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Origin of Demonism

In the eternity past, before God created the human race, He created a vast angelic host, unseen today by human eyes, nevertheless, real and dangerous (Col. 1:16). The most preeminent angel was Lucifer, - “son of the morning” (Isa. 14:12). He was the most dazzling and the most beautiful, the most intelligent, the most glorious creature of light ever to come from the hand of God. Lucifer was appointed as the honor guard to His throne (Ezek. 28:12-15).

Instead of responding with great humility and privileged to serve God in that supreme honor, Lucifer became narcissistic, occupied w/ self-importance, unwilling to be subservient to anyone, he grew increasingly dissatisfied with his position, his arrogance spark the flame of his ego to craved to posses the very power and glory of God, he desire to rule the universe (Isa. 14:13-14).

Lucifer rebelled against God and persuaded one-third of all the angels to join his uprising (Rev. 12:4). This heavenly revolution divided the angelic host into two hostiles forces:

- a. the elect angels who maintain their estate and serve God
- b. the fallen (known as demons) who serves Satan.

This revolt between the angels of light and angels of darkness inaugurated a prehistoric conflict which continues into the present and will not conclude until the end of human history. (see: Doctrine of Angelic Conflict or the Doctrine of Divine Decree)

God convened a trial to judge the defiant angels. God was the Judge and the Prosecutor, Satan the defense attorney. After evaluating the evidence against Satan and the fallen angels, God pronounced them guilty and condemned them to spend eternity in the lake of fire, (Mt. 25:41, Rev. 20:10) God graciously postponed the judgment in response to an appeal lodged by Satan at the conclusion of his trial. Satan argument impugned the character of God: How could a loving God cast His creatures into eternal fire?

To resolve Satan’s appeal trial God created the human race. Through mankind God will display His perfect justice. (see: Doctrine of the seven imputation) Like the angels, mankind has been endowed with volition (free-will), t5he freedom to choose for or against God Satan must now contend with the volition of man. Through the decisions of the human race God will vindicate His judgment and refute Satan’s accusations against His character.

Satan, Lucifer's new title give support to this appeal trial. Satan means "adversary, accuser." Satan was the adversary of God at his prehistoric trial (Zech 3:1-2) and continues to act as the accuser of our brethren (Rev. 12:10), remaining the irreconcilable enemy of God.

Satan is never a spectator of the human history but he goes on the offensive to influence and to win the allegiance of mankind. In his first operation, Satan tempted Eve to commit the initial human sin of rebellion. Adam chose to join Eve and follow Satan's lead. Adam's disobedience condemned all mankind (Roman 5:12). Though the human race is condemned, God has not deserted it. (see; the Plan of Grace or the Doctrine of Grace)

God's magnificent grace is available to every human being. The sublime manifestation of His grace is the plan of salvation for mankind the redemption which Christ paid once and for all. Anyone can be saved by faith alone in Christ alone (Acts 16:31a). Human history demonstrates the volition determines a person's eternal destiny (Jn. 3:18, 36).

Satan loses his appeal trial when just one person believes in Jesus Christ. The faith of millions magnifies the grace and sovereignty of God and continually vindicates the perfect justice of His decision. Each believer becomes a testimony of God's grace and witness for the prosecution against the accusation of Satan.

The world is the arena of Satanic painful, ceaseless, invisible and futile revolution- a do or die warfare, a fight to the finish, the most stupid war against his Creator (Eph. 6:10-17) and His beloved children. The planet earth is therefore the battleground between the redeemed humanity and the forces of Satan who uses every trick, any method, every ruse at his command, to neutralize or destroy the plan of God for the human race (2 Cor. 2:11).

The world is not the home of the believers, this is not our finale', we are just pilgrims, travelers – this is not our world, we do not belong here! Do not let the world squeeze you into its moulds and thereby, trapping you in.

Satanic Strategy

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light, being the master of deceit and lies (2 Cor. 11:13-15, Jn. 8:44). Were he visible today, billions will be captivated by his charming personality. Satan is trying to seduce as many followers away from Jesus Christ as possible, ever seeking to avert his inevitable doom.

One of his greatest strategies is his attempt to keep men in ignorance of the real nature of his being and the fraudulent dimensions of his pretensions. Since Satan became obsessed with the desire to be "like the Most High," his only recourse for outmaneuvering God is to counterfeit the truth.

Satan counterfeit the truth by inundating the world with counterfeit doctrines (1 Tim. 4:1). When the Lord bestowed spiritual gifts of pastor, teacher, evangelist, Satan countered with his own counterfeit- teachers, prophets, apostles (2 Cor. 11:13-15). When the Lord instituted the Lord's table for the Church Age, Satan developed his own Eucharist (1 Cor. 10:20-21).

God's policy for His relationship with man is based on grace. God does all the work and man humbly receives the benefit of that work through faith alone. But Satan contrived a counterfeit righteousness which appeals to human arrogance (Mt. 19:16-26).

