifer and Satan are one in the same and that he changed his name after his fall. Some have even said that Satan is God's opposition. Many believe Satan is the adversary of God, but this is far from the truth. God has no equal; therefore, he has no opposition. Satan

is your adversary and your enemy. By the way, was your answer to my earlier question about the opposite of Satan, God?

So why do we place Satan on the same level as God? With Satan, there are limitations worth noting but he is not to be underestimated. Let's see where God is and how Satan measures up or if we should place him on the same plane as God. For starters, God is omniscient, all-knowing. Satan is not. God knows all things, but Satan does not.

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things (I John 3:20).

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory. Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory (I Corinthians 2:6-8).

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite (Psalm 147:4-5).

God is omnipotent, all-powerful. Satan is not. God can do all things. Satan cannot do everything he wants to do.

For with God nothing shall be impossible (Luke 1:37).

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth (Revelation 19:6).

God is omnipresent, all-pervading. Satan is not. God is ever-present; Satan cannot be everywhere at the same time tempting everyone.

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there (Psalm 139:8).

Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD (Jeremiah 23:23-24).

Satan really does not have to be all-knowing, all-powerful, or all-pervading. Most of our trouble comes to us from within.

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh (Luke 6:45).

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man (Mark 7:21-23).

Satan is not omniscient. Satan does not know all things. Satan is not omnipotent. Satan cannot do all things. Satan is not omnipresent. Satan is not ever-present.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8).

Be sober (*meaning clear minded*) and be vigilant (*meaning watchful*) because your great enemy, Satan, walks around like a hungry, roaring lion looking for some victim to devour. Walks around like a hungry, roaring lion meaning he walks around roaring like a hungry lion but he is not a lion. Because he is the father of lies, he wants you to believe that he is a lion waiting to devour you. He continuously travels through the earth realm, going back and forth in the earth, and walking up and down in it seeking souls to devour. To seek whom he may devour means he has to seek those who are willing to play into his hands. He does not have the right to devour anyone unless his or her action allows him to do that. He must have

your permission to devour you. If you are looking for something or someone, it means that you do not have it or have not found them yet, therefore Satan has no control over you unless you let him find you.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19).

He has had many years to study human nature, but this does not mean we should be ignorant to his ways either (***II Corinthians 2:22***). You have been given the authority over the power of the enemy but you should never underestimate him.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations (Isaiah 14:12)! And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven (Luke 10:18).

Many theologians do not equate Lucifer with Satan. In more modern theology, Lucifer is quite different from Satan where the names do not describe the same being at all. In mainstream Christianity, the Devil is known by many names, Satan, Lucifer, the Evil One, the god of this world, and the prince of the power of the air, just to name a few. Some consider him to be a fallen angel who rebelled against God. Others consider him to refer metaphorically to human sin, temptation, and to any human system in opposition to God. We have seen Satan in many roles throughout the Bible. We have examined two different passages in attempt to discover the nature and origin of Satan. In appearance, these passages seem to speak of two different kings, but the inferences lead many to believe they described the fall of Lucifer and the beginning of Satan. We have found in ***Genesis 1:31*** where everything God created was ***very good***. Somewhere between there and ***Genesis 3:1***, things took a turn and headed in a different direction.

Now, with so many choices with which to draw from, which conclusion will you select? Be careful that you yourself are not deceived.

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them (II Corinthians 4:3-4).

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:9).

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea (Revelation 20:7-8).

We speak wisdom, however, among those who are full grown; yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing. But we speak God`s wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom that has been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds to our glory, which none of the rulers of this world has known. For had they known it, they wouldn't have crucified the Lord of glory (I Corinthians 2:6-8). For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him (Isaiah 64:4). Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints, to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:26-27). At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes (Matthew 11:25). To this end the Son of God was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8).

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