

Demonology & Satan

When it comes to talking about Satan and demons; many people tend to shy away from this topic. Not sure if it's just a fear because it may bring about something bad to them if they talk about it.

I would like to talk about this topic in short detail to help give you an understanding about Satan and demons.

Satan is a real being. He's not a horned monster like the artist portrays him to be.

Isaiah 14:12-15 (NASB)

¹² "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!

¹³ "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

¹⁴ 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

¹⁵ "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.

Satan was not always evil. In the beginning, he was an angel created in perfection and beauty. Angels were given a will with a free moral choice, and "Lucifer" (Satan's name before he was cast out of heaven) chose to do evil and rebelled against God. He was cast out of heaven to the earth because of his sin. His present domain is limited to the earth and hell.

2 Corinthians 11:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Additional Scriptures about the beauty of Satan.

Ezekiel 28:12-19 (NASB)

¹² "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

¹³ "You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.

¹⁴ "You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you *there*. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵ "You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you.

¹⁶ "By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁷ "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you.

¹⁸ "By the multitude of your iniquities, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you.

¹⁹ "All who know you among the peoples Are appalled at you; You have become terrified And you will cease to be forever.'"

The word "Satan" is mentioned in approximately 53 verses in the Bible. The word "devil" is mentioned in approximately 34 verses in the Bible. There are many additional verses that use other names to refer to Satan.

A lot of people would describe Satan as many things and he has many names. He is the Devil, Lucifer, the evil one, and the dark one. He represents everything that God is not. He represents pure evil, something to fear, something to hate, something to blame, and something that will be destroyed and suffer for all eternity for its inherent evil.

Satan is not a mere force, a symbolic figure of evil, or the figment of someone's imagination. He is a real personage. We discover this in the following ways.

1. Scripture always treats him as a personal being - never some impersonal force, or mere symbol of evil.
2. In His dialogue with Satan, Jesus treated him as someone who has real substance. We also find the Devil in conversation with the Lord in the Book of Job.
3. Personal pronouns such as "he," "you," and "himself," are attributed to the Devil.
4. He has the characteristics of one who has personality.
5. He has also demonstrated personal actions.
6. The existence and the personality of the Devil are tied to the acceptance of the Scripture as God's revelation to humanity.

We conclude Satan is a real being that exists. There is no evidence whatsoever that we should understand him as some sort of illusion or symbol of evil.

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I Will Sit also upon the Mount of the Congregation, in the sides of the North:

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I Will Be like the Most High."

When following Satan, one usually thinks in terms of "I."

I will do this or that. I will become. I will accomplish.

The Bible makes it clear concerning the reality of demons - they are real personalities. Yet there is no information in the Bible regarding their origin. Though Scripture does not tell us specifically where they came from, a number of theories have been put forward.

The origin of the Devil and his angels is clear: Satan was a chief angel who rebelled against the ruler ship of God and was cast out of Heaven with the angels who followed him (**Isaiah 14**). These angels, along with their master, have been banished to our physical universe and the earth, and it is here where they operate invisibly, under the command of their master.

The origin of the name *Lucifer* comes from the Vulgate, when Jerome used the Latin term for the Morning Star in translating the Isaiah passage. This caught on and came to be viewed as a proper name, and from this came the mistaken belief that *Lucifer* was the pre-fall name of the Devil.

The series “The Walking Dead” are not demons or disembodied spirits looking for bodies to possess. Has this show has become so popular because people are so interested in this type of subject.