Arrogant people presumptuously believe that they can merit or earn God's approbation through their own self-righteous efforts which the Lord Jesus Christ strongly condemned (Mt. 23, Luke 18:9-12).

To pervert personal faith in Christ, Satan strives to obscure the true gospel of salvation (2 Cor. 4:4) with distorted gospel, a gospel which is not actually the Gospel (Gal. 1:7-8).

God designed a perfect plan of grace for the believer's spiritual life but Satan offered a counterfeit spirituality based on human works and morality (Gal. 3:2-3). To compliment this pseudo spirituality Satan emulates the power of God. That is why, numerous people are deceived by the counterfeit power, signs, wonders and miracle performed by the devil's disciples (2 Thess. 2:8-9).

To destruct people from the true God, Satan adapts an array of counterfeit gods to appeal to the degeneracy prevalent in any culture of human history (2 Thess. 2:3-4). (see; Antichrists)

For true missionaries of Christ, Satan have a great army of false teachers and false prophets (2 John 10-11). [see: Marks of false teachers and false prophets]

The "God" of this Age

God created man (Adam) to have dominion over the earth but when he disobeyed God, he surrendered his ruler ship of the earth to Satan. Today, he is still the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), meaning to say, he is the ruler of this world.

Satan has the prerogative to award the kingdoms of the earth and their glory to any person of his choice (Mt. 4:8-9). The Devil will exercise his temporary authority in the great Tribulation by establishing the "man of sin," the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire (2 Thess. 2:3-9, rev. 19:20).

Satan manipulates the people under his power- strictly for his own purposes, and then dismisses them when they cease to be useful to his cause. Satan's treatment of Judas Iscariot exemplifies his lacks of integrity and virtues.

Satan implements his authority in the world through his demons who recognize him as their supreme commander- known as Beelzebul- the ruler of the demons (Mt. 12:24). Beelzebul means “master of the heavenly dwelling” or “master of the flies,” a term used by the Jews as a term of derision for Satan (Lev. 18:21, Jer. 32:35).

These highly organized and specialized demon forces operate both actively and effectively under the command of demon generals, in the same way, the forces of angels operate.

During the Age of Israel, Satan attempted to destroy the spiritual life of Israel by alienating them from the true God by promoting elaborated pantheons populated with all kinds of gods of the polytheistic religions, some of these gods demanded offering even human sacrifices. (Jer. 32:35)

Satan also promoted the ecumenical mental attitude that is why the Israelite did not obey God concerning the annihilation of the Canaanites whose religion enticed the Jews to sacrifice their own children to appease the demons (Deut. 32:17, Ps. 106:34-38).

Today, in the Church Age, Satan is too subtle to tempt believers to offer their children as sacrifices. Instead, he distracts believers from the plan of God by appealing to the OSN (1 Jn. 2:16). To succumb to these seductive lusts carries a high price- the road to destruction is paved with miseries, ending with sin unto death. But this need not happen.

At salvation God frees the believer from the power of Satan (1 John 3:8b). We are all born into the devil’s world. Our spiritual death is the proof of our citizenship of the cosmos diabolicus. Regeneration transfer us from the family of Satan (John 8:44) to the Royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9, Rev. 1:5-6, Jn. 1:12, Acts 26:18).

As children of God we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and can never be demon-possessed or indwelt by Satan. We have the options of the filling of the Holy Spirit and learning Bible Doctrine as the only means to repel satanic or demonic influence. Only through Bible doctrine resident in our soul can we defend ourselves against Satan & his demons (Jas. 4:7). To resist the devil is to have the fortification of Bible doctrine in the kardia.

Satanic Army

Satan commands innumerable ranks of demons (Eph. 1:21, 2:2 6:12), The greek daimonion (Mt. 9:33), and the Hebrew equivalent shed (Ps. 106:36-37, Deut. 32:17) identify the fallen angels who joined Satan during the angelic revolt. Other terms for demons are: sa’ir (Heb.), (Lev. 17:7), familiar spirits (Lev. 19:31), devils (Deut. 32:17).

Demons serve the cause of evil. They are avowed enemies of God and in open rebellion against Christ. Satan is not omnipresent or omnipotent therefore he relies on his demons for reconnaissance and the execution of his nefarious schemes. Satan, without his demons could accomplish little- for his field of operations ranges far beyond his ability. His domain includes the earth and the atmosphere.

Some demons are on earth, spying on believer, others are working on traps, baits and hooks for the believers and unbelievers (1 Tim 4:1). Some are the door (outside) the courtroom of heaven, supplying their boss (defending attorney) with false evidences against believers and some are permanently imprisoned in Tartarus (2 Peter 2:4-6),, Some are in abyss (Rev. 9) awaiting their release to assist Satan in the Last assault on human race.

The demons in Tartarus who are waiting their final punishment in the lake of fire (Jude 6, 1 Peter 3:19-20) called Bene ha'Elohim translated sons of God, procreated with the "daughters of men" in the first civilization (Gen. 6:2,4, Job 1:6). The union produced half-human, half-angelic creatures called Nephilim, in an attempt to contaminate the purity of the human race. Their goal was to corrupt human genetics and thereby foil the Virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ who had to be true humanity.

This genetic attack on the human race necessitated the worldwide flood judgment to annihilate the mixed-breed offspring. The demons were incarcerated in darkness, chained with eternal bonds since it is impossible to kill them in the flood (2 Peter 2:4).

After the case of deliberate procreation of demons and man, God removed the ability of all the demons to appear as human beings and procreate (Mt. 22:30). Since then, demons at large must remain invisible unable to appear to man. They can manifest themselves only through demon possession, entering the body of unbeliever.

The power they are able to exert over the human body is tremendous, they are capable of imparting supernatural strength (Luke 8:29), as well as inflicting physical abnormalities, deformities (Lk. 13:11-17). They cause blindness (Mt. 12:22), and inability to speak (Mt. 9:32-33), mental disorders, suicidal mania (Lk. 8:26-35) and often responsible for personal injury to their victims (Mk. 9:17-18).

Once the demons have established control over a human body, these evil spirits may come and go at will (Lk. 11:24-26). This accounts for the apparent success of alleged exorcist who knowingly or unwittingly becomes the agents of the devil. One of the objectives of demons is to deceive the human race through their spurious demonic doctrines and thereby thwart the plan of God.

Present activities of Satan and his Demons

- a. possession of unbelievers
- b. obsession of believers
- c. stealing the Word of God from the nous (Mt. 13:19)
- d. blinding the minds (2 Cor. 4:4)
- e. Disguises or masquerades the truth (2 Cor. 11:14)
- f. Fighting the saints (Eph. 6:12)
- g. Accusing the believers before court of heaven (Rev. 12:10)

Five Major satanic Projects in the World Today

1. The promoting the improvements of the cosmos diabolicus.
2. Campaigning for the “displacement” of God.
3. Preparing for the creation of a counterfeit millennium.
4. Elimination of the benefactors of escrow blessings in time and blessings in eternity.
5. Preparing the people to receive him as “God” during the tribulation.

Demon influence occurs when the soul of either an unbeliever or believer is invaded by cosmic thinking. Human viewpoint mentality reflects Satan’s strategy that opposes and obscures God’s plan.

Satan’s perpetual objective is to usurp the rightful place of God and to be worshipped as God. A primary duty of every demon is to corrupt the thinking, ideas, values, and actions of the human race. Satan believed that through this scheme, he can obstruct God’s plan of Grace.

Satan has to maintain and gain more control of the cosmos diabolicus and he uses counterfeit philosophies of life and religions these are his strategies to deceive and confuse believers and his strategy to trap unbelievers. Satan uses contrasting systems such as legalism and licentiousness, lawlessness and self- righteousness to appeal to the trends of the OSN.

Satanic strategies have similar characteristics, namely: arrogance, or preoccupation with self, antagonism, hatred, hostility toward grace and truth.

Demon Influence and the Cosmos Diabolicus

Cosmos or Kosmos translated word, describes an orderly, cohesive system and organization with a purpose, policy and structure of authority designed to subvert the thinking of the human race.

The Cosmos is a vast order of system that Satan has promoted; w/c conforms to his ideas, aims and methods. Satan promotes a civilization now functioning apart from God. A civilization that does not expect God to participate, no respect or consideration to God in relationship to their projects, nor they ascribe any causatives to God.

Cosmos is a godless government, education, culture, religions, morality, economy, armaments (military), trade, finance, and every kind of system styled in the satanic viewpoint.

Some believers have a very superficial understanding of cosmic or worldly thinking. Worldliness is not doing so-called “worldly” things, or violating cultural taboos, such

as smoking, drinking, dancing, and going to the movies or things forbidden by legalistic Christians. Worldliness is what you think (Prov. 23:7a).

Any believer who lives, thinks, operates and pattern his life according to the cosmic standards is not only enslaved to Satan's authority, but unwittingly execute Satan's policy and fulfills satanic purposes and objectives.

The cosmic system is literally a cosmos diabolicus since it is under the ruler ship of Satan, in which every person born in this planet is born under the power and authority of the devil being a child of the devil (John 8:44).

Every person born into the cosmos diabolicus is bombarded with satanic propaganda until he dies. The believer's only protection against the more extreme forms of demons influence is only through the application of the laws of the divine establishment (as exemplified by The Ten Commandments). God's Fundamentals of virtue and morality intended for the freedom of all mankind are the antithesis of Satan's scheme.

After salvation, the believer's sole protection against demon influence is the continuous learning, retaining, and recalling of Bible Doctrine (Rom. 12:2).

The tragic victims of demon influence are believers distracted from God's plan for their life